

SOUTH TARANAKI FEDERATION

AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2026
MEDICAL RESEARCH MONTH

Hello everyone,

Here we are facing the end of August, my, my, time flies, September is coming up fast and our 90th Birthday Celebration is on the 8th. Thank you to those who have said they are coming, we have 68 confirmed to date. Please bring your WI banners to display on the day and though we didn't discuss it at our Federation meeting, you may have some interesting history about South Taranaki Federation that you would like to share with us all.

I hope your competition entries are coming along nicely, I am keen to see your egg shell paintings, especially.

Did you see the snow on the mountain, I haven't seen it that low down for quite some time and no wonder it has been so cold. It is great living in Taranaki, we always have something to talk about with the weather, the mountain, the sea and farming. It is great to hear the farmers are having a good season and the cows are calving quickly, I pray the good season continues for them.

Moving on after the 90th Birthday and our visit from Suzanne Bannister and the National Executive, we have the Bowling competition at Riverlea in October, a great fun day by all accounts. Then we have the International Day celebration of Japan in November. We have our competitions ready to tell you about and where we will go to celebrate, so watch this space.

We won't mention the December Arts in the Park venture just yet, we have enough on our plates at present and there is plenty of time, er hum. 😊

We want to wish Happy Birthday to any members celebrating this event at this time. Send our loving thoughts to those of us who are suffering with health issues, bereavements and or other loss/sadness. There are some very nasty bugs causing major health issues for so many in our communities, Influenza A and B, RSV, life threatening for young and old. Take care everyone. We are also calling for your interest in going to the Annual General Meeting in Gisborne next year so that we can sort out our accommodation and transport now. Please tell Rose or Helen as soon as possible, thank you.

See you at Kapuni on the 8th of September,

Yours in WI friendship,

Daphne

SECRETARIES REMINDERS: Please check your records for any members who may have reached 50yrs of membership. 50yr, 60yr & 70yr Membership Badges will be presented at our 90th Birthday.

NEC SURVEY: Please remember to discuss and send back to exec@wi.org.nz before 31st August. Thank you.

TREASURERS REMINDERS: PLEASE NOTE! Donations for Medical Research are due in August. Please send Names and payment to our Federation account found at the bottom of our Newsletter.

HISTORIAN: *Please Note!* Please email Bridget with any info wanting to go into the Scrapbook. Email: peppsdwyer1@gmail.com Unfortunately Apryl has had to resign due to work commitments.

WOOL CONVENOR: There is a lot of wool with members', we would appreciate if the wool blankets could be finished please as Hapū Wānanga would appreciate them. 😊 Please bring them to our 90th Birthday and return any unused wool. Thank you.

OUR 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Tuesday 8th September, 2026 at the Kapuni War Memorial Hall, Kapuni. \$30.00 pp. For those entering the competitions, doors will open for you at 10.00am with competitions to be staged by 11.00am. Remaining Guests can arrive from 10.30am. We intend to combine our Birthday Celebrations with our Annual Fun & Friendship Day. So along with our Birthday, we will also have the competitions we would normally have at our F&F Day. With a 1936 Theme. Dress to impress if you wish.

Handcraft: Egg Shell Art

Baking: 3 x Square Plain Scones

Floral: Pave Design

Kapuni Vase: Single Bloom

Make & Model: A pair of Knitted Adult TV Slippers, own pattern. To be donated to Rest Homes

There will be NO Raffles on the day.

Bring Your Banners please

50yr, 60yr & 70yr badges will be presented also.

Ross Dunlop will be our Guest Speaker and we look forward to meeting the new National Federation Executive and our Executive Officer, Colleen Dryden.

If you find you can now attend, please let Rose know and pop your payment into the Sth Tar Fed account by 1st September.

BOWLS CHALLENGE: This will be held on **Thursday, 15th October**, in the Riverlea Hall, beginning with a cup of tea at 10.30am. Bring your lunch. It is a Triples competition. Please have names with Team Members to Rose by Monday 12th October. As usual, it will be a fun day.

INTERNATIONAL DAY: JAPAN – Thursday 12th November. Venue to be confirmed. This year we will have a Card Table Competition. Choose 5 of the following 8 choices.

Haiku – Poem

Ikebana

Souvenir

Sushi

Greeting Card

Colour In Picture (Template to be provided)

Origami

Japanese Fan made from a Serviette

Overall Points for effect.

106th NZFWI AGM: Monday 24th – Tuesday 25th May, 2027, at the Cosmopolitan Club, Gisborne. Do we Fly, or Drive? Do we extend our time away? eg: Travel Friday 21st and return home on Wednesday 26th. All ideas to Helen please, as she will need to book accommodation very soon.

DATES TO DIARY: 90th Birthday Celebrations, Tuesday 8th Sept, 2026 – Kapuni WMH
Bowls Challenge, Thurs 15th October
International Day, Thursday 12th November, more details next month.
Arts in the Park – Saturday 5th December, King Edward Park, Hawera
106th NZFWI AGM – Gisborne – Mon 24th

Quote: “Where flowers bloom, so does hope.” – Lady Bird Johnson

Daphne & Helen

Attachments: Nil

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