

SOUTH TARANAKI FEDERATION

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BARBARA WOOD MONTH

Dear Member's,

Hello everyone, well here we are at the end of July, cold mornings, snow on the Mountain, lots of rain and gale force winds, but some lovely fine days as well. The joys of living in this beautiful country.

We had our tour of the new Cancer Centre at Taranaki Base Hospital and what an amazing building it is. Beautiful on the outside and spectacular inside, so elegantly presented, lots of lovely wood panelling, the art work on the walls, the hanging light shade depicting Maui and his brothers and the healing power of water. We can be very proud of all of our efforts in supporting this wonderful project. We were shown the \$5.5 million Radiation Treatment Machine and all of the movements it can make. The Chemotherapy Drip Stands we donated, the trolley's we paid for, and we were told how much the nurses appreciated these trolley's which make their jobs easier. We then went to the new East Wing and wow, what an eye opening building that is. The reception area is amazing, again lots of wood panelling, and the artificial plants create a warm atmosphere. Apparently the stairs have had a few issues with elderly people having a few falls on them, so they are being altered for safety. The main entrances are spectacular and again we can all be very proud of this new building, it is a huge asset to Taranaki.

There were 25 of us on the tour, Grant Carter from the Taranaki Health Foundation and Deena, the Taranaki Cancer Centre Manager, were very gracious hosts and made it a very special visit for all of us. We were joined by ladies from North Taranaki WI's, which made it even nicer.

For those that wanted to go and couldn't, I am sure we can organise another visit as Grant and Deena are keen to show as many people as possible through this building. So, let us know and we will set another date.

Our 90th Birthday lunch plans are coming along nicely, it will be a formal/casual day. We have a finger food lunch and an interesting programme, so please come along and enjoy this special day. The exciting news is that Helen and the National Executive, including our CEO, Colleen Drydon, are all going to be with us, Suzanne Bannister, our National President will be there for us all to meet and chat to. They are having an executive meeting in Taranaki the next day, so how blessed are we to have these ladies share our big day with us. We will be presenting the 50, 60, and 70 year badges, so please get the names of your members that qualify for these honours to Rose as soon as possible, thank you.

Our thoughts go to our members who are unwell, or have suffered a bereavement, please reach out to a friendly WI member for support and comfort. This is what we do in Institute, we care for each other and for the people in our communities who need a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on.

All the very best to you all. To the working women on the farms, take care, keep warm and safe, we admire what you do. Those of us that are retired or live in town, we too are busy in many ways, but never too busy to do a bit of baking or cook a meal to help someone who needs it. Please let us know as we are happy to help.

Keep warm, have fun and God Bless.
Yours in WI friendship,
Daphne

SECRETARIES REMINDERS: Please check your records for any members who may have reached 50yrs of membership. An Official Invite has been sent out for our 90th Birthday. Please circulate to members far and wide. Even Past Members who may like to celebrate our day.

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

HISTORIAN: A recent photo of your President is required for the Scrapbook. We haven't received one from all the Institute's, as yet. Paper cuttings of your outings are always wanted too.

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. 😊

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.

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.

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

We will have a Speaker prior to our catered lunch and enjoy meeting the new National Federation Executive.

RSVP to Rose, please, by 25th August with Names from each Institute. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

No Birthday's until the Federations 90th on 8th September.

DATES TO DIARY: 90th Birthday Celebrations Tuesday 8th Sept, 2026 – Kapuni WMH International Day in November, more details next month.

Quote: "We are all like Snowflakes. Unique and one of a kind" KinneyChoas.com

Daphne & Helen

Attachments: Nil



The inside is like entering a resort hotel



One of our three trolleys donated



Janice, Rose, Bernadette, Lynette & Helen
Beside one of the two Chemotherapy Drip
Stands we donated. Pihama WI donated one
As well.

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