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Rural Women
NEW ZEALAND

Ngā Wāhine Taiwhenua o Aotearoa

MIGHTY MORNING TEA SHOUT



Welcome to the Mighty Morning Tea issue of the Expresso

What a fabulous event we held across the country on Wednesday, 29 July. We have been inundated with fantastic photos of delectable spreads and happy morning tea recipients. Thanks so much for taking photos and sending in reports. We also received some lovely messages from those who had received morning tea from our Members. You will see some of them included in this Expresso with plenty of the photos.

We held a morning tea in Wellington and invited representatives of as many essential workers and community volunteers as we could muster. It was fantastic as bus drivers, nurses, caregivers, fire fighters, supermarket workers and posties came through the door. We were honoured to have Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Minister for Rural Communities Damien O'Connor join us for morning tea. Each spoke of the contributions of the people who worked through and supported their communities during lockdown and also thanked RWNZ for our ongoing commitment in promoting and supporting strong rural communities. MMTS was a great success because it came from the heart and many Members could take part in their own areas. It also paid tribute to our Kiwi tradition of saying thanks by sharing food and made the day for many deserving people.

Feedback

"Wow! I am so grateful. I've had a terrible couple of days and a nice morning tea will make such a difference to us. Thank you, thank you."

"Just wanted to say a very big "thank you" to you and your very capable team for a truly excellent morning tea this morning. It was a total surprise having the PM attend - and a real buzz to actually meet her and chat. But even if she hadn't been there, you put on a fantastically traditional Kiwi morning tea and we got to meet some other lovely people ... great conversations and a fantastic gesture on your part. What a treat!"

"So much of our job is unseen and unknown that often only mistakes are noticed. Thank you for noticing us as we do the best we can. Thank you for being a positive force when it seems the culture of the day is to find fault. Thank you for your kindness, may it spread deeper and faster than the opposite intentions."

"This couldn't have come at a better time. I've had an awful day and this makes me feel so special and that my work is worthwhile. Thank you."



MIGHTY MORNING TEA SHOUT

BRIGHTWATER



COLLINGWOOD



GOLDEN BAY



WHAREPAPA SOUTH



WHANGAREI



TE AKAU



MID-CANTERBURY



RAI VALLEY



PUKEARUHE



MORRINSVILLE



TUAKAU



WAIKATO



OAMARU



STRATFORD



WAIKATO



ONEWHERO



METHVEN



WASHDYKE &



NAPIER



PLEASANT POINT

TARANAKI



ASHBURTON



WAITAKI



MUHUNOA EAST



PALMERSTON NORTH



INVERCARGILL



MOSGIEL



MOA FLAT



JOHNSONVILLE



WELLINGTON



New RWNZ Tea Towels!

This beautiful design has been created by textile artist, Nikki Walker, of Walker & Bing. It features the flowers of an iconic New Zealand tree, the rātā.

These tea towels are for sale from National Office.

Prices are as follows:

1 x tea towel undelivered - \$11.50 (inc GST)

1 x tea towel + courier bag and delivery - \$15 (inc GST)

5 x tea towels + delivery - \$55 (inc GST)

For orders of more than 5 tea towels, please contact National Office to discuss pricing.

Seen here with the new RWNZ tea towel is our in-house model, Felicity Bunny.



Photography competition update

Thanks to Members for their entries into our photography competition. Here is a recent entry by Jean Hamilton from her Southland Winter Wonderland.

As we come into Spring, it would be great to see the view from your place!

Send your entries for the "My Rural Paradise" photography competition to lisa.thompson@ruralwomennz.nz

Do you know an exceptional woman who deserves recognition?

Both the Women of Influence 2020 and the New Zealander of the Year 2021 Awards are open for entries now. Nominating someone is a fabulous way of celebrating their story.

Visit the websites for more information on nominating someone and the eligibility criteria. Entries for both Awards close at the end of August so be in quick.

Kiwi bank.

NEW ZEALANDER OF THE YEAR 2020

WOMEN OF INFLUENCE
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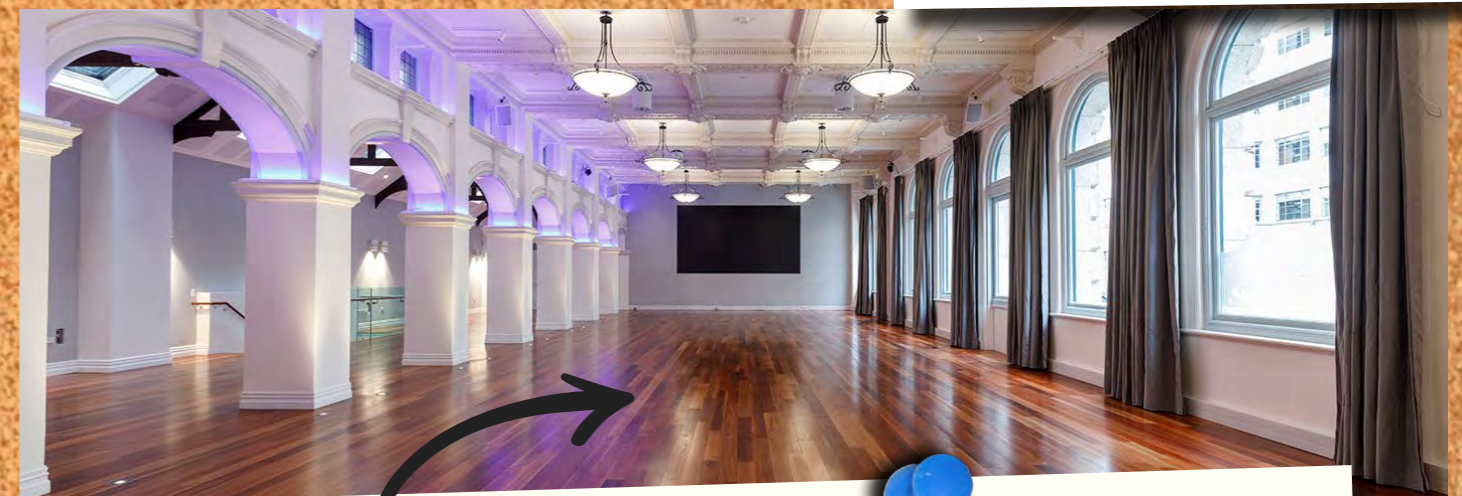


National Office has recently been asked for round labels with the RWNZ logo which can be used to add a little final touch to many of the charitable items which are made and given away. Is this something that you would be interested in? If so, please let Lisa know at lisa.thompson@ruralwomennz.nz

Archives Update

Thank you to Members who have been completing and sending in the RWNZ Archive and Collection sheets. It is great to be able to develop an idea of what exists all around the country. We would very much like to hear from Members who have or know of boxes of records and items from our hugely rich past. This is a perfect project for someone who likes a trip down memory lane on a rainy day.

For more information on the Archives Project visit <https://ruralwomennz.nz> Or call Lisa at the National Office on 0800 256 467



Book your seat here for Friday, 20 November.

Registration forms for the AGM and NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards Ceremony will be available soon but you should make your travel and accommodation arrangements now. For more details, please refer to recent Member's Advisories or contact National Office.