

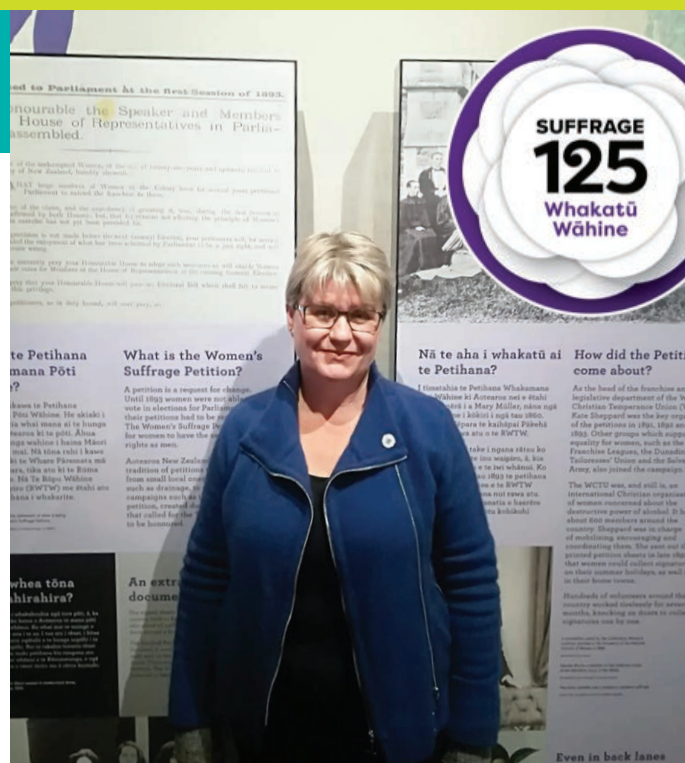
SUFFRAGE 125

125 years ago, the women of New Zealand came together to create a movement to obtain the right to vote and achieved this goal in September of 1893. As the first country in the world to win the right to vote for women, we look back on our history and celebrate the strong New Zealanders who made this possible. Suffrage125 is the celebration of our past, present, and future for women's rights in New Zealand, with events spanning from exhibitions, publications, and gatherings. Celebrating our history doesn't just need to be limited to formal events, it can be the perfect opportunity to organise an event within your own family to recognise the importance of the movement and achievements.

Rural Women New Zealand's National Board Chair, Penny Mudford, shared with us how she is using this occasion as a learning opportunity with her family. She will be gathering all of the women in her family and spending the day celebrating the sisterhood of women in unique ways. They will spend the day together looking at the suffrage petition in the National Archives, meeting for lunch, taking photographs at Parliament, and reflecting on the efforts of the suffragettes. Penny is also giving everyone in her family a piece of "homework" - to research and discover who, in their family, signed the petition themselves. When she researched it herself, she was surprised to find out that her own great grandmother had signed the petition many years ago. Women were travelling on horseback around communities, collecting signatures, which was very radical at the time. She was also surprised to see that women were signing in their own names, rather than their husbands', which would have been more common at the time.

"Social attitudes change over time, and while we still don't have full gender equality in our community, we need to understand the battles that have been fought and won, and celebrate them to remember that our freedoms and rights are not to be taken for granted. Even today there are women in the world that don't have the ability to do that," said Ms Mudford.

Celebrating this movement is not exclusively for women, either. The men who championed women's rights at the time helped bring the act to fruition alongside women. Rural Women New Zealand encourages Members to use Suffrage125 as a way to reflect as family and friends on our history with women's



Penny Mudford in the National Library

rights. No matter where you are in New Zealand, there are many ways to celebrate all of the women in your life that have brought you where you are today.

In the past, Rural Women New Zealand have celebrated and recognised suffragettes who won women's right to vote through planting Kowhai Trees across the country for the 100th year of Suffrage in 1993. You can visit the plaque recognising our contribution in 1993 on Molesworth Street in Wellington. You can become involved with Suffrage in your home, community, with your Branches or at Regional level through events. To find or register an event, visit the Ministry for Women's website, www.women.govt.nz and search 'Suffrage125 events'.

The United Nations Women National Council Aotearoa are celebrating trailblazing New Zealand women this year as part of the Suffrage125 movement. The campaign #125trailblazing captures New Zealand's most inspiring, influential and innovative women in a series of candid and personal interviews. Find out more at www.ourwahine.nz.

Written by Policy Interns Katie Fell, and Mehreen Usman.

EDITORIAL

by Fiona Gower, National President

It has been a pleasure to spend time with Members at a range of events. I would like to thank Region 3 (Top of the South), Region 6 (Greater Waikato) and Region 1 (Lower South Island) for having me at you Conferences, they were incredibly fun and insightful to what is going on in your areas. I was also privileged to fly to Great Barrier Island for the Awana Branch's 70th Anniversary, a place well worth visiting.

Mycoplasma bovis has been at the front of our minds over these past weeks. We have been working incredibly hard, and much has been happening behind the scenes to ensure that the decision makers take into account the effects that will be experienced by our farming families and the communities in which they live. We have had a meeting with the Leadership Council about how Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) can best respond and implement support for those in need. In the meantime, please talk to your Leadership Councillor, Area Committee Chair or local Rural Support Trust representative for the best way to support in your area.

National Fielddays was recent, with four very busy days for much of the Board and others involved. Launching the NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards with the NZI Team led by Jon Watson was incredibly exciting and we received much support. We were privileged to have many special visitors to the site, including our Patron, her Excellency Dame Patsy Reddy, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Leader of the Opposition Simon Bridges, as well as the Topp Twins – Dame Lynda Topp and Dame Jools Topp. Being in the Health and Wellbeing Hub was very beneficial as it meant we could network well with the other organisations involved. Minister O'Connor launched the Rural Proofing Guide for policy development and service delivery planning, which RWNZ has been instrumental in implementing.

I was honoured to be involved in the judging of the "Rural Catch of the Year" at Fielddays this year. Congratulations to Mairi Whittle of Taihape on her win. Other events I attended was the KPMG Agribusiness Breakfast, Official Opening and the Presidential Lunch.

This year's international event was being invited to engage with other women at the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women, held by the United Nations (UN) in New York. Global issues for rural women and girls that were raised and discussed at CSW62 included isolation, limited access to services, land and



food security, and violence against women. Rural Proofing Government Policy was a topic of interest for a number of countries, Canada being one. We participated in events hosted by the Canadian representatives and found that their issues and concerns for rural women and girls aligned closely with those from our own country.

In New York, I also attended the launch of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Global Survey on the Living Conditions of Rural Women. I encourage Members and all women living rurally to complete this as the more responses received, the better the data to form a stronger voice for our rural women both in New Zealand and globally.

One of the key learnings for me at CSW62 was around the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). In September 2015, multiple countries adopted a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years. For the goals to be reached, everyone needs to contribute their part, which includes governments, the private sector, civil societies and organisations such as RWNZ, and all of us as individuals.

A reminder to those interested in attending the ACWW World Conference, early bird registrations close on 1 October. Please read and comment on the Resolutions being put forward.

We now turn our attention to the RWNZ Summit being held in November. Thank you to all those who have been holding Office, and all the best for those stepping up into a new role, it is appreciated by us all. I encourage all Members to be involved in the Board Nomination and Election Process. Please take that into account what is required of someone to be on the Board when you vote later this year.

Kind regards,
National President, Fiona Gower

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Dates for the diary

RWNZ Summit

(including AGM and the NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards)

Wellington: Tuesday, 20 - Wednesday, 21 November 2018

RWNZ National Conference 2019

Whangarei: Friday, 7 – Sunday, 9 June 2019

Theme for the year

Our theme for this year is “The Women of this Land - Ngā Wāhine Taiwhenua o Aotearoa”.

Other events

18th Annual Marketing to the Rural Sector Conference

Auckland: Wednesday, 29 – Thursday, 30 August 2018

Board Member, Janet Williams will be speaking at the event, on marketing for rural women.

www.conferenz.co.nz/events/18th-annual-marketing-rural-sector-conference

Women in Agribusiness & Primary Industries Leadership Summit

Auckland: Tuesday, 4 – Friday, 7 September 2018

RWNZ National President, Fiona Gower will be presenting at the event, “Leading within the Rural Sector”. To receive the 10% Member Discount, please quote the booking code WAGG0918Z – Q6.

www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/women-in-agribusiness-primary-industries-leadership-summit/auckland

Women in Agribusiness & Primary Industries Leadership Summit

4, 5, 6 & 7 September 2018 | Auckland
registration@liquidlearning.co.nz
Booking code: Q6



SIKA Show Taupo

Taupo: Saturday, 29 and Sunday, 30 September 2018

RWNZ will be at the SIKA Show at the Great Lakes Centre, Taupo.



Welcome to New Members

Paula McKenzie	Sarah Davis	Lynette Kiddy
Marilyn Parris	Sarah Higgins	Tracey Weir
Fiona Keenan	Summer Pritchard	Debbie Paterson
Betty Stewart	Felicity Clark	Frances Collins
Fiona McArthur	Susan Francis	Joan Hunger
Maxence Benoist	Rachel Haskew	Yvonne McClaskie
Lee Stokes	Tracy Tooley	Yvonne Warnock
Anne McAndrew	Caitlin Metz	Lisa Jane Williams
Caroline Knight	Heather North	Nicki Mackay
Charlotte Burgess	Tracey Collis	Fiona Bush
Jennifer Douglas	Rachel Cockburn	Tommi Schnunger
Josie Robinson	Rhodes Donald	Mary Ann Morris
Zelda De Villiers	Jennifer McDonald	Lynda Murchison
Ngaira Puha	Kath Fishburn	
Samantha Baxter	Liz Preece	

Farewell to Old Friends

Joyce Roy – Macraes Dunback Branch - BLM
Winnie Livingstone – Thornbury Branch
Eva Archer – Carter’s Beach Branch - BLM
Margaret Jannings – Stratford Branch – BLM
Betty Butters – St Arnaud Branch
Thelma Wood – Tutaenui Branch
Iola Glassford – Cromwell Branch – BLM
Valmai Ludemann – Anama Branch
Val Whyte - Woodlands Branch – BLM
Janice Peck – Lynneford Branch
Nancy Brown – Upper Hutt Branch – NMH, BLM
Ivy Bruning – Carters Beach Branch – BLM
Margaret Hall – Thornbury Branch
Joyce Carmichael – Thornbury Branch – NSA, BLM, PLM
Kaye Cleaver – Tokaora Inaha Branch
Pat Redfern – Swannanoa Branch
Jo Field - Dunedin Branch
Daphne Catley - Orini Netherby Branch
Norma Fowlie - Tokoroa Inaha Branch

CSW62 NEW YORK THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



Fonterra General Manager NZ Industry Affairs, Jo Finer, Ministry For Women CEO, Renee Graham and RWNZ National President, Fiona Gower

It was an honour to represent Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) at the United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) in New York in March, along with 11,000 women from around the world.

The theme that ran throughout the two weeks was “Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls”. In sharing the agreed outcome document, the key message was that decisions need to be made by rural women not just for them, and just because issues are normalised, it does not make them acceptable.

Another message was that rural women are a major source of innovation – they do not need help to find solutions, although they do need support turning their ideas into reality. Women who are seen to be at the highest risk of discrimination and abuse are the elderly, young, disabled, indigenous, widows, refugees, and migrants.

The main issues for rural women and girls that are mirrored around the globe included isolation, lack of access to services such as health, education and infrastructure, food, water and land security, and discrimination and violence against women.

National Chair, Penny Mudford and I were able to promote the work of RWNZ and the way our rural women in New Zealand overcome challenges and turn them into opportunities. I was one of only a few women to be interviewed by the Public Foundation (an international not-for-profit) about the roles of RWNZ, along with being a participant on both the Side event and the Parallel event which we were involved in.

The relationships built with New Zealand and international NGO’s are valuable to our organisation, and it is important to foster these. The opportunities to tie in such work as CSW62, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the UN’s Strategic Development Goals (SDG’s) to inform the work of RWNZ will ensure powerful submissions and influence to the decision makers, ensuring the empowerment of rural women and girls. Further, it will ensure that policies are created that build strong rural communities.

I would like to acknowledge Penny for the work she did as the Civil Society Representative on the New Zealand Government Delegation. The relationships formed by her with the team are incredibly beneficial, as was the respect shown to her by the NGOs.

“It was a privilege to facilitate at the United Nations, the side event panel about the “Empowerment of Rural Women through economic opportunity,” says Human Rights Commissioner, Dr Jackie Blue. “I learnt from Rural Women New Zealand about the challenges for women living in rural areas, as well as their resilience and innovation, running their own businesses whilst also running farms, raising families and volunteering in their communities. Rural women are the true backbone of our rural communities and our economy”, says Dr Blue.

We are proud that New Zealand is doing well in many areas on an international scale, however, there is still a long way to go and it’s up to us to make a difference.

National President, Fiona Gower



RWNZ National President Fiona Gower, ACWW World President Ruth Shanks, ACWW Board Member Alison Burnett, CEO Tish Collins and ACWW Communications and Policy Nick Newland.



Iceland First Secretary Thorvardur Thorssen and RWNZ National Chair Penny Mudford at the UN for CSW62 in New York

RURAL WOMEN NEW ZEALAND SUMMIT 2018

This November, Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is introducing a new proposed event that was recently passed by the Board. The event is a two day RWNZ Summit that will allow for Members to connect and build our public policy work through the Portfolio Hubs following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards. The Summit is an opportunity for the Board and National Office to show leadership, improve engagement with Members and share our influence. The Summit will empower Members through building their capability and capacity to influence, engage and lead.

AGM Tuesday, 20 November

The first day of the Summit will be held at Parliament. Hon Tracey Martin has agreed to be the host MP for our AGM, and Members will also hear from Ministers of Parliament (MPs), make decisions for future direction of the organisation,

celebrate the work and members of RWNZ and share successes and challenges. The speakers will engage, inspire, and captivate the delegates during their time in Parliament.

NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards

Day Two: 7:30am – 2pm

The second day of the Summit will be held across two sites: Rydges Hotel and Conference Centre and Victoria University of Wellington's Law School – Old Government Buildings. It will consist of a breakfast at the Rydges Hotel which will include an inspirational speaker, followed by a plenary session lead by the National President and National Chair, setting the scene for the policy workshops. In these workshops, Members will be able to engage and learn within different Portfolio Hubs in order to develop ideas and policy stances for Rural Women New Zealand. Registration forms for the Summit have been enclosed.

COMPETITIONS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

- **Honora O'Neill** - The trophy is for the best Provincial President's Report.
- **Lady Blundell** - Competition for the most innovative project completed alternately by a Branch or Provincial during a two-year period.
- **Talbot Trophy** - Awarded to the Provincial International Officer, who, through her report, initiates, stimulates and carries out all avenues of International work of Rural Women New Zealand in her area.
- **Branch President's Report.**

The above are due to National Office before Friday, 31 August.

- **Member of Excellence and Service Simply Given** - Please forward through your nominations for outstanding members deserving of these awards for Board consideration by Friday, 7 September.

Post entries to RWNZ, PO Box 12-021, Thorndon, Wellington 6011, or by email to Maree.Myers@ruralwomennz.nz

PORTFOLIO HUBS

Earlier this year, the Portfolio Hubs were established by the Board, for the intention of developing strong public policy, submissions on legislative consultation, review and changes. Each Hub is convened by a Board Member who is responsible for that Portfolio.

If you wish to become involved in a Portfolio Hub, or the Rapid Response team aligned to these Hubs, please contact National Office.

The Portfolio Hubs are:

- Technology
- Business
- Health
- Education
- International
- Social
- Environment.

NATIONAL FIELDAYS 2018



This year's Fieldays® was a special event, as not only did it mark the 50th Anniversary of the event, it also celebrated the launch of the NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards.

Fieldays® is a special event which offers extensive opportunities for rural business and communities. This year, over 120,000 visitors poured into the site, positively contributing to the farming sector and wider New Zealand economy. 2018 marks Fieldays 50th anniversary, proving how far the event has come since 1968 and displaying everything from lifestyle items through to the latest in machinery, technology and innovation.

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) were amongst the Health and Wellbeing Hub, with NZI, Plunket and Age Concern. Other related organisations such as Rural Support Trust, Rural GP Network, Age Concern, Melanoma NZ, all brought

together by Mobile Health. RWNZ alongside Premier Partner NZI launched the NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards at Fieldays, which was a great success. There were over 20,000 people through the Hub with interest in what these organisations do and can offer to rural communities.

National President Fiona Gower, Board Members Margaret Pittaway, Sue Higgins, Rachael Dean and Janet Williams were all at the event with Chief Executive Officer, Penelope England. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who supported us by helping with supervision of the stand, those who visited, and the support received for the launch of the NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards.

"Fieldays brings together the best in the business, providing the perfect opportunity to be launching and showcasing the Awards", says RWNZ National President, Fiona Gower.



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern with CEO, Penelope England, Board Members Margaret Pittaway, Sue Higgins and National President, Fiona Gower.

SALE OF WILLIS ST PREMISES

Members will be aware that RWNZ has owned commercial property at Level 8, 57 Willis Street, Wellington and this property has been available for sale following the sale of Access Homehealth Limited in 2015. Access was a tenant of Rural Women New Zealand and the Access Head Office shared the floor at Level 8 with Rural Women New Zealand's National Office. When Access vacated the premises at 57 Willis Street, the floor became excess to the needs of the Rural Women

New Zealand and the property was offered for sale. We are pleased to advise Members that the property has been sold at a price above current market valuation and all aspects of the sale have now been completed. The gain, after marketing expenses, of \$141,000 will be included in the annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2018.

National Office is currently located in rental premises at Level 5, 86 Victoria Street, Wellington.

MYCOPLASMA BOVIS



The Government has announced the decision of phased eradication of *Mycoplasma bovis* (M.bovis). The announcement was made Monday, 28 May, with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Minister Damien O'Connor, alongside RWNZ National President, Fiona Gower and representatives from Federated Farmers, Beef and Lamb NZ, and Dairy NZ (pictured).

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ), representatives from Federated Farmers NZ, Beef and Lamb NZ, Dairy NZ, and Rural Support Trust, were involved in consultation with the Government, including Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Minister Damien O'Connor, and other industry leaders to reach this decision.

Fiona attended two public meetings with decision makers to have input on this final decision. RWNZ Chief Executive Officer, Penelope England, and Manager of Government, Public Sector, and Academic Relationships, Angela McLeod have also been involved with roundtable discussions involving industry leaders and decision makers. Together they emphasised the impacts that M.bovis will have on our farming families and rural communities, and the support systems needed for those affected. Fiona visited an infected farm in Waimate, South Canterbury alongside Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Minister Damien O'Connor, and industry representatives.

RWNZ encourages anyone needing assistance to contact the Rural Support Trust and recommends following updates from MPI. The *Mycoplasma bovis* roadshows conducted by Beef + Lamb New Zealand, DairyNZ and MPI have taken place across the country to provide information on biosecurity measures, updates, how people can help within their communities, and answer any questions or concerns people might have.

MPI are providing up to date information and resources to inform, help and support communities through this eradication stage. Visit www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/mycoplasma-bovis

Rural Support Trust Chairperson, Neil Bateup says that Rural Support Trust and RWNZ will be working together to support our rural communities. "Rural Support Trust is available 24/7 for free, confidential support on 0800 787 254. The welfare of farmers, their families and staff are of utmost importance to all of us. Do not be afraid to reach out if you need us," he says.

For updates, information, and frequently asked questions, you can contact:

Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)

0800 00 83 33

info@mpi.govt.nz

www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/mycoplasma-bovis/

Dairy NZ

0800 43 24 79 69

www.dairynz.co.nz/mbovis

Beef + Lamb NZ

0800 23 33 52

www.beeflambnz.com/news-views/topics/M-Bovis

Federated Farmers

0800 32 76 46

www.fedfarm.org.nz

For help and support, you can contact:

The Rural Support Trust

0800 787 254

www.rural-support.org.nz

Lifeline

0800 543 354

Samaritans

0800 726 666

Shakti New Zealand

24-hour crisis line with multi-lingual counsellors

0800 SHAKTI (0800 742 584)

Youthline

0800 376 633 or free text 234

1737

National mental health and addiction helpline

Call or text 1737 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SURVEYS

Surveys provide an opportunity to voice your concerns, experiences and opinions leading to positive change for our rural women, children and communities. The following surveys have been shared, encouraged or hosted by Rural Women New Zealand.

ACWW Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women 2018

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) launched the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women at CSW62 in New York in March, with the support of Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) National President Fiona Gower. RWNZ, as a Member Society of ACWW, encourage Members to participate in the survey. The data from this survey will be published, presented to policy makers around the

world, and shared with participating Non-Governmental Organisations.

The survey is online, and can be found at www.ifrw.org.uk.

RWNZ Census Data Collection

During the Census data collection period, RWNZ National Office received concerns from Members across the country regarding the integrity of the Census data collection. In response, we put together a survey which was distributed to Members, and supported by Dairy Women's Network, NZ Young Farmers, and Farming Mums NZ. Over three weeks, we collected 223 responses and are now analysing the data which will be presented to Minister of Statistics Hon James Shaw. We will keep Members informed of this progress.

Other surveys that have been shared with Members and on RWNZ social media include:

- RWNZ Companies Office Consultation Survey
- Country TV State of the Rural Nation Survey
- RWNZ Universal Period Review of Human Rights Survey
- Ministry of Education Strategic Plan for Early Learning Survey
- RWNZ Decision Making for Rural Business Survey
- Ministry of Education Curriculum
- Progress and Achievement Survey
- Living Standards Survey
- Farm Debt Mediation Survey.

We would like to thank all of those who completed and shared surveys sent to them from National Office.

ACWW WORLD CONFERENCE



Melbourne 2019

Early bird registrations have opened for the 29th ACWW Triennial World Conference, which is being held on the 4 - 10 April, 2019. We encourage Members to go to the conference as it is a great opportunity to meet like-minded women from around the world, to learn, and to discuss important issues facing rural women globally.

If you wish to attend the Conference as a RWNZ representative, please contact National Office for registration forms which can be dispatched through post or via email.

Please send completed registration forms and payment to National Office before Friday, 14 September.

Early bird registration: £440 (\$869.35NZD).

This applies until Friday, 14 September if you are registering with RWNZ, or Monday, 1 October if you intend to attend the Conference as an individual. After which, standard registration costs will apply: £475.

If you do not wish to attend for the full six days, you can purchase a Day Attendee Registration which costs £105 (\$207.46NZD) per person, per day (maximum three days).

Note that the conversion above includes 2.5% to allow for changes that may come in the foreign exchange market.

RWNZ is a Society Member of ACWW, so you do not need to be an individual member of ACWW to attend.



**29th TRIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA 4 - 10 APRIL 2019**

WOOLON - ALEXANDRA 2018

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is the Premier Sponsor for the 2018 WoolOn Awards, an event that exemplifies and celebrates the skillful, creative people who are involved in the wool and natural fibre fashion industry.

This partnership between RWNZ and WoolOn signifies our commitment to encouraging and celebrating enterprise in rural communities. WoolOn is held in Alexandra on Friday, 17 – Saturday, 18 August, and showcases a visually engaging display of high quality finished garments using quality wool fibre.

WoolOn Co-Chair, Leonie Williamson, says that Rural Women New Zealand's strong support of local communities and rural businesses is an inspiration to WoolOn as they look to showcase wool design in New Zealand.

www.woolon.co.nz
facebook.com/wooloncreativefashionevent



Baafleeciaga Chicks

As the Rural Women New Zealand WoolOn Awards draw closer, we meet a Hutt Valley trio excited to be making their designing debut at this unique Central Otago event.

The Baafleeciaga Chicks are a three-friends-collective who thrive on the social side of their sewing get-togethers. Nerolie Burgess is a fulltime dressmaker with a particular love of wool, Maria (or MiMi) Nailor a hairdresser, dog-groomer, Petone's ballet wardrobe mistress and all-around creative and Fiona Donoghue is an IT trainer and lover of wool, denim and leather.

"We all adore wool, in all its forms, it's natural and lovely to sew and drape. The modern merino lends itself to such simplistic beauty and suits our design aesthetic. We are very excited to be part of such a wonder-wool event," says Maria.

The women share a love of Chanel and retro, moviestar-glam - think Audrey Hepburn- but inspiration has also come from closer to home.

"Nerolie, a former finalist in the Benson & Hedges Fashion Awards, was inspired by her grandmother who worked for Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen. Fiona's great aunty was also an expert tailor often using wool. We also find inspiration from each other," says Maria.

A knack for re-purposing items which might otherwise be discarded is another string to the Baafleeciagas' bow.

The trio had their flights to the RWNZ WoolOn Awards booked, Maria says, before they'd even started a design and she believes the whole town will have to block its collective ears if they manage a placing.

"It would be a huge thrill - regardless of the outcome, we are looking forward to our first time taking part as a learning experience. We're also already planning for next year's event."

The RWNZ WoolOn Awards evening opens up amazing opportunities for women such as the Baafleeciaga Chicks, who are pleased to be a part of the evening.



Baafleeciaga Chicks from left: Nerolie Burgess, Maria Nailor and Fiona Donoghue with their 'fur babies' Ronan, Mercedes and Yoko.

MEETINGS

Board Members and National Office staff have continued to represent RWNZ in meetings with stakeholders in this past quarter. Our strategy is to lead the discussions on issues affecting rural communities, particularly rural women and children; engage with others on solutions to those issues and; influence decisions that benefit the rural sector. The list shown is just a small snippet of the meetings we have been in and you can see we have been working with other non-Government organisations, Government and Ministries.

The discussions have included potential community solutions for school closures, industry discussions on Mycoplasma bovis and animal welfare, solutions for technology challenges faced by the rural sector and health, particularly maternity health.

- Minister, Damien O'Connor
- Minister, Clare Curran
- Minister, Tracey Martin
- Ministry for the Environment
- Ministry of Social Development (MED)
- Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI)
- New Zealand College of Midwives
- National Party Agriculture Caucus
- Banking Ombudsman
- Rural Education Reference Group (RERG)
- New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI)
- Māia Health Foundation
- KPMG Agribusiness Roundtable
- International Womens Caucus
- Firearms Community Advisory Forum
- Rural Crime Stakeholders Partnership
- BioGro
- Rejuvenate – Helping Communities
- Inspiring Communities
- Landcorp.

PENNY GRIFFITH RECEIVES AWARD



From left: Rob and Monique Zaagman, Penny Griffith, Jane and Richard Kempthorne

PHOTO Jo Richards

Please read below an extract of an article published in the Golden Bay Weekly on Friday, 25 May 2018. Penny Griffith is a Rural Women New Zealand Individual Member in Region 3 who has received a remarkable award. Reported by Jo Richards.

Last December, Golden Bay hosted a commemoration of the 375th anniversary of the first ever encounter between European explorers and Māori. Rural Women New Zealand Member, Penny Griffith was the planning group convener to the First Encounter 375 which was premiered in May 2018.

Penny Griffith addressed her opening words to everyone connected with the event. "Today is really special to me because we can celebrate what you did last December." Turning to the Netherlands Ambassador Rob Zaagman and his wife Monique, Penny said, "We welcome you again, but also bid you farewell.

"Thanks to The Pupu Hydro Society, who funded the documentary. To Pete and Tim – thanks for three-and-a-half days filming and making a story. The biggest thanks go to Manawhenua ki Mohua," said Penny.

The sequences included coverage of the Onetahua Marae pōwhiri and the official welcome of iwi, Dutch dignitaries and locals, plus the spit safari, the boat trip to Abel Tasman's first anchorage off Taupo Point and a re-enactment of the first encounter featuring a fleet of kayaks and waka.

The Ambassador then addressed Penny, saying: "You are the heart and soul of Abel Tasman First Encounter 375." He presented her with gifts "symbolising our relationships", he also had another very special surprise up his sleeve – a rarely bestowed award from the municipality of Grootegast, Abel Tasman's birthplace. "It's my privilege and honour to present you with the Abel Tasman Medal of Honour."

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne also commended Penny on a "tremendous job", before Barney Thomas presented Rob and Monique with a copy of Po Atarau (Now is the Hour), the waiata historically given to soldiers departing to fight overseas.

AUTHORITATIVE VOICE

Media Releases

Since the publication of the March Express Magazine, we have released the following media releases:

- Rustling Bill Does Not Go Far Enough
- 125 Years Since the Vote and Rural Women Still Struggle
- Air New Zealand Needs to Support the Regions
- Rural Communities Need Better Technology
- Rural Women Need to Be Involved in the Decision Making Process
- Rescue Helicopter Decision Puts Lives at Risk
- Rustling Needs to be an offence
- Duck Hunting Season Begins this Weekend
- Rural Women NZ/Access Community Health Scholarship is Open
- Rural Women New Zealand backs Government supporting families
- Rural Women New Zealand WoolOn Awards 2018
- Rural Women New Zealand joins industry leaders on Mycoplasma bovis
- Air New Zealand continues to fail the regions
- Rural Women New Zealand offers full support to the Government - Mycoplasma Bovis
- Rural Women New Zealand will support communities
- NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards
- Rural proofing back on the table.

Media releases can be found on our website under the 'News' tab.

Thank you for your responses to our media releases:

"Congratulations to Fiona and team for putting out such a good supportive media release."

- RWNZ Member

"Well done -thank you Catherine and Team."

- RWNZ Member

"Well done and well written."

- RWNZ Member

Submissions

- Fair Insurance Code Review 2018 by the Insurance Council
- Trusts Bill
- Sentencing (Livestock Rustling) Amendment Bill
- Tax Working Group
- Government's Mental Health and Addiction Inquiry
- Organics Regulations
- Living Standards Framework
- ACC Bill
- Farm Debt Mediation
- Companies Office Register Review
- Consumers' Right to Know - Country of Origin Labelling

You can find submissions on our website:

www.ruralwomen.org.nz/advocacy/submissions.html

MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Te Wiki o te reo Māori

This September will mark the celebration of Maori Language Week, which will take place from Monday, 10 September – Sunday, 16 September. Friday, 14 September is Māori Language Day, commemorating the presentation of the 1972 petition on the Māori Language to parliament. Te reo Māori became an official language of New Zealand in 1987.

Maori Language Week celebrates te reo Māori through awareness of revitalisation, learning, and public usage. You can participate in Māori Language Parades which are being hosted in Wellington, Rotorua, Gisborne and Auckland. Hundreds of people participate in Mahuru Māori, speaking only te reo Māori during this time. This year's theme is 'Kia kaha te reo Māori', emphasising the importance of strength in the language.



**KIA KAHA
TE REO MĀORI**

MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK
10-16 SEPTEMBER 2018

It is hoped that more organisations, companies and community groups will plan to take part in Māori Language Week 2018. The National Chair, Penny Mudford, CEO, Penelope England and Manager, Government, Public Sector & Academic Relationships, Angela McLeod will be meeting with Māori Women's Welfare League, National President, Prue Kapau.

It is a great opportunity to learn and celebrate te reo Māori at home, with friends and with other Members.

Find this information and more at: www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/events-and-promotions/maori-language-week-2018

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Region 4 Conference



Region 3 Conference



Region 6 Greater Waikato Conference



Please send through photos from your Regional Conference to catherine.stabb@ruralwomennz.nz

DAPHNE CATLEY CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

On Thursday, 8 March 2018 Mrs Daphne Catley celebrated her 100th Birthday. Orini-Netherby Branch members joined her at her home to celebrate this special occasion.

Daphne has been a Member of the Orini-Netherby Branch of Rural Women New Zealand since her marriage to Haswell Catley who farmed in the Netherby District. Raising two sons, Daphne was very involved in school, tennis and rugby activities and is a staunch member of RWNZ. She has been awarded both Branch Bar of Honour and Branch Life Member.

Until a recent fall Daphne has lived alone on her property and although her sight has been failing has managed very well. After rehabilitating at Rhoda Reid Hospital in Morrinsville she intends returning home.

She has the very best wishes of the Branch and Waikato Provincial.



ACWW WOMEN WALK THE WORLD

Darfield



Forest Reserve



Onewhero



Scotts Ferry



Waimatua



Wharepapa



St Arnaud



Turua



Members from across the country participated in the ACWW Women Walk the World event. Thank you to all those who raised and donated funds for ACWW.



Marilyn Hutchings

Marilyn Hutchings, Member of Honour, on passed away December 30, 2017 was the 'glue' which held Rural Women New Zealand Region 7 together. She was efficient person, who was very particular about facts and detail, and was known by one staff member as 'his conscience'.

In 1958, Marilyn moved to Okaihau and joined the Okaihau Branch. Over the next 60 years Marilyn became very involved and active in the organisation, working tirelessly, and held various executive positions within the Region. In 1980 she was appointed a Life Member of the North Auckland Provincial WDF. At the time of her death she was President, Secretary and Treasurer of Puketi, as well as Treasurer for the Kairoko branch and the Secretary of the Area Committee.

In 1988 she attended the first Leadership Training session in Snells Beach and the first National Leadership training course in Wellington. In 1991 she became the National Councillor for the North and served as such until 1999. As National Councillor she was appointed the National representative on the Harris Cottage Committee to which she and her husband, Malcolm, devoted much time. She served on the Honda House Committee; Scotlands-Te Kiteroa; helped in the formation of the Life Education Trust; and was on the Homecare Board for Northland and later the National Housekeeping Board and then Access Homehealth. In 1992, as a National Councillor, she visited all Provincials in New Zealand to conduct "Communicating with Confidence" courses.

Marilyn was a warm and friendly woman whose contributions and efforts for our organisation "epitomised Service Simply Given". She took part in all discussions, considering the impact these would have on members and rural families.

The death of a dedicated and much loved member is always sad – Region 7 can truly say that we have lost a treasured jewel.

Valmai Joyce Ludemann

With great sadness the members of the Anama Branch recently farewelled their friend and treasured member, Valmai Joyce Ludemann.

Valmai joined the Anama Branch in 1969 and was made a Life Member in 1997. When she passed away in April, in her 97th year, she was still a paid up member and attended meetings whenever she could.

Valmai served as secretary for three years as well as being fully involved with all activities of the Branch and provincial. She excelled at competitions – baking, handcrafts, flowers and floral arrangements. Her practical knowledge and skills were quite amazing.

In 1991, she won the Cora Wilding Competition for an item of handcraft. This was a great reflection of her contribution to all types of craft. Valmai could always be relied on to produce exemplary work.

Valmai was born at Airedale, near Oamaru. She married Ernie Ludemann and they moved to Canterbury when their children were young. The family farmed at Eifflerton, then Anama.

As well as looking after her five children, keeping a large house and garden, Valmai was able to turn her hand to farm work whenever necessary. It was never a problem to her to drive vehicles, shift stock, grub thistles, or help with harvest and haymaking.

Valmai was a wonderful and valued member. She embodied all the virtues of our Creed – reliability, acceptance, humility. She was generous with her time and skills and always kind and thoughtful. Valmai will be greatly missed by all members, but we give thanks for the privilege of being able to be a part of her busy and productive life.

Florence Dunbar

Florence Dunbar was made a Life Member of the then Women's Division of Federated Farmers of New Zealand Hurunui Provincial (WDF) on the 19th November 1979 in consideration of her long and outstanding service to the Division.

Florence was the daughter of an Anglican Vicar and attended Anglican schools in Dunedin and St. Margaret's College Christchurch. She was also a below knee amputee all her life.

Florence met her future husband Kelvin prior to WWII and communicated with him through letters while he was on active service. They lived at Te Mara Farm, Waiau North Canterbury with no running water, no electricity and extremely limited facilities. Access to the farm was via a creek that regularly flooded. At one stage four of her six children were under-five years old.

She was extremely hospitable, providing accommodation to family, friends, stock and station agents and shearers. Florence

and Kelvin were strong in their faiths and attended both Anglican and Presbyterian services every Sunday.

Florence joined the Lyndon-Waiiau WDF when it was formed in 1936 and continued with the same aims for 74 years. She attended many conferences and was involved in special projects (e.g. the spitfire appeal during WWII), also on committees for housekeeping (secretary), participated in the annual Bethell Rose Bowl competition, helped organise the local Coronation Ball in 1953, Silver Scissors competition and concerts for the whole district. Florence was very involved in the Branch organisation until there were only two members left – herself and Eileen McFarlane. They had their meetings via the telephone until the branch closed in 2010.

In 1979 Florence and Kelvin moved to Amberley where they both were actively involved with organizations in both districts such as WDF (branch and provincial) A&P shows and Church.

SHE SHEARS DOCUMENTARY FILM



Rural Women New Zealand are proud to have sponsored the upcoming *She Shears* documentary film. The World Premiere screened in Auckland on Wednesday, 1 August as part of the New Zealand International Film Festival (NZIFF), and open release to the public is set for October.

Directed by Jack Nicol, and produced by Georgina Conder and Ainsley Gardiner, the film introduces two legendary shearers – and three in the making – as they head for black-shirt glory at the Golden Shears.

In the gruelling world of competitive sheep shearing there is no women's section. Women and men compete together. She Shears is the story of passion, purpose and determination and five women for whom shearing is not just a job.

You can read more at www.sheshears.com

We look forward to seeing the film and will continue to share information with Members.



Emily Welch, *She Shears*.

PHOTO: Rebecca McMillan Photography

WINCHMORE BRANCH SUPPORTS ROOFTOP HELIPAD AT CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL



Christchurch Hospital is New Zealand's busiest trauma centre and the only major hospital without a helipad on site. In addition, the use of helicopters for emergencies and patient transfers has increased approximately 40% over the last three years. Christchurch and the South Island need a rooftop helipad that will cope with the current and future demand for this service.

Currently, it takes 13 minutes on average to transfer by ambulance to Christchurch Hospital after landing in Hagley Park. A rooftop helipad and purpose-built clinical support unit will mean critically unwell patients receive emergency hospital care immediately on touchdown, and a quicker transition to full care for routine transfers. For the neonatal unit, it will quicken the pickup and unloading of a neonatal incubator by up to an hour on a round trip.

Launched in March 2018, the '13 Minutes' campaign set out to raise \$1 million during a six week crowd-funding campaign, with every donation and pledge raised up to \$500,000 matched by the Rātā Foundation. The Winchmore branch of Rural Women New Zealand generously gifted \$1000 toward the campaign.

Margaret Kelk from the Branch commented that it was "a magnificent opportunity to help as it would mean if there was a need in our area for a helicopter trip to Christchurch, every minute saved getting to hospital could be the difference to saving a life".

The Māia Health Foundation continues to fundraise toward the helipad project, with approximately \$600,000 to raise by the end of 2018.

To make a donation or find out more about the Māia Health Foundation, please visit www.maiahealth.org.nz or contact info@maiahealth.org.nz.

Pictured below: meeting of the Winchmore Branch, Rural Women New Zealand 2018.



PUBLIC POLICY REMIT 1

PP 1: WASTE MINIMISATION & PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

THAT Rural Women New Zealand develops a national project in 2019, in collaboration with the Ministry for the Environment, to encourage greater consistency of uptake of waste minimization and product stewardship programmes throughout New Zealand.

Proposed by Jenny Turner, Tauranga Provincial

Seconded by Jo Gravit, Tauranga Provincial

RATIONALE

The MfE website and the Minister's speeches provide current data on how various working groups and local initiatives are trying to encourage improved management of waste and reduction of landfill or rural informal dumping. Although there was a new Waste Minimisation Act in 2008 and the subsequent introduction of \$10/tonne levy at approved landfill by disposal facility operators this is not sufficient nor is it a universally applied intervention.

15 million kilograms of some plastics and papers have been sent annually to China but they banned these mixed recyclables last year. This has had significant impact, along with an associated decrease in global commodity prices, so we now suffer serious effects on our environment with fewer incentives for recycling. Some glass is being successfully recycled in New Zealand.

The ways in which we are levying and resourcing the reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery of waste must be urgently reviewed throughout the country by local and central government and manufacturers. Attitudes, incentives and also regulations need urgent attention.

Our RWNZ local and national networks and have sufficient influence and ability to promote more debate and to encourage far stronger waste minimisation and product stewardship than is currently the situation. We are currently the tenth worst country for creating urban waste per capita while we have to admit that much waste in rural areas goes directly into on site disposal with no measure of its effect on the environment. Concepts of a "circular economy" based on onshore recycling plants, rather than just "linear" waste disposal to landfill need to become widely accepted based on good cost/benefit analysis and consistent monitoring.

OBJECTIVES

- For all to take responsibility for reducing the environmental impacts of manufactured products
- To raise awareness of Government accredited stewardship schemes- currently only about 350 companies or organisations in voluntary schemes.
- For rural property owners to ensure that their waste

disposal practices do not adversely affect the environment.

- To incentivise local Councils implementing well-integrated waste management plans and ensuring that there is adequate resourcing from the waste disposal levies.

ACTION PLAN

- RWNZ to commit to taking action by adopting this remit
- Board to support MfE initiatives and increased regulations while also identifying key decision makers on whom pressure can be applied throughout New Zealand by members.
- RWNZ to promote a national campaign to encourage individuals, families and businesses to follow the four R's.

FINANCIAL

- Promotion and advocacy expenses would be incorporated in already allocated promotion and advocacy budgets that help meet the Strategic Directions of protecting our environment.

PUBLIC POLICY REMIT 2

PP2: INCOME SUPPORT

THAT Rural Women New Zealand renews its pressure on Government to obtain an increase of \$100 in the minimum amount able to be earned before income support (benefit) payments are reduced by the Ministry of Social Development.

Proposed by Maureen Champion, Rimanui

Seconded by Margaret Scrimgeour, Rimanui

RATIONALE

In 2011 Region Five successfully sought that RWNZ promote to MSD an increase in allowable gross earnings before tax to \$150 averaged per week when on a benefit. However, our RWNZ advocacy was not successful although the amount has since been increased slightly from \$80 to \$100 before income support starts being reduced. This results in 30 cents in the dollar earned being deducted up to \$200 and then at a rate of 70 cents if more hours are worked.

With the minimum wage now \$16.50 per hour, and a growing acceptance of \$20 as the suggested living wage, a person only needs to now work for more than 12 hours per week to make them question whether it is worth the extra expense of going to work and having ongoing income adjustments with Work and income section of MSD.

We need to encourage people to develop work skills and to try to secure greater independence through retaining a job, but this low, minimum allowable earnings does not encourage return to the workplace. Budget advisers, home based care providers, dairy shed managers, mental health case workers and transition programme tutors all believe this limit requires urgent review.

OBJECTIVES

- To convince MSD to adjust the criteria to better recognise higher hourly rates of pay
- To raise public awareness to this barrier to many securing permanent part time work
- To encourage women who are out of the workforce of the value of obtaining work skills and securing regular employment if the permitted earnings were doubled
- To promote community wellbeing and ensure that more felt able to work and better contribute to their local economy especially where there are job shortages.

ACTION PLAN

- Delegates at the AGM to agree to endorsing their existing RWNZ policy but with an increase being sought to \$200 exemption.
- RWNZ to obtain specific examples of situations/case studies and prepare a paper for submitting to the relevant Ministers and for Area Committees to discuss with their local MPs.
- RWNZ to partner with identified stakeholders to exert widespread strategic pressure for this increase to \$200 permitted earnings before the benefit reductions are set in place.

FINANCIAL

- The proposed actions would occur within the usual RWNZ work programme in 2019. There will be fiscal implications for the Work and Income budget and a small loss in their tax revenue. However, this should be balanced by many who now work unofficially being more inclined to declare their taxable earnings.

PUBLIC POLICY REMIT 3

PP 3: INTERNATIONAL GENDER INSTRUMENTS

THAT Rural Women New Zealand Inc urge the New Zealand Government and policy makers to take into consideration the recommendations in United Nations work, in particular the CSW62 Outcome Document, the CEDAW report, the Universal Periodic Review and the Sustainable Goals and to include Gender Impact Analysis and Rural Impact Analysis of all policy & legislation to ensure equity for our rural women and children and therefore our rural communities

Proposed by Fiona Gower

Seconded by Marie Appleton

RATIONALE

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) was established in 1925 by women who wanted better social and economic conditions for rural communities. Since then, RWNZ has been committed

to connecting with the rural community and providing an authoritative voice on rural health services, education, technology, rural business, environment and social issues.

Rural Women New Zealand is committed to supporting the empowerment of women and children within rural communities.

RWNZ works to advance the social and economic well-being particularly of communities outside the main urban areas of New Zealand and welcomes the opportunity to speak on behalf of its members in order to promote human rights throughout New Zealand.

Rural Women New Zealand reached out to members to see what they believed the primary human rights issues currently are in New Zealand and how they intersect with our mission of growing dynamic communities. In this submission we will discuss topics including violence against women and girls, migrant workers, victim support services, rural health, economic equality, rights for disabled persons, issues for the older generation and gender equity.

Inaccessibility to the same resources as urban counterparts as well as geographic isolation were reoccurring issues observed in this research.

Many of these issues affect our rural communities globally. New Zealand in many areas are leaders, but there is still a long way to go to obtain equity for our rural women and children and our rural communities. By the Government adopting the recommendations of these important pieces of United Nations work, as well as ensuring that all decisions and legislations are subjected to Gender proofing and Rural proofing to ensure that there is consideration taken into account of any intersectional detrimental impact on our rural communities.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that govt agencies are aware and are taking into account these pieces of work, and collaborating with Organisations such as RWNZ to ensure that the effects of any decision or piece of legislation are looked at through both the Gender lens & the Rural Lens to ensure that there is equity to all and that no group will suffer detrimentally from these decisions

ACTION PLAN

- Communicate with Government Ministers, ministries and decision makers, work with other NGO's e.g. ACWW, NCW, BPW, FPNZ etc to ensure that the message is consistent
- Continue to monitor and report on UN pieces of work.
- Submit on issues seen as relevant to these.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TO RWNZ

- Staff related costs.
- Travel to meetings by Portfolio member (either convenor or delegate) - from International portfolio budget.

PUBLIC POLICY REMIT 4

REMIT PP4: CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTING THAT Climate Change will affect rural women and communities, Rural Women New Zealand Inc urges the Government to ensure that the proposed Climate Change Commission carries out both a gender impact analysis and rural impact analysis on its work and; supports the need for recommendations on economically viable measures the farming community can do to reduce our impact on the environment and climate change.

Proposed by Fiona Gower

Seconded by Zelda de Villiers

RATIONALE

Climate Change and Environmental degradation are two of the biggest issues facing our farming sector, the whole of New Zealand and the world.

As farmers we are custodians of our land and animals for the current and future generations as well as for the economy. It would be remiss of us to not take this seriously.

The policy team have been collating policy and positions from our submissions to develop a public policy resource and following a gap analysis, noticed that there is very little on environment and nothing on climate change.

This Government has committed to doing something through the Climate Change Commission and in order for us to have a seat at the table, we need to discuss our position.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that climate change solutions have both an environmental and economic advantage
- To ensure that we meet our requirements under the SDGs to be sustainable.

ACTION PLAN

- RWNZ to write and send a letter to the Minister of Climate Change and undertake any other measures to share our voice on this matter.
- RWNZ branches and regions to undertake an education programme by inviting speakers so that we can learn about how we can support rural communities with any change needed.

FINANCE

- There are no financial implications to RWNZ as this would fit into current staff position descriptions.

PUBLIC POLICY REMIT 5

REMIT PP5: VISITOR LEVY

THAT Rural Women New Zealand recommends the Government imposes a \$100 conservation/environment levy on all visitors entering New Zealand.

Proposed by Carolyn McLellan QSM

Seconded by Heather Sorensen

RATIONALE

This levy should be made to all visitors entering New Zealand to help assist in funding the protection for all New Zealand endangered species and eliminating pests from our forests.

OBJECTIVES

- To give New Zealand more revenue to assist in maintaining and upgrading our country's great walks, cycleways, mountain tracks and also for funding and forming new tracks and cycle ways.
- Similarly providing a much needed additional infrastructure such as toilets and ablution blocks needed to cater for the increasing numbers of tourists and visitors.
- It is understood that the Government has proposed a \$35.00 tourism levy for some overseas visitors. This levy is for Conservation and Environmental causes.

ACTION PLAN

- Letters to be sent to the Ministers of Conservation, Environment and Tourism.

FINANCIAL

- No cost to RWNZ.

PUBLIC POLICY REMIT 6

REMIT PP6: FUNDING FOR RTL B SERVICE

THAT Rural Women NZ urges the Minister of Education to increase funding for the Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour Service to ensure that every child who is experiencing learning difficulties is assessed early (after the 6-year net) by trained RTLBs. Furthermore, that every child, who is assessed as needing specialised teaching to overcome barriers to their learning, be provided with that assistance and support within the school system, at no cost to their family.

Proposed by Carolyn McLellan QSM

Seconded by Jennifer Wiese

RATIONALE

There are 44 different types of learning disabilities that can be put under the Dyslexia umbrella. They may be very bright children who have different learning patterns and see things

in a different way, and it is vital that each one of these students gets the early intervention, support, and specialised teaching to ensure they reach their full potential.

We have many families who are seeking after school help from SLD teachers who run private tutorial services. This assists families desperate to find help for their children however for the individual child to have a seamless and wrap around learning programme this should ideally be happening within our school system. It should also be free. It is unfair and discriminatory that children from families who are unable to pay the fees for private tuition miss out. Every child should get the appropriate education and help they need, free of charge, within our NZ education system. Yes, it is \$450.00 to have a full assessment by the trained Psychologist however that should only be necessary if it is suspected that a student has severe cognitive impairment and that assessment is likely to show that a student would benefit from having this done early so they can qualify for lifelong learning assistance. We ask that this full assessment be provided free of charge for those more cognitively impaired students.

To ensure that student can access a reader writer for NZTA or equivalent examination it is definitely necessary to have an assessment for this purpose done, however some secondary schools do employ qualified assessors who are on the school staff, some full time, some part time, and for those schools who do not have in school assessment the RTLB service will ensure that these tests are done without charge by the RTLB service. However, for whatever reason some students still need to pay the \$450.00. We maintain that there should be NO charge for this reader writer assessment. All schools should be adequately funded to give support and assistance to all students who are having difficulty due to learning disabilities.

To ensure that all students get the appropriate assistance they need to develop their own individual appropriate learning pathway, there needs to be more funding for RTLBs to be trained and funded by the Ministry of Education. Our schools are struggling to meet the needs of an increasing number of students presenting with more complex needs. The ongoing consequences of inadequate funding for students can be seen in the increasing number of inmates in our prisons who have come through our education system without any basic reading or writing skills. The Government has signalled it supports better funding for schools to support children with disabilities. We agree that this matter is urgent and we urge the Minister to make increased support for the RTLB Service a priority.

OBJECTIVES

- Not only does the funding need to be increased but also the follow up work within the existing education system in our schools with specialist teachers so that it is not just those who can afford this tuition receive it but every child who has some learning disability receives the help they need.

ACTION PLAN

- Letters to be sent to the Ministers of Education and Health.

FINANCIAL

- No cost to RWNZ.

PUBLIC POLICY REMIT 7

REMIT PP7: DRIVER DRUG TESTING

THAT Rural Women New Zealand urges the Government to ensure that testing drivers for impairment by illicit substances be mandatory.

Proposed by Melva Robb

Seconded by Heather Sorensen

RATIONALE

There are as many accidents now on the roads with people using illegal substances as there are people drink driving. People using P may become very aggressive if they don't get their own way and become twice as strong and then are very hard to handle as they don't know what they are doing let alone driving a car. Currently the test is carried out only if the police officer suspects impairment. This has to change, so illicit substance testing is mandatory, so the police can test at the same time as compulsory breath testing.

OBJECTIVES

- To make New Zealand roads safer.

ACTION PLAN

- Letters to be sent to the Ministers of Transport, Police and Health.

FINANCIAL

- No cost to RWNZ.

PUBLIC POLICY REMIT 8

REMIT PP8: MIGRANT HEALTH SUPPORT

THAT Rural Women New Zealand Inc. urge the Government to ensure affordable health services are available for rural-based migrant workers and their families so that they are not adversely affected by cost, distance or cultural differences.

Proposed by Sharron Davie-Martin

Seconded by Bev Bagrie

RATIONALE

Immigrant staff have become an integral part of the NZ farming scene. In particular, there has been an acute shortage of staff on South Island farms resulting on a reliance on a migrant workforce.

A migrant worker in NZ is not entitled to subsidised health

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care unless they have a 2-year continuous visa. The cost of receiving healthcare without a subsidy is up to double that of a NZ resident. This leads to migrants not seeking healthcare in a timely manner, sometimes leading to severe ill health.

If two people are working side by side, both paying tax and contributing to society, helping drive productivity which in turn stimulates New Zealand's economy then both should expect equity in their healthcare.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that all farm workers and their families have access to health services regardless of their nationality.
- To ensure that we meet our requirements under the SDGs 3: Good Health and Wellbeing: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg3>

ACTION PLAN

- RWNZ to write and send a letter to the Minister of Health and undertake any other measures to share our voice on this matter.
- RWNZ branches and regions to undertake an education programme by inviting migrant workers so that we can learn about how we can support them and any change needed.

FINANCE

- There are no financial implications to RWNZ as this would fit into current staff position descriptions.

INTERNAL POLICY REMIT 1

IP 1: SUFFRAGE 125

THAT Rural Women New Zealand celebrates Suffrage125 by developing a publicity plan over the next two years to not only ensure that all eligible women in their area are enrolled for both local and central government election rolls but to also support them to always vote.

Proposed by Kaye Graham, Individual Member

Seconded by Jenny Turner, Omokoroa Branch

RATIONALE

We are all proud that women in New Zealand were the first in a self-governing country to gain the right to vote in parliamentary elections on 19th September 1893 after presenting a petition to the House of Representatives with almost 32,000 signatures. There had been considerable pressure by some Members of Parliament and especially the NZ Christian Women's Temperance Union for almost twenty years before this milestone legislation was eventually passed.

Unfortunately, recent trends indicate that with our frequently changing residential addresses and more diverse population,

the percentages enrolling and using their democratic privilege of being able to vote is declining in many places. Many young people and especially ethnic minorities fail to see that their vote can make a difference

RWNZ members have a real opportunity to honour their forebears who so vigorously led the Suffrage campaign to eventually achieve the right to vote in a general election, by encouraging newcomers and young women to enroll and vote in the next round of elections, and to be more aware of our New Zealand history.

Reference – Ten reasons why the women of New Zealand should vote (1888) NZ History website

This is a fascinating leaflet reflecting the suffrage movement's innovative lobbying skills at a time of limited travel and educational opportunities for women and yet they achieved their goal.

OBJECTIVES

- To celebrate Suffrage 125 in 2019 at our AGM
- RWNZ to lead a national campaign to especially encourage women to take advantage of their freedom to participate in our local and central government election processes
- To raise awareness of the importance of women being active in "participatory democracy"
- To stimulate women to better research the role of local women or of their own ancestors in influencing early decision making.

ACTION PLAN

- The Board in consultation with the Leadership Council would launch the campaign following the AGM before the end of the Suffrage125 year
- The Board would develop a publicity plan to be led nationally by the National Office and in the areas by the Leadership Councillors with support from Area Committees
- Progress would be measured by checking in with the registrar of Electors on new enrolments following both the next Local Government and Parliamentary Elections RWNZ would assess whether our campaign had made any difference to voting turn out and of the number of women voters in particular.

FINANCIAL

- It may be necessary to allocate a specific budget for communications leadership and media ongoing activity in 2019 depending on the level of action that is decided on.
- Leadership Councillors may need specific training to feel confident to front the campaign and identify partners in their own areas.
- Special brochures may be required e.g. an update of the historic pamphlet referred to above.

INTERNAL POLICY REMIT 2

REMIT IP2: TARRANT BELL & TUTAENUI BELL

THAT Rural Women New Zealand hold the Tarrant Bell and Tutaenui Bell Public Speaking Contests annually at the RWNZ AGM event held in Wellington in November.

Proposed by Iris Marshall

Seconded by Heather Smith

RATIONALE

The members and branches of Rural Women New Zealand are the grassroots and the most important part of our organisation. The proposers of this remit think that competitions, including the national public speaking contests, should be held at the time of the AGM event which must be held annually within 6 months of the end of the 30 June financial year and is currently held every year in November. If the national competitions are not held annually at the AGM the alternate option is that they are held at the National Conferences which are now held every second year, not annually. We believe it will not suit members to have the national public speaking contests being run every second year and submit this remit seeking the members support for keeping the national public speaking contests an annual event.

ACTION PLAN

- Members be advised that the Tarrant Bell and Tutaenui Bell public speaking contests will be held annually at the RWNZ AGM event in Wellington in November. This will give time for regional contests to be held at the Regional Conferences and for the regional winners to arrange to get to Wellington for the AGM event in November.

FINANCIAL

- There are no financial implications for RWNZ.

Thank you to our partners:



FARM DEBT RESOLUTION BILL

We saw from our survey in July 2018 that 80% of our members were not sure where they would go if they had queries related to farm debt. The answer is that there is a free and independent service you can contact about any problems with your banking. The Banking Ombudsman Scheme can investigate complaints about all types of banking and financial services, including:

- online and mobile banking
- insurance
- lending
- payments
- savings and investments
- superannuation
- foreign exchange
- credit, debit, prepaid and travel cards; and
- cheques.

They look at what's fair in the circumstances considering the law, codes and good industry practice. They're completely independent – that means they don't take your side or the bank's side. All of the main banks are covered by the scheme. So are several credit unions and building societies.

You can get in touch with them for advice or information on:

0800 805 950

help@bankomb.org.nz

www.bankomb.org.nz

(webchat available 8.30am – 5pm Monday to Friday)

They have over 40 useful consumer guides on their website covering all of the topics above.



Banking
Ombudsman
Scheme

NEW TEAM MEMBERS IN NATIONAL OFFICE

Assistant to the RWNZ Board & Chief Executive Officer

Maree has worked at Parliament for five different political parties including Labour, Progressive, National, Maori and NZ First. During this time, she was in six Minister's offices as a ministerial/private secretary, EA to the NZ First Whip and recently as receptionist/admin support in the National Leader's Office (Rt Hon Bill English).

Prior to these roles, Maree worked for Sir Graeme Harrison, Managing Director, ANZCO and E J Tonks, Managing Director, Independent Casing Company as a personal assistant.

Maree is interested in running and has completed both the New York and Paris marathon, together with half marathons throughout New Zealand. She has also participated in the 2015 ¼ Iron Maori.



Communications Intern

Lauren has recently started as a Communications Intern at National Office as part of completion of her studies. She is working two half-days per week assisting with the planning of this year's Rural Women New Zealand Summit. While interning at RWNZ, she is also studying full-time at Massey University, completing her last semester of a Bachelor of Communication.

In her spare time, she enjoys travelling, reading and helping others. She currently is the volunteer Youth Leader at the Cathedral of St Paul in Wellington, working to create a positive space for young people within the community. Over summer, Lauren worked as a Co-ordinator on the Wellington Round the Bays event team, and hopes to bring the skills she gained in this role to RWNZ.

You can contact her at lauren.small@ruralwomennz.nz

THANK YOU TO OUR POLICY INTERNS

Katie has recently finished her second year at the University of Richmond, Virginia, USA. While she studies in Virginia, her home is Chatham, New Jersey. She is completing a Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, Economics and Law/Leadership Studies. She hopes to attend law school upon graduation.

Katie worked Policy Intern at the Rural Women New Zealand National Office for eight weeks. During this time, she worked on creating a Policy Register and planning for the RWNZ Summit in November. On her first day, she was present at the press conference for the M.bovis announcement, led by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Katie is incredibly appreciative of the opportunity to work at Rural Women New Zealand.



Mehreen is a current student at the University of Richmond in Virginia, USA, studying Economics and Leadership Studies. After her undergraduate education she plans on attending law school and pursuing a career in the human rights sector. Mehreen was very excited to be joining Rural Women New Zealand for eight weeks as a Policy Intern. Throughout her internship she has collected policy remits and organised a policy database for the organisation.

She is very passionate about human rights and social justice issues, especially with women's rights, education, and immigration. Mehreen spends her time at University volunteering for Scholars' Latino Initiative mentoring high school students who have immigrated from Latin American countries and helping improve their English skills, apply for scholarships, and become college ready. She has really enjoyed her time in New Zealand and the opportunity to work for Rural Women New Zealand.

WOMEN WARRIORS: BATTLING FOR LAND AND WATER QUALITY

Waikato farmer Jenny Hayes loves her land. Her children grew up running around on it, her grandchildren now roam barefoot on it and it has provided a home and income for her family for many decades.

She respects the land that has given her so much and has worked tirelessly for nearly 20 years to bring health back into the land and the peat lakes within it. Working with local government agencies, Jenny and Andrew have undertaken an extensive programme of change to benefit land and water quality on their Horsham Downs farm.

They have taken five hectares of pasture away from grazing to create lake buffers and silt traps, ensured every drain has vegetation filters, and planted thousands of trees to create riparian buffers. The work isn't quick, it's not easy, it's ongoing and there is a cost involved.

"You just have to take it a step at a time. We began in 1999 by clearing the willows around the lake. Then

started to do plantings around the lake. We planted about 7-800 trees at a time, supported by Department of Conservation, NZ Landcare Trust and other agencies. Then we just kept going," says Jenny.

The improved conditions also meant the return of native birdlife.

"There is nothing better now than on a beautiful sunny morning to see the lake glistening. It is all worth it for a healthy lake which helps feed our land, creating healthier land and healthier animals. It is our whole environment," she says.

More often than not, the spotlight cast on farmers' land and water quality work seems to shine on the rural men – and Jenny is just one example of the hardworking rural women who are battling to bring back healthier pastures and waterways.

"It is something we just do. I have always had a love of gardening and looking after the land and this is part of that. The lakes and the land are just a bigger part of our garden."

"We care for all that is around us – our families, our land. It is all linked together."

Women often tend to be the nurturers, and are the change agents understanding the importance of combining that for the farm, the people and the environment.

"We do have a lot of work still to be done. In the past, farmers have got a bit of a bad rap. We are working to fix the historical problems and we have some amazing women leading the way."

Rural Women New Zealand National President, Fiona Gower, is a Board Member of NZ Landcare Trust.

"The Trust does amazing work. The team work hard to bring the farmers, locals and stakeholder agencies all together to work as one. To get everyone on the same wavelength means you can get an action plan underway a lot more efficiently. I am really proud to be part of the Trust – they really do create good outcomes for everybody," says Fiona.



Waikato farmer Jenny Hayes



NEW APPOINTMENTS

Jules Benton

Chief Executive Officer,
Dairy Women's Network

Rural Women New Zealand would like to recognise and congratulate Jules Benton for her new position as Chief Executive Officer of Dairy Women's Network.

"DWN and RWNZ continue to strive to ensure their members are served well in their districts. Often collaboration happens when there is an adverse event like the Edgumbe floods or Mycoplasma bovis when we can each bring our strengths to the table. We look forward to continuing communications with each other to ensure we have a greater reach," says Jules Benton.



Alison Van Wyk

Chief Executive Officer,
Access Community Health

Rural Women New Zealand would also like to recognise and congratulate Alison Van Wyk for her new role as Chief Executive Officer of Access Community Health. Alison will lead Access Community Health and specialist nursing services Total Care Health.



Alison has a background in nursing and possesses sales, marketing and management experience within the pharmaceutical, medical device and healthcare supply chain markets both within New Zealand and internationally.

"We see many opportunities to work together with Rural Women New Zealand to further enhance the work that both organizations do to support our rural communities and expand learning and nurture talent. We share a similar vision and guiding principles and we look forward to further collaboration that will see our respective sectors succeed," says Alison Van Wyk.

Membership 2018-2019

Invoices for the financial year 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 have been posted. Please contact National Office if you have not received yours. When you make payment you will receive your membership card to enjoy the membership benefits available.

BURSARIES

Rural Women New Zealand congratulates the recipients of the following bursaries and grants for 2018.

Education Fund: Miriama Hemara, Catherine Dreadon

Textbook/Resource Grant for Tertiary Students: William Bartum, Valencia Hammerton

Tertiary Bursary: Tahlia Kerridge

Diamond Jubilee Agricultural Tertiary Bursary: Luke Bird

Scotlands Te Kiteroa Charitable Grant: Asthma New Zealand Rotorua; Colville Social Services Charitable Trust.

Hawke's Bay Agricultural Tertiary Bursary: Connie Mills

We received the following comment from the Rangiwahia Playgroup after they received the Ruahine Kindergarten Association Grant:

"We wanted to thank the Ruahine Kindergarten Association for the grant towards our awesome new playhouse! The kids have lots of fun playing shops and cafes on winter days too. On behalf of the Rangiwahia Playgroup children, we thank you very much for your support."

- Rangiwahia Playgroup

EXPRESS & E-NEWSLETTER

The e-Newsletters are now being sent from National Office every three weeks, and include at the top, a PDF version which can be downloaded for printing purposes.

Please send through any information you wish to be included in the e-Newsletters to catherine.stabb@ruralwomennz.nz.

The deadline for the December Express is Friday, 23 November.



BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations have closed for the office of National President, the office of the National Finance Chair and for the office of two Board Members from the North Island and two Board Members from the South Island.

14
SEPT

Friday, 14 September 2018

Ballot papers will be posted.

19
OCT

Friday, 19 October 2018

Closing date for voting. Papers received at National Office after this date cannot be counted.

26
OCT

Friday, 26 October 2018

Votes will be counted by the RWNZ Returning Officer, assisted by National Office. Nominees will be advised of the results prior to the AGM.

FREE PARENT HELPLINE for New Parent Help & Support



From time to time we all need help with managing our children and building our family. You can call us for friendly advice and support. We provide positive and practical parenting strategies without judgment.

No issue is too big or too small: sibling rivalry, out-of-control teenagers, social media and device use, setting boundaries, hitting, fighting, attachment issues, anxiety, bullying, depression, tantrums, having problems making friends – whatever is concerning you.

Our approach is positive. Talking to us can help you visualise how you would like your family to be and take the initial steps to help make this vision happen.

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www.parenthelp.org.nz

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation dedicated to support, educate and empower parents raising children in a safe and positive environment free from child abuse and neglect.

ARE YOU READY FOR RUGBY WORLD CUP VIEWING?



Spark's audacious wresting of the Rugby World Cup away from Sky TV is a major milestone in the transition from terrestrial television to on-line, on demand services. Starting in the early digital days with YouTube and Skype, then spurred along with Netflix and Lightbox, that transition will seriously come of age when New Zealand sits down to watch the RWC digitally on 20 September 2019.

It's a huge leap, and not without challenges. Several million Kiwis all streaming video content simultaneously will test the Internet like a hundred bulls thundering across a cattle stop. But we have time to prepare.

Spark is already convening meetings of technical people from all the telecommunications companies to plan. Our industry has progressed light years in the past decade and is up to the challenge. (It had better be – imagine the reaction of Kiwis if the system crashed during the final!)

Many rural people with slow or no connectivity are asking "what should I do to get on line" or "is my broadband speed up to the task?"

The answer lies with your local WISP – the expert in connecting rural and remote places where the big phone companies don't go for fear of getting mud on their shoes.

Our first tip is "Act NOW." Don't wait until the Cup is three months away and resources are stretched.

Second, work with neighbours - a group will attract the attention of your WISP better than one alone.

Third, be flexible. The trend is for communities to collectively fund the cost of a new hilltop radio site - the community owns the site, while the WISP builds it and supplies the service.

So act now. Look up your local WISP at WISPA.NZ and pick up the phone. We're flexible, pragmatic and keen to help. And Go the All Blacks in 2019.

Ernie Newman, spokesman for WISPA.NZ – the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association



WISPs use thousands of radio sites like this to bounce Internet signals from hilltop to hilltop at city speeds throughout rural New Zealand.

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MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

Millenium Hotels and Resorts

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- Book via our 0800 toll free number 0800 808 228 and quote **STAYMCK**.



All Membership Benefits can be found under the Business Directory on our website.

Members will receive a new Membership card on receipt of payment for this year's subs.



From left; back row: Policy Intern, Katie Fell; Marketing, Communications and Events Assistant, Catherine Stabb; Office Manager, Felicity Bunny; Policy Intern, Mehreen Usman.
Front row: Assistant to the RWNZ Board and Chief Executive, Maree Myers; Account Manager, Linda Tunley; CEO Penelope England; Manager of Government, Public Sector, and Academic Relationships, Angela McLeod.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR BREAST CANCER



Korokipo Branch President Tamzin along with Members Anne and Margaret, pictured with hospital staff members.

Rural Women New Zealand National Office held a Pink Ribbon Breakfast in May to raise funds and raise awareness for the Breast Cancer Foundation New Zealand. Pink Ribbon Breakfasts were held across the country throughout the month of May, with 3400 hosts raising over \$1.2 million.

Breast cancer is New Zealand's third most common cancer and accounts for more than 600 deaths every year.

Rural Women New Zealand Korokipo Branch generously delivered toiletry bags to Hawke's Bay Hospital Emergency Department Staff. These bags filled with toiletries will be given to people who arrive in the department unprepared for a hospital stay or Emergency Department visit.

The Members held a working bee and donated all the items for the bags.

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