

NZI RURAL WOMEN NZ BUSINESS AWARDS

The judges' results are in and the winners of this year's NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards have been announced.



This year's Awards saw the highest number of entries and the widest spread of entries from all over the country. The split between the North Island and South Island was 50:50 and the entrants came from all kinds of businesses. That is one of the great things about these Awards – the categories are very open so that we often see entrants from completely different industries and sector types enter the same category.

Make no mistake though, entering these Awards is not for the faint-hearted. The entrants complete two rounds of information for the judges to review, they submit a video, references and have an interview with the judges. Just when the judges think the calibre of entrants cannot get higher and that their decisions can't become more difficult to make, somehow the range of innovative entrepreneurial rural women do just that.

There are seven Award Categories again this year. The winner of each of the Categories becomes a finalist for the NZI Supreme Award which will be announced at the Awards Dinner and Ceremony on Friday, 19 November. So, it is with great pleasure that we introduce our Award Category Winners.

And here are your winners...

As pictured below from left

Emerging Business: Awarded to a business starting out in its journey and achieving exceptional results.

Winner - Tammy Taylor, Fork & Spade (Region 1)

Love of the Land: Harnessing the potential of New Zealand's land, environment or products of the land, to create

a successful business enterprise. **Winner - Lucinda Maunsell, Rahui Coastal Loop (Region 4).**

Creative Arts: A business specialising in the creative arts working in a rural environment or using rural materials.

Winner - Janyne Fletcher, Janyne Fletcher Photography (Region 1).

Innovation: An enterprise that challenges the status quo to bring something new and innovative to the market or utilising rural resources in an innovative way.

Winner - Claire Edwards, Tora Collective (Region 4).

Rural Champion: A person or business who champions the rural sector, a rural enterprise or provides a service to a rural community; an outstanding contributor who consistently goes above and beyond the norm in their support for the rural sector. **Winner - Harriet Bremner, Gurt & Pops (Region 1).**

Rural Health and Wellness: Recognising a business that makes an outstanding contribution to supporting the health and wellness of our rural communities in New Zealand.

Winner - Amber Forrest, Beauty Antix (Region 4).

Bountiful Table: A rural business that embraces diverse and unique natural resources to deliver exceptional food and/or beverages. **Winner - Sue Loder, Well & Truly Artisan Pantry (Region 6 Greater Waikato).**





EDITORIAL

Kia ora members

Hopefully, you are all well through the busyness of spring. It has been a very testing time for many with staff shortages and issues across the primary sector and COVID adding pressures in an already hectic time.

I hope you have been able to take some time to see and appreciate the beauty and wonder that mother nature provides at this time of year as well though. Finding something to make you smile, warm your heart, and be grateful for each day is so important for our wellbeing - whether that's in the people around us or our surroundings.

COVID is well and truly among us yet again, with 'the only certainty is uncertainty' becoming the catch phrase when it comes to future planning. We feel for those in the higher levels of lockdown, and, in particular, those in the greater Auckland region who have been in that situation for so many weeks. At the time of writing, our Conference, AGM and Business Awards Gala Dinner are very close to D-Day for a decision on whether we can go ahead face to face or not. The Canterbury Conference Team, the office staff, our Business Award partners and I'm sure all of you, our Members, are on tenterhooks waiting to see how things pan out. It's a decision that will be taken with the best interests of our Members and all

involved at the forefront of our minds, along with Government instructions and our venue's requirements. We have tried to remain positive in the face of uncertainty, but that is getting more difficult as each day passes. A massive thank you to Gabe and Lisa, our Projects and Events Manager, for looking at all the options that we have and how they could be implemented. This has been a huge piece of work at an already extremely busy time of the year.

A shining light in all this uncertainty has been our NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards. The entries have been outstanding, the finalists amazing and we can't wait to announce the category winners who are all incredible in their passion for what they do and for rural New Zealand.

My very sincere thanks to everyone who has had end of year information to prepare and contribute to the Rural Women New Zealand consolidated accounts. It is an extremely busy time of year for our office staff as well, culminating in the Annual Reports and AGM information that you will have received. Reflecting on the last year is a very useful and, hopefully, satisfying process. Well done to you all for your excellent contribution to *Strengthening Supporting and Connecting People and Communities* throughout the year.

Kia kaha

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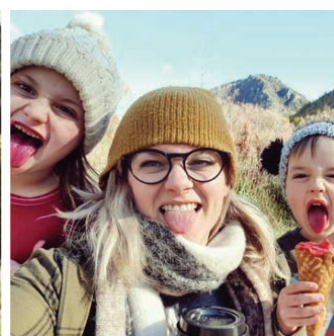


The Black Heels and Tractor Wheels podcast launched on the 1st of September with the incredible Laura Koot of Fairlight Foundation and Real Country.

Laura is one of the many wonderful guests featured on the podcast, who have taken time out of their busy schedules to come and share their experiences with all of us. Our very own Claire Williamson and Emma Higgins are the incredible hosts and we cover topics ranging from starting your own business, navigating career and university changes, building confidence, and getting back to work with young children.

Guests include: Gill Naylor (RWNZ President), Rowena Duncum (Executive Producer of The Country), Chelsea Millar (Grass Roots Media), Chanelle O'Sullivan (Farming Mums, Borage and Bee Meadery), Emma Higgins (RWNZ Board Member, Senior Dairy Analyst at Rabobank), Julia Jones (Head of Insight NZX, Chair Meat the Need), Keri Moore (Kellogg's Rural Leadership Programme, Farmer), Jen Corkran (Pasture Systems Agronomist, Barenbrug), Claire Williamson (RWNZ Board Member, Business Owner).

New episodes are posted weekly and can be listened to via Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio and our website.



National Office Report

The third quarter of the year is always the busiest.

The end of RWNZ's financial year on 30 June each year triggers a massive wave of Statement of Services Performance and financial reporting. All of this reporting must happen in a timely fashion to ensure that the finished accounts can be submitted to the Auditors for review and approval so that they can be with you for the Annual General Meeting. Things were going well and then the country returned to Level 4 lockdown. Gabe and Lucy worked really hard to keep us on schedule. A very big thank you to all the Members who kept in contact with us – it really helped in the way Lucy and Gabe were able to manage things.

The very sudden return to lockdown saw the National Office team return to working from home. Luckily we had the systems developed during last year's lockdown and we were all able to continue to keep with this busy time for three weeks until we reached Level 2 and could return to the office.

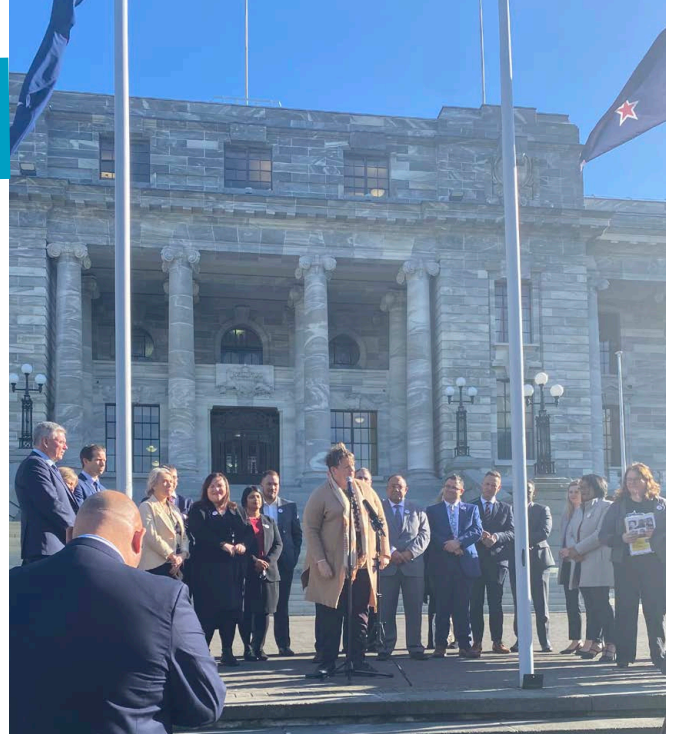
This is also the season for membership renewals. This had required a lot of planning this year as the banks withdrew the usage of cheques and we are acutely aware of the impact of this, in our minds, highly premature decision. However, out of challenge came opportunity. To continue to offer ways of enabling Members to renew their subscriptions, National Office introduced over the phone renewal using credit cards. This has been a fantastic addition. It has been very easy for us and for the Members who have used it but, best of all, we have really enjoyed talking to so many of you. It has been a real privilege to have a chat and find out what's been going on in your lives and where you live.

As part of RWNZ's Membership Growth Strategy, Mia has produced a podcast series called Black Heels and Tractor Wheels. This has been a massive success and we can measure the impact of the reach of this project by the ever increasing number of subscribers.

One of the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 has been having no international interns able to travel to Aotearoa New Zealand. However, we have continued to have interns work with us but they have done so remotely from their own countries. Most recently Angela had two interns based in Hong Kong who have worked on the technology survey and the future of the workforce survey.

Angela and Mia also supported the presentation of the Citizens Advice Bureau's petition seeking to address digital exclusion. Angela was one of the speakers and emphasised the lack of reliable and accessible connectivity for many rural New Zealanders.

RWNZ continues to regularly make submissions on issues



that affect the lives of rural New Zealanders. In the last few months, submissions had been made in relation to the Natural and Built Environment Bill Exposure Draft, the Inquiry into the future of workforce needs in the primary sector, Freshwater Farm plans, Low Slope and Winter Grazing.

Angela has also provided a RWNZ perspective to the Rural Crime Prevention Partnership and established the Tech Working Group. Upcoming issues include working with Statistics NZ regarding rural perspectives in measuring disability, submitting on upcoming electricity legislation and on the lower emission vehicle regulations.

Gabe and Angela have also attended a range of Zoom meetings, together with Board Members, with external stakeholders, like-minded organisations, Ministers and Members of Parliament and governmental ministry representatives.

Planning for the trifecta of events – National Conference, NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards and Annual General Meeting – has been underway all year but intensifies as we get closer to November. One of biggest impacts of the recent Delta outbreak has been playing a constant game of changing scenarios under which our events can take place. The National Office team have developed the criteria and pivot points for each of the events and have begun numerous contingency plans should the need arise.

The NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards final round of judging took place in early October via Zoom as our judges and entrants were spread around the country. Despite the physical distance, the final interviews with the entrants resonated with their inspiring stories. We are very privileged to hear from and have the pleasure of meeting such incredible, innovative, entrepreneurial rural women through the Awards.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you soon.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021

At the date of writing for this magazine, RWNZ hopes to hold the National Conference, Annual General Meeting and the NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards in Christchurch in November.

However, as we all know, we live in uncertain times. Our strategy over the past months has been to review our position fortnightly. These reviews have increased in frequency as more information has become available and as we approach our final decision date.

The factors we are taking into account are the safety and

wellbeing of our Members, Award Winners, Sponsors and Guests; the developing situation and lockdown levels in response to this COVID-19 outbreak; compliance with all COVID-19 lockdown restrictions across all levels and; the importance of connection between our Members and how that is best realised at this time and situation.

By the time this magazine reaches you, our decision will have been made. While we sincerely hope that we will be able to come together in Christchurch, our paramount consideration will be doing what is right and “that in the big things of life we are one.”

BURSARIES AND GRANTS

So far this financial year, RWNZ has paid out three Education Fund grants of \$500 each to some very worthy bursary recipients. Our Secondary School Boarding Bursaries, Year 12-13 Bursary and Florence Polson Grant have been very heavily subscribed this year; the Education Bursary Committee is currently working through these applications and has some tough decisions to make!

RWNZ has also made Adverse Events Relief Fund payments to seven families, in both the Canterbury and West Coast

flood-affected areas, after the devastating weather events that occurred and which continue to impact these communities today. A Community Grant has also been made to a family in need in Region Four.

Applications for the Scotlands Te Kiteroa grants are now open. The Scotlands Te Kiteroa Trust was established in 1982 by WDFP to carry out, promote and assist such acts and purposes which are deemed to be charitable. These can include projects and activities in the areas of conservation, support and care for children or the elderly, community work, counselling and education. Grants of up to \$1500 can be awarded and applications close on 31 December.

“SEASONALLY YOURS”

The theme of the Rural Women New Zealand Calendar for 2022 is “Seasonally Yours.”

It captures the range of seasons in our beautiful country throughout the year. The images were selected from the entries in this year’s Photography Competition. Entrants were asked to capture an image which defined a season from where they live or work.

Thank you to all of our entrants for beautifully capturing the richness and diversity over the course of a year.

Congratulations to the winners of the Photography Competition whose photos are featured in this year’s calendar: Kate Taylor, Gill Naylor, Claire Kitto, Jean Hamilton, Fiona Gower and Glenda Robb.

If you would like to purchase one (or more) of our fabulous “Seasonally Yours” calendars, please email Lisa at lisa.thompson@ruralwomennz.nz



Please don’t hesitate to call National Office if you have any questions on 0800 256 467.

Calendars cost \$10 each + delivery. On receipt of your order we will prepare an invoice to include with your calendar/s.

NATIONAL PROJECT UPDATE



“The best laid schemes o’ mice an’ men. Gang aft a-gley.”

Robert Burns

Or in our context, the best laid plans of mice and women can go wrong when Covid-19 arrives...

September was Gynaecological Awareness Month and many regions had amazing O is for National Project events planned to raise awareness about gynaecological cancers and fundraise for the fabulous charities we are supporting this year.

Unfortunately, Tash Crosby’s visit to Region 5 had to be cancelled as a result of lockdown. So did Korokipo Branches “Blooming Beautiful” event on 4 September. National Office was organising a “Comedy and Cocktails” fundraising night which had to be postponed.

We were able to draw attention to ‘O is for...’ through a piece in the Spring edition of Sherpherdess magazine and via our social media channels during September. And we still have plenty of time left...

Our National Project runs all the way through to the end of February 2022 which is also Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in New Zealand.

We have a National Project update planned as part of the Annual General Meeting in November. This will give us a great opportunity to celebrate what we have achieved so far while brainstorming ideas and events for February.

For more information on the RWNZ ‘O is for...’ National Project please don’t hesitate to call the National Office or visit the RWNZ website page.

UPDATE ON

WOMEN SURGEONS IN NEW ZEALAND

At the AGM last year, a soapbox item was raised about the number of women surgeons in New Zealand. In researching this topic, we found some interesting data collected by the Medical Council of New Zealand. The Medical Council undertakes a regular survey of the medical workforce. The last completed survey is from 2019 (results published December 2020).

Some information from the report is included below. A full copy of the report “The New Zealand Medical Workforce 2019” is available at <https://www.mcnz.org.nz/about-us/what-we-do/workforce-survey/>

- The report shows a steady increase in the proportion of women in the medical workforce.
- In 2019, 46.3 percent of the active workforce were female. This compares with 45.8 in 2018, 44.8 percent in 2017 and 43.9 percent in 2016.
- The Medical Council notes that a projection of the current trend suggests that women will outnumber men by 2025.

- There are more young female doctors than young male doctors. The largest groups of female doctors are those aged between 25 and 34. The largest groups of male doctors are those aged 55–64. This reflects that women outnumber men amongst medical school graduates.
- The report does note that women are least represented amongst specialists, making up 35.2 percent, up from 27.1 percent in 2010, and 31.8 percent in 2015. The report continues on the predict that the gap will continue to decrease as the doctors who are currently house officers and registrars complete their vocational training.

In relation to surgeons, the report notes that:

“Looking at all the surgical work types together, women make up 20.3 percent of doctors. Female doctors have long been under-represented amongst surgical work types, but this is slowly improving. In 2005, women made up 9.2 percent of doctors working in surgery. This increased slightly to 11.8 percent in 2010 and 18.0 percent in 2015.”

NATIONAL BOARD ELECTION UPDATE

National Office called for nominations for the two available National Board roles in July. Nominations were sought for one North Island Board Member and one South Island Board Member.

One nomination was received for each of the vacancies and accordingly an election pursuant to Bylaw 7.2 of the Rural Women New Zealand Bylaws is not required.

Incumbent South Island Board Member Sharron Davie-Martin was nominated for a second term. Sandra Matthews was nominated for the North Island Board Member role.

These candidates are duly elected and this result will be ratified at the RWNZ Annual General Meeting on Friday, 19 November. You can view Sharron and Sandra’s profiles on the RWNZ website.



SURFING FOR FARMERS

The health and wellbeing of our rural communities is one of the pillars that RWNZ was founded on. We live in challenging times and that is why innovative and alternative ways of caring for the wellbeing of our farmers and their whanāu deserve our support. Surfing for Farmers is one wonderful example of reaching out to our farming communities.

Surfing for Farmers is a surf therapy initiative that is helping improve mental health and wellbeing in New Zealand rural communities. Launched in Gisborne in 2018 by Stephen Thomson, people around the country have seen the success of the Gisborne model, and are replicating the programme in 21 regions around the country. The learn-to-surf programme provides an opportunity for farmers to step away from what can be an all-consuming business, get fresh air, exercise and interact with other farmers, rural families and industry professionals.

How it Works: The initiative runs for approximately 13 weeks, on a weekday evening at regional surf beaches. Those taking part are provided with surfing gear (wetsuits, surfboards) and lessons free of charge. Local boardrider clubs or surf schools provide gear and coaching and the programme has a strong focus on providing a safe and supportive environment. After each session there is a free barbeque where participants 'debrief' about the session and have a general catch-up.

SFF Founder Stephen Thomson announced the programme for the 2021/22 summer saying, "As we approach kick off of our 4th season, we are excited to be back again, bigger and better than last year. Over the winter months everyone has been busy organising all the logistics in the background. This summer will see Surfing For Farmers running in 21 locations all over New Zealand coastlines. It's amazing to see the growth of Surfing for Farmers over the past year. All of this is thanks to the many volunteers who are all trying to do something to help our rural communities- a huge thank you to everyone that's already put their hands up to help out. All we can ask for this summer is for those that haven't come down before to come and have a go, and those that

are regulars to pick up a neighbour on the way. Enjoy the summer, looking forward to seeing you out there."

Here are the kick off dates with most regions running a few evenings before the Christmas break and picking up again in mid January 2022. If this looks like it would be perfect for you or anyone one you know, please contact your region's head coordinators directly.

Here are this summer's locations:

Northland - Sandy Bay

Wednesday, 12 January 5:30pm

Calvin Ball 027 223 2894 or Ryan Baxter 027 285 9075

Northland - Waipu Cove

Thursday, 13 January 5:30pm

Calvin Ball 027 223 2894 or Ryan Baxter 027 285 9075

Coromandel - Paunui – top of Mt Vista

Wednesday, 10 November 4:30pm

Seth Roe: 027 230 6937

Waihi Beach - (north end surf club)

Tuesday, 7 December 5:30pm

Mike Meade: 027 659 0661

Mt Maunganui - Corner of Banks and Marine Parade

Thursday, 2 December 5:30pm

Geoff Waite: 027 601 4444 & Sarah Hickey: 027 554 9257

Raglan - Ngarunui Beach

Wednesday, 24 November 5:30pm

Matte Kirk: 027 222 2403

Ohope - West End Ohope

Tuesday, 1 November 5:30pm

Phil Williams: 027 499 5605

Kaiaua Beach

Wednesday, 24 November 5:30pm

Matt Jefferd: 027 499 9205

Gisborne - Midway Beach (surfclub)

Tuesday, 7 December 5:30pm

Stephen Thomson: 021 450 6531

Taranaki - Fitzrory Beach

Tuesday, December 5:30pm

Dean File 021 544 364 or Mark Dwyer: 021 528 263



Opunake Beach

Thursday, 2 December 5:30pm

Simon: 027 458 7123

Northern Hawkes Bay -Waimarama Beach

Thursday, 25 November

Tim Wynne-Lewis: 027 488 9719

Central Hawkes Bay

Wednesday, 8 December at Pourerere Beach 4pm

Wednesday, 15 December at Porangahau Beach 4pm

Andy Lee: 027 354 8608

Wairarapa - Riversdale Beach (surf club)

Thursday, 2 December 5:30pm

Richard Moore: 021 313 877

Marlborough / Kaikoura -Ward beach, Okiwi Bay or Kekerengu River mouth

Thursday, 9 December

Henry Ryan: 027 868 2862

North Canterbury, Gore Bay

Thursday, 2 December 6.30pm

James Northcote: 027 216 6822

Sumner Beach

Tuesday, 7 December 6:15pm

Sandra Taylor: 021 151 8685

Oamaru -Kakanui Beach

Wednesday, 8 December 6:00p

Alfie Broughton: 021 247 8542

Kaka Point

Wednesday, 15 December 5:30pm

Paul Richardson: 027 477 4106

Dunedin - Brighton or Ocean view beach

Thursday, 16 December 4:30pm

Becs Cameron: 027 366 9275

Southland - Riverton Rocks or Monkey Island Beaches

Thursday, 25 November 6pm, Colac Bay

Tom Slee: 021 2257 067

Katrina Thomas: 027 485 4395

For more information on Surfing for Farmers, visit their website and Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/surfingforfarmers> www.surfingforfarmers.com

Dyslexia-Friendly Quality Mark

Te Tohu Kounga Whakarata Tīpaopāotanga



The Dyslexia-Friendly Quality Mark (DFQM) was launched on 8 September 2021. The DFQM is a first for Aotearoa New Zealand's tertiary sector, and the first of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. It is an Ako Aotearoa and Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) initiative to promote dyslexia awareness and recognise inclusive organisations. Additionally, it is available to organisations working alongside tertiary ones

To achieve the DFQM, tertiary organisations meet a set of professional standards in four key areas:

- Leadership and management
- The quality of teaching and learning
- The teaching and learning environment provided for learners
- The quality of the organisation's relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

Support is provided by Ako Aotearoa in-person, by phone or emails, and via a bespoke DFQM Moodle site.

UCOL Horowhenua, Capital Training, and Kapiti Youth Support took part in the DFQM trial earlier in the year, gaining benefit from a raised level of awareness, collaborations with local communities, and the opportunity to connect with internal members of staff and review pathways for learning and support.

Dyslexia Consultant, Mike Styles, and Ako Aotearoa's Annette van Lamoen, ALNACC Programme Manager, have been busy speaking at a range of conferences and webinars in Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, and Canada, over the last few months. There is a good deal of interest in the DFQM locally, nationally and internationally!

For further information please visit www.dfqm.nz or contact Annette van Lamoen on annette.vanlamoen@ako.ac.nz

Thank you to Vicky Beckwith, Region 4 for this item.

RWNZ TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

In June/July we sent an email survey to you all and the response was fantastic. We would like to hear from you if you do not have access to internet and what that means to you. If you fit in the category of not having access to the internet, would you please fill out this survey and post back to us at: RWNZ, PO Box 12-021, Thorndon, Wellington 6144
Thank you in advance for your support with this.

1. Can you connect to the internet at home?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

2. How do you connect to the internet at home?

- Use data on cellphone
- Broadband via fibre
- Dial up
- Satellite
- Broadband via copper lines
- Other (please specify)

3. How do you connect to the internet on the farm?

- Use data on cellphone
- Broadband via fibre
- Dial up
- Satellite
- Broadband via copper lines
- Other (please specify)

4. What devices do you use to connect to the internet at home?

- Smart phone
- iPad / Tablet
- Laptop
- Desktop computer / PC
- Other (please specify)

5. Which device do you use the most?

6. Which devices do you use to connect to the internet on the farm if different than at home?

- Smart phone
- iPad / Tablet
- Laptop
- Desktop computer / PC
- Other (please specify)

7. Which device do you use the most?

8. How many people in your household use these devices?

9. Do you use the internet for:

- Work
- School
- Pleasure
- All of the above
- Other (please specify)

10. How many hours a day, on average, do you use the internet?

- Less than 2
- 2 – 6
- 6 -9
- More than 9
- Other (please specify)

11. Do you use streaming services and if so, which ones?

- Netflix
- TV On Demand services
- YouTube
- Other (please specify)

12. Do you make calls on

- Mobile phone
- Landline
- Both
- Other (please specify)

13. My cellphone coverage at home is

- Non-existent
- Poor (patchy at best)
- Average
- Good
- Excellent
- Other (please specify)

14. My cellphone coverage on farm is

- Non-existent
- Poor (patchy at best)
- Average
- Good
- Excellent
- Other (please specify)

15. Who is your cellphone provider?

- Vodafone
- Spark
- 2Degrees
- Skinny
- Other (please specify)

16. Have you switched in the last five years and if so, why?

- Yes
- No

Why / why not?

17. Who is your internet provider?

- Vodafone
- Spark
- Slingshot
- Farmside
- Power company (please specify which one)

- Local provider (please specify which one)

18. Have you switched in the last five years and if so, why?

- Yes
- No

Why / why not?

If you have further comments you wish to make, please do so here.

Out in the Regions

Sadly, recent lockdowns have meant that many events have had to be postponed or cancelled. However, a few wonderful occasions have been celebrated.

CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL

At the Annual Meeting of the Canterbury Provincial the members agreed to donate a substantial amount towards the purchase of an additional car for the Malvern Health Trust. This district nursing service is based out of Darfield and extends over a wide rural area and right up to Arthurs Pass.

The photo attached shows Christine Anderson, Canterbury Provincial, on the far right, along with the other major sponsors from the Malvern Lions and the Malvern Farmers Veterinary Club Charitable Trust and members of the Health Trust.

Thanks to Christine Anderson for this article and photo.



MID-CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL

Mid Canterbury Rural Women Provincial has been recognised with a Civic Award in recognition of substantial service benefiting Ashburton District and its people in this year's Ashburton District Council Community Awards. This recognition is from the service provided to Flood Affected Families & Workers in the rural sector. A function recognising this Award will be held at a later date.

TURUA BRANCH

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Gift baskets spread cheer

Members of the Turua Branch of Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) have taken up their Rimnui Regional Challenge to provide a thank you shout for their local hospital staff.

Twelve gift boxes with donated food and goodies were made up for most departments of Thames Hospital to recognise and thank the staff for their hard yards put in for their community during the response to Covid-19 and the recent cyber attack. Turua branch members hoped all staff were able to get something from the boxes presented just prior to the Covid-19 lockdown but, more importantly, that they know that others are thinking of them during tough times.

Turua member Lyn Staples told *The Profile* hospital staff

were happy to receive the gift boxes.

"The staff were just overjoyed and delighted that people had acknowledged the work that they had done," she said.

"To think that people had thought of them and done something for them."

RWNZ is a nationwide, membership organisation which seeks to strengthen, support and connect rural communities, and calls for the provision and access to health and well-being services, connectivity, education, safety and security and environmental awareness for all rural areas, a spokesperson said. "Rural women are the backbone of our rural communities and are vital in ensuring that the communities in which they live, work and play, are strong and resilient."



BRIGHTWATER BRANCH

90th Birthday

Brightwater Branch recently celebrated their 90th birthday with a lunch at the Brightwater Motor Inn. The members and guests included the Tasman District Council Mayor Tim King and his wife Gail, RW Board member Emma Higgins, Regional Councillor Dot Dixon, and Regional Chair Melva Robb who were warmly welcomed by President Diane Higgins.



Amongst the members were Annetta Hodges and Margaret Fenemor who are granddaughters of NZ Founding member Annetta North. Mayor Tim addressed the gathering offering congratulations and remarking that organisations such

as Rural Women were needed to help with the serious situations that rural NZ faces. We need to look after each other.

A certificate of Service Simply Given was presented to Heather Gardner and a Branch Life membership was given to Diane Higgins.

The longest serving members Dawn Batchelor and Margaret Fenemor cut the cake. The guests had come from as far as Marlborough and Maruia so a happy afternoon was spent catching up.

Obituaries

In Memory Of

Barbara McPhee

*National Member of Honour, Branch Life Member,
Provincial Life Member*

13 January 1932 – 22 January 2021

Rural Women New Zealand was a huge and special part of Barbara's life. She was very passionate about the organisation and believed that it was the best way of looking after women in our rural areas.



Barbara's involvement can be traced back to 1962 when she joined the Otewa Branch. She took an active interest eventually becoming Branch President for 12 years.

Barbara took on various roles of office - these included Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President at both Branch and Provincial levels; she was also Homecare Chairperson. When King Country Provincial amalgamated with Waipa, Barbara maintained her interest by being on the Executive Committee including Vice President. She was awarded Provincial Life Membership in November 2007 and Branch Life Membership in the years before that.

In 2001, Barbara took up the position of Region 6 National Councillor. In the Rural Women Yearbook of 2003 Barbara wrote: "When you live in a small farming community, the opportunities for personal development can be numerous and challenging. I have met some wonderful people and made great friendships through Rural Women New Zealand, and my experiences have been many."

Upon her retirement from the Council in 2005, Barbara was made a National Member of Honour for her services.

The Waipa King Country Provincial remembers Barbara with great affection. A gracious and kind lady, stylish, always immaculately presented, hair and nails done. Above all, it was the depth of her soul, the warmth of her smile and the kindness of her heart which we saw in abundance; that is how she will remain in our hearts.

Words by Sue Hall (Edited from a longer piece).

In Memory Of

Jean Andrews

Branch Life Member

13 April 1932 - 5 July 2021

Recently our dear Life Member Jean Andrews passed away. Jean joined WDFW on 11 August 1949 aged 17 years, joining her mother and two sisters in the Waimahaka Branch.



She served as Treasurer and Secretary numerous times and as President for two terms. She was an extremely loyal and supportive member and was well deserving of her Life Membership honour.

In August 2019, Waimahaka Branch members joined with Jean at her residential care home to celebrate 70 years of service to Rural Women. Jean was an outstanding example of 'Service Simply Given'.

Words by Judith Fox.

In Memory Of

Doris Reeve

Branch Life Member

26th June 1932 –
23rd June 2021



Franklin Districts Members were deeply saddened by the death of Doris Reeve who had served as our Secretary for over 40 years.

She was a Branch Life Member and a wonderful friend. Doris was bestowed with a National Service Award in 2016 for services to the organisation.

A superb and skilful knitter, Doris contributed greatly to collections of baby clothes for the Pukekohe Maternity Unit. She knitted squares for baby blankets even during her short illness. She was a tireless worker in the community to raise funds for local youth and the Hospice.

Doris and her husband had strong connections with Wesley College and ran the tuck shop there for many years. A most fitting tribute to a special person was held at Wesley college and she will be greatly missed.

Words by Marie Appleton.

In Memory Of Mavis Edwards

Provincial Life Member

29th May 1934 –
30th July 2021

Mavis was a true friend and supporter of Rural Women New Zealand.

Mavis and her husband Ken lived in England before they immigrated to New Zealand to further their farming career and raise their children Sue, Tim and Michael.

Mavis was a Member of Tātuanui Branch since 1992, holding the positions of President and Vice President. She was also involved with Piako Waikato East Provincial Branch as President and Vice President and was honoured as a Provincial Life Member for her services.

Mavis was a kind and thoughtful lady, always making sure you felt welcome and included. She will be sadly missed by us all. The organisation was well represented at her funeral and created a guard of honour to farewell her on her last journey.

Words by Jenni Torrens.



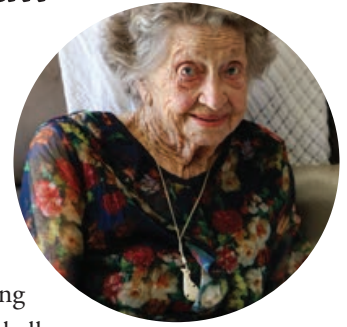
In Memory Of Lorraine Hatfull

National Member of Honour

Sadly, we acknowledge the passing of Lorraine early on Saturday the 28th August aged 90 years.

Lorraine joined the Kourawhero Branch as a young bride in April 1950. She held all positions as President, Treasurer, Secretary, Points Recorder and Judge for the Kourawhero Branch. Likewise, for the Northland Provincial (now Region 7 Area Committee). In 1985, Lorraine was made a National Member of Honour for her services to the organisation. She was a staunch supporter of WDFE, Rural Women NZ and ACWW and a great and loyal friend to many. This tribute from a sister Branch in Makarau captures Lorraine's legacy: "We will all miss Lorraine and will never forget the huge contribution she has made to RWNZ and the wider community. Her dedication, common sense, loyalty and good humour were the hallmarks of everything she undertook and she touched many lives. In time we will be able to gather for an appropriate farewell and celebration of her well lived life.

Words – Noelene Price Quedley



Farewell to Old Friends

Merle Caldwell – Seaward Downs Branch
Jean Andrews – Waimahaka Branch - BLM
Fay Murphy – Kohuratahi Branch
Fay (Thelma) Fisher – Elstow Branch
Shirley Witheford – Te Puke Rotoehu Branch
Judy Armstrong – Galatea Branch
Mavis Edwards – Tātuanui Branch – PLM

Isabel (Mary) Linton – Individual Member - Mid Canterbury – BLM
Lorraine Hatfull – Kourawhero Branch – NMH
Doris Reeve – Franklin Branch – BLM, National Service Award
Raye Wellington – Wharepapa South - BLM
Doreen Stone – Muhunua East Branch
Ann Christensen – Muhunua East Branch
Joyce Phillips – Tapawera Branch (closed)
Betty Steel – Moa Flat Branch – Queens Service Medal

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