



THE ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN
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Waiapu Diocese Synod Report

2015

There have been a number of wonderful AAW members who have passed away over these last 12 months and I want to acknowledge their tireless work for their groups and for the wider AAW. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

As I read the group reports for the year I am always amazed at the different activities that our groups get up to. Fundraising, collecting for charity's, visiting, helping children, catering for parishes, creating recipe books, raising funds for parishes, as well as \$25,000.00 for our Overseas and Outreach giving, discussing remits from National Council of Women, the list goes on. Members just enjoy each other's company and with God's help they are able to reach out in love to all around them.

Like everyone else our numbers are down this year as well as our Circle numbers. Members 429 at March 2014 and 379 now and Circle 348 at March 2014 and 306 now.

It is getting more difficult to get members to commit to the Executive or even leadership in their own groups but a number of groups are having a shared leadership with the committee and this seems to be working well.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Bishop Andrew to our AGM held in March at Taupo.

NZAAW have a conference in Dunedin in October and planning is well underway for this event. It is always good to meet up with other members from throughout NZ.

At Elizabeth Fahey's funeral there was money donated to AAW and we decided that we would have a stole made, in her honour, for our chaplain to wear. This has been made by Mrs Esther Mark and it is beautiful, made of silks from Cambodia with a gold embroidered cross and an embroidered AAW. Esther made this for us at very little cost (as Elizabeth encouraged her in the work of making vestments) and so the balance was sent to Mrs Catherine White in Gisborne who is teaching the art of weaving Wahakura's to young Maori parents and many others.

Another wonderful year with amazing women of the church.

Elaine Wood
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