



## THE ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN

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### WAIAPU AAW PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO SYNOD 2012

I have just commenced my 3<sup>rd</sup> term as AAW Waiapu President having been re elected at our recent AGM. It has been another busy year – at parish, Regional, Diocesan and NZ level.

We have 22 groups in our Diocese at present plus 3 Lone Members also. This is 1 down from last year as sadly St Peter's Riverslea have indicated that they could no longer carry on as AAW but will continue to meet regularly in fellowship.

Our statistics back up this decline with a total of 484 members in the Diocese.

Group reports show varied and interesting programmes and Regional gatherings:

\* the Peka Peka Wetlands in Hawkes Bay

\*meeting a real [retired] Beefeater in full uniform in Bay of Plenty.

The Bay of Plenty AGM was held at St George's Gate Pa where Elaine Wood was re elected as BOP Regional President.

The Hawkes Bay AGM was held at Takapau with a great visit to Oruawharo – an historic homestead. Dariel Evans was re elected as Hawkes Bay President.

We are very fortunate with our Regional presidents who work hard and provide good leadership in the regions.

I have really enjoyed getting around the Diocese more in this last year – to Mount Maunganui, Rotorua and then an overnighter in Gisborne. Both the Gisborne groups came together, with an apology from Wairoa, for an Eastland Regional Day.

It always good to see members at 'their place'.

We have a hard working Waiapu Executive who meet quarterly at Christine Haugh's home near Taupo. At our last Diocesan Executive. meeting it was decided to send \$1000 Fijian to assist the people of Fiji in their floods. This was done and then sadly just after this Fiji was struck once again. This time NZ AAW responded immediately from the O&O Emergency fund.

At our recent AGM held at St Mary's Mt Maunganui we farewelled and thanked Elizabeth Fahey [an honorary member] and our Archivist. Also Deborah Walsh – our Circle Covenor over the past year who has stood down for health reasons.

Brenda Bradbourne [Holy Trinity Tauranga] and Val Ready [Mt Maunganui] were elected as Circle Convenors. Other Executive members remain the same ie:Helen Blow - Treasurer, Viv Heiman Secretary, Christine Haugh – Social Concerns and Gillian Dowd –

#### **Overseas and Outreach**

Rev'd Marie Gilpin continues as our AAW Chaplain. Catharine White was elected as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Synod Rep.

We were greatly honoured to have Beverley Lady Reeves as our guest speaker. She stayed with us all day on the Saturday. Her topic was: "Wellness in our later years."

I have also had 2 trips to Wellington for the NZ Executive meetings and do enjoy having time to talk to other Diocesan Presidents. It was a pleasure to become acquainted with the new Mother's Union President, Rev'd Iritana Hankins.

Planning is well underway for the NZ Triennial Conference to be held at the Napier Girls' High School – October 5th-8th.

It promises to be a great occasion where members from all over NZ and Polynesia will come together for support, prayer, learning and fun.

At this Triennial Conference we will be electing a new NZ Treasurer, NZ Overseas and Outreach and NZ Social Concerns.

A busy year is ahead of AAW in Waiapu. Please accept this report.

Chris Parkes

**WAIAPU DIOCESAN PRESIDENT.**