

ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN WAIAPU DIOCESE

I have just been elected as the Association of Anglican Women for the Waiapu Diocese and it gives me great pleasure to report on a very busy year for AAW in this Diocese and in NZ.

Chris Parkes had completed her three year term at our wonderful AGM which was held at Holy Trinity Gisborne. We are always so warmly welcomed by our members in Eastland.. Our guest speaker was Rev'd Petra Barber talking on some interesting parts of her life.

There are some new faces on the executive this year and some who have been there before and it is always good to welcome them back and to welcome our new members.

Currently we have 21 groups and 4 Lone members in Waiapu – a total of 443 members. Unfortunately St Mary's Mt Maunganui went into recess but we are ever hopeful that a new group will emerge from that parish.

The highlight this year was the Triennial Conference in Napier in October 2012. As Elizabeth Crawley was NZ President we were able to show off our place – or at least Napier – to the rest of the country. There were lots of wonderful comments and the Napier team did a wonderful job.

Earlier this year Bishop David asked Waiapu AAW to consider the purchase of 2 new Chalices for Papua New Guinea – our mission focus area. A budget was approved and Darrel Evans and Helen Blow set about making enquiries. With lots of shopping and web searching they were able to purchase 4 for the budget that had been set aside. They are to be engraved from the AAW and presented to Papua New Guinea. Hopefully 2 will end up in the Cathedral.

A few months back we received a Tapa Cloth as a gift from the Community of the Visitation of our Lady in PNG. This is one of the communities that we are in correspondence with. The NZ Overseas and Outreach Convenor is at present showing it off to all NZ groups and it will eventually reside here in Waiapu.

The NZ Overseas and Outreach convenor has allocated money for the period November 2013 – May 2016. This is a sum of \$30,000.00 of which \$23,000 goes to Mission Partners in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, Melanesia, Middle East, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Polynesia, Tanzania - \$7000.00 for Outreach in NZ - \$3000.00 to Churches Education Commission \$4000.00 for Seeding Grants for new ventures.

Social Concerns Convenor kept us up to date with all the National Council of Women remits which the members in Tauranga meet to discuss. These ladies have been meeting for a long time. Not a bad years work for a wonderful group of ladies.

With God's Blessing

Elaine Wood
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