



Update No. 9 on **Suffrage 125 Franklin**

**July 2018**

We are another month nearer the event and anticipation is growing!

The intention is to have this Suffrage event diverse and inclusive so we want women from the different cultures to be included in it. Please encourage all ethnicities to take part in the parade. There are plans for a souvenir programme so if you know of notable local Maori, Indian and Chinese women from the past 125 years to honour, we want their photos and biographies. We had on Facebook, a picture of Mere Te Tai who was a mover and shaker, but she was not a local, but she created a lot of interest. There will be local women like her and we want to hear about them

Although the parade will have no floats we are encouraging wheel chairs and there will be golf carts for those who cannot walk the distance of the parade. We want businesses in the parade – we would like to see them honouring past leaders or showing how their industry has moved on over the past 125 years. In the next few weeks please will each and everyone speak to the shops and businesses with which they have contact, encouraging them to take part? Men are important too and many signed the petition and worked to get the vote for women, so although the parade is to rejoice and cheer for the women who got us the vote, let us not forget the men and welcome them.

We have a lovely photo of local woman, Dame Christina Massey for the posters (A4 and A2) designed and printed by Farmers Trading Co. for the event, and we would love to get these distributed to the various churches, community centres and sports clubs around the district, if you can do this, please get in contact. I can send them electronically, if desired.

The knitting of the bollard cosies/hats has taken off in a big way and many groups are making these, so we may well get to 256 required for all the bollards along the route. The pattern for these is at the bottom of this update. Drop off points have been established in Waiuku Information Centre, Tuakau Anita's Flower Biz and Pukekohe Travel. We would like one organisation to take on the placing and removing of these bollard hats, the idea is to have them up for the week leading up to the parade. Do let me know if your organisation is willing to do this?

The doves have been breeding and we now have an increased number to release, they will fly around overhead for a few minutes and then set off back to their home. We are considering whether the winners of the school competitions might like to release them. The criteria for the competitions have been sent out to the Franklin schools and they have to be returned electronically for judging by the end of August, (these are speech, essays, and art for juniors and short stories for seniors).

Senior students from Pukekohe High School and Tuakau College have contacted us and we will be using their strength and youth to erect the display panels in Franklin - The Centre, for the Expo and to bring in the pot plants for the Town Hall and to decorate it. We are needing some more young to serve and clear away the tea in the Town Hall.

We will have purple sashes for the leaders of each organisation, these have been generously funded by Franklin Local Board. Shortly billboards will be going up around the town, funded by the generosity of the Pukekohe Business Association. We are very grateful to the whole community for taking on this event with such enthusiasm and for coming up with wonderful ideas on how to celebrate it.

Tickets for the afternoon tea are now available and registrations for the Expo accepted with a \$20 payment. We are encouraging organisations and clubs to purchase a table for 10 as that gives them one free seat, and that \$25 saved can go into their club coffers. No tickets will be issued at the door, but tickets sent electronically will be checked at the door (print-outs or on mobiles). To register, please paste into the browser <https://goo.gl/forms/22qCwMfrsTknzdQ73>

### **Next Meeting**

The Committee will be meeting again on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Franklin Club at 6.30pm if anyone wishes to join us.

Update issued on behalf of the Suffrage 125 - Franklin Committee

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### **Knitting instructions for Bollard cosy.**

Here is the pattern if you wish to knit bollard cosy. Using 4.00mm needles and any shade of purple wool and can have some green and white. Cast on 54 Stitches and K 2, P 2 for 8" (20cm). Next K2 together until 5 stitches remain. Thread wool through the remaining stitches and sew up. Over all length is 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (22.5cm) approx. No problem if it is longer. I do not have a pattern for the camellia flowers which some people are making for the hats.