

# Women's Welfare League members recognised for long service

Twenty four foundation members of the Tai Tokerau regional branch of the Women's Welfare League received a special award in recognition of their long service recently.

Nine foundation members were presented with the award, "He Whaea Ote Motu" at the 1980 National Conference in Timaru by the outgoing national president, Mrs Elizabeth Murchie.

Others, because of age and ill health, were not able to attend the conference and received their awards at the regional council meeting, at special ceremonies at branch level or at home.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou engā Whaea me ngā Whaea hoki i roto i ngā Ropu Wahine Toko ite Ora puta noa ite motu. Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki.



Mrs Violet Pou, left, national president of the league, presents Dame Whina Cooper, first president of the league with her "He Whaea Ote Motu" award.



Mrs Wikitoria Barton, Te Rau Arohanui branch, replies after receiving her "He Whaea Ote Motu" Award.



Mrs Ruiha Heperi, Waimate North branch, shows her award with her mokopuna and Mrs Martha Moon.



Lucy Werohiko clutches her award surrounded by smiles of congratulations from other members of the South Hokianga branch.