



SOUTH OTAGO FEDERATION WI

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Dear South Otago Members,

We hope you are managing to manage the unpredictable weather over the last few months. The flu's that people has been getting are quite nasty so I hope you have managed to avoid them.

Our **deepest sympathy** is extended to the families who have lost a loved recently. Our thoughts are with the Waters Family in the passing of June, our matriarch of South Otago WI. June was a member for over 71 years and was completely devoted to WI, rarely missing a meeting. She has attended six WI's, some twice as she moved around the district with Bruce and their family as a Farm Manager. June will be missed by us all. Deepest Sympathy to families who have lost loved ones. Please remember those WI members who are looking after loved ones or are less agile and unable to attend meetings, maybe members could take turns at visiting these ladies or giving them a phone call about what is happening at WI. It doesn't need to be the responsibility of the "top table". **Please contact Heather or Ila** if a member is ill or is less agile and would like a visit from WI. They will also be doing the cards, visiting or phone calls. If anyone is unwell we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Please read or copy the NEC and Federation Newsletters: This is the way we are able to keep all our members informed of the happenings in our organization.

Guess who is coming for Morning Tea is back and we had a lovely visit to the HUB, where the Balclutha WI ladies hosted us very well. **Our morning tea in October will be at 33 Main Rd, Clinton** and hosted by the Kuriwao WI on Wednesday 14th October for a High Tea. It will start at 10.00am and cost \$7.00.

You are very welcome to **dress appropriately** for the occasion. **We will meet at the top end of James St at the rear of the motels at 9.30am and car pool to Clinton. Please let me know by 10th October if you are keen to come** for catering purposes and we don't want to leave you behind. These are great mornings for a chat, nice food and plenty of laughter. WI's, please keep the morning teas simple. The November gathering will be hosted by Clydevale WI.

March AGM 2027: The Federation Committee we have, of Donna, Alison and I have all carried on for an extra one or two years and Vicki will have served four years. This leaves Ila and Heather but I am thrilled to report we do have some interest from some ladies. **This is wonderful**, please let Shona know the names of those interested so we can organize nomination forms. It is not a lot of work as you receive plenty of help from members and fellow Federation members. We would love for anyone who would be interested in the Committee next year to come to a meeting and see what happens. We have cut our meeting days down considerably. How about giving it a go? If we do not get ladies to come forward we may have to close the Federation and run our own WI's without the days we get to socialize with each other.

Webpage: Please send in photos of your activities with names and a brief description so they can be added to your page. Photos are best taken on your phone then emailed to shonapreddy@outlook.co.nz or to 027 441 2811. Keep them coming in.

Baby Knitting: Our local Plunket Nurse and Midwives, very much appreciate the amazing resource of donated knitted baby garments that are so readily available. Ila is always on the lookout for knitters (don't have to be WI ladies), so if you are able to help please contact her. You are able to knit any baby garment you wish to. If anyone is able to do any **knitting Ila 418 2681 would love to hear from you.**

We also have **landyards and new WI badges** in stock. They are available from Shona.

Cancer Food/ Baking South Otago freezer: September/October: Balclutha WI.

Treasurer's: The NEC have employed a lady to gather all the financial data two monthly. This will avoid all the information being required in January. **Thank you to Vicki** for organizing this with the treasurers, as usual she has done a great job. **Thank you also Treasurers** for getting your data into Vicki.

Second Hand clothing and goods non cash sale: Give what you can, take what you need.

This is being held at the **Clinton Community Centre on 11th October from 11am-4.00pm.** If anyone has anything they wish to donate or any questions please give Megan a call on 027 415 8668. This is such a wonderful community project.

Paddy Greer Wooden Spoon: Romahapa WI have the spoon and are eagerly awaiting a challenge. Please contact Heather with your entries. If you don't challenge them, they may end up challenging you.

Friendship Day: This will be held on Saturday 7th November at 10.00am with a cuppa at St John's Rooms. This will be followed by our meeting and competitions and a **byo lunch.** Once we have had lunch at 12.45pm approximately we will go on a wee road trip. Car pooling from St Johns, we will visit a couple of gardens, our tree, seat at Kaka Point and end at the Curiosity Café in Kaka Point for a cuppa (pay for your own). Cars will return to Balclutha by 4.30pm approx.

Theme: On the Road

Competitions: Baking: 3 pieces of Rocky Road with a base.

Blooms: 1 Bloom, Multiple or Single.

Floral Art: A Lonely Bouquet, to be donated.

Handcraft: A Bookmark (any medium).

We will hold a market table and a raffle.

Could Balclutha and Kuriwao please supply a raffle each, no more than \$25.

How old does this make you feel to hear that 1972 and 2026 are as far apart as 1972 and 1918!!!

I'm at the hospital. Just been diagnosed with PEEKABOO VIRUS. They are transferring me to ICU!!!

Have a safe and happy month.

From the Federation Team Shona, Donna, Vicki, Alison, Ila and Heather.