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Dear South Otago Members,

We hope 2025 continues to be good for you all. We have been having four seasons in one year lately.

Our **deepest sympathy** is extended to any member who has lost a loved one recently, our thoughts are with you all. 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". **Heather Ryder** will be keeping in contact with the ladies who are a little less agile. She will also be doing the cards, visiting or phone calls. If anyone is unwell we wish you all a speedy recovery. June Waters has now moved into Holmdene, what an asset to the rest home.

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: This will be upstairs (there is a lift) at the Community Hub at 10.00am and the cost is \$5 on Wednesday 22nd October. After some discussion we have decided to trial buying \$10 of biscuits from the funds collected as although the morning teas are absolutely beautiful it is harder to get a hostess. No need to RSVP now. They are great mornings for a chat and plenty of laughter. **The last morning tea for 2025 is on Thursday 27th November.** We will continue to buy Christmas gifts for children in need.

Webpage: Have a look at our award winning 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. To get into the Web page easily, type in "South Otago Women's Institute" and you will go straight to the page. We have such lovely photos on the site but always wanting more.

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.** Great effort ladies in producing such high quality garments. More wool has been purchased so if you would like some let Ila know.

Banking: Vicki has been in contact with as many as possible regarding our new bank account. It is now up and running at **ANZ. South Otago Federation of Women's Inst and the number is 06-0919-0191084-00**

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

Federation's 90th Birthday: is on **Saturday 1st November** at the South Otago Town & Country Club, 11.30am **at a cost of \$45**. Please let Vicki or Shona know if you would like to attend by Thursday 23rd October. We are very lucky to have **Jude Vaughan, our National President** and **Judy Cathcart**, a former NEC member and South Otago liaison lady who kept us up to date with all that was happening and helping in so many ways. So far we have 78 ladies attending.

Federation requests, are you able to help with the following please:

- 1) Would your WI please donate a \$25 voucher for the raffles.
- 2) There will be no competitions but could each WI please decorate a card table with memorabilia from your WI eg table cloth, trophies, albums etc etc. Please supply your own table or let Shona know.
- 3) Numbers are required for your members wishing to attend our Jubilee. It would be great to get a lot of our members attend this day as we have a number of past members attending. Maybe this could double as your Christmas meal out.

Thank you so much to the many ladies who have kindly offered to help in so many ways.

Cancer Food/ Baking South Otago freezer: This has resumed again as the freezer has been emptied. For **November/December: Romahapa** will be the group baking. Soups, meals, baking, savouries, anything will be very much appreciated. Thank you, ladies for your wonderful generosity. Please put a label on the goods with your WI's name and the date it was baked.

Paddy Greer Wooden Spoon: Romahapa WI have the spoon. Please contact Heather with your entry, keep them coming in.

The A&P Show bay theme this year is "**A day at the Seaside**".

The Challenge Trophy for Indoor Bowls will be held in Ashburton on 15th/16th February. Each team is required to have two bowlers and one non bowler. If anyone is interested, please contact Shona. Players will be required to travel up on the 14th.

Why do we say" slept like a baby"? Babies wake every two hours crying. I want to sleep like my cat. 14 hours, no responsibilities, zero regrets!!!

Have a safe and happy month.
Look forward to seeing you on the 1st November.

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