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Dear South Otago Members,

We hope 2025 continues to be good for you all. Hard to believe we are now in August.

Our **deepest sympathy** is extended to any member who has lost a loved one recently, our thoughts are with you all. This month we especially think of the Bunn family in Arrowtown. **Margaret sadly passed away** peacefully on July 16th. Margaret was a Gold Honours lady, served on the NEC and was an active WI member for over 60 years. Such a friendly lady always smiling and enjoying a good laugh. Rest in Peace Margaret. Please remember those WI members who are looking after loved ones or 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.

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 year we will hold them on the ground floor of the Community Hub at 10.00am and the cost is \$5. The next one will be held on **Wednesday 20th August**. Secretaries, please let Shona or Vicki know by Friday 16th who is attending for catering purposes. These are great mornings for a chat, nice food and plenty of laughter. If anyone is keen to host one in their home's please let Vicki or Shona know. Still, plenty of seats and food for more ladies to attend. If any ladies would be happy to make morning tea, please let Shon or Vicki know also.

Webpage: Have a look at our award winning webpage. We were thrilled to win the Avis Rishworth Innovation award for our webpage and Christmas song. 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. July 1st to July 13th the following was donated 29 Singlets, 13 hats, 1 jacket and for prem babies 9 singlets, 2 hats and 1 booties. Great effort ladies.

Banking: We are currently going about changing banks to ANZ as it is becoming more difficult to bank with BNZ. We can no longer put money into our account as we need a card, which we can't have because we require two signatures. It means we have to travel to Gore or Dunedin to deposit anything, they will no

longer let us put in our account number manually. We enquired at Westpac but signatories required to be customers of Westpac so down the road to ANZ and we have been accepted so far without hassle. We will advise you of the new account once we have things sorted but in the mean time it is business as usual with BNZ.

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

Federation's 90th Birthday: Please save the date of **Saturday 1st November** for our 90th birthday. It will be held at the South Otago Town & Country Club **at a cost of \$45**. WI's please go through your records and find past members so they can be invited we don't want to miss anyone out.

Federation requests, are you able to help?

- 1) Would anyone be willing to make a 9x9 fruit cake?
- 2) Would anyone be able to ice the cake? (Payment would be made for number 1 and 2).
- 3) Would your WI please donate a \$25 voucher for the raffles.
- 4) 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.

We have pencilled in Gay Bloxham and Oriel Wilson to do the floral arrangements, not sure if we have asked them yet!!

Cancer Food/ Baking South Otago freezer: This has resumed again as the freezer has been emptied. For **September and October: Lovells Flat** 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 and have received a baking challenge from Kuriwao. We will let you know next month where the spoon is. Please contact Heather with your entry, keep them coming in.

Cancer Society Cake Stall: will be held **Friday 29th August** outside Johnstone's Electrical new Store from 9.30am. Any baking, produce, jams etc will be very welcome. Creamed baking (eg sponges, eclairs etc) are very welcome providing it has been creamed on the morning of the stall. They sell very fast. We will go out for lunch at Heart and Soul at noon on the 29th, all welcome.

Son: "Dad I've got a part in the school play, I play a man who's been married for 25 years".

Dad: "Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part!!!"

Have a safe and happy month.

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