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Theme: **Softening the Hard Times**
Project: **Nourish the Nation**

Dear South Otago Members,

Where is the year going, a couple of rough days but on the whole, we are enjoying a pretty mild winter. Lovely to see the signs of spring around the community.

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 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". **Audrey is** always available to send cards, or visit or phone any member who needs a cherry chat or kind word. Our Audrey has been out of action for a few days after surgery and we hope Ila Ryan, our knitting guru is recovering well from a knee replacement and I am sure the knitting needles will be getting a good work out. 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.

The Federation Members enjoyed an outing to the Teviot Valley WI for a soup and savoury lunch. It was a lovely get together with the Central ladies. Great food, company, views from Barbara's home and no trip to Central is complete without a visit to Jimmy's.

Guess who is coming for Morning Tea?: was a great success and we thank **Zoe Latta and Biddy Craig** very much for hosting our first morning teas. It sounds like everyone had a great time. It was lovely to get a text last week to see if we were having another morning tea. The ladies of Federation would like to invite you all to morning tea on **Tuesday 20th August**. The idea is for your secretary or yourself to **RSVP to Shona or Vicki** by Thursday 15th August, please include a contact number (preferably a cell phone number) for each member attending along with an indication of if they would be interested in travelling out of the Balclutha township. (we would car pool). We will then organize some ladies who are happy to host between 4-6 ladies for a cuppa and a chat. Each member is to pay \$5 for their scone or muffin and a cuppa which is to be accepted by the hostesses. If the hostess is not happy accepting the money we will donate the funds to a local charity decided on at our Friendship Day. There will be a mix of ladies from other local WI's heading out and about in South Otago but we will keep ladies together who need to travel together. **We guarantee**, great company, great food and a warm home. **Any questions** please phone Shona or Vicki. This project is great for our theme and project: nourish the nation: good morning tea & company for WI ladies (maybe a little loose in the interpretation) and softening the hard times with a donation to our

community. Looking forward to seeing a lot of you on the 20th August. If you would be interested in hosting 4-6 ladies please let Shona know or you might get a call like Zoe and Bidy did.

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 Keep them coming in, we might enter our Website in the Avis Rishworth Innovation Award in the 2025 competitions. If anyone has a photo of morning tea at Bidy's please send it to me.

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, so if you are able to help please contact her. Ila has a new supply of wool thanks to the generous donation of \$500 from the Clutha Foundation. This evening we got word from Ila that another \$500 has been given to us from Rotary. If anyone is able to do any **knitting Ila 418 2681 would love to hear from you.** Maybe you know someone who isn't a member but would like to help with the knitting. Thank you so much ladies.

Cancer Food/ Baking South Otago freezer: We have started up again doing baking, soups, savouries etc for the Cancer Society. **September/October:** Kuriwao and **November/December:** Romahapa. Please remember to keep a tally of the quantity of goods and hours of work. Please remember goods are taken to James St now. **Please ensure you have a label on them indicating they are kindly donated by _____WI.**

Please keep Sunday 23rd February 2025 free for a New Zealand wide WI High Tea to raise funds for our NEC who are struggling due to the decrease in membership. I will attach a copy of a letter sent out from the NEC. Avis Rishworth and I are excited to be part of the committee helping to organize this. It will be a Federation event and all other Federations throughout NZ will be having tea at the same time. We are hoping to get a lot of publicity throughout NZ. We will discuss this at our Friendship Day.

Paddy Greer Wooden Spoon: Romahapa WI have the spoon and are eagerly awaiting a challenge. Please contact Bronwyn with your entries.

A two-seater cessna aeroplane has crashed into a cemetery in Dublin.... The Irish Police Department have so far recovered 2978 bodies. The search continues!!!

From the Federation Team *Shona, Donna, Vicki, Bronwyn, Alison and Audrey.*