



NORTH OTAGO FEDERATION NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024

Dear Members,

President Sue Clark welcomed the Executive to the meeting on the 5th of August 2024, held at Judith Bingham's home in Oamaru at 1:30pm. An apology was received from Tracy Grimwood. Wishing her a speedy recovery.

Joys and Sorrows

We send our love and sympathies to those of you who have lost loved ones or friends. And, to those who are recovering or with special occasions in their lives, we wish you all the best.

Aren't our Olympians doing really well in their respected disciplines. We do hold our own when you consider the population of NZ. I bet there are other bleary-eyed members who, like me, have been up 'til the wee hours taking it all in.

General News and Information:

Agenda Date: 31st August 2024.

Plaque Cleaning (3 plaques): Awamoa-Alma

National Fundraiser:

In 2023, each member cost the national organisation \$122.33. Through every NZFWI affiliation, individual members paid the national organisation \$29.40. Paying the GST to government, this works out to an income from each member of \$25.56 – a shortfall of nearly \$97.00. Without the national federation operating successfully and proficiently, no W I or Federation can continue to function under the Constitution and uphold Charities Services obligations.

There is to be an exciting national event on Sunday 23rd February 2025. This is to take the format of a High Tea, held throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. More details to follow in future newsletters.

Handcraft Spring Competition update:

The venue is the Eveline meeting room on September the 9th. Although we are taking entries on the day, it would be helpful to Federation if the entries could be in to Noeline Bowman by 2nd September, please. Refer to April newsletter for schedule.

We welcome up to 2 entries per class/per member.

Entries to be brought to the hall and staged between 11:30am and 12:00pm.

BYO lunch, tea/coffee are provided. We will also have a "Give it a Go" Card making using the Iris Folding method (2025 National Competition). Free entry, Raffles will be for sale.

We hope to see you all there.

International Month

This year we are celebrating Mexico, a trip to Timaru for a meal and general fun was being looked into, unfortunately, there are no Mexican Restaurants in Timaru. Federation is going to host a meal @ Waiareka Saleyards Hall, Monday 18th November 12:30/1:00pm, more details to follow.

Federation Anniversary Celebration update:

17th of November, this is during The Victorian Fete and we are expecting it to be our best one yet. We are asking for baking/jams etc, no craft items this time please. If you need your donations picked up let a federation member know please. Also, if you feel like dressing up and coming along for even an hour to chat to visitors and locals alike while helping out at the stall then please do so ladies, the more the merrier.

NOFWI 90th anniversary, the plan is to have our celebration in April, exact date and venue to be confirmed. (ex-members will be invited as well) If you know addresses of ex Federation Members please contact Judith with that information.

W I Awareness Month

Federation will again be “Yarn Bombing” the trees of Oamaru during the week 14th – 20th October. Hopefully we will also have a display in the Public Library and a local Craft shop.

Thought for the Month:

Sometimes we need someone to simply be there, not to fix anything, or to do anything in particular, but just to let us feel that we are cared for and supported.

Acting Newsletter Secretary,
Sue Clark