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Dear South Otago Members,

Spring is certainly here, the daffodils, tulips and spring blooms look great. Lovely to see the calves and lambs in the paddocks also. To the farming families, I hope the weather is kind to you all.

Our **deepest sympathy** is extended to any member who has lost a loved one recently, our thoughts are with you all. We extend our **sympathy and thoughts** to the Lovells Flat WI who lost their member Rosalie Hutton recently. 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. 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?** was once again very successful with morning teas at Vicki and Shona's. It sounds like everyone had a great time once again. The ladies of Federation would like to invite you all to morning tea on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. The idea is for your secretary or yourself to **RSVP to Shona or Vicki by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**, 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.

**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](mailto:shonapreddy@outlook.co.nz) Keep them coming in, we might enter our website in the Avis Rishworth Innovation Award in the 2025 competitions.

**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.

**Daffodil Day Cake Stall:** Thank you to all the ladies who kindly donated to the cake stall with cakes or monetary donations. We were able to **donate \$1012.10** to the South Otago Cancer Society. The baking was once again top quality. **Thank you** also to the ladies who support the stalls in Milton, Lawrence and Owaka and surrounding areas, also those ladies that sit and collect at various spots around town. While we were at the stall members of the Six 60 band dropped by, so donned in our green aprons and badges we didn't miss the opportunity to have a photo taken. **Thank you** to Vicki and Audrey along with Heather Ryder (Romahapa) and Toni Williamson (Kuriwao) for helping at our cake stall, much appreciated.

**Friendship Day:** The invite and details are attached but it is on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am at St John's** for a cuppa. If you are a fan of the David Lomas Investigates programme on TV, we are lucky to have one of the people who was looking for his family this year as a speaker. **Could Clydevale, Kuriwao and Teviot Valley please supply a raffle or two to the value of \$25** for the day. **Could each WI** please bring one or two **"lonely bouquets"** to be left around our region for WI Awareness Month.

**Annual Reports:** We require to have the Annual Reports to us by no later than **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September** so we can send them to Invercargill for judging. (No late entries will be accepted). We have reports from Balclutha, Teviot Valley and Romahapa WI's already. If Clydevale, Kuriwao and Lovells Flat WI's do not intend on entering please let me know otherwise email or post them to Shona or Donna.

**Cancer Food/ Baking South Otago freezer:** We have started up again doing baking, soups, savouries etc for the Cancer Society in James St. **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.**

**September is Sustainability Month:** The Federation will not be arranging a group "Clean Up" but we encourage you to join up with a public clean up or as a WI.

**Please keep Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Hopefully we will see a few more ladies at our morning tea on the 12<sup>th</sup>, we have a few places lined up to visit over the next couple of months so come and enjoy the varied and entertaining topics discussed. The mornings are a wealth of information e.g. what is going into the John St old pizza shop????? We would also love to have you join us at Friendship Day.

**Why is mother's milk best? Because it is always there, always warm and the blooming cat can't get at it!!!**

Have a great month and look forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

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