



WAIMATE FEDERATION OF NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026

Hello everyone. I hope those of you who have attended the National AGM have recovered from some late nights and early mornings. I enjoyed the experience.

I have written my report which I will send separately.

Despite it being a holiday on Monday, we decided to have our federation meeting as everyone was available

REPORTS.... Flood relief for Akaroa; this has been sent finally, they were very grateful and plan to use half for sand bags for use in the future, and half for the food bank. **Bingo at**

Glenavy; a great afternoon enjoyed by all. Lots of noise, laughter, members, raffles and even a competition to judge. Well done Glenavy

Pool money; this has been sent to W.I.s to help with the members' costs of attending the National AGM.

Buddy Dolls; we have given some to Sue Clark in Oamaru. As there is no children's ward at the Hospital, they were given to E.D. And again they were very well received.

NATIONAL AGM; I was very proud to have such a strong representation of members at this enjoyable and informative event, 17 in all. Thank you everyone. Our entertainment was very good and well received. Congratulations Glenavy and Hunter, obviously a lot of work, fun, and time was put in to make these items the success they were. The competition schedule for 2027 is out, and is on the website. We are hoping to run some workshops this year to "up our skills" for these competitions. So hope you'll be able to attend, they will still be on a Saturday morning in Waimate.

Also, I have got a page of Judges' comments from this year's competitions and a page of hints about flower photography. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

EISTEDDFOD July 19th. Silver Band Hall. Quiz and spelling bee 10am, up to 4 members per team. Afternoon session begins at 1pm.

Bring your lunch if you'll be there all day, cuppa etc provided. There will be raffles.

Entries to be in to Nola by 21st June. There is no fee for items. Members' entry money to be sent to Pauline, you will then receive your entry ticket with the programme.

We've decided that the humorous poem needs to be judged in advance so needs to be sent to Nola by 21st June. I hope this isn't going to be an issue. Nola email is nolag455@gmail.com. All the poems will be read on the day.

Catering...there will be a cuppa to conclude the day so we are asking each W.I. To bring along 2 plates {preferably with food on it}, to be enjoyed by all.

WORKSHOP....SATURDAY, 4th July, SENIOR CITIZENS ROOMS, 10AM-12MD I know you are all busy practising for Eisteddfod, but this just a couple of hours so come along, relax and learn about Tunisian Crochet. Our tutor has a number of crochet hooks, so just bring some double knit/ 8ply wool. This is a National competition for 2027, we look forward to seeing you there.

PHOTOS FOR 2027 CALENDER... We would like you to send your pages direct to ...

waimatetrader@gmail.com. By 17th August. Remember, each W.I will have 2 months. The pages can be designed similarly to scrapbooking with coloured paper, flowers, names, several small photos eg a collage, or just 1 photo for each page. Don't forget to include your W.I name. To fit an A4 page

HALF YEARLY.....September 7th Monday. Hostess.... Hunter.... Entertainment... Waihou ie Glenavy and Morven/Makikihi. Venue to be notified. Any ideas for competitions please notify Nola.

That's all for now....except....

An aged farmer and his wife leaning against the edge off the edge of their pigsty when the old woman recalled wistfully that the next week would mark their Golden Wedding anniversary. "Let's have a party, Homer" she suggested, " lets kill a pig" The farmer scratched his grizzled head. "Gee, Ethel," he finally said, "I don't see why the pig should take the blame for something that happened 50 years ago"! That's all for now.
Cheers from the team
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