

Southern Southland Federation of WI



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Project: Softening The Hard Times.

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Hi everyone

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas, this year Alan and I spent this with my 2 brothers, homes. It was great seeing Graeme Grandchild telling us what they got, one by one they showed us I loved it. Thank goodness there was only 4 grandchildren. Then on to Murrays where my 2 sisters where there as well, only adults, but more food. For New Year's Eve we all went down and watched the fireworks in Te Anau another great display. Unfortunately, the time went to fast in Te Anau next minute we were packing up to come home. Alan is building himself a shed, of course I am the apprentice, the aluminium is so light and hard to hold in the wind, the apprentice was nearly over at the neighbours carrying the shed's aluminium and all. I was fired, I was so happy to be fired, Next day the apprentice was called on again but between the two of us the shed is up and one happy man.

Yours in friendship Christine ☺

Affiliation Fees

Members Pay \$50.00 for their Affiliation Fees for the year 2026.

\$35.00 goes to National - \$7.00 for to Federation - \$8.00 is for your Institute.

Institute then will pay \$42.00 per member to the Federation.

There will be a list of your members going out. Please make changes to the list

1. Members have changed their address
2. Members have changed their phone or cell phone number.
3. Members do not belong to your Institute any more.

Please send this list to Norma (email address above) at end your Annual meeting.

Then Norma will send all this correct information on to National.

Bus trip for Founders Day 🚌

We will be having a raffle on the bus, 2 draws for \$1.00, also we are visiting Annette and George's home where they will show us how they make their merino socks they are also selling them for ankle socks \$35.00 and knee high \$40.00. If you would like some socks take some cash with you. In Riverton they say that the Riverton museum is great. \$10.00 to get in, you might like a look, or just stay on the bus.

There are a few seats left on the bus, so if you would like to bring a friend that would be great.

We will all have a wonderful time.

Southern Southland AGM – 12th March 2026.

This year the AGM is going to be held on the 12 March 2026 at the Masonic Centre Elles Road.

Does any members need long service badges. Please can you email Christine after your February meeting and we will order them from National for the AGM.

Do you think any of your members are eligible for a Good Service badge please write a citation for them and email this to Christine as soon as possible.

Roll Call -: Wool and donation to National. Please make a record of the balls of wool and the Donation for National as your delegate will want this for roll call at the meeting.

There also be a sales table and raffle, please support this as this pays for the venue and the speakers gifts. We are very much appreciate on how you supported this in the past, so Thank you in advance. Members remember to bring your lunch, tea or coffee supplied.

More about this in the next newsletter.

National AGM – 26th – 27th May In Christchurch.

We are looking forward to travel up in a Minivan to Christchurch to attend Conference, we are so lucky it is in the South Island this year, if you still want to come we would love you to attend.

We will travel up on Monday 25 and travel home on the 28 stopping in Oamaru for the night to break the journey. You might want to come for the ride and see relatives or friends and not go to Conference. Please let Christine know as soon as possible.

Grasmere Snippets

Members enjoyed the Christmas meal at Saucy Chef restaurant, everyone brought along a gift to be exchanged we all had some lovely gifts to take home. Longbush members jointed in, this made a lovely ending to 2025.

Our potato dig was hailed on January 21 with much hilarity Norma was the winner with a good crop.

Mottos-:

Keep your face to the sunshine and you can't see the shadow

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow..

Roll call -:

Pranks from school days.