

SOUTHERN SOUTHLAND FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Good Afternoon Members.

I hope you are all well and looking forward to another year of Women's Institute.

I am going up to my family in Christchurch for Easter, so it will be busy with all the family coming and going, but great all the same. I miss not seeing then oftener.

This is my last newsletter to you as my four years as President are up. I want to thank you all very much for all your support over that time. Covid certainly didn't help, but we did manage to keep going and hold nearly all our Executive functions.

Thank you also for attending all the Functions that we held down here to celebrate 100 years of W I in New Zealand. We are so far away from Wellington down here and it is expensive to travel, but we decided we had to celebrate this milestone. We also have a milestone of our own to celebrate later in the year, 90 years of Southern Southland Federation, hope you can all attend the celebration. All the best for this coming year and remember

"A New Year is like a blank book, it has 12 chapters and 365 pages and you are the Author." My wish for you is that this year you write the most beautiful story possible for yourself.

Quote courtesy of South Otago Federation.

Ngaire Marshall President.

FEDERATION A. G M. Thank you to all those who attended we hope you enjoyed the day and the speakers. Thank you also for all the lovely goodies for the Hospice, they are much appreciated.

WOODEN SPOON COMPETITION was won by Waianiwa. A very enjoyable day for those few who did attend. Hope it is better attendance next year.

RE NATIONAL OFFICE. Please check your national newsletter about the change of address and phone number etc for this. You will get more information as they get settled in.

NATIONAL A G M in Timaru. Federation has eight beds booked and are taking a minivan through. Anyone wishing to go MUST let Secretary Robyn know A S A P. Registrations have to go through Federation.

DONATIONS FOR CYCLONE GABRIELLE need to be into Federation A S A P. You can nominate the area you wish it to go too if you want, otherwise national will send to these areas themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Joyce McGimsey, Riverton W I and Mrs Noeline Butler, Waimumu W I for receiving their 50 year badges at the A G M.

90TH BIRTHDAY LUNCH. Would Institute members please let Federation know of any past members and their addresses, if known, who have moved away and would perhaps be interested in attending this lunch. It would be lovely to invite them back for this occasion.

Winter is coming so remember "Kindness is spreading sunshine into people's lives, regardless of the weather."