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Theme: **Softening the Hard Times**  
Project: **Nourish the Nation**

Dear South Otago Members,

We have certainly had a big change in temperature lately. We certainly need to be getting out the winter woollies.

Our **deepest sympathy** is extended to any member who has lost a loved one recently, our thoughts are with you all. 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.

**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.

**Federation Members:** Barbara Blackler and Ruth Davidson from Teviot Valley WI were presented with small gifts as they finished their terms on Federation. We have been extremely lucky to have had them on our committee for so long. It has been an honour to work with you both. We will miss the morning teas and good laughs we have enjoyed but most of all their efficient and hard work. Hopefully we will see them at the odd meeting when they need coal.

**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.

**2024 National Annual General Meeting** in Palmerston North, 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Cards & Hospital Visits:** We wish anyone who has been unwell a good recovery. If you know of a member who has been either unwell or is now home from hospital, or had a recent bereavement within close family-please contact **Audrey Hunter**.

**Cancer Food/ Baking South Otago freezer for:** We will leave it another month as there was a lot donated after the Bowls Tournament.

**South Otago Federation AGM:** Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM to make it a very good day. Thank you very much to our awesome opening speaker Lois Smollett from Clydevale WI. Her passion for WI is wonderful. Lois comes from a long line of wonderful WI ladies. Joyce Beck from Kaitangata was our morning speaker on the great happening in their town, they certainly have a great community spirit. In the afternoon Lynda Moore from Clutha Development spoke. It was very enlightening to hear all that her team is able to help the community.

**Congratulations** to Heather Ryder on being awarded a very well-deserved Good Service badge. Oriel Wilson was presented with a very well-deserved Diamond Award for continuous service to WI. A 50-year

badge will be presented to Raewyn McRitchie at a later date. Thank you to you all for all the work you do for WI and the community.

**Financial:** Raffle: \$180

Mealing Estate \$50

National Sales Table \$150

Sales Table: \$240.50

South Pacific \$150

Barbara Wood \$60

Medical Research \$300

Expenses for the day \$189.98, so overall a great day was had. Thank you so much for the great sales table, there was certainly a lot of quality goods on it. Also thank you very much for the very good raffle sales. If your WI wish to make any further donations to the above causes, Vicki would love to hear from you.

### Trophy Winners:

Waiwera South Tray for Floral:

Pam Goodsir Baking Trophy:

Thelma Turnbull (Best exhibit)

Frances Forbes Memorial Trophy

Avis Rishworth Membership Tray

Sue Norrish Trophy for Handcraft

Programme Tray

Cooksley Cup (Most Points)

Pink Bloom

Gay Bloxham

Shona Preddy

Shona Preddy

Shona Preddy

Clydevale WI

Shona Preddy

Romahapa WI

Romahapa WI

Barbara Withingham

### National Competitions:

Summer Cup

Literature Trophy

Mearle Wilson

Shona Preddy

Well done to all entrants and especially to Romahapa WI on so many wins.

**Paddy Greer Wooden Spoon:** Romahapa WI have the spoon and are eagerly awaiting a challenge. Please contact Bronwyn with your entries.

**Diary Orders:** We will still take diary orders until May 1<sup>st</sup> so if you have not ordered one let Vicki Galbreath know by then.

**Don't worry about getting older. You're still going to do dumb stuff, only slower!!!**

Have a happy and safe Easter and month.

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

