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NATIONAL FEDERATION

Theme: *Softening the Hard Times*

Project: *Nourish the Nation*

Website: wi.org.nz

From **President Kate:**

A very big thankyou to all who were able to attend the Mid Otago Federation Annual General Meeting. Thanks to your support and enthusiasm we all enjoyed a great day. It is gratifying to be able to report that door takings and a very successful sales table meant we were able to cover our costs for the day. As always, Margaret Miller's work organising the sales table has been a significant contribution to its success. My thanks to all of the members who contributed goods. I would like to thank Alyson who is continuing on the Executive Committee and will be our new secretary. A welcome back to Ainslie Carnahan, and a special welcome to our newest committee member Margaret Woodford from Abbotsford WI – we look forward to fresh insight and ideas to keep our Federation in good health. My gratitude to Marie who has agreed to stay on as treasurer until my return at the end of May from my trip to the United Kingdom. After this date we will have an external treasurer, as suggested by Mary Reet; someone you all know and who is familiar with the way our WIs operate – Robert Cochrane. Marie has also agreed to carry on as Public Relations Officer. Rosemary Kardos will again take on the off-committee responsibility of Competition Secretary. I am looking forward to the year ahead, with changes that hopefully will reduce your Executive Committee's workload and provide challenges and entertainment that can be enjoyed by everyone.

MOF Executive 2024

President	Kate Cochrane
Vice President	Alyson Manning
Secretary	Alyson Manning
Treasurer	Marie Dickson <i>(interim)</i>
Committee	Ainslie Carnahan Margaret Woodford

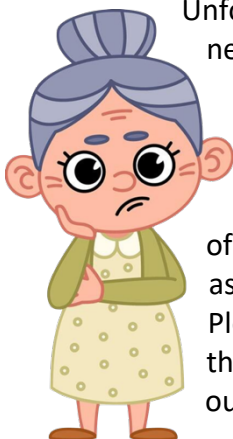
As Kate will be overseas from the middle of April until the end of May. Alyson will be your MOF contact person during this time.

103rd National AGM

27th – 28th May 2024
 Palmerston North

Alyson Manning will be our Mid Otago Delegate. As soon as your WI has had a chance to discuss the **Remits** (no, they have yet to come) would you please send your decisions to Alyson so that she can express the opinion of all our members. manning.jade@xtra.co.nz

AGM Competition Trophies



Unfortunately, it will be necessary to revisit the awarding of these trophies as it has been found that one of the entries was invalid. WIs will be notified of the revised results as soon as a decision has been made. Please, would WIs remember that only members can enter our competitions.

MOF AGM Delegates' Packs

Delegates are asked to take the information given to them at the AGM to their next WI meeting. In future WIs are asked to order souvenirs and stationery directly from the NEC Executive Office – it is proving to be an unnecessary expense to keep these items with our treasurer. Also, a gentle reminder that there is a form to be completed by new members which should be sent to the MOF treasurer, who is then responsible for notifying NEC. Documents relating to Annual Reports and WI Programmes have been included to remind you of what should be included when you come to prepare these.

Photographic Records

Marie has kindly agreed to maintain the MOF Record of special events. Our Scrapbooks have been digitised and are now kept on an external hard drive, but decisions will need to be made about the maintenance of this technology. One of the WI members will be asked at each event to act as photographer for the day and Marie will save these to the hard drive. However, she has made this commitment for this year only, which is really appreciated. A long term plan will be necessary.

Reporting

WI Meetings are being advertised each month in the *Star Paper*, if you would like to advertise your entertainment, let Marie know at least 2 weeks in advance. Any reports of interest for *Facebook* can be posted directly to the website. Do you have Special Events planned for a future date? Details and any advertising material can be given to Marie for inclusion in the *WI News/Pānui* distributed by NEC.

We Shall Remember Them has a place on the home page of the NZFWI website, so please continue to let Marie know if any of your members do pass away. She will forward the information onto Colleen Dryden for all to see.

Marie Dickson: email: peterpuss33@xtra.co.nz,
phone: 4898507 or post to:
21A Bush Road, Mosgiel 9024.



Competition Day 2024

Theme: *Lazy Days*
Venue: Fairfield Hall
Date: 19 September

Your Committee are working through the details of the Competition Day, but know those of you who are keen to start on handcraft items will want to have this information now. Keep it creative! The discussion held at the AGM recommended that a baking section was no longer appropriate, but there will still be sections for cut flowers and floral arrangements.

Competitions

1. Hand knitted article
made in the last 12 months
2. Greeting Card: *Happy Days*
blank
3. A 'Diamond Art' article
made in the last 12 months
4. Embroidery (including cross stitch)
made in the last 12 months
5. A Craft Item (not on schedule)
made in the last 12 months
6. Photograph: *Lazy Day*
6x4 mounted

Events for the Remainder of 2024

April	Remits discussed by WI members
May 27-28	South Pacific Fund Month •NZFWI AGM
June 19	•Movie Day
August	Medical Research Month
September 19	Sustainability Month •Competition Day
October 16	WI Awareness Month •Quiz Night
November	International Month

Mosgiel Presbyterian Church Hall
Calendar Girls
1:30 start \$10 entry
Afternoon Tea Raffles

