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Dear South Otago Members,
We have certainly had a big change in temperature lately.

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.

50 Year Badge: It was lovely for me to join the **Clydevale WI** for lunch in May and be part of the presentation to Raewyn McRitchie when she received her 50 year Service Bar. It was lovely meeting with you all.

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. Ila was able to donate 15 hats, 3 pair of bootees and 2 rugs/blankets to Clutha Health recently. Thank you so much ladies.

2024 National Annual General Meeting was held in Palmerston North this week where Avis, Ken and I attended. I thought the AGM in Timaru would be hard to beat but this one was right up there. A full report will come from me shortly. Both remits were passed. **Congratulations to Romahapa WI** on being placed 3rd for their programme

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: We will start up doing baking, soups, savouries etc for the Cancer Society again. **June/July:** Clydevale **August/September:** Kuriwao. Please remember to keep a tally of the quantity of goods and hours of work. Please remember goods are taken to James St now.

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

Cancer Trip by Gordon Duthie on his Scooter: Attached is a report from Gordon on his adventure. He was very grateful for the support of WI members. Thank you so much.

**Just wanted you to know that I have entered the snap dragon part of my life.
Part of me has snapped... and the rest of me is dragging.....**

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