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Theme: Softening the Hard Times

Project: Nourish the Nation

Dear South Otago Members,

Hard to believe we are already half way through 2024.

Our **deepest sympathy** is extended to any member who has lost a loved one recently, our thoughts are with you all. Our sympathy is extended to Shirley Jenkinson from the Balclutha WI and her family in the recent passing of Irvie after a very long health battle. 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.

Guess who is coming for Morning Tea? The ladies of Federation would like to invite you all to morning tea on **Wednesday 24th July**. The idea is for you to RSVP to Shona or Vicki by Friday 19th July and leave a contact detail, we will then organize some ladies who are happy to host between 4-6 ladies for a cuppa and a chat. Each member is to pay \$5 for their scone or muffin and a cuppa which is to be accepted by the hostesses. If the hostess is not happy accepting the money we will donate any profits to a local charity decided on at our Friendship Day. There will be a mix of ladies from other local WI's heading out and about in South Otago, but we will keep ladies together who need to travel together. **Please come along and give this idea a try** for July firstly then hopefully August and September. **We guarantee**, great company, great food and a warm home. Any questions please phone Shona or Vicki.

Webpage: Please send in photos of your activities with names and a brief description so they can be added to your page. Photos are best taken on your phone then emailed to shonapreddy@outlook.co.nz Keep them coming in, we might enter our Website in the Avis Rishworth Innovation Award in the 2025 competitions.

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. Thank you so much ladies.

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.

I live my life with no regrets. It's one of the benefits of not being able to remember things!!!

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