



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

Hello everyone, I hope your arrangements for the festive season are to going according to plan and not causing too much stress!

Here's the last news for this year

RAFFLE.....What a super variety of prizes on display. Very well done everyone, thank you. We made \$450.50! Which has made our treasurer very happy!
Thank you Pauline for organising everything.

INTERNATIONAL MONTH; MALTA. A very enjoyable evening for those who attended. The members who researched their subject gave us brief and interesting talks, we all learnt a lot. EG: the National dish is rabbit stew! (We did wonder whether there was an export opportunity here!). I have sent a brief article to our national office to be printed in Te Panui so keep an eye out for it. Thank you everyone for spending time on this project, the eats were very delicious and all different, it seemed an excellent way to celebrate international month, we enjoyed the friendly relaxed atmosphere.

STRAWBERRY FAIRE. DECEMBER 13th SEDDON SQUARE. 9.30am-

3.30pmish Situated on the walkway across to Bollard Park. Easy access maybe from Johns Str. We will be at Judy Clark's 127 High Str on Friday from 10am where your contributions can be dropped off. We will wrap and price everything ready for sale. Check the November newsletter for the roster.

THE CHALLENGE TROPHY....the information for this competition is in the NEC newsletter and on the website. Entries are to in by the 12th of December, visitors, spectators also welcome. Do we have anyone keen to make up a team from Waimate? Or anyone who like to go to support our sister Federation? Please contact me ASAP

CRAFT DAY. JANUARY 31st 10am-12.30pm. SENIOR CITIZENS ROOMS, WAIMATE
Sashiko stitching, candle decorating. More details in the New Year. Please let me know what you'd like to do on this day.

BADGES. Good Service, gold honour badge citations, and year badge requirements to be in by January 31st to Pauline Thomas.

NOMINATIONS. For Federation President and executives to be in to President Lyn or Pauline by 31st January.

DRAMA ENTERTAINMENT for the National AGM....Have you started your rehearsals yet?

FEDERATION AGM. MARCH 2nd, 2026, SENIOR CITIZENS ROOMS, WAIMATE 9AM
Morning Tea, Meeting 9.30AM

COMPETITIONS

INSTITUTE BELL: THEME “A BIRTHDAY PARTY” as per national AGM Robert Young Rosebowl

- 1) **Decorated Candle:** Embellish and personalise a simple pillar candle (use any decorations, organic material, jewels, papercraft, beads, fabric etc) to recreate an individual design. Size of candle 15cms No candle holder required
- 2) **Fabric Wine Bottle Tote bag.** Sew a useful wine bottle holder from fabric and interfacing, include a handle. May be any type of decoration to embellish the bag in order to enhance the overall design.
- 3) **Six Individual Gift Tags** ... each individually designed tag to be decorated and embellished to meet the theme. Size; no larger than 10x6cm. Manufactured from paper/card and to include string or ribbon for fastening.

STELLA SCOTT: 3 filled kisses

MYRTLE MCNEIL: Arrangement in a vase, made with Hydrangeas, Any size

JENNIFER GIBSON ROSEBOWL: Sashiko Needle book. Please check the National schedule (Silver Cup) for the details

JOY WILLIAMS PHOTO PLAQUE: A coloured photo of a single bloom 5x7. as per National schedule (Rissington Jubilee Cup) check for details

SINGLE BLOOM: Chrysanthemum

SPIKE: Gladioli

SHRUB: Fuchsia

ANNUAL REPORT: These need to be in to Pauline Thomas by January 31st

ROLL CALL: Knitted vest as per national competition. please check the schedule for details. To be donated to Plunket. Can be entered into the national competition

DONATION AND VOLUNTEER FORMS. W.I.'s, please send these into the national office by January 16th

POSSIBLE BUS TRIP..... to Dunedin to see the ABBA Show March 28th, 2026. Maybe stay overnight or travel home. Please notify Lyn ASAP so we can organise tickets, accommodation /bus/van etc.

I think that's all but..... why are Xmas trees bad knitters?

They keep dropping their needles!

Merry Christmas to you all and kind wishes for the coming year. Fingers crossed for some summer weather. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Thank you for your support over the past year.

Regards from Federation Committee

Pauline, Suzanne and Lyn