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Project: Involvement in Your Community Theme: Reconnect & Rediscover

When is this rain going to stop, well when it does the hail starts. I see on the temperature on TV that Aussie and some of the Islands are getting this weather as well.
Thankyou everyone who attend the Friendship / Mulvey Trophy meeting, it was great to see everyone on the terrible wet hailing day. Congratulations to all the members that got a placing and thank you all the members that made entries for the for the Mulvey Trophy.
Congratulations to Grasmere who won the Mulvey Trophy. I hope you enjoyed the speakers we had. It was not an easy meeting, very sad but I think the time has come when we have to think about the future.
Yours in friendship Christine.

Friendship Day

This is going to be help on Wednesday 24th February 2027. The bus is going to cost $20.00 with petrol going up and we will meet at the Masonic car park at 9.00. We will stop in Gore for a wander around and then go on to Waikaia. Having Lunch at the Pub and we can look around the museum which is $5.00 entry fee.
Names into Trixie longbushwi@gmail.co.nz by Wednesday 10th February, money direct credit to our account.

Badges.

Please let us know if member in your Institute deserves an Excellent badge or anyone needing a or Good Service badge please write their citation out and send this to Christine or a Long Service badge. These will be given out at the AGM.

Financial Forms 2027 – Given out at Friendship Day.

Please fill your form in at the end of December. You will have nothing going out in December so use that as your last balance. Norma and myself are responsible for your balance sheets to be right and National is responsible to the Charities Commission, please get it right as we don't want you to be audited. If you want a hand please ask Norma or Christine they will be only too happy to help also please fill the form out that shows what you have donated and the hours you have donated, the time form from National has given us will help. Please send this form to Norma by end of December. Norma has to collate all this information together and send to National.

The Theme for Mulvey trophy next year is Animals. Please make sure that your entries are to the theme. Read the schedule very careful as it is a shame when you gone to all that work and we have to put this aside. The theme is even in the individual computation.

Friendship / Mulvey Trophy Day: Congratulations
Winning M/T – 1st Grasmere 2nd Waianiwa 3rd Longbush
Sales Table - $65.00 and Raffle $130.00.
Thank you everyone who attend the day as delegates and visitors.

What going to happen in the Institutes & Federation in 2027 /2028
The executive will send out a form about what your Institute want to do going forward. At the AGM we will discuss what your Institute want to do, talk this out. If you want Christine to come and talk at your Institute, I am only too happy to come and talk to you. I am very sad about this.
1/ We stay as an Institute and go with National as Independent Institutes.
2/ Try to Keep and Institute Federation going with little money and little Ex
3/ Join South Otago Federation
4/ Institute's go into recess with the Federation to follow.

There is a lot to think about.

Merry Christmas to everyone and all the best for 2027. 🎄 – from Ex and Christine.