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Hi everyone

I'm writing this while sitting at Wellington Airport on my way home from a Threads of Connection Conference 2026 planning meeting in Wanganui. Everyone worked tirelessly for 6 hours going over every detail and it's pleasing to say, planning is well underway and the Conference mini events are taking shape nicely. If you haven't registered yet, don't hesitate, several classes are already full and others nearly but you never know what's available until you look.

With Christmas just around the corner, I've told my family not to buy me presents but if they want to give me something that's special, feel free to contribute with funds towards my Conference experience. I'm excited as they are stoked to be able to give me something that they know makes me happy. Maybe something others could consider too!

Thank you!

I see from the many Guild and Regional Newsletters I receive; lots of Guilds have held their Annual General Meetings. I thank all past Committee members for the hard work you have put in to make your Guild a success and congratulate and thank any new members who have stepped up into the vacant positions. Like many volunteer positions it is always hard to find willing participants, but we need you to keep our passion alive. Thank you.

Update Guild Contacts:

That leads me to a reminder for all Guilds – IF YOUR GUILD CONTACT AND OFFICER BEARER DETAILS HAVE CHANGED please go online using this link to update your Office Bearer's information etc. As this is where the information for our 6 monthly Threads details is generated from.

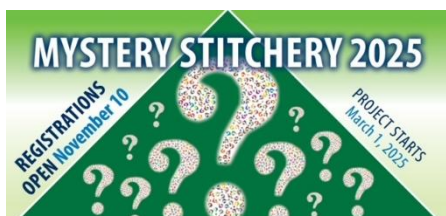
Update Contact Link: <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/update-guild-details>



Event Reminders:

Stitch Summer – Event Saturday 28th February 2026

Stitch anywhere you like, on a park bench, in a café, with a friend or a Group or book a carpark on the main street and set yourself up there (I believe One of our crazy group might be doing something like this). We just want to introduce as many people as possible to our craft – one person at a time.



2025 Mystery Stitchery Fundraiser THANK YOU!

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this event and helped us fundraise over \$15,000 towards Conference 2026. Imagine how many raffle books we'd have had to sell to make this much.

Thank you everyone and to Maree Burnnand our designer.

Conference 2026 Quilt Raffle is STUNNING!

While in Whanganui I was lucky enough to view the quilt in the flesh.

It is stunning!

Although not compulsory for any guilds to sell these on behalf of Threads of Connection Conference 2026 but if you can help and would like some books, please contact Felicity on conferenceraffle@gmail.com and she will be happy to assist. Tickets are d\$2.00 each and there are 2 prizes to be won. Maybe a Christmas present for a loved one!



Short Thread – Katherine Mansfield House, Wellington

While on my way to Whanganui this weekend I had the opportunity to visit Short Thread Exhibition in Wellington, another excellent exhibition of embroidery, thanks to Jo Dixey. The work was out of this world. We definitely have some outstandingly talented stitchers in New Zealand. It was bought about by Jo, while visiting the House on a stitch day, the idea came to her to ask New Zealand stitchers to design a piece on one of Katherine's stories. Go and check out what they have come up with! You have till the 22nd February 2026 and I promise you won't be disappointed.

I couldn't pick a favourite so here's a couple to wet your appetite...



Colour Challenge 2025 – Blue

This is now wrapped up and all pieces returned to their owners. To the participants – WOW what an amazing display we had it was magnificent. So many lovely comments were received from those who visited the galleries, it was nice to get such a great response for all your hard work. To Jo Dixey, thank you for your passion and the hard work you have put in to this for ANZEG



ANZEG Executive

Due to my going on Annual Leave to Brisbane for a week, ANZEG Executive did not meet in November, our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 10th December where 2 of our 5 strategic plan sections will be addressed. But as usual all of your Regional Representatives have been working hard and are available for any queries you may have.

On my return I have attended one AGM in Ashburton which we were treated to a lovely High Tea afterwards.

Loosing a loved one, is never easy, and I know, that this year has been particularly hard for many with sad family events. My condolences to all of you and know that you are in our thoughts

Well, that's me signing off for 2025 and will be heading to Omarama, our happy place, for the festive season but it'll just be Darby and Joan this year, as it's the children's turn to go to the other side of their families. I wish you all a very merry Christmas with your family and friends and hope you all get lots of stitchy goodies from Santa. Stay safe, be happy and laugh lots.

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Mere Kirihimete – Merry Christmas

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