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## **February 2026 Memo #14**

Isn't it hard to believe we are nearly 2 months into the year and now only 4 months away from the Threads of Connection Conference in Palmerston North.

### ***Threads of Connection 2026***

When I looked earlier today at registrations it was pleasing to see over 280 people have registered, which after a slow start, is a great result. You can still register until the 31st May 2026 so not too late.

### ***AGM/BGM Cost Clarification***

*I have had several queries on the cost of attending the AGM/BGM, what it's for and why we pay it?*  
In the 10 years I have been involved with ANZEG Conference's there has always been a charge and all of it goes towards the cost of running Association Weekend – food, venue hire, equipment hire, guest speaker fees to name a few. The shortfall of the mini event is made up from ANZEG general funds. This year due to the availability of the venue and rising costs, our Executive have reduced it down to a one-day event, trying to keep costs as low as possible for Guilds and attendees.

With that in mind, I am pleased to note that only 9 of 58 Guilds are not attending to date. But there are 15 Guilds who have members attending, who have not nominated their delegate. I ask if you are that person can you please go into your registration and tick the Guild Delegates box, so we have an accurate record to file.

### ***Reminder Dates:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 - Remits, Notices of Motion and Nominations to be back with Secretary [anzegsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:anzegsecretary@gmail.com)
- 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 - Exhibition Entry Form A
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 - Exhibition Entry Form B or C

### ***Guild Display's***

I believe it's a timely reminder, to encourage you all to get busy on your Guild Displays. So, you will be asked to let Conference committee know if your Guild is intending to submit a display. This is very important information, so please do reply when asked. This will save us unnecessary expense on display board hire, if you aren't preparing one. You will be allocated half a board, which will allow for a piece no bigger than 1000mm x 1000mm to be hung. We also ask to make sure you secure your piece to the board, by attaching the latch (hook) side of Velcro to the back of your display. T-pins will be available also to ensure security.

## ANZEG Executive

Executive's next meeting is March 18th, where we will be running over the format of Conference meetings and discussing issues that have arisen that will affect some of the events at Conference. If any Guilds have a query that needs attention, drop me an email before that date so it can be distributed to Executive prior to this date.

## Your Guilds – Register to Incorporate or not?

I apologise if I keep going on about this but the closing date for this requirement is looming fast and is a legal requirement if you are or wish to be a register. I have copied a few words that have been written by our Honorary Solicitor Trish Comer to help with your decisions and if you go back to page 4&5 of our April 2024 Threads magazine you will find a very good article outlining the steps.

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 is D-Day.

### Key Reasons to Incorporate

- **Limited Personal Liability:** This is a major advantage. In an unincorporated group, members can be held personally responsible for the group's debts, liabilities, or lawsuits. Incorporation creates a separate legal entity, protecting individual members' personal assets from the organization's financial or legal issues.
- **Separate Legal Identity:** The incorporated entity can:
  - Enter into contracts, such as leases or service agreements, in its own name.
  - Open a bank account in the group's name, which ensures professional financial management and transparency.
  - Own, buy, and sell property or assets (like equipment or land) in its own name, rather than in the names of individual members.
  - Sue or be sued in court as a separate legal entity.
- **Enhanced Credibility and Permanence:** Being incorporated and listed on an official register (such as the New Zealand Incorporated Societies Register) enhances the group's legitimacy and public trust. This permanence helps attract new members, volunteers, and potential partners, as the group's status continues regardless of changes in membership or leadership.
- **Access to Funding and Grants:** Many government agencies, private foundations, and donors prefer to work with or require applicants to be incorporated entities because they have formal governance structures and financial accountability.
- **Structured Governance:** The incorporation process requires the establishment of a formal constitution, which outlines the group's purpose, rules, and decision-making processes. This clear structure helps prevent internal conflicts and ensures accountability to members.
- **Potential Tax Benefits:** While not automatically tax-exempt, incorporated societies may qualify for tax benefits or specific tax exemptions, especially if they are registered as a charity or operate as an amateur sports club. Groups can contact [Inland Revenue](#) for specific information on their potential tax obligations and exemptions.

In summary, incorporating provides legal protection and a formal structure that allows a craft group to grow, manage finances professionally, and secure external support more effectively than an informal, unincorporated group.

*Thank you, Trish Comer for your help!*

# Event Reminders: Anywhere in NZ

## Stitch Summer – Event Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026



### Conference 2026 Quilt Raffle is STUNNING!



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

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](mailto:conferenceraffle@gmail.com) and she will be happy to assist. Tickets are d\$2.00 each and there are 2 prizes to be won.

### **Reminder from ANZEG Treasurer (Catherine):**

**Capitation fees for 2026-2027 is \$25.00 per member**

2026-2027 Capitation Fee **payment due 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Capitation forms** will be **on the website from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026** so feel free to complete this form anytime from there on.

***Until next month, keep those needles threaded and fingers working, but most of all keep smiling, laugh and have fun with those you love.***

Nga Mihi Nui