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What a busy month this has been and now there are a few days left until Conference. Thank you to the over 300 members joining us in Dunedin – we intend to have a fun time. The Conference Committee have been working with dedication to make this Conference run smoothly – thank to them all. The BGM takes place at 0930 on Sunday 14th July. Everyone is welcome to attend but only those nominated as the Voting delegate have the right to speak. At the following event – the Open Forum – again, everyone may attend, but also everyone has the right to speak. If you have any topics for discussion at the Open Form, please let me know by Sunday 7th July so that I have a chance to allocate time to each one before flying out of Whangarei the following Wednesday. If any Guild has a matter that they wish discussed at the 2 Executive meeting held while we are in Dunedin – 11th July and 15th July – please notify either me or your Regional Representative as soon as possible for inclusion on the agenda.

I have been on a tiki-tour of Hawke's Bay and Poverty Bay recently – I was a day late returning home as the plane needed 'engineering attention'!! Glad I wasn't flying in it. My thanks to Kate and Ken Snow for billeting me an extra night. Also, thanks to all those who billeted me, fed me and transported me around. I had really enjoyable visits to Hawke's Bay, Needleworkers Hawke's Bay, Wairoa and Gisborne Guilds. I returned with 3 UFO's – 2 workshops and an introduction to 'slow-stitching' and 1 raffle prize. It was a pleasure to meet all the Guild members and to share in your friendships. The Region has suffered a heartbreaking year or so and it was good to see that everyone was settled and happy.

After 10 years of writing them, this is my last Memo. I would like to thank EVERY Guild member for their support, friendship and dedication to the art of embroidery. You have all made my years on the Executive (4 as Regional Rep. and 6 as President) such a positive experience. I will be taking a break and flying to the UK to visit family and friends after a 5-year absence and then I will have time to design and stitch for myself, with the view to restarting my teaching commitments.

Cheerio everyone, *Trish*

11th – 18th July 2024 – Dunedin Conference – A Stitch in Time

Regional Retreats:

11th – 13th October – Stitch Tui – contact them on stichtui@gmail.com for information and a brochure

28th – 30th March 2025 – Great Escape – embroiderersgreatescape.com. Registrations opening 10th June.