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Welcome to the New Year. A big one for the Region as we prepare for the “Threads of Connection” conference.

Have you organised your classes yet? Never will they be so convenient to access again. Many classes still have spaces, but you do need to register now!

Volunteering for Conference. Guild committees it is important that you decide when your members can volunteer during the Conference week.

What has been agreed so far is:

- Wanganui guild to help with setting up on Saturday and doing registrations on Saturday and Sunday. They are also filling the goodie bags.
- New Plymouth have taken responsibility for decorating the tables for the Saturday Conference dinner.
- A group of Manawatu members are making rose fobs to go with scissors to be donated by Catherine Rosendaal.
- Opunake are making gifts for the speakers.

Volunteers will be needed to assist in various areas including registration (Monday to Thursday), guild raffles, catering, parking, directing to venues, transporting tutors, stitching at Square Edge.

Sandra Hall is now the person to contact to arrange when you can help. This can be as part of your guild contribution or at a time that suits you individually. Do note that when volunteering on the Boys High School site you can park on site and will have access to refreshments and your lunch during the period of volunteering. If you wish to volunteer but are not registering for Conference you will still be entitled to parking, refreshments and lunch as above. To contact Sandra. 0210439703 sandrahallsmocking@gmail.com

Raffle tickets. It is important to keep selling raffle tickets. I am sure you have family and friends who would be interested. These can be obtained through your guild committee or directly by emailing Felicity. conferenceraffle@gmail.com

A couple of months ago I raised the idea of making “no touch” embroidered signs. Following further discussions, it was agreed that these would not be used alongside the

conference entries but would instead be placed with the guild displays. I have since received one from the Waikato that is very suitable. I look forward to seeing what has been embroidered within our region. I apologise if you have received mixed messages about this.

Post Conference class. This is to be held in New Plymouth on 22nd/23rd July. Details to be confirmed but it will be Indian style embroidery. As soon as I have the final details I will email everyone.

Guild Display. How is your Guild display going? It would be good to have all guilds represented. I know that Manawatu are working hard on theirs.

Is your mystery stitchery finished? I completed mine on Christmas Eve. I added a few of my own bits!!



It was a challenge making it into a project bag.



Hopefully we can have a preview of completed ones at our May Regional meeting.

Stitch Summer. Have you plans for this day? Jo Dixey is passionate that we use this day to advertise ourselves. She advocates we sit stitching in visible areas in only two's or three's. The public must feel we are approachable. Any photos you take send to your committee to include in their reports for Threads. These are due in by 4th March.

Sixtus Lodge Manawatu Guild holds it's annual retreat at Sixtus Lodge in mid - February. This year they are very fortunate to have Trish Hughes holding small classes in "How to cut and stitch a Peahole hem" on two of the days.

Colour challenge -Blue. This can be viewed on the ANZEG website - embroiderynz.co.nz/galley and is featured in both the 2026 diary and the calendar. Well worth a look. It was good to see entries from our region. Keep up the good work. Did you notice that there is a list of the guilds, their contact details and Facebook websites on the back page of the calendar.

It is now time to think about the green challenge. As well as your entry for Conference!

I am looking forward to visiting New Plymouth Guild on 4th February, South Taranaki Guild on 24th February, Opunake Guild on 25th February, and the Wanganui Guild on 25th March.

Keep stitching.

Gloria Campbell, Regional Rep.

New Plymouth, Wanganui, and Manawatu

What is coming up in 2026

Until Feb 22 Short Threads Open Tues-Sunday 10-4, Katherine Mansfield House, Wellington.

February 28 – Stitch Summer

March 27 – 29 2026 Great Escape.

July 4-9, 2026: ANZEG Threads of Connection Conference in Palmerston North.

Post Conference Class 22/23 July. New Plymouth. (NB. This is mid week).

Colour challenge -Green. Form A July 24th 2026, Form B August 7th 2026