

Threads of Connection

ANZEG Conference 2026

PALMERSTON NORTH

NEWSLETTER #3 – MARCH 2026

Welcome to our third Conference Newsletter.

Only 113 days to go! Have you booked in for Conference yet?

The committee do hope so and are looking forward to welcoming you to Palmerston North.

Threads of Connection ANZEG Conference 2026 is going to be wonderful and the committee and Guilds from the entire region look forward to hosting you all in Palmerston North.

The wide range of workshop classes are filling up and there is lots of interest in the Exhibitions with Entry Form As starting to arrive.

You have now had lots of time to digest the classes on offer, and while many are full or have very limited space left, there is still time to book a class... **BUT do it now!**

Staying at the Halls of Residence at Massey University is proving popular and is cost-effective. Do consider this as an option if you haven't booked accommodation yet.

Although busy with making sure that this will be the perfect Conference for you, I am looking forward to July, meeting you all on Association Day, viewing the Exhibition and hearing that you are all enjoying your classes and the wonderful shopping opportunities in the Merchants Mall.

See you in July,

Gloria Campbell
CONFERENCE CONVENOR

National Exhibition entries

We hope that you are all working hard on your exhibition entries, remember all work must be original in concept and design.

It's time to get your Form As in. Form A is your Expression of Interest. Entries (and payments) close on May 1.

Please complete Form A on the ANZEG website or print off the PDF and email or post it to the exhibition convenor (details in the form).

Category notes: There are two different categories (Modern or Traditional) that you can enter either in the Members or Open sections. The Te Wero Tuia challenge gives you the option of a classic or creative entry. We would love a whole wall of this rose design showing a multitude of colours and techniques.

For those who like to work small, the small embroidery section could be for you. Please encourage all under 18's to enter in the Young Person's category which has been divided into 3 sections.

Form B/C will be on the website soon and must be sent in with your finished embroidery. Again, each piece must have its own Form B/C.

Remember to attach a swing tag to the back of each work and D-rings to enable easy hanging. For the safety of all, no glass or perspex please. Insurance of the work is the exhibitor's responsibility. These are just a few of the entry conditions – refer to the Conditions of Entry on the ANZEG website (also in the April issue of Threads) and check off each section as you go through.

Please do not send your work until the week of May 18-22.

We are looking forward to receiving your entries and filling Square Edge Community Arts Gallery with your stunning creations.

Jenny Hunter
EXHIBITION CONVENOR

If you're wondering what the venues are like, there's a handy video on ANZEG's Facebook page, as well as on the website:

embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-news



QUILT RAFFLE

Our magnificent quilt, stitched by embroiderers from all around the region, is on sale now.



The cushion covers (right) and a bolster (not pictured) have been pieced together and look stunning.

Have you bought your tickets yet? **They are only \$2 each or \$20 for a book of 10.**

For tickets contact Felicity Willis phone 027 476 1946 or email conferenceraffle@gmail.com

Visit the website to see a gallery of close-up photos – www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conferenceraffle

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Mystery Stitchery

Have you finished yours yet? I have seen some and they are looking beautiful. Whether your spot sampler is to be framed or made into a project bag or perhaps another article we are looking forward to seeing the results.

We would love to be able to show your work to everyone at Conference and will be making a Powerpoint presentation of as many of the completed pieces as we can.

Please email a photograph (jpg file) to Sonya Wilson at sonya.marie@hey.com

along with your name and guild and she will create a Powerpoint that we can set up for everyone to see and enjoy at Conference.

Guild displays

Guild displays will be going up in the Merchants Mall on Saturday morning. It would really help the committee to know if your Guild, or Extensions Group, are bringing a display to Conference.

Please register on the website – there's a very simple form that will let us know to expect you.

This mini-exhibition is a big draw card for the general public and gets our supporting merchants seen, so thank you for sharing your Guild's incredible work.

Notes: Displays should be up to 1m square. Please put the hook side of the velcro on the back. We will supply the Guild name sign that goes above your work and T-pins to secure it to the wall.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai! Everyone is invited to join us at the

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MERCHANTS MALL AND ANZEG GUILD DISPLAYS

OPEN Saturday 12noon - 5:00
Sun-Mon-Tue 8:30 - 4:30
Wednesday 8:30 - 3:00

4-8 JULY

Palmerston North Boys High School Hall, 263 Featherston St

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www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-merchants

The Merchants Mall participants will be posted on the website shortly. If you click on their logo, you will be taken to their website (should you like to see what they stock).

The April Threads magazine will feature lots more about Conference and remember to look at ANZEG's Facebook page for updates.

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