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2025 HAWKES BAY/GISBORNE REGIONAL MEMO – 20 February 2026

Hello Everyone

Regional Weekend:

Thank you to everyone who has RSVP to our Regional Weekend. I appreciate your support. It is still not too late to attend so send me an email or text – there are still places left for both events. Your van driver will be in touch with you to sort out pickup times.

Stitch Summer:

Hopefully your guilds are back in action and have plans for Saturday February 28th in place to show our craft off in style. 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 so the public can approach us to ask questions.

Ideas are:

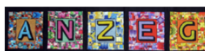
- Sitting in a public area on a bench.
- In your favourite café.
- Book a carpark in the street or the supermarket.
- At your local library.
- Outside a craft shop.

If you take any photos – please send them to me to include in my report for Threads which is due on March 4th. Attached is a poster for you to display around your areas to let people know this even will be happening.



Save The Date - Regional Stitch and Chat Day 2026

Our Regional Stitch and Chat Day will be held on Saturday September 19th at Knightsbridge Masonic Hall, 9 Balmoral Street, Taradale. I need some volunteers to make a plate to bring for morning tea – if you can help please send me an email. The pdf poster is attached at the end of this newsletter.



Regional Stitch and Chat Day

Where: Knightsbridge Masonic Hall, 9 Balmoral Street, Taradale



When: Saturday 19th September 2026

Time: Morning Tea starts at 9.30am

Morning Tea provided by some Guild members

Stitching Starts at 10am

Day Finishes at 2pm

What To Bring: Your current stitching project

Your own mug

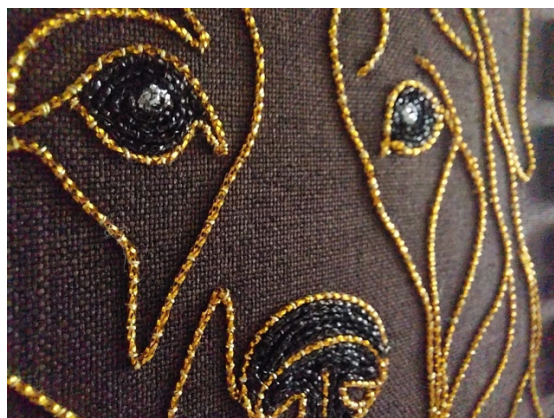
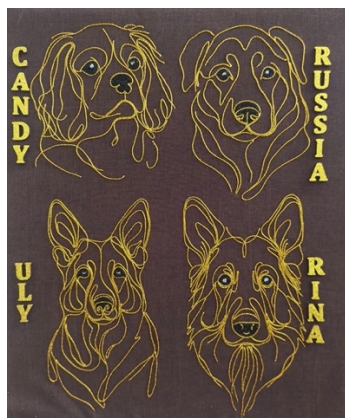
Your lunch if not buying it

Conference 2026:

There are still spaces available to attend conference. Registrations close on May 31st. Some workshops have been withdrawn so check out the website to see what workshops have spaces - <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-workshops>

There has been a request from Heather Lofthouse who plans the Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration. She would like involvement and help from across all seven regions. If you can help please email her. Her letter is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Finished Work:





What's On 2026:

February 28th

April 18th

April 19th

March 27th – 29th

July 4th – 9th

September 19th

Stitch Summer

Regional Visit to Wairoa Guild including Visit from Donna Hardie

Regional Mini Workshop - – Knightsbridge Masonic Hall, 9 Balmoral Street, Taradale

The Embroiderers' Great Escape

ANZEG Conference in Palmerston North

Regional Stitch and Chat – Knightsbridge Masonic Hall, 9 Balmoral Street, Taradale

What's On 2027:

May 29th – 30th

Stitch Away Hawkes Bay at Napier Boys High School

Embroidery has endless possibilities. A 100 people could have the same fabric and threads and they would all come up with different things.

Happy Stitching

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Stitch Summer
making embroidery visible

Feb 28th 2026

[#nzstitchsummer](#) on social media





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**Threads of Connections
Conference 2026
A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration**

Kia ora koutou, Greetings everyone

I am beginning to plan this service and would welcome involvement from across all seven regions.

The theme for the service will be threads of connections. What are the threads that connect us to our national body, to our regions and to each other. There are so many connections that bind us together which can all be celebrated at our biannual thanksgiving service during conference.

What is it that connects us and how might this be expressed through our Christian faith in bible reading, reflection, song, hymn, music, prayer, poem. I would welcome participation from across our regions choosing and delivering what ever it is that speaks to you of the Threads of Connections. It will be a true celebration of all that brings us together around our love of embroidery.

Can each region circulate this information asking those interested in being part of what promises to be a wonderful service of thanksgiving to get in touch with me with any ideas by the 1st June 2026. I am open to all suggestions.

Ngā manaakitanga nui Heather

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