

Threads of Connection

ANZEG Conference 2026

PALMERSTON NORTH

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Welcome to our second Conference Newsletter.

We want you all to be involved and to understand where we are at with Conference 2026.

Firstly, we hope you are all keeping July 4-9, 2026 free! There will be the ANZEG Association weekend to enjoy, plus exhibitions and merchants' mall and then the classes to participate in.

By now you will have received your copy of October's issue of Threads magazine, and read about all the wonderful classes on offer from our amazing 20 tutors. If you visit the website you will be able to read about each tutor, as well as see the classes they are offering. In the downloadable sheets, you will also find the needs list – this enables you to see what you can bring from your stash, what is supplied by the tutor, and what you will need to bring along with you.

Registration opens for ANZEG members at 7am on Wednesday November 12. We recommend that you make sure you can get into the registration system BEFORE this day so you have the best chance of enrolling in your first-choice class. Go to the website and follow the prompts...

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](http://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-news)

Remember that we also have a special deal for accommodation at Massey University's Walter Dyer Hall. The video shows what the rooms are like. There are no lifts so this won't be ideal for people with mobility issues but every effort will be made to get you a ground floor room (first come, first served). Book through the registration system.

Quilt Raffle

We have a fabulous quilt stitched by embroiderers from all around the region. Huge thanks to Manawatu Guild who sponsored the backing fabric, batting and the cost of quilting at Aimee's



Homestead Quilts. Plus, many thanks to Gloria Campbell, TWM regional rep, who spent lots of time co-ordinating the cream and white embroidered squares and sewing them together. A tricky job making sure they all worked as a harmonious whole.

The quilt is magnificent and raffle tickets are now on sale.

Tickets are \$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

FUN EVENINGS at Conference!

We have 2 special guest presenters organised.

Ann-Marie Anderson-Mayes will be speaking about 'Your Brain on Embroidery' on Monday evening and on Wednesday The Art of Framing will show you how to frame your work to advantage.

On Tuesday evening you can join us for a fun quiz evening...

THE BOX OR THE BAG! Think Selwyn Toogood mixed with a bit of Jeopardy... and a whole lot of laughter. What will you choose? The box or the bag... you could end up with anything from embroidery goodies to a roll of loo paper (well, maybe a chocolate bar...).

You can book these events through the registration system.

National Exhibitions

All the national exhibitions will be held in Square Edge in Palmerston North and we are hoping for an exceptional display. So please look at the exhibition titles and entry conditions online and start stitching.

Te Wero Tuia – the Stitch Challenge will be judged in two sections. Follow the rose pattern and be judged purely on the beauty of your embroidery or be creative.

Maree Burnnand, one of our award-winning embroiderers who hails from Central Taranaki is one of the embroiderers who championed this section and has a dream of seeing a whole wall of entries in the gallery! Can we make this dream come true?

Entry forms will be available on the website in January – follow ANZEG's Facebook page for updates.

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.

Sadly though, our Conference Convenor Kerry Smith has had to resign because of changes to her personal circumstances. We wish her all the very best.

Gloria Campbell, our very enthusiastic and capable TWM regional rep, has stepped up to the role to guide us through to Conference. Only 236 days to go!...

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