

Report from Wakatipu Womens' Fellowship For Parish Annual General Meeting 2019

12 - 15 ladies regularly meet for monthly meetings. We have 19 financial members and a number of other interested people. Seven members kindly hosted the home meetings. The last meeting was held in the community room at the new Frankton library. Two social occasions saw members having lunches at the Shelter and the new cafe, Frank's Eatery, at Remarkables Park.

Subjects for the meetings were varied, with Michael Godfrey telling us about himself at the first meeting in April. Diana Hubbard shared stories from her teaching at Niue High School and Dick's experience working on an aid project on Niue in the early 1970s. Diana had recently been back for a reunion of some of the children she had taught who were now 60. The topic of recycling brought forth stories of how our parents and grandparents did this as a way of life and what we do now. With the issue of the airport seeking to extend its noise boundaries and growth, members were asked to share what Queenstown was like when they came here and how they thought it would be in 10 years time. June Simpson showed us her heritage Victorian gowns which some of the group modelled. Two maids from that era kindly served us afternoon tea! Very appropriate on the day of the 125th anniversary of Womens suffrage in NZ. David shared stories of his involvement in international marathons. The group is involved in the ecumenical service for the World Day of Prayer held in March each year. Each church has a turn in hosting this meeting.

Members raise money through bring and buy sales tables. \$370 was raised this past year. Money raised has supported Marlene Van Tonder in her missionary work and donations have been made to the Hospital Chaplaincy and the Stroke Foundation. A new mat was purchased for the front door of St Peters.

Several members knit for needy causes. Most of the garments have gone to Christchurch following hardship from the earthquakes. Alison Tait, part time parishioner, has arranged for the distribution of the many children's garments and the peggy square blankets. Two bags of knitted garments have also been given to Anglican Family Care for distribution in Otago. Members help with Meals on Wheels and have contributed a substantial quantity of items for Baskets of Blessings. Some members have also helped with the packing of items for this project and the distribution of baskets.

Fellowship members have continued in their long tradition of providing friendship and support for each other through the year. They also provided strong support for various stalls at the 2018 Parish Market Day.