



District Fifteen

Altrusa

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December 2018

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Hi All

Wow the year is flying by!

October was a particularly busy month for me. We had our District Board meeting on the first weekend of the holidays at my home. It was a good weekend of discussion on a variety of subjects and I have included several aspects below. We visited the conference venue and tried to get our heads around how we could get things to work – we can only do our best.

On the Monday night after the weekend my husband and I left for an organised 16 day tour in Vietnam and Cambodia (with 'Travelmarvel' who were amazing with the organisation and attention to detail). After a few nights in Hanoi we had a few days cruising Ha Long Bay and then flew into Siem Reap Cambodia for a 7 day cruise on the Mekong. We saw some amazing sights (Angkor Wat), and some very thought provoking places (one of the many 'killing fields', Cu Chi Tunnels etc.), we visited villages, schools, temples, markets etc. and ate some amazing food!

Back home and into Teacher Appraisal, reports, toe surgery, some sick leave and now back to work and Altrusa!



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A few items to let you know about:

Altrusa International Ohariu is to be chartered in Wellington on December 13th!

International President Leanne Milligan and several Board members – including myself - will be attending this momentous occasion in our District's Altrusa journey. I would like to congratulate Katrina Clokie and the members for making this commitment to initiate a new Club. They have already been quite busy with projects and activities – their latest informative and colourful newsletter can be read on the District website! Already they have held a quiz night, made Xmas cards for rest home residents, GRG hampers, contributed for days for Girls, had a sausage sizzle, run a Facebook page raffle etc. Our congratulations to all of you from District Fifteen!

Altrusa International of Aotearoa - Virtual Club The establishment of this club has been taken on by our Board member Director Ming-chun Wu. The paperwork has been done and now we are looking for members! Maybe you know someone who would be interested – they might be in an area where there is no club or might prefer this way of linking up electronically to do some volunteer work in their community. If you would like to contact Ming-chun please use this email - altrusavirtualclub@gmail.com Well done Ming-chun for taking on this challenge.

Legal advisor – We were very sorry to hear of the passing of our Legal Advisor Lesley Instone. Our condolences go to the Altrusa Club of Invercargill as they mourn the loss of a much loved member.

IFF Days – A big thank you to our Board members –Maria, Marvynne, Ali and Ming-chun who organised the I.F.F. Days in our four areas. You all did a superb job. I managed to attend three and I was impressed by the variety of content covered in the day. There were some good speakers, some interesting workshops and some hands on activities. Thank you to other Board members and District Chairs who contributed or supported these days – your input was greatly appreciated. And to the clubs who hosted – thank you for organising venues, food, speakers etc. These days are a great combined effort. I hope the members who attended gained **I**nformation, enjoyed the company and **F**riendship of other Altrusans and had some **F**un!

Club Visits – Many of these have already been carried out by myself and other Board members. We always enjoy meeting up with other Clubs and Altrusans. It is great to hear about your activities and projects and how you organise them. If we are able to attend a meeting it is interesting to see where you meet and how you organise your club. Unfortunately due to work commitments it is not always possible to meet with you on your designated meeting night. I would like to thank clubs that have accommodated our visits by meeting at a different time, on a different night or on a weekend day. I have had a couple of lovely weekend breakfast meetings with clubs this year. I hope that we board members also have information for you, can answer your questions or help with any particular subjects and find out answers to your questions.

Board News – At our meetings a number of subjects are discussed and a variety of motions moved. A couple of Board items of interest:

1. A District Task Force to be formed to create a Virtual Club, chaired by Director Ming-chun Wu (Wellington).

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2. District Fifteen is in the process of becoming incorporated once the District By-Laws have been reviewed and updated. Clubs are encouraged to become incorporated and a template will be sent out with reasons why this is advisable

Also a few changes are happening with our District website and our provider is being changed. We would like to remind clubs to please check your information and Club photos and if you have anything that needs changing or updating please send to Jenny Craig.

I would like to wish all clubs and members a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Christine



Mid-Year District Fifteen Board Meeting



Governor Christine with a cake her granddaughter had made and with Alton at Angkor Wat Cambodia

From International President Leanne

It's time to give thanks. Personally I would like to thank the many club leaders serving as committee chairs, club board members and the many District leaders who are working to provide service to our communities and strengthen Altrusa so we can continue to serve for many decades to come. It is also a great time to thank the many Altrusans who are contributing at an International level on the board, committees and task forces. The work we are doing is focusing on feedback from membership on how to make being an Altrusan a great experience.

It is also time to consider stepping up. Yes, over the next few months Club and District nominations committees will be working to create slates for the leadership in the next Altrusa year. Taking on a leadership role does not have to be scary. I believe one of the greatest strengths of Altrusa is the provision of a supportive environment to develop your leadership skills. If it is your first time stepping up into a leadership role there will be plenty of Altrusans rallying behind you to support you in your new role. Why not give it a try?

Leanne Milligan
International President
Altrusa International Inc

DISTRICT FIFTEEN CHAIRS COMMUNICATE

Leadership Chair – Katrina Clokie

Thinking about our next leaders

As we're about to roll into another year, it might be time to start thinking about how the next leaders of your club will be supported into their roles. If your Club President will change in 2019, have you spoken to your incoming President about attending training at our District Conference in Te Awamutu? How does mentoring happen within your club so that people volunteer for board positions when you have your election? It is important that our next leaders feel prepared and that we have people who are willing to lead. If you have any questions, or would like to brainstorm ideas, please feel free to contact me at leadership@altrusa.org.nz

Service Chair – Melanie Squires

Thank you to all clubs who have been sending updates/newsletters throughout the year. It is always interesting reading about the wide variety of service activities that Clubs are undertaking throughout the District. There is a mix of one off and ongoing service projects. It is particularly encouraging to read of projects where clubs are working in close collaboration with other service organisations. New Zealand has a very high number of service organisations per capita and working together towards a common goal to benefit our communities is key to the continuation of all clubs and organisations.

Although Conference still feels quite some time away I would encourage clubs to start planning their Mamie L Bass Service Awards entries now, if they haven't already started. The better the planning the better the outcome! Make sure you are collecting and collating information such as budgets, timelines, photographs and outcomes of your service projects.

BRR Committee – Jan and Tricia

We can assist Club members in preparing proposed Bylaws Resolutions and Recommendations and Club Policies to be presented at our Conference in Te Awamutu to be held in May 2019.

District Officers, District Committee Chairs, Past Governors and Clubs can submit any Bylaws Resolutions and Recommendations to the District Chair, Jann Tresadern, ninety days prior to the Annual Conference.

Each proposal should start with the proposed motion and include an explanation of what we do now and reasons why we should change it and if necessary a list of other Bylaws or policies affected by the proposed Bylaws Resolutions and Recommendations.

As the BRR Committee, we will circulate proposed Bylaws Resolutions Recommendations to District Officers, District Committee Chairs, Past Governors and Clubs sixty days prior to the Annual Conference so that everyone has a chance to discuss the Motions and Delegates can be instructed on how to vote.

At Conference the District BRR Committee will conduct a briefing on all proposals coming before the first Business Session. Your BRR Submission will need to be received by the BRR Committee before February 15th 2019 - Jann Tresadern Chair or Tricia O'Donnell vice BRR Committee.



Membership Development Chair – Carol Haskett

I know you have all been busy and with Christmas fast approaching everyone will be winding down now but please don't forget we need to continue to promote Altrusa to those we meet through the holiday season.

A great idea for the New Year used to gain members by another club and also to support a charity – hold an event with the goal of supporting a chosen charity the one I heard about was for Foster Hope. Ask people along for drinks and nibbles with a speaker from the chosen Charity asking those attending to support the chosen charity with donations. It is a great opportunity to show what Altrusa is about and hopefully inspire others to join us.

Remember the Altrusa website has resources and information www.altrusa.org.nz and if any club would like assistance in any way please do not hesitate to make contact with District Board members we are here to help.

Merry Christmas Everyone - enjoy your family time



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Nominating Committee – Susi Chinnery-Brown

Nomination Forms for District Office in the next biennium 2019-2021 have been sent out to all Club Presidents, Secretaries, District Board Members and Past Governors. All nominations must be emailed back to: susi@twentyfive7.co.nz by 10th December 2018 latest.

10 – 15 December: Nominations Committee will liaise with Governor and all Board Officers and by 28th February, list of slated nominees will be sent to all Clubs and past District Governors

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the 2019 May Conference floor but the nominees will have no speaking rights. Clubs must advise the Nominations Committee by 1st April 2019 if they wish make a nomination from the conference floor.

INFORMATION, FUN & FELLOWSHIP DAYS

AREA ONE

Maria Mackay Governor Elect

Being in 'Hamilton' and held in an amazing wedding / events venue, provided a wonderful setting for our Area One I.F.F. Day with the theme 'Nurture and Grow', gathering information, enjoying the fellowship and having fun!

Ten clubs were represented - Auckland, Morrinsville, Rotorua, Te Kuiti, Te Awamutu, Hamilton, Cambridge, Tauranga, Christchurch and Oamaru with twelve 'First Timers' attending. What an honour it was to have International President Leanne and Governor Christine join us. After a welcoming morning tea and an opportunity to purchase raffles with proceeds going to the 'Assistance Dogs', we were very fortunate to have Jean Robertson as our guest speaker who enlightened us on brain development and why people behave and act as they do.

International President Leanne and Governor Christine spoke, and brought us up to speed with International, District news and happenings. We learned from our District Chairs and Officers present, about their roles in District Fifteen. District Treasurer Danae walked and talked us through the updated International website. The Presidents Portfolios saw us share Literacy, Service and Fundraising projects.

A team building exercise 'Spaghetti Junction', led us into the afternoon programme after a delectable lunch. All hands were on for Service - deconstructing beads to make up packs for 'CanBead'. Governor Christine challenged our Altrusa Clubs communication efforts by asking us to evaluate publications.

With the benediction we were farewelled, some travelling home while other members stayed on to shop, dine and explore the Hamilton region. Thank you so much to the Hamilton Club for hosting our day and sharing your wonderful hospitality. I sincerely thank all Altrusans wherever you are, for giving up a weekend to travel to an I.F.F. Day, wherever it may have been and commit to Altrusa. I know that Governor Christine's goal of 'Nurture and Grow' played a big part in your being there and that you would have had much to share with others on your return home.

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A team building exercise and 'hands on' service were all part of the IFF Day held in Hamilton



AREA TWO

Ming –chun Wu - Director

IFF Day for Area 2 was held in Palmerston North on 22 September where a total of 24 people attended on the day. The day was well supported by the Palmerston North and the Levin clubs as well as District Board Members. Governor Christine Melville and Governor-elect Maria Mackay kicked off the day by sharing news from International and District. This was followed by a literacy quiz organised by Pat and Val from the Palmerston North club to help celebrate the International Literacy Day at the beginning of September.

We had the pleasure of hearing from Mike Baragwanath about his voluntary work in Africa to prevent poaching. Mike also personally sponsored the training of a local person in anti-poaching work. This was then followed by clubs sharing highlights and updates of their activities. It was a wonderful opportunity to learning about the numerous projects that the clubs undertook.

After lunch, our District Service Chair, Melanie Squire, led a very well-received workshop on how to SWOT for service. The SWOT analysis was adapted from a popular strategic planning technique which identified 'Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats' as it relates to an organisation.

As there were a few first-time attendees and newish Altrusans, District Director Ming-chun then shared some background about Altrusa accents and other traditions. This was followed by Vice-Governor Marvynne Ashley's workshop on communications and how clubs could best share their success using infographics.

Following this, District Treasurer Danae McConnel presented on Cogs and Wheels which covered essential administrative know-hows. The day finished with a brief Conference 2020 brainstorming session led by Tricia O'Donnell from the Wellington club.



AREA THREE

Alison Burr Director

Over morning tea, 29 Altrusa members were met by host club Timaru.

Christine Melville – District Governor – gave a presentation on Communication.

The guest speaker – Sandi Abel – Principal of a Primary School in Timaru - gave an inspiring account of how she nurtures her young pupils. Most come from poor/sad family environments and Sandi provides a place where they can feel a sense of belonging, allowing them to grow.

Carol Haskett (Membership Development Chair) encouraged club members to nurture members and always be trying to attract new members. Carol left a bowl of M&M's (Members Matter) on each table – by the end of her presentation she expected that all would be eaten!!



The Elevator Pitch workshop was well received. Members put together a pictorial presentation – at least five awesome things that Altrusans achieve.



“Cogs and Wheels or Flakey Pastry” was the title of Danae McConnel’s (District Treasurer) presentation. In a very clever way Danae explained the different aspects (layers) of the updated International Web Site.

During the day, time was given for clubs to give updates.

Before the day closed, time was made available for the Altrusa Club of Timaru to make a presentation to May Mason – they awarded her with a much deserved Lamplighter pin.

The Benediction – “Planting your Spring Garden” concluded the day.

AREA FOUR

Vice Governor Marvynne Ashley

On September 15, Queenstown Club hosted twenty-five Altrusans including six first-timers, from Invercargill, Oamaru and Taieri clubs starting the day over a lovely morning tea provided by Taieri.



Our programme reflected our Governors Biennium theme, Nurture and Grow. Our raffle of pampering goods raised \$115.00 for Assistance Dogs. Guest speaker Jaimie Stodler (former MasterChef contestant and creator of Cup and Cake Queen), spoke of her professional and personal journey.

I was assisted by Governor Elect, Marie Mackay who provided the International and District Fifteen updates; Jenny Cleland (Oamaru) whose update of the Waitaki College ASTRA Club generated much discussion; and Nellie Garthwaite (Invercargill) who encouraged members to apply for positions on the Board as the Nominations Committee work to complete the Board Slate.

I presented a new marketing tool in my workshop - Celebrating Service – ‘Connecting with your Community’. Clubs now have a template that connects with the heart of prospective new members because it is specific about service to their local community. The new International Website was introduced along with an overview of how clubs are represented on our District webpage.



Queenstown ran a Service Hands-On Workshop creating Boomerang Bags and members cut fabric, sewed, and ironed to produce 9 bags.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH CLUBS

Altrusa Palmerston North

August

Days for Girls New Zealand - Sewing Bee – Twenty people from around the Manawatu & Wairarapa met on 5 August. In 3 hours they made 100 kits to send to Belize the following day.

Speaker at Business Meeting – Fiona Bradley born in Ashburton, studying at Otago, moved to Palmerston North. Joined Guides NZ as a youngster and spent 6 ½ years on the board, travelling around the world representing Guides on the world stage, training other delegates on the 'No Violence' programme. Representing Guides at the United Nations. WOW !!



September

Literacy Day-Reading with Roslyn Suburban Library - Gael and Pat recognised International Literacy Day on September 8th by going to Roslyn Library to read to children from Roslyn School.

Happy Hour - 20 September - Focal Point fund raiser. We saw the movie Book Club, it was very funny and everyone enjoyed themselves, raising approximately \$300.00.



October

Postcards of Palmerston North book launch – on the 30 October we will be supporting member Val with her book launch, we will be providing supper.

Altrusa Levin

Altrusa Levin was given the opportunity to host the local Sunday afternoon 125th Women's Suffrage Celebrations.

Georgina Beyers was the speaker, and drew a much larger audience than was anticipated. But true to form we managed to cope adequately and received numerous compliments on the tables of delectable afternoon tea. These were enjoyed with a cuppa after Georgina's animated talk; so truthful and open to the numerous aspects of her varied life experiences. An information table, including our banner, new rack card, photos, Days for Girls kits etc, was set up to show the community who we are, and what we do.



At our September dinner meeting hosts greeted us all in the style of those long-ago days.



Altrusa Wellington

The Wellington club have had a busy couple of months. We've been selling Sileni wines as a fundraiser to help with the cost of publishing a children's book named "I'd rather be a Football Star." The book is written by a young lady named Petra about her own childhood journey with cancer. The total raised is still to be calculated, but we're sure this book will be a useful resource for schools and families.

We participated in the CAN challenge at Countdown Newtown and collected over 17 large boxes of non-perishable food and cleaning items for the Wellington City Mission. Holding this on the final Sunday of the school holidays ensured there were plenty of shoppers out and about! Some members also helped at a Sewing Bee hosted by the local Days for Girls group on the same day.

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Six members recently volunteered at the Little Sprouts Art Auction, serving food, taking tickets and checking in coats. Well done to the team at Little Sprouts who organised such a fantastic event and raised over \$30,000 to go towards their amazing packs for vulnerable babies, providing everything the baby needs for their first year. Later in November we'll be spending a Saturday with the Little Sprouts team helping to pack some of these boxes.

We also entered a team of six into the new Ohariu club's quiz night which was fundraising for Grandparents raising Grandchildren. It was a great evening and an enjoyable way to contribute to a great cause.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas break and we welcome any visitors in the New Year.



Altrusa Morrinsville

"Altrusa Volunteers shout smoko"

This was the headline in the local paper for Make-a-Difference Day for Morrinsville.

Members baked and delivered morning tea to all the local volunteers at Hospice shop, Red Cross, Wallace Art gallery, Morrinsville Museum, Everybody's Shop, Fire Brigade & St Johns.

There are so many people volunteering in the town we thought they should be acknowledged.

Two weeks later five members entered the College Fun Run, & had great 'Fun'

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Megan, Susi, Janet & Cathy with Fire Brigade members

Altrusa Hawera



Two laptops, 100 CDs with covers and over 100 books were donated to Whanganui Men’s Prison who are working in conjunction with Hawera’s Vincent de Paul to begin a new initiative to record men reading children’s books and the CD to be given to the children so they can feel connected to their Dad. This also helps with literacy of the men.



A beautiful basket of knitted blankets for our guest speaker from SANDS (support for infant and baby loss)



President Diane presented the Altrusa Literacy Trophy to Sophie Ogle who achieved the highest mark over all classes.

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Altrusa Hamilton

Altrusa Hamilton enjoyed hosting the District Fifteen IFF day held Saturday 1 October at Woodside Estate Matangi. It was a very successful and informative day. Speakers at meetings have included Noeline Kennedy (The Ukelele Lady) who gave a 'hands on' lesson. Robyn Creighton from Look Good Feel Good shared her journey and how her organisation provides workshops for those who have suffered from cancer.

We had a successful BBQ at Bunnings Te Rapa raising \$636 to go towards purchasing Christmas gifts to be distributed by the Salvation Army.

We recently held our Youth and Young Citizens Awards where students were nominated by local schools and they received a certificate and book voucher. Certificates were presented by the Mayor. A delicious afternoon tea was served by members.

Some members enjoyed a day out together on the Te Awamutu Altrusa Garden Ramble. A great day out, so thank you, Te Awamutu.

Our Literacy project was to purchase 300 books to be given to out at the Waterford Birthing Centre. A catering opportunity at the Meteor Theatre raised \$899. This will go towards a carers weekend next April where those who care for loved ones with dementia enjoy a pampering weekend.



Left - Altrusa members preparing for the Youth and Young Citizens Awards
Right - Guest speaker Noeline Kennedy giving us ukulele lessons

Altrusa Te Kuiti

As part of our Literacy Programme we have the annual Primary Schools Literacy Awards. Eight schools within our area nominate a student from Years 5-8 who has not necessarily excelled with Literacy but has shown growth in recognition of hard work.

The photo is most of this year's recipients. Each student received a certificate with the citation received from their school, plus students choose book/s to the value of \$30 from the local Paper Plus store which are wrapped and presented at the award evening.

See photo on next page



Our November meeting was Melbourne Cup Day and some members responded to the challenge to wear a hat/decorate a hat.



Altrusa Invercargill

Invercargill club was given the opportunity to host Chris Barnes and his wife Jenni. These enterprising kiwis and their partner took their car to the Bonneville Salt Flats to try and break the land speed record in their class of car. Chris got the car to 220 mph and will go back and try for 260 mph in the next two years. Chris spoke of the journey and the experience which sounded like it was a wonderful experience. It was something completely different as a fundraiser for our club and Altrusa was introduced to a whole different group of people in the community. The funds went to our community projects account.



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Altrusa Ohariu

Altrusa International of Ohariu will charter in mid-December with 16 members. We hope that you have received an invitation to join us for dessert and celebration, along with information about our [Charter Kickstarter fundraiser](#) to benefit 15 local charities.

Aside from growing our membership, we have been working on our first big service project to create Christmas grocery hampers for 22 families in our local community who receive support from Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Trust. GRG is a registered not for profit organisation that provides nationwide support services to around 7500 full time grandparent and whanau carers in New Zealand. For more than 95% of the families GRG work with the grandparents have become full-time caregivers as a result of a traumatic event or family breakdown where there has been serious issues with the parents. The largest of these families that we are supporting includes seven grandchildren, one of whom is in a wheelchair!

To purchase items for our hampers, we have raised over \$300 at a Labour Weekend sausage sizzle outside Mitre 10 Mega, and over \$1000 at a Quiz Night hosted by a local bar and restaurant. We've partnered with Wellington Shoebox Christmas to provide gifts to each child within the families, and created handmade cards at our November meeting to accompany our hampers. We have planned working bees to assemble and distribute the hampers in December, and hope to help create some happy holiday memories.



Homemade Christmas Cards at our November meeting.

Altrusa Oamaru

Christmas Extravaganza 2018 - it may have been wet and miserable outside but this did not lessen the amazingly festive atmosphere inside. The decorations in the foyer with its stunning 'alternative' Christmas tree and then the welcome refreshments got everyone in the mood for a great evening. With 37 stallholders each displaying such a wide variety of wares for sale there was plenty to keep all those attending interested in stocking up on items for Christmas, and the background music by the Saggy Britches band was enjoyed by all. The raffle table was kept busy with 37 raffle prizes donated by stall holders, Altrusans and people in the community. The donation of \$1500.00 to the Ruby Marris Trust was well received as was the opportunity to inform those attending about the Trust and the support it provides

to encourage the performing arts in North Otago. All in all it was a very successful evening that reflected all the planning, hard work, fun (some frivolity), and the combined participation of all our members.



A selection of beautifully iced Christmas cakes which were on sale at the Altrusa stall. The large one centre back is a raffle. All have edible decorations.

Altrusa Timaru

Having decided that our Literacy project would be to make and supply book bags for all the students at Ocean View Heights School, we set about gleaning suitable fabric from the Fabric Bazaar. At that time we also found suitable plain bright fabric to make cushions for their planned new library due to be built next year. With the generosity of Curtain Decor, we had sufficient fabric to get started and a work day at our Club rooms was held on Saturday, September 29.

With 4 machinists, 2 cutters, 2 pressers and others who measured the tape and name tags, turned bags and poked out corners, the day finished with 62 completed bags. Others went home to be finished and with a donation of further fabric, the grand total of bags will be over 90! Not a bad effort considering we had set a goal of 70!

To make use of the rooms and the day, Memory books which had been formatted at home by members, were bound by Donna with the use of the YMCA's binder once again. We appreciate their generosity towards us.



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Altrusa Virtual Club for Aotearoa

A virtual club has been established to service the whole of New Zealand with busy people in mind. It will conduct its business online and offer a new serve alternative for digitally-savvy and service-minded people who could not fully commit to a physical club due to a busy schedule or geographical restrictions.

The virtual club is a new concept for Altrusa, it will manage club business, hold club meetings, and organise service projects online to overcome geographical barriers. It operates on the premise that is 'family, work, and then Altrusa'.

Service projects and face-to-face events will be organised for members living within close geographic areas to undertake volunteer work in the real world. The club will undertake nation-wide fundraisers for worthy charities and aims to establish a professional mentoring scheme within the virtual club.

As the virtual club is currently in formation, club members will have significant input into the type of projects which the club will be involved with. Business meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm for 40minutes. Programme meetings are booked in each third Tuesday of each month to allow project teams to work on initiatives.

To support the start-up of the virtual club, you may choose to hold a secondary virtual club membership (for free) and assist with its service projects as geographical coverage will better support induction of new members to the Altrusa way of working.

Please help spread the word to:

- Digitally-savvy and service-minded people that would make great Altrusans.
- Ex-Altrusans lost to Altrusa due to family or professional commitments.
- Ex-ASTRA members who are unable to meet traditional attendance requirements due to study.
- The initial 6-months membership fee for the Virtual Club is \$80 and \$135 for annual renewals after that.

To keep up-to-date with what is happening with the virtual club, subscribe to their newsletters:

<http://eepurl.com/dJ5Ktc> or like their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Altrusa-International-of-Aotearoa-Virtual-Club-568963070229593>



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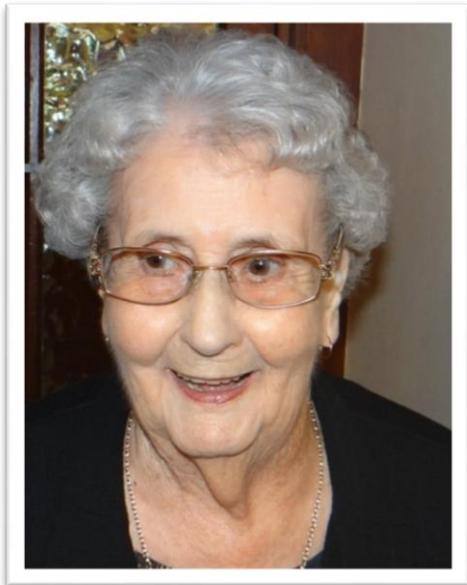
Lesley Instone joined Invercargill Altrusa in 1979 – 39 years ago. She said she joined Altrusa to meet people in the local community when she came to town as a young lawyer. Since that day she embraced the organisation and was totally loyal to it. During her years in the club she held most offices – being President twice – from 1986 – 1987 and again from 2010 – 2012.

Lesley enjoyed attending District Fifteen conferences and going to the International Conventions in America and once to Dublin in Ireland. She even attended the District conference in Ashburton in May this year when she was not well.

Her bright mind and huge knowledge of Altrusa was valued at District level by many of the District Fifteen Governors especially when the Americans make organisational policies and they don't quite fit with life outside USA! Lesley was able to sort this or interpret it for NZ clubs. She was the official Legal representative for District Fifteen for many years.

She showed great courage and dealt with her illness in her usual matter of fact way. Not once did she display any signs of self-pity. She was a great and courageous lady and a dedicated Altrusan. She will leave a gap in our club that cannot be filled. It was sad to see her decline so quickly, never getting to enjoy the fruits of her labours in retirement.

Altrusa Oamaru mourn the loss of two of their members within one week of each other.



Phyllis Bain, who this year received her 40 year pin, passed peacefully on 31 October. During these 40 years Phyllis has been very involved with the Club. Within the first 12 months she became the Club's treasurer and finance chair. Then she became the Club Civil Defence Chair until it was disestablished in 1982.

After serving as Club President, Phyllis continued to Chair many committees; Information, Civil Defence and Vocational and always taking a very active part in Club activities. Phyllis's skills were recognized and in 1988 she became the first Oamaru Altrusan to serve as a District Officer when she was appointed the District Fifteen Information Chair, the for-runner of today's Communication Chair. In 2002 she became the Club Parliamentarian.

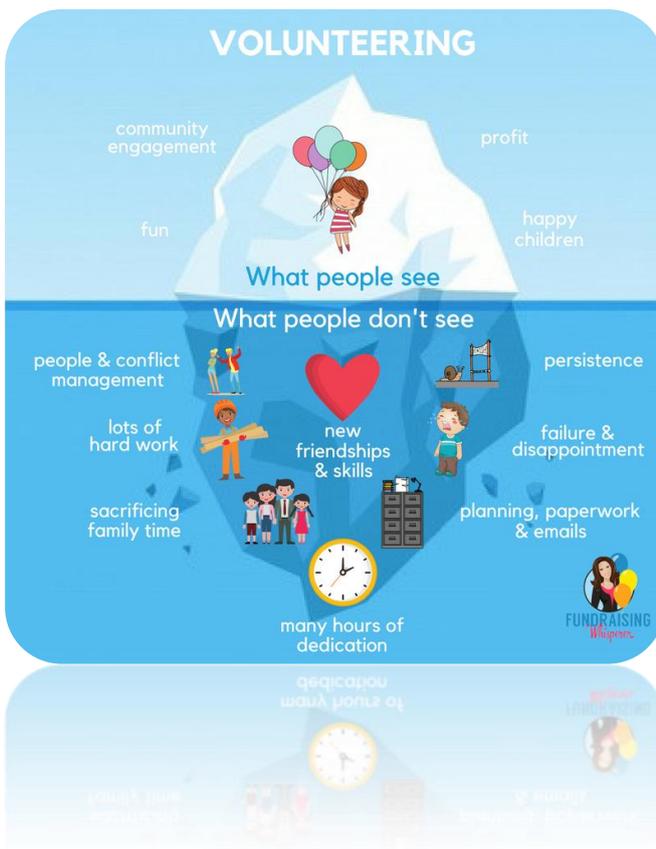
A dedicated and loyal member of Altrusa Oamaru who will be very much missed.

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Tania Wilson was a special member of our club and her passing at aged 55 years was a big shock for us all. The Tania we knew will long be remembered for her infectious smile, spontaneous laughter and as the giver of great hugs. The loved wife of Trevor, mother of David and James and devoted daughter of Melody, was also a lover of animals and possessed computer skills envied by many.

From Editor Jenny



Hi Everyone,

I couldn't help thinking as I put this DSB together of the hours we all spend volunteering, especially as we remember the three Altrusans we have lost recently, two serving for many decades and Tania a recent member but with so many skills.

This edition is full of all the countless hours we are spending making a difference in our local communities, reaching out to nurture and grow the vulnerable.

May you all take a well-earned break over the Christmas and New Year period, enjoying those precious moments with family and friends.

Raewyn and I both wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2019.



Registration Form for Conference 2019 in Te Awamutu



**Altrusa International Inc.
District Fifteen Conference
Friday 17 May – Sunday 19 May 2019**

**Te Awamutu Rugby Sports and Recreation
Club Inc**

420 Albert Park Drive

Te Awamutu

Registration Form

Early Payment Discount closes: Friday 5 April 2019

Final Registration Date: Wednesday 17 April 2019

Personal Details

Surname:	First name (preferred)
Address:	Phone: (preferred)
	Mobile:
City/Town:	Email
Post Code:	
Altrusa Club of:	Member Since:

Current Office Held

International Visitor		Club: President	
District:Governor		Secretary	
Board Member		Treasurer	
Chair / Officer		Member	
Past Governor		First Timer	
Attending as:	Delegate	Alternate	Observer

Special requirements – We are here to help!

Dietary (include food allergies):	
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Altrusa Down Under
December 2018



Other Assistance Required:			
Partners – Most Welcome			
Partner's Surname		First Name	
<i>Please note that if your partner would like to attend meal events on Friday night, Saturday night, these must be paid for along with your registration.</i>			
Please indicate if your partner intends to go on the day trip on Friday, May 17 and / or Saturday, May 18, so we can contact them prior to arrival with cost and plans for the day.			

Pre-Conference Seminars			
Please tick the boxes if you are attending:			
President Elect Training:	Friday 17 May 2019 from 8.30am		
Treasurer Training	Friday, 17 May 2019 from 11am		
Conference First Timers	Friday, 17 May 2019 from 1pm		
Registration Fees			
Altrusans Registration Fee: FULL		\$265.00	\$
First Timers discount - on full registration ONLY		- \$ 15.00	
OR			
Registration Fee:	Saturday & Sunday only	\$210.00	\$
Partner:	Friday Dinner	\$45.00	\$
	Saturday Governor's Banquet	\$55.00	\$
Early bird PAYMENT DISCOUNT (by April 5)		- \$	\$
– Discount on Full registration ONLY		30.0	
		0	
Total to be forwarded			\$
PAYMENT METHOD: Submit your registration by email to: Tania Sanders ctsanders@xtra.co.nz OR post to the registration address below			

<p><u>Preferred Payment Method</u></p> <p>Online Payments are preferred and should be made to:</p> <p>Bank: 06 0441 0084019 02</p> <p>Account Number:</p> <p><i>Please make sure your name and club show on our bank statement so that we can track your payment i.e.:</i></p> <p>Reference: <i>Last Name</i></p> <p>Code: <i>First Name</i></p> <p>Particulars: <i>Club Name</i></p>	<p>If you must pay by cheque make it payable to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Altrusa Conference 2019</i></p> <p>Write your name, address and club on the back of the cheque.</p> <p>Please post your cheque payment to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>c/o Tania Sanders</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Altrusa District Fifteen Conference 2018</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>P.O. Box 377,</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Te Awamutu</i></p>
<p>A confirmation list of registrations will be emailed to Club Presidents after April 5 and again after April 17. Receipts will be provided in registration packs.</p>	
<p>Privacy</p>	
<p>Under the Privacy Act 1993 we are required to advise that the information supplied on these forms will be entered onto a computer and only used to organise and conduct the 2018 Conference. At the end of the event all information will be deleted.</p>	
<p>We wish to print the names of those attending in the Conference Programme.</p> <p>Please tick the box if you DO NOT want your name included on the list.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Transport Details

Hamilton Airport is approximately 17 kms from Te Awamutu and travel is around 15 minutes.

If you require transport from Hamilton Airport to Te Awamutu and return, please complete your details here.

Transport will operate between Hamilton and Te Awamutu but may not leave immediately after your flight arrives, as we may have to wait for other flights to land around the same time.

There will be a cost \$10.00 each way.

Name	Date of arrival	Flight No	From	Time of arrival

Name	Date of departure	Flight No	Destination	Time of departure