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# Introducing



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**Marvynne Ashley**



**Governor  
District Fifteen  
Altrusa International Inc.**

**May 7th to July 1st  
2023**



## **The March message from our Co Governors**

Dear Altrusans,

Welcome back to 2024 and another great year of Altrusa service in our communities. With bodies and minds hopefully refreshed by a summer holiday break, we're sure that Altrusans will be ready to start work again on the wonderful projects undertaken by our clubs and we wish you every success.

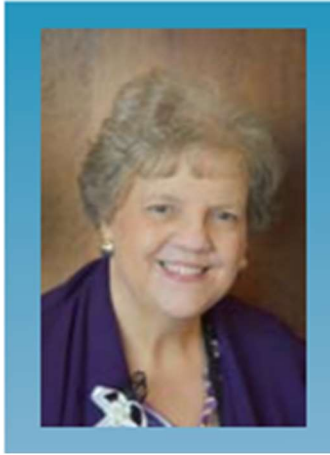
Registrations are coming in for our 40th Conference in Hamilton. Conference Chair Jenny and ourselves are working hard to ensure you will enjoy a slightly different and very varied programme with lots to keep you busy, but also lots of time for talk and the renewal of friendship which is, as we all know, a most important part of any Conference. Another updated programme outline was sent to all Club Presidents early in February and should have been sent on to you by now. We hope you've read it, liked what you saw, and have decided to attend - we'll look forward to seeing you there!

The month of May also brings change as current Club Boards and Committee Chairs are retired and newly elected and appointed members take up their new roles. Your District tries hard to give support where possible to those Altrusans who have put their hand up to assist their clubs in this way. In 2024 we will be using Zoom to extend the training already given to incoming presidents and to also give some training to the new Treasurers and Secretaries. We will have a series of zoom workshops which will take place over the next 3 months. As most email addresses are unknown, details of these workshops have been sent to Club Presidents and Secretaries to pass on. If you are taking up one of these new roles please do make sure you have received the Workshop information.

Make the most of these final weeks of summer and enjoy the wonderful supply of fruits which are available at this time.

With warm good wishes from us both,

**Jenette & Leanne**  
Co-Governors District Fifteen



**From Linda Smith, President, Altrusa International Inc.**

What a great first half of this Altrusa year!

I have enjoyed seeing all of the great projects our clubs are doing and sharing on social media. You all are truly making a major impact in your communities. I am very excited about how many of you have embraced the Kindness Challenge. I want to especially give a shout out to Altrusa International of The West Valley, AZ. who has chosen a theme for each week and encourages their members to do an intentional act of kindness that fits the theme. What a great idea!

It is gratifying to see our clubs continuing with our book challenge. Hardly a day goes by that I don't see a Facebook post about a club donating books. You all are amazing in the difference you are making in literacy in your communities.

Membership continues to be prominent in our clubs. Many clubs have shared photos of the new members being initiated. Did you set a goal for the year for new members? Have you re-evaluated to see if you are meeting the goal. This is a great time to bring in new members since we are in the half price dues months.

Charter ceremonies were held recently for two clubs in District Eleven - Altrusa International of Coachella Valley and Altrusa International of Southern CA Virtual Club. During the virtual charter ceremony of the virtual club, we welcomed new members from Mexico in addition to California. Both clubs are off to very strong starts with great projects. On December 11, Altrusa International of North East Texas (District Nine) was chartered. Their official charter ceremony will be February 3. We still have several additional clubs in formation and we look forward to them reaching charter strength soon.

I am excited to see what our clubs will accomplish in 2024! Happy New Year! Let's all continue to R.O.C.K. – Realize Opportunities, Create Kindness! Did you know that Saturday, February 17, 2024 is Random Acts of Kindness Day and that February 13-19 is "Kindness Week." Let's see what our clubs can plan to make a difference in your communities during that week. Any kindness act no matter how large or small will make a difference for someone. Let's R.O.C.K.



#### **Add an Altrusan Month Membership Incentive**

Could your club use an extra \$100 for help with a service project, a membership recruitment event, help send a member to Conference, etc.?

Altrusans R.O.C.K. – Realize Opportunity, Create Kindness



Now is your chance to show others in your community that we R.O.C.K.! Add at least one new member in April 2024, and your club could win one or five (5) \$100 cash prizes.

All clubs who enter a new member in Group Tally in April 2024 are eligible. Of those who enter a new member, five club names will be drawn and each will receive \$100.

Don't miss out on this chance for \$\$.



## Communications Chair – Jenny Bevin (Timaru)



Here we are heading towards Conference 2024!

I trust you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year with time spent just relaxing and doing what you love. We all need this time to recharge mind and soul.

I enjoy reading your Club newsletters and all the wonderful projects and fundraisers you are doing in your communities. I congratulate those clubs who do a monthly newsletter while other Clubs choose to do bimonthly or quarterly. They are all stacked with news and well worth a read – **newsletters are available on our District Fifteen website under Clubs.** Please keep your newsletters up to date on the website by sending to me at either of the below email addresses.

**From time-to-time Altrusa International will send you emails  
– please don't dismiss these as not being of any interest.**

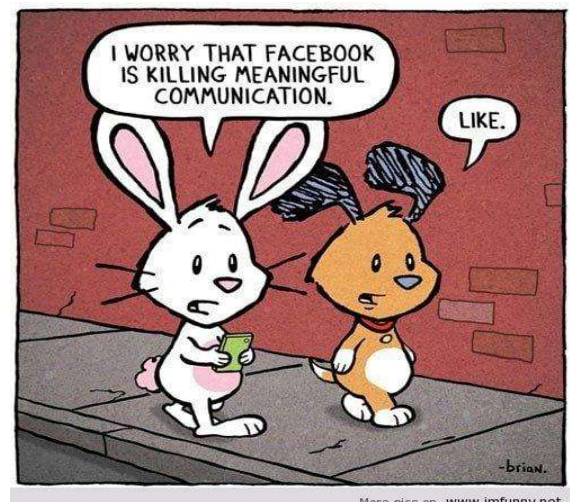
Our own DSB [District Service Bulletin] arrives this way and is clearly identifiable as such. Make sure you open it as it is full of District and Club news! It is also available on our District Fifteen website under News and Events.

'The Compass' is another publication from International with news from our International President, Linda Smith and Committee Chairs so well worth a look.

Occasionally District Fifteen will send E-blasts via International with updates on Conference so try not to delete these as irrelevant! The words District Fifteen will be clearly visible. Watch out for them nearer Conference times!

Love it or hate it, in today's world, electronic communication is popular as it's fast and mostly efficient, However, do not overlook the significance of a card, letter or phone call as a means of communication.

Jenny Bevin  
District Fifteen Communications Chair  
2023 – 2025  
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## Leadership and Training Chair – Linda Larsen (Morrinsville)



President-Elect's, it is now time to start planning for your tenure-ship. Start thinking about what you want to achieve, your direction, your goals for your club? It is never too early to start the planning process. You don't need to wait until you are officially sworn in. You want to hit the ground running! Hopefully this message was loud and clear at our recent workshop help on 29th February.

We will be running a further workshop for our President-Elect's before the final workshop at the conference in May. We are aiming to have the incoming presidents fully primed and prepped for their role. All fired up and ready for their journey in leading their team.

## Foundation Chair - Alison Burr (Cambridge)

Foundation Grant applications due September 15th 2024

Remember that those clubs who had successful applications in September 2023 are not able to submit an application this time.



Two clubs had their applications declined last time, the reason given being:

*The regulations in the US imposed on 501©3 nonprofits does not allow the Foundation to provide funds for fundraisers for other nonprofits regardless of how worthwhile they are. The foundation is allowed to pay for any fundraisers that it performs but we cannot fund fundraisers for other non-profits.*

I have not found this amongst information within the Grant application criteria thus am seeking further clarification which I will pass onto Foundation Liaisons, once received.



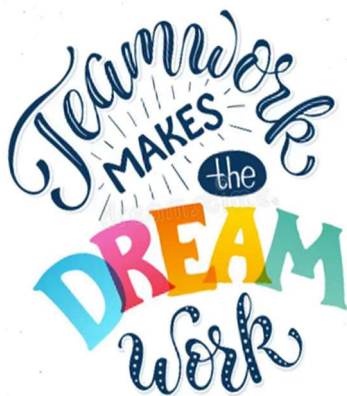
## Liaison – Pam Hayes (Tauranga)

As our International Project I want to remind clubs of our commitment to this most worthy organisation. For District Fifteen it makes financial sense to support DFG NZ rather than sending funds overseas.

The cyclone season will come to an end around April and two ships, the Sea Mercy and YWAM will head towards Fiji with Kits for distribution in the Pacific. Sea Mercy have advised that they can take as many kits as we have.

DFG NZ continue to liaise with the Fijian Government to be able to include undies in the kits rather than purchase them in Fiji but concede that the soaps will be purchased in Fiji. Helen Griffin, NZ Country Coordinator, reports that DFG NZ attract 25% discount on undies purchased from the Warehouse. They are expecting 1,000 metres of plain dyed flannelette specifically for DFG and will be expecting teams around the country to purchase 100 metres at a time.

All of this requires financial support from the likes of our Clubs, and I ask that incoming Boards consider allocating such funds when setting budgets and fundraising targets for the new Altrusa year. Of course, any surplus funds from this years' fundraising activities would be gratefully received by DFG New Zealand.



A very big thank you to everyone who put forward creative, well thought out, new names for the DSB. We had over 100 responses to the survey. You gave the board a lot to consider.

We are also grateful for the contributions from those who assisted with the newly designed title page. And to our survey coordinator.

Our DSB editors are excited to have a new name that is the voice of our New Zealand Altrusans.



Here is the direct link to the International Service Newsletter for this month:

[files.constantcontact.com/67cb6814501/6e4a6b98-f454-4efd-aeca-cb03941266d1.pdf](https://files.constantcontact.com/67cb6814501/6e4a6b98-f454-4efd-aeca-cb03941266d1.pdf)

Check out the new resource of 100+ quick service projects that can be completed during a meeting

## NEW RESOURCE

Your International Service Committee has compiled a list of **100+ Quick Service Projects** that can be completed in an hour or during a meeting. Please use **this link** to find this resource.

## SERVICE AWARDS

Now is the time that clubs are working on their Service Award applications. Please consider applying for at least one (or more!). Wouldn't it be wonderful if every club participated?



# ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC

## DISTRICT FIFTEEN

### Awards Cut Off Dates

**FYI – please note.**

Award	Send to	Close Date	Description
<a href="#">Mamie L Bass Service Award</a>	Isabel Page District Service Chair service@altrusa.org.nz	15 March 2024	Recognizes outstanding club achievement in service to the community
<a href="#">Letha H Brown Literacy Award</a>	Patricia O'Donnell Past District Governor Supplies@altrusa.org.nz	15 March 2024	Recognizes outstanding club achievement in service to the community through literacy projects
<a href="#">Dr Nina Fay Calboun International Relations Award</a>	Gaylene Cumpstone District Membership Chair membership@altrusa.org.nz	15 March 2024	Recognizes outstanding club achievement in International Relations
<a href="#">District Leadership Award</a>	Margaret Simpson BRR Vice Chair brrvice@altrusa.org.nz	15 March 2024	Recognizes an Altrusan who has shown positive leadership in their community and within their Club/District

#### Please note:

- All entry forms are available on our District Fifteen website: [www.altrusa.org.nz](http://www.altrusa.org.nz)
- All entries should be submitted electronically – in PDF format.
- Please ensure you pay careful attention to the awards criteria. Non-compliant entries cannot be judged. Be particularly careful not to exceed the word limits or page limits.
- Please ensure that your entry is submitted to the email address above.  
The judge co-ordinator will acknowledge receipt of your entry by reply email.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Award winners will be announced at Conference.

**Good Luck!**

#### Some reminders -

- *International Awards - Please note that the entry forms for the three international service awards have been updated and it is important that these new versions be used when preparing an entry for the 2024 awards.*
- *District Fifteen Awards - From time to time your District Board has received comments that there are "too many awards". The same comment was made by many of the respondents to the survey sent out by District after our Rotorua Conference this year. We have listened and it was decided to retire nearly all of the awards specific to District Fifteen for 2024.*
- *Leadership Award -The Margaret Inch Leadership Award has been renamed the District Fifteen Leadership Award and the updated entry form is also now available on the District website.*

# Happenings from our NZ Clubs

## Levin

Our club has had a very busy January and into February and although our first business meeting was not until 7th February, we have got together and volunteered our time and efforts to ensure we are out there where we should be – helping our community. We started the year with a social get together joining with the local Lions Club for a round of croquet and afternoon tea and then our members moving on to a pot luck dinner at a member's home – both well attended and lots of fun.

And, then we were at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po (Levin Community Centre & Library) – for their first book sale of the year. Our members were rostered throughout day one of the five day sale and were certainly kept very busy. We also volunteered and were rostered to assist at the recent Royal A P & I Show over Anniversary weekend – an annual event held in Levin. Our members looked after the Eftpos office during both days of the show.

On the weekend of 3/4 February our whole club were involved in providing catering at the Horowhenua Harvest Weekend. This was held at a local farm property and attracted exhibitors from around the country showing off their farming, vintage machinery and other great skills. Members provided lunch boxes which included club sandwiches and a muffin which were sold, together with a hot or cold drink. Around 300 lunch packs were made up and funds raised were just over \$2661 (excluding expenses). The balance of funds will be shared between Levin St John Ambulance for their new base which is currently under construction, and the Horowhenua Health Shuttle.



## Invercargill

Altrusa Invercargill raised \$305.00 for Foundation with a Sausage Sizzle on 24 February. These funds will be remitted to District.

The generous assistance from the Warehouse, Invercargill by supplying their barbeque and gas, enabled us to have a very successful day. Thanks to Kay, Lynette and Elizabeth for their help.

From Left: Lynette, Elizabeth and a customer who agreed to be photographed.



# Christchurch

In December, a group of Christchurch Altrusans gifted 250 pre loved and new books to the Canterbury Cancer Centre, where those having treatment and their families stay and are in need of a good book or two. We continue to support this wonderful Centre and value the love and care they provide.



Prior to Christmas, we delivered 62 bags of Christmas goodies, 12 to the Women's Night Shelter and 50 to Walsh House Day Programmes at the Christchurch City Mission, to be given out at their Christmas Party.

A very big thankyou to Cecelia for making and sourcing items throughout the year and to Danae for coordinating the project. The bags had useful items and special treats for these women, many of whom do not receive other gifts at Christmas.



# Hamilton

The Hamilton Altrusa Club always look forward to their Christmas meeting with partners attending. We took along jars of homemade goodies, which went to the Western Community Centre. Eleven bags of cookies were sent to residents at Abbeyfield Rest Home. In the lead up to Christmas we had two fundraising events.

We had our Bunnings sausage sizzle and Jenny Wright-Gardner made 260 mini Christmas cakes that members sold. This enabled us to purchase clothing for teenagers at the Loft, run by Salvation Army.

We were proud to win a Foundation Grant for our Winter Warmers project for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. We appreciated the work done by Diane Murray who completed the application.

We got an SOS from this group (GRG) to buy 81 gifts for these children. They supplied the funding and ten members did the shopping and wrapping.

Our January BBQ was held at President Heather de Groens home and garden and it was all about us. The Board catered a beautiful meal.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Conference in May.



# Ohariu

It's not even the end of January and Altrusa Ohariu is excited to have their first projects underway! We started the year with a potluck lunch catchup wonderfully hosted by Georgie. Due to work and other commitments, not all members could attend, but those who did enjoyed good company, food and sunshine.

After the success of our Stationery for Schools project last year, we decided to repeat it again this year. This project asks the local community to donate school items from the previous year that are either unused or little used. We then sort the donated items and pass them on to other local schools that need them. This year we had more collection points for drop offs at local community centres and have an amazing amount of stationery that will go to schools in need. Three minutes after sending emails to schools asking if they would like some stationery we had our first response saying they'd love some!

This is a great project: reducing waste and helping akonga at schools.



# Cambridge

Leading up to Christmas was a very busy time. As in previous years we made deliveries to Salvation Army and groceries to Community House.

For us, the BIG effort having adopted "Being a Santa to a Senior" our sub-committee being led by Alison Burr met for coffee. From here we were very busy. The public response was overwhelming and we were able to expand this to other care facilities,



# Taieri



Anna Munro, daughter of our president Margaret, addressed club members and friends at a delightful gathering of 38 to begin 2024. Anna is a talented design artist, who designs and creates costumes for the film Industry. She has been doing this inspirational work for 23 years, living in Berlin but works all over the world. Prior to a movie, a huge amount of research is carried out about era, design, fabric, style and colour before quality and quantities are sourced and made within budgets ranging from a few hundred thousand to millions. Anna is often on site for weeks prior to, and even months during filming.

Altrusa Taieri is delighted to have inducted 4 new members in the last couple of months. Each member is welcomed for the energy, ideas and friendship they bring to our group.

We are proud of the extent of our current service work in the community through fundraising, providing practical support and resources, and on many occasions making financial contributions that extend the particular organisations' autonomy to extend their work. In recent months many of our members have baked regularly for the Cancer Society, assisted with street appeals for Child and Breast Cancer, and provided food, practical help and Christmas gift packs to Women's Refuge & Foster Hope. Our gestures to acknowledge those who 'Make a Difference' included aged care communities, teacher aides in schools and disabled citizens at Cargill Enterprises.

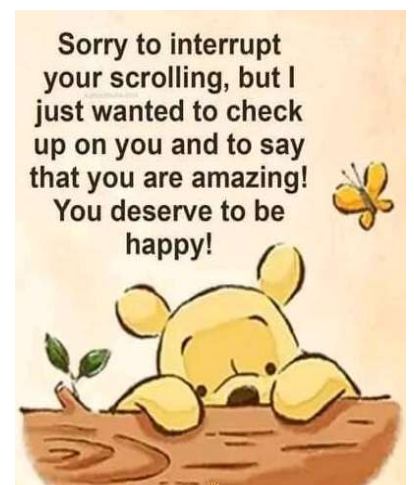
Such is our deepening relationship with Cargill Enterprises That we have undertaken an ongoing project within their graduand programme to fund a tablet for one or two of their high achievers.

A significant financial contribution to the Taieri Swim Club at the end of 2023 to purchase equipment for the recently opened new Mosgiel swimming pool Te Puna o Whakaehu, complements our 'Tamariki Togs and Towels project.



## Queenstown

Altrusa Queenstown welcomed four new members to our club, with a fifth to be initiated at a later date. Our Membership Committee all took part in the installation ceremony, which was a happy celebration at our February Business Meeting. Last November our Club took part in a membership drive, and this is the rewarding result.





# Te Awamutu

Double celebration for Altrusa Te Awamutu.

The last quarter of 2023 was an opportunity for Altrusa Te Awamutu to really celebrate. Their 28<sup>th</sup> Home and Garden Ramble was a sell-out, even the weather played along with over 400 ramblers enjoying viewings of twelve amazing homes and gardens. We raised nearly \$13000 to support local charities. Ramblers commented that it was one of the club's best rambles and that they loved the variety of properties.

During 2023 we have also developed a new club website which enables us to advertise and sell tickets, for any event, online. This proved very successful and the Ramble proceeds are supporting the Waikato Bay of Plenty Cancer Society, Rewi Street Kindergarten and Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust (ADNZT) along with other community service projects.

The following day we continued to celebrate, presenting a Lamplighter award to Robyn Moore. Robyn joined Altrusa in 2010 and for over ten of those years has served in various leadership roles including president, treasurer and secretary and currently is the district board Treasurer. What a Legend!



SUNDAY, MARCH 17  
**High Tea & Fashion Show**



Fashion by Nite n Day Music by Flash Bax

**HANGAWERA LODGE, MORRINSVILLE**

**1.30PM TICKETS: \$60**

Tickets Available from: (Cash only)  
I-Site Morrinsville  
Nite n Day, Morrinsville

## Morrinsville

2024 kick started for Morrinsville with a strategic planning session. Which of course included delicious kai from Susi. We all came armed with ideas for the year. We brainstormed ideas on how to generate a buzz about Altrusa in our community, right through to how we are going to fundraise for the year. We reviewed the year that was, highlights, considerations, things to improve on and what to abandon altogether. We discussed ideas for new projects and what current projects to continue on with. We will be at the A&P show on 2nd March to start that buzz!

Our major fundraising focus is our upcoming High Tea. It is all hands on deck to get this event off the ground. So if you are free Sunday March 17th come and join us for an afternoon of tasty treats, music and fabulous clothing.

# Oamaru

## Santa for A Senior

This project is held each December, by Altrusa Oamaru. We put up a Tree in the Local Pharmacy with tags attached requesting items that our seniors would like for Christmas.

We approach each rest home and ask them to give us a list of names of people who will not be receiving any presents at Christmas. This year we had 36 names and the general public is so generous with the items that they buy. We gather all the presents and check them, wrap and write a personal card from Altrusa to each recipient then deliver them back to the rest homes for distribution on Christmas Day.



# Ashburton

Planning is underway by the Ashburton club to celebrate its 50th anniversary in April. A High Tea will be held on April 6.

Work has begun on updating the club's history. A booklet was published during the club's 25th year and another volume covering the next 25 years will be produced.

The club has been giving away substantial donations during the year and is considering further donations marking this special year. Sorting of donated material, craft supplies, wool, haberdashery and much more has begun for the annual Fabric and Craft Bazaar to be held in March.

The annual health studies bursary, valued at \$2000 was recently presented to Geoffrey Barr, who is studying to become a full-time paramedic. Geoffrey, who has four children, is studying part-time and just beginning his third year of study at Whitireia and WelTec. He is a volunteer with the Ashburton Fire Service and has three volunteer roles with St John in peer support, on the area committee and as a member of the first responding crew. The bursary, which began many years ago as a nursing studies bursary, was expanded to cover all health disciplines several years ago.



*Health study bursary recipient Geoffrey Barr, receives the symbolic cheque from Ashburton members, from left, Denise Hydes, chair of the Service Committee, Suan Bowler, president and Sue Gough, of the Health Bursary Committee.*



# Timaru

Inspired by a Seven Sharp programme, Timaru Altrusans, undertook the challenge to supply packed pencil cases to our local primary schools for the beginning of 2024.

First step was to hold a movie fundraiser to finance the making of the lined fabric pencil cases. The movie night featuring "The Miracle Club" along with goodie bags, raffles and lucky seats, was a very successful and enjoyable way to raise money for our project.

Sewing the lined pencil cases came next and we were very fortunate to be supported by ladies from the Geraldine Patchwork and Craft Group. Putting in the zips caused some headaches but we were soon on a roll. Just before school started this year, we gathered again and packed these bright and colourful pencil cases with all the stationery items that a young person would need: glue, pens, pencils, felt pens, erasers, highlighters and a notebook. Ten filled pencil cases were then delivered to each of nine local Timaru schools and ten pencil cases were also delivered to the South Canterbury Refugee Settlement Centre. All in all, one hundred young South Canterbury scholars started Term One with specially made Altrusan pencil cases.



# Tauranga

After a very busy month leading up to Christmas, club members enjoyed their Christmas Dinner at The Vines in Bethlehem. One of the highlights was the presence of two of our three Emeritus Members joining in the evening and reconnecting with the club. Members had voted to forgo their usual Secret Santa gifts, instead opting to bring a donation to the local Foodbank.

On the 2nd of February the Club delivered Togs and Towels to Gate Pa Primary School as the culmination of a considerable amount of hard work, ensuring that they were available to students at the commencement of the school year. The teachers were so appreciative that we walked out feeling so humble with a great job done.



Alison Cranston,  
Emeritus Member, with  
Shona Sterritt  
and  
Denise with  
Emeritus Member  
Margaret MacDonald



Service Committee Chair  
Sandra Boney with Project  
Lead Clare Speirs, and  
President Pam Hayes, hand  
over the boxes of named  
Togs and Towels.



# Conference Hamilton - Kirikiriroa

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

**Welcome back to our conference update.**

## Jump Start Workshops

We are refreshing and revitalising this Conference with a lot of changes to our standard Conference programme. On Friday we are replacing our opening ceremony, speaker and business session with some innovative and energetic workshops to "Jump Start" our conference. There will be nine short sharp workshops with several repeating ones to choose from with ideas to build your leadership skills, and help grow our clubs.

On Friday night we will be celebrating this "Ruby" Conference by **"Painting the Town Red"**.

Let your creative juices run wild.  
How will your club come dressed?

Enjoy dancing the night away (or at least some of it!) with a great local band.

Let your hair down and **"paint the town red"**.



On the Saturday afternoon of conference we will be sharing the concept of "Relentless Service". Most Altrusans join Altrusa to make a difference in our communities and "Relentless Service" is an appealing concept that we would like to share with you all. To wrap it up we will practice what we preach with an hour of actual "relentless service". Lots of different activities to participate in and ideas to take back to your club and community.

<b>Venue:</b>	Novotel, Hamilton CBD, but remember the Ibis is just across the road and other accommodation nearby
<b>Dates:</b>	Friday May 3 <sup>rd</sup> till Sunday May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 11am
<b>Registration Fees:</b>	\$230 Early Bird with a \$10 discount for 1 <sup>st</sup> Timers and members of the Host Club
<b>Closing Dates:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March for Early Bird registrations

To give flexibility to those who may not be able to travel early on the Friday note that there are changes to the structure of this Conference -

**Make sure you don't miss out – Save the date!**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**at the Novotel Hotel**



## Altrusa District Fifteen 2024 Conference Outline

(Note times are subject to change, this provides a guide for travel planning purposes only)

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

District Board Meeting (Board only)

6pm Iguana - Dinner for those that wish to meet up pre conference

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

9am President Elect Training

12 Noon Registration Desk Opens

2pm – 4pm Jump Start workshops (for all)

*3 workshops held for 30 minutes, 3 rounds*

6pm Mix & mingle followed by *Paint the Town Red* – Party Night

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

7am Leaders in Service Breakfast - by invitation & including all 2023 to 2024 Presidents, Programme Chairs and Appointed Officers

8.30 Flag and Banner Practice

9.00 Opening Ceremony

Key Note Speaker

11.00 District Business Meeting

12.00 Elections

12.15 *Scavenger Hunt* Lunch event

2pm All of Conference Speaker, Relentless Service, Hands On service projects

4pm Free Time

6pm Governors Banquet

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

8.00 Memorial Service

Breakfast

9.30 Keynote Speaker

Closing Business

11am Retire Flags

12.00 Post Conference District Board Meeting (Board only)

# Saving the best for last ...

A very big welcome to our newest Altrusans:



**Taieri** Rosie Simpson  
Jackie Stevely  
Anne War



**Queenstown** Jan Robertson  
Bridget McDonald  
Corne Bryant  
Diane McIrvine



**Invercargill** Lynette

Robyn Moore Te Awamutu (right)  
being presented with her  
lamplighter pin.



**Tauranga** Raewyn Turner

## Coming Events



A High Tea will be held on  
on 6th April to celebrate Altrusa  
Ashburton's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
&  
a special Luncheon  
on 13th April to celebrate  
Altrusa Levin's 50<sup>th</sup>

## 30 Years Service Award to Dot Wenham, Altrusa Levin

*Sentiments she shared - so true for many of us!!*

Thanks for your messages of congratulations for having the stamina to last 30 years in Altrusa. I must say that it doesn't seem to be that long since a friend dragged me off to that 'ladies club' that I strongly resisted because 'I didn't want to sit round knitting and talking about grandchildren!' Certainly, both of these come up from time to time, but nothing compared to what Altrusa manages to achieve. Altrusa gave me the courage to take on higher positions in my working career and to undertake key roles within other clubs as well. I never thought I'd be fulfilling the positions of president, secretary, treasurer, and committee chair, some more than once. It's certainly a great builder of women while engendering lifelong friendships and being able to work together to do so much good in the community.





Megan, Submissions Editor  
(Morrinsville)

## From Megan and Jan

Thank you to everyone for your contributions, and the awesome photos we have received for this edition. We are loving the activities photos.

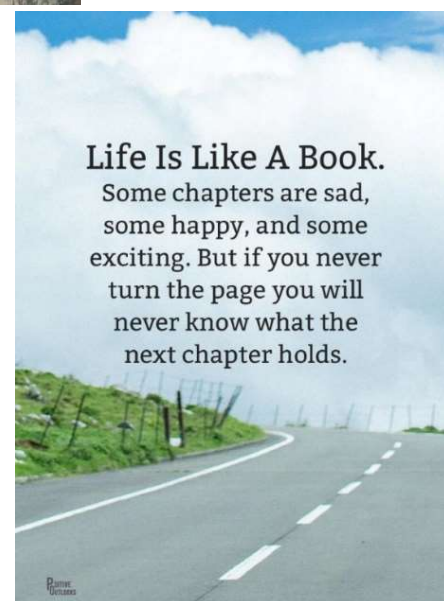
We have worked enthusiastically, with help gratefully received from other District Fifteen members, to address the request for a new District Fifteen DSB name, and an updated format for our front page.



Jan, Editor (Levin)

We hope you have enjoyed reading our March edition of **The Kiwi Altrusan** from "front to back".

District Fifteen		
<u>Co-Governor</u> Jenette Borell	<u>Governor</u> <b>Marvynne Ashley</b> 6 May – 1 July 2023	<u>Co-Governor</u> Leanne Milligan
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