



Altrusa International District Fifteen Conference 2025

To be held at the Ascot Hotel, Invercargill - May 2nd to 4th

Programme Outline

For accommodation bookings contact the Hotel directly and refer to 'Altrusa' for the special conference price. This is not available online.

Thursday 1st May District Board Meeting (Board only)
6pm Dinner for those that wish to meet up pre conference in Hotel restaurant

Friday 2nd May 9am Training for our incoming Presidents
12 Noon Registration Desk Opens
Please note that the Hotel restaurant is open for lunch
2pm All Conference Presentation / Workshop
Inspiring Women - Change Makers

A presentation / workshop led by **Selina Burnett**, a globally experienced change and organisational development consultant based in Wellington. Selina will facilitate a programme that should excite us as we look to strengthen our clubs and work through the multitude of changes happening in our lives and workplaces.

Appreciating how important it is for our members to honour the traditions of Altrusa we must at the same time continue to develop a sustainable and resilient volunteer base if we're to be able to provide the community support we're known for whilst ensuring we remain relevant to this changing world. Altrusa's appeal to prospective members must continue to be enhanced.

This is a unique opportunity to gain insight and tools which could assist each member personally, as well as taking it home to clubs, other volunteer organisations, and workplaces.

6pm Mix & Mingle followed by Party Night - **Southern Women** - absolutely open to any interpretation

Saturday 3rd 7am Leaders in Service Breakfast - Attendance by Invitation
8.30 Flag and Banner Practice
9.00 Opening Ceremony
Key Note Speaker - **Melissa Vining**, the Southland woman who, after her husband Blair died of Bowel cancer, rallied her community to build a new hospital
Morning Tea

- 11.00 District Business Meeting
- 12.15 Elections
- 12.45 Light Lunch at Hotel extending into **THINK DO LEARN** discussions, conversations, workshops
- 4pm Free Time
- 6pm Governors Banquet with Installation of new Board

Sunday 4th

- 8.00 Memorial Service
Breakfast
- 9.30 Guest Speaker and closing business -
Our Sunday morning speaker will be **Sarah McCarthy**. A Southlander with a passion for words, stories, collaboration, the arts, and Pinot Noir, Sarah is sure to entertain and delight us
- 11.30 Retire Flags
- 12.00 Post Conference District Board Meeting (Board only)