



# ALTRUSA CAMBRIDGE MONTHLY NEWS

MAY 2025

## Altrusa International of Cambridge Leading to a better Community BRANCHING OUT

Altrusa is an International non-profit organisation making our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service. We are civic minded people who strive to create better communities worldwide.

### Presidents Report

Conference 2025 - Invercargill

Attending 77 - all 17 District Fifteen Altrusa Clubs represented

A really good weekend. Diversity of speakers, practical workshops and times to mix and mingle allowing attendees to swap ideas..

Just a week or two before, I had been contacted asking that as a Delegate, could I put a few words together (no more than 20) that would be used to introduce Cambridge club for the flag ceremony . Thanks to Joanne this is what was read as I walked in - I am sharing this with you as it was one of the few that got a response from audience. Obviously we had really kept to the brief - how the club had recognized the Refresh and Revitalise, the District Fifteen theme.

Cambridge Home of Famous Race Horses.

A refreshed, "Be a Santa to a Senior" galloped across the line in flying colours

" Magic Mum's", rejuvenated, after being " put to pasture', returned as a winner.

This was my last conference as Foundation Chair; the Foundation raffle was a huge success, with 40 items we raised \$1693.00.

Alison Burr

### NOTE

**A reminder re apologies if unable to attend the Business meeting. Apologies must be in to Helen – meal co-ordinator - by the Tuesday (8pm) – prior to the Business meeting. If by chance you are unable to attend at the last minute, please, an apology to Helen would be appreciated but remember you will be asked to pay for your dinner.**

**This is a note from your treasurer. The last few months have been very frustrating from a treasurer's point of view. There have been a number of missed payments, late payments and incorrect payments. In the newsletter it mentions putting in apologies by Tuesday night so can I please ask for payments for dinner to be done by then as well.**

**many thanks**

**Lyn**

## House Keeping

**President:** Alison Burr – Please refer to your Year Book for Alison's Phone, email and address.

**Secretary:** Joanne James - Please refer to your Year Book for Joanne's phone, email and address.

**Editor:** Janet McComb - Please refer to your Year Book for Janet's phone, email and address

**Business Meeting:** **Thursday May 22nd AGM**

**Please Note:** The Board meeting will be at 5.00pm before the Business meeting.

**Taylor Made (Formerly Community Centre Taylor Street)**

**Meet from 5.45 onwards**

**Dinner will be at 6.00 onwards**

**Cost is \$28 00 for dinner which includes the room hire and \$5.00 for the raffle.**

**Please remember to bring your plate, knife and fork and glass and whatever you want to drink.**

**Please get your apologies to Helen by Tuesday evening 20th May. Please pay for your dinner by the 20th**

**Dinner is Roast this month. If you have not let Helen know your choice please do so by the 20th.**

**Beef, Chicken or Pork.**

**May Lunch:** Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Venue to be advised.

**. REMINDERS** We will start collecting toiletries for the Salvation Army.

**Please remember to pay your yearly subs. \$130**



None this month

**Committee Reports. None this month**

**As I have been away and missed the last meeting, and still have not had a committee meeting I will address one or two aspects as follows.**

### The Slate

**As the structure of our meetings is changing considerably, I have had a discussion with Ali regarding the Board structure going forward.**

**The elected positions being President, Treasurer and President Elect with two elected Coordinators.**

**President selects secretary.**

**Coordinator : Service, membership and social**

**Coordinator: Communication and Literacy**

**The coordinator has responsibility for bringing a project to the business meeting and club members contributing by agreement.**

**If you are willing to be nominated for a coordinator role please send me a message or call me.**

### Scholarship Trust

**I will bring a report to the AGM.**

**Organization for this year 25/26 is underway. However, beyond that we do not have sufficient funds for 26/27 (although the club could top up the funds for 26/27).**

**This is something that will need to be discussed, so please reflect on this.**

**Thanks everyone**

**Glenda**

As Ali has a lot to manage at the moment, I am looking to create and submit our Club Annual Report for International.

Ali has started the process of looking to minimise the processing of hours of service.

This is still a process and will be amazing for next year however for the report due now I would appreciate you tallying your hours and sending them to me this week.

Glenda

### **Altrusa Lunch**

We had five Members and Glenda's cousin at lunch last week at Café 9 in Leamington all choosing Vietnamese Crepes for lunch. We all agreed that the crepes were delicious, obviously very popular as they were taken off the menu board after we ordered.

This is a very busy Café with only one problem, the number of large trucks which cause a lot of noise as they go past.

No decision has been made about where to go next month, please think about where you would like to go and we will discuss it at the meeting on Thursday evening.

Jenny

