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ALTRUSA HAWERA NEWSLETTER

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Send a poem to say you care

Send a poem with thoughts to share.

A paper card you send today

Across the miles will makes it way.

Or send an e-card fast,

For friendship that will grow and last.

A poem creates so many gifts.

The brain it calms, the heart it lifts.

Send a poem to say you care. A poem is welcome anywhere.





We Need you -

The District Fifteen website needs refreshing for the new Biennium.

Send in a headshot and a couple of sentences about why you choose to be in Altrusa.

Email: Jenny at webmaster@altrusa.org.nz

As you are aware our membership is stagnant, and we all need to embrace that. We MUST come up with some ideas and turn this around. Yes, we all get along; yes, we all enjoy our volunteering; BUT new members need to be gently blended into this. Your idea may be farfetched or even ridiculous but by submitting it a spark may ignite from it. Feel free to email any of the board members. I can assure you your friendship won't be compromised, nor will your 'idea' be rubbished.

Perhaps while at the computer, your ideas for increasing Books on Wheels recipients could be added. This is another stagnant area and again a wee spark is maybe all that is required.

Your personal details will remain confidential on both matters.

IFF Day

Please keep Saturday September 13 clear!! These days are so good and this year, as hosts, promises to exceed that!! With an organising committee of Heather, Christine, Linda G, and Robynne, why won't it? Our catering guru Janice and her team will keep us fed and hydrated. If you are tapped on the shoulder to provide a plate, please do so. As the saying goes, 'many hands make light work'. Maybe you could offer to make the load easier for Janice. We are so lucky to have capable women in our club. Imagine if we had to get caterers in!! No one would attend due to the high cost.

IFF brings clubs together where we can exchange ideas and, in many cases, renew friendships.

PLEASE find the time and a few dollars to support the day. We have secured a room in Te Ramanui o Ruaputahanga (the new library) so a good excuse to come along and show off to our visitors. Remember the name means a space to gather and share ideas. Perfect.

Anne D

IFF Day Snippet

For one of our "activities" we are asking everyone to bring this item with them.

Do you have a story that has stuck with you? Maybe a letter, a poem, a quirky news snippet, a funny moment that has left an impression, a quote or a family saying? Will you share the context or the content or the insight that made it memorable.

If this is something you would like to share, can you print it, or copy it, or bring it and we could copy it.



For this food before us spread
For our steps in safety lead
For thy favour on our way
Lord, accept our thanks today

Benediction

May we go forth with high ideals
To greet our fellow man,
Be true to all Altrusa aims
Until we meet again.

August Literacy Trivia

1 August - The prototype for the World Wide Web was developed.
9 August – International Book Lovers Day
17 August – Davy Crockett was born.
19 August – Snuffleupagus was born
21 August – Christopher Robin was born
26 August - National Dog Day was started and encourages dog ownership of all breeds to
“Hug your Dog Today!”
28 August Martin Luther King delivers his speech “I have a dream”

Books on Wheels Roster

9 August Alison & Anne D
23 August Linda B & Brenda
6 September Elaine & Linda P

Meals on Wheels Roster

Thursday

7 August Karen & Jill
14 August Glenda & Robert
21 August Brenda & Julie
28 August Jenny & Molly
4 September Karen & Jill

Saturday

2 August Frances & Jill
9 August Jill & Pat
16 August Glenda & Robert
23 August Pat & Molly
30 August Robynne & Barry
6 September Frances & Michelle

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Helen 2 August
Robynne 17 August



MEETINGS AND EVENTS DIARY 2025-2026

Dinner and Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Hawera Club, High Street Hawera. We meet at 6pm, dinner is served at 6.30pm.



If you will not be attending, please call or text your apology to 027 390 2697 by 7pm on Sunday night.

Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

5 August	Dinner & Business Meeting - Heather & Brenda
19 August	Board Meeting
2 September	Dinner and Business Meeting – Janice & Molly
13 September	I.F. F Day, hosted by Altrusa Hawera - Hawera Library
16 September	Board Meeting
7 October	Dinner & Business Meeting - Anne D & Judith

Hello everyone

As I write this, the sun is shining!!! Finally, a walk in the park Sunday. Planning is well underway now for IFF Day, and the committee are working hard behind the scenes to make it a true Fun and Friendship Day.

Well, the news that the South Taranaki Star is closing was spectacularly bad timing for us, as we were planning to promote Books on Wheels through it.

I have been thinking that maybe we can put together a good story to post on the all the Hawera Community Pages in Facebook, there are several, as well as our own. I really believe it is the friends and family of the less mobile that we need to be targeting. What do you think?

Robynne