



# In Touch Invercargill August 2025



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*President Elect: Elizabeth Robertson*  
*Treasurer: Jenny Craig*  
*Secretary: Ceciley Mesman*  
*Foundation: Kay Pringle*  
*Director: Lynette Klaver*

## From the President...

Hello Everyone

I hope this finds you all well and coping with the winter weather.

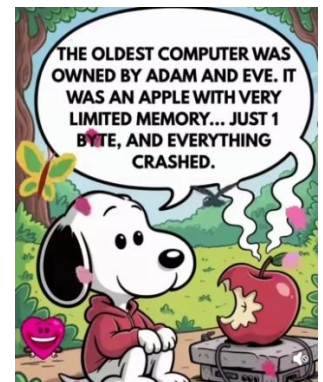
It was good to catch up with some of you at the mid-month coffee catch-up on the 26<sup>th</sup>. These catch-ups will continue to happen on the third Saturday of the month.

A bit has been happening this month. For personal reasons I have requested, and been granted by the Board, a four month leave of absence from Altrusa. The Board will continue to manage the Club meeting and affairs as per usual.

Take care, keep warm and all the best.

Yours in Altrusa

*Nellieasr*



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## Upcoming Diary Dates

11/8: Board meeting  
 12/8: International Youth Day  
 13/8: Business meeting, Christmas House, Winton  
 19/8: NZB Blood Drive @ IWMC (19-21)  
 29/8 Daffodil Day  
 30/8: Kay's birthday  
 31/8: Andre Rieu concert



1/9: Board meeting  
 3/9: Business meeting  
 8/9: International Literacy Day  
 10/9: Elizabeth Miller Storytelling Awards  
 20/9: Coffee morning @ E Hayes & Sons café  
 21/9: International Day of Peace

## Hostess Roster

August: .....Kay or Maureen  
 September 3: ..... Angela  
 October 1: .....Elizabeth  
 November 5: ..... Jenny  
 December: .....Board  
 January: .....Board  
 February 4: ..... Ceciley  
 March 4: ..... Lynette  
 April 1: ..... Kylie  
 May 6: ..... Doreen  
 June 3: .....Nellie

*Hostess Bag*  
*Welcome*  
*Accent*  
*Raffle*  
*Grace*  
*Alteaser*

## Welfare

Ceciley underwent her long-awaited knee surgery on July 28. Her hospital visit coincided with the nurses' 24 hour strike and the emergency tsunami alerts – can you imagine how many mobile phones there are in a hospital? She is now at home recovering. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

## Initiation of our newest Altrusan: Angela Pardo



Angela became our newest member on June 4, sponsored by Nellie Garthwaite and co-sponsored by Lynette Klaver

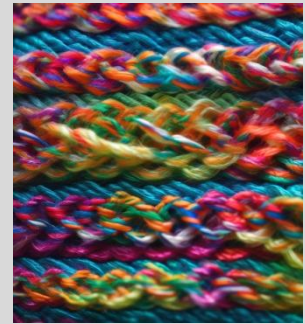
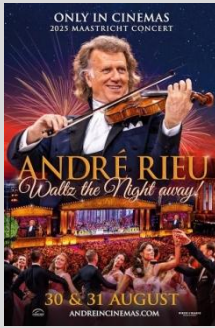
**Altrusan:** Angela  
**Altrouser:** Justin

### Why did you join Altrusa?

I joined Altrusa to help my community through good causes and to do something tangible to make a positive impact on people who truly need it.  
 My passion is to help the world and where better than in my Southland backyard.

**What has been the highlight of your Altrusa journey so far?**  
 The kindness of my fellow Altrusans

## Upcoming Events



### *Waltz the Night Away - Andre Rieu*

Date: Sunday 31 August 2025  
Venue: Reading Cinemas  
Time: 12.30pm  
Running time: 166 mins

### *Save the Date: IFF Day 2025*

#### **Area Four IFF (Information, Fun and Friendship) Day 2025**

Hosted by: Altrusa International of Oamaru  
Date: Saturday 15 November 2025  
Venue: Weston Hall, 20 Main St, Weston  
Time: 10 am to 3 pm (lunch is provided)  
Theme: Waving Threads Through Our Community  
Cost: \$30 (\$20 for first-timers)  
Contact person: Robyn Brien

### *Elizabeth Miller Storytelling Awards 2025*

Venue: Gorge Road School, 4 Factory Rd  
Date: Wednesday 10 September 2025  
Time: 10 am

## Altrusans Out and About

On July 31 "Donald, Where's Your Altrusans" quizzed at the South Alive quiz. The team comprised of Nellie, Elizabeth, Doreen and Lynette.

We were tied in first place at the end of round 1, exclusively in first place at the end of round 2 and in third place at the end of round 3 (our lowest scoring round - criminal for the Geography round given such well-seasoned travellers!) The final scoreboard revealed that we scored 46/60 and were 4<sup>th</sup> out 32 teams: a very pleasing result. Interestingly, last year South Alive had 48 teams attending so 16 fewer teams this year. There were 70 normal raffle prizes and 20 major raffle prizes (value of \$50 and over) and we managed to win... not a single thing! Some of our ticket numbers were very close though!

It was a fantastic night and we're ready for next year's quiz!



District Fifteen @ Altrusa International Conference Quebec:

Kay Edwards, District Secretary

Leanne Milligan, Past Governor

Margaret Melhop, Current Governor

Jenette Borrell, Past Governor

Denys Astin, Governor Elect



Governor Margaret Melhop retiring the New Zealand flag at the end of the International Convention in Quebec, Canada in July 2025.



Nellie travelled to Riversdale for the Riversdale Arts 52<sup>nd</sup> Mixed Media Exhibition last month. The guest artist was The Space Cowboy and the painting (left) is called Prowl Pending. He is also a performance artist, who amongst other things, swallows swords!

[www.thespacecowboygallery.com](http://www.thespacecowboygallery.com)

## Navigating the Altrusa Net

### Important websites to know:

- [www.altrusa.org](http://www.altrusa.org) (click member login in the upper right)
- [login.altrusa.org](http://login.altrusa.org) (go directly to the member's area)
- [www.altrusastore.com](http://www.altrusastore.com) (purchase Altrusa branded items including pins & banners)
- [www.altrusaservice.org](http://www.altrusaservice.org) (browse and share your Club's service projects) – not currently active

Give us some feedback and share your thoughts on improving Altrusa with the Suggestion Box.

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