ALTRUSA CLUB OF TAIERI INC NEWSLETTER VOL. N0 138 September 2025



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Altrusa International of Taieri Inc

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MEETINGS 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

5.45pm for a 6pm start

MEETING PLACE Nellies Function Room

Hotel Taieri Gordon Road

Mosgiel

VISITORS AND Members please telephone or text

Jill





A reminder about 'Apologies'

APOLOGIES

Jill acknowledges any text message about an apology with a 'Thumbs up' emoji.

If you haven't received this acknowledgement, your message has not been received.

A reminder that you need to pay for your meal if a timely apology (by mid-day Tuesday prior to the meeting) is not received (refer Year Book p7 No 2) For local or international Altrusan information, news and events:

Altrusa International website www.altrusa.org

Altrusa District Fifteen website www.altrusa.org.nz



Taieri Altrusa Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/AltrusaTaieri/

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<u>District Fifteen Biennium Theme</u> 2025 - 2027



International President
Christine DeVlieger

District Governor Margaret Melhop

Newsletter Editor:
Chris Wither





2025-2026 Board. Margaret (Immediate Past President) Kath 2025-2026 (President), Jenny (Treasurer), Glenda B (Director) Clare (President Elect), Glenda (Secretary). Directors Pip and Karon absent from photo.





No prizes for guessing where our new president originates from! We gave Kath a right royal welcome to her new role as President of our Club.



Collecting for Other Charities



Warm smiles on a chilly winter day. Jackie and Rosie on one of the 'shifts' as Altrusa Taieri members support the St John's annual street appeal on 13th June.

Glenys and Jenny who, along with several other Taieri Altrusans, braved the cold to help the Women's Refuge with their street appeal on July 4.





Altrusa volunteered again for the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day Appeal on 29th August. Anne, Wendy and supporter Trina were impressed by the public's generosity in supporting this fundraiser.

Distraction packs for ED





It was brought to our club's attention that ED Dunedin Hospital had run out of distraction packs for children. The Community Service committee researched ideas to meet this need, and we have now donated 200 activity packs (purchased from Smartybags NZ) to the Emergency Department. Each colourful bag is full of activities suitable for children ranging from 2 to 12 years.

Books for Babies

The literacy committee spent a lovely afternoon sorting out the knitting and filling the "Books for Babies" Bags. They decided to send the very small hats off to NICU at the Dunedin Hospital.

27 bags were filled and delivered to Mosgiel Plunket. Once again, they are very pleased and grateful to receive a further supply of "Books for Babies" bags.



Special Rigs for Special Kids



Altrusans ready to help at Special Rigs for Special Kids



Aprons and food preparation gloves on.



Rosemary has the bread ready.

The sun was shining on Sunday morning 31st August for this special event.

We had six members and two friends to help. It was lots of fun and very rewarding to help serve food to the Committee, Drivers, Children and their families.

From our meetings

Antoinette McLean from Alzheimers Otago made us more aware of the successes and challenges for those suffering from and those caring for people with dementia.





Creative fundraising

Borrow or gift a book or magazine





Celebrating special birthdays





Denys Astin, District Fifteen Governor-Elect, visited in September.

She presented the club with a pin representing our Distinguished Club Award – 2 years- awarded by Altrusa International.

The pin is now proudly pinned on to our banner.



Upcoming Events

21 September International Peace Day

23 September International Day of Sign Language

24 September Programme Meeting

1 October International Day of Older Persons (hey that's some of us ©)

8 October Board & Business Meeting

22 October Programme Meeting

27 October Labour Day; Make a Difference Day

12 November Board & Business Meeting

15 November IFF Day, Oamaru

25 November International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

26 November Christmas Function

Birthdays

October 3 Claire

October 11 Rosie

October 13 Anne

October 25 Jan

November 3 Alison

November 17 Pam

November 17 Glenda B

December 9 Kath

December 11 Pip

December 13 Jill



