

ALNEWZA TAURANGA

August – September 2025

2025-26 Board Members:

President: Maggie Dudfield

President Elect: vacant

Secretary: Julie Bradley

Treasurer: Judy Thomson

Immediate Past President: Pam Hayes

Directors:

Sue Amon

Margie Robertson

Alison Ware

Committee Chairs:

Service & Literacy:

Margie Robertson

Fundraising & Programme:

Sue Amon

Membership & Communications:

Alison Ware

PRESIDENT MAGGIE'S REPORT

Winter has now left us (hopefully) and spring has sprung so we can look forward to Daylight Saving starting on 28th September and summer around the corner.

It's been a busy couple of months since our Changeover, and there's plenty of upcoming events to fill up the diary until Christmas. I loved seeing the photos of the children at Merivale Primary School receiving their gumboots and socks. I'm looking forward to going to Merivale School on Friday 12th September to read to a classroom for World Literacy Day.

The making of the Christmas cards and bookmarks showed what a crafty and artistic group of ladies we have in our midst.

We have our District Governor, Margaret, coming to visit us on Tuesday 9th September. She will update us on what is happening in District Fifteen.

Eleven of us are going over to the IFF Day in Morrinsville on Saturday 20th September. "Holy Cow" is the theme for the day. I wonder what that is going to entail.

Ladies, let's enjoy the next few months of providing more service, literacy and projects in our community whilst laughing and socialising with our fellow Altrusans.



Notice Board

'Coffee Mornings' - First Saturday of the month at 10.00am

"Book Chat" - Held at Catherine Mole's house the third Wednesday of the month every second month at 7.00pm

"Friday Diners' Group" meet at a different restaurant the third Friday of alternate month to Book Chat.

CHANGE OVER NIGHT.



INSTALLATION OF BOARD

The AGM meeting was followed by the Installation of the new Board for 2025-26 conducted by Denise Bean.

Maggie had chosen a "Colour Me Beautiful" theme for the installation ceremony, as follows:

- Pam as Immediate Past President – magic colour is yellow for encouragement and experience
- Margie, Sue, and Alison as the three Directors – magic colour is Pink for perception of reality
- Judy, the Treasurer – magic colour is Green for honour, trust, and integrity
- Julie, Secretary – magic colour is Red for symbolizing stimulation, participation, and accuracy
- and lastly Maggie as the 2025-26 President – magic colour is purple for guidance, forward leadership, and communication

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The ladies of Altrusa Tauranga made these three lovely no-sew blankets at one of their Programme Nights late last year and put them aside awaiting a worthy recipient.

Recently, we heard that a local Grandmother needed bedding for her Whanau, so a home was found for the blankets.



Tanea, the recipient of the blankets, was extremely grateful for the support from Altrusa. Her mokopuna's are coming to Tauranga soon and she cannot wait to share these with them.

We were lucky enough for the blankets to match to the Tamariki, a busy blue/black blanket for the boy and the two girls getting soft pink & blue blankets.

Will definitely help keep them warm.

FUNDRAISING AND PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Up and coming fundraising events:

Programme Nights

23rd September	Denise Fitzpatrick – Author 7pm Venue – Shona's house.
18th October	Making the Christmas Crackers
11 th November	Make a Difference Day
25th November	Fundraising & Programme Sandjars
9th December	End of year Christmas dinner

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24 th February	Bowling and Dinner
27th March (Friday)	Fundraising Quiz night
28 th April	Getting to know you.
26 th May	The Great Atrusan Scone Bake Off



Happy children with their gumboots.

Christmas Card and Bookmark making night.

August Programme night saw members enjoying a crafty evening making Christmas card and bookmarks for elderly people in rest homes in Tauranga. An enjoyable fun evening followed by a delicious supper.

SERVICE AND LITERACY COMMITTEE

Gumboots galore

Our members Margie and Glenda delivered 20 pairs of gum boots and 20 pairs of socks to Merivale Primary. The children were delighted and asked lots of questions about Altrusa and what we did.



Jewellery and Scarves

Our generous members donated Jewellery and



scarves, and these will be delivered to Tauranga Living without Violence for their special cupboard.



OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

Celebrations

At the July Business meeting, we celebrated Shona Sterritt's 45 years membership (22 years with Oamaru Club and 23 with Tauranga); along with Margaret Beswick's 25 years membership. Unfortunately, Marg was unable to attend.



DISTRICT FIFTEEN NEWS

IFF Day – Morrinsville

Holy Cow! is the club theme for the day.

Area One (Upper North Island) IFF Day 2025
Lyceum Club 14 Moorhouse Street, Morrinsville

Saturday, 20th September 2025

10am to 3pm (9.30 for coffee)

(Lunch provided)

This year's theme is -

Weaving Threads Through Our Community

Information - from District, International, Convention & Active Hearts Foundation

Fun - participating in active workshops and it wouldn't be Morrinsville if we didn't have a cow related activity. Holy cow!

Friendship- mixing, mingling, and catching up with Altrusans from other clubs.

Registration \$30

with a \$10 discount for first time attendees.

Please register and pay via your club prior to the cut off date of 6th September.

Active Hearts
FOUNDATION



2026 Conference

The next District Fifteen Conference will be held Friday 1 – Sunday 3 May 2026 at the Copthorne Hotel in Wellington.

Programme Overview

- Friday afternoon President Elect Training
- Friday evening optional event at [Embassy Theatre](#)
- Saturday business session, keynote speaker, workshops
- Saturday evening Governors Banquet at [Grand Century Restaurant](#)
- Sunday memorial service, keynote speaker, and business session
- Conference will conclude early afternoon (approx 1pm)

2025-26 COMMITTEES

<u>Service & Literacy</u>	<u>Fundraising & Programme</u>	<u>Membership & Communications</u>
Margie R (Chair)	Sue (Chair)	Alison (Chair)
Judy	Jan	Barbara
Christine	Catherine	Shona
Jill	Nicky	Pam
Raewyn	Sandra	Julie
Glenda	Marg B	Denise
Ann	Claire	Jody
		Shirley

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2025

12 August	International Youth Day
8 September	International Literacy Day
21 September	International Peace Day
16 October	World Food Day
24 October	United Nations Day
25 October	Make a Difference Day
25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
10 December	Human Rights Day

BIRTHDAYS



10 August - Denise
 3 October – Margie
 8 October – Barbara
 18 October – Ann
 21 October – Nicky
 23 October – Sue
 23 October – Glenda
 31 October - Shone



Closing date for
 Submissions for
 October/ December
 edition 30 November

Looking forward to your submissions to the
 newsletter!!

Links for your information:

District Fifteen Website
www.districtfifteen.altrusa.org
[District Fifteen Facebook page](#) [Altrusa International of Tauranga Facebook page](#) –
 Altrusa International Website
www.altrusa.org