

“THE WOOLLY WAFFLER”: August 2025

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EVENTS COMING UP:

- September 2nd: 25th Anniversary Buffet Dinner
\$40pp Rsvp to Gaylene by 28th August.
- September 6th: Market stall, 8am - 12pm Funds for Club administration.
- September 11th: Book Awards at Centennial park, 4.15 for 5pm Please bring a plate. Our Speaker will be the Reading Recovery teacher at Te Kuiti Primary School
- September 20th: IFF day at Morrinsville, Holy Cow Register by 6th September and pay, \$20 for new members or \$30. Gaylene and Colleen are going.

Kia ora Koutou, hello everyone and welcome to our newsletter for August. Spring is nearly here as you will see in some of our photos.

Our speaker at the August meeting was Frances Rawlings. She gave us a very interesting account of her family history in editing and printing newspapers here in the King Country, beginning with her grandfather Sam Craig.

The King Country Chronicle was established in 1906 and was purchased by Sam Craig in 1922 and even though the 1930's were very depressed, the paper continued to survive. Frances' father Dick Craig became the editor at 21 years of age and when the war intervened, his sister Ailsa took over until the war was over. After the war the Otorohanga Times was bought in 1947 and in 1980 the K C Chronicle and the Times were merged to become the Waitomo News. The paper covered many events and the Craig family managed many 'firsts' in the newspaper world.

Sam Craig, Frances' brother took over in 1973 and Frances became manager in 1984. They managed the paper through many challenges to when it was sold in 2002.

Frances also displayed the historical books her father wrote about the King Country area.



Please send apologies for our 25th Anniversary Dinner on 2nd September to Gaylene by 28th August.

Also apologies for our next meeting in October to Gaylene as well.

CHATTER FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025



Greetings Ladies, as I write, on a lovely cool day with a bright blue sky overhead. The Prunus Campanulata trees near our gate are blooming beautifully with the Tuis fluttering through the branches all day. The Tuis also remind us to fill the nectar jar on the bird table in our garden. The Quail remind us they are needing to be fed in the late afternoon – twice! We are very pleased to see a small flock of greenfinches enjoying the nectar too. Even the sparrows have a drink. AND the All Blacks beat the Pumas. AND the “Old Netball Girls” could show the current players a thing or two!

This week I have spent some hours in two Op Shops. It never fails to amaze & disappoint me what is brought into the shops expecting to be sold. How much it costs to take all manner of “stuff” to the Refuse Centre is not what Op Shops should be having to pay. So much of the “stuff” is not recyclable – wrong numbers on plastic, old clothes not suitable for garage rags, some glass, chipped china. But it is fun talking to the customers, some of whom have travelled a distance to be in Te Kuiti. – So please be kind to the volunteers who have to sort through the boxes & bags that are taken into the shops – or left on the footpath outside the door, those bags/ boxes are often taken straight to the Refuse!

September 2nd is our 25 Year celebration dinner. Please remember to get your apologies to Caroline in good time. When I looked at the pictures from 2000 to the present, I was amazed to see how young we looked in the early days of the Club! I speak for myself of course! What an happy group we have been over all the 25 years, and how good it is to meet ladies we may never have met had we not belonged to Altrusa Te Kuiti.

I look forward to speaking with past members over the dinner.

I’m still chasing students for the September Awards. Maybe a fourth phone call/email might get the last two! Thanks in advance to all who can help on Sept. 11th We have a speaker, so all is well there. We just need food & drink, Students & Family to be at Centennial Park before 5pm.

Safe journeying to all our ladies who are travelling in the coming months. Have a great time!

“One of the great things about travel is that you find out how many good, kind people there are out there.” Edith Wharton (American writer and designer)

Go well everyone,

Colleen



Cherry blossoms in Colleen’s garden



Quail feeding on Colleen’s lawn



A group of us met at Colleen's place last month to prepare the Rocket into Reading packs for the 5 year olds at our local schools. It is always a fun time to get together and many thanks go to Colleen for the cup of tea and cake.



Remember our next gathering is the 25th Anniversary of our club.

Our Buffet meal at Panorama is now costing \$40 per person.

We hope you all can make it.



An amazing sunrise photo from Marg's place



Lisa has had an amazing time in Rarotonga with her family, enjoying the cocktails.

Her gorgeous granddaughters on the beach.

Her grandson from Perth joining scouts.





Mary and Colin enjoying their time in England with their family. In Newcastle, a back yard barbeque and family picnics.



Punting on the river with daughter, Ruth



Ros at the outdoor bar at Casita Miro vineyard on Waiheke Island, fabulous mosaics.



Another picture of founding members in 2000 when the club was first formed.