



September 2025 District Service Bulletin



Distinguished Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs from District Fifteen, who received Distinguished Club Pins at the Altrusa International Convention.

Clubs that received the award for 2 years

Ashburton

Oamaru,

Taieri,

Tauranga,

Te Awamutu,

Timaru,

Receiving the award for one year:

Hawera, and Levin

A great effort. Your pins will be delivered soon.



Shining the spotlight on an inspiring Altrusan

Rosemary Wood from Altrusa International of Hamilton is 91 and joined Altrusa three years ago. She is an avid knitter and this year has knitted several jumpers which were given to Kids In Need Waikato, to go into their care packs for children in foster care. While Rosemary is not able to regularly attend meetings, she did deliver a bag full of knitted slippers to Hamilton's last meeting. Rosemary you are an inspiration to us all.



Governor's Message

We are now 2 months into the new year. I hope all of the new Presidents are finding their feet, and our Clubs have some great plans for upcoming projects and fundraisers.

Presidents, please remember, there is a team of people available to help with any questions you may have. Check the District Directory for people to contact.

In July, I was part of a team of 5 Altrusans from District Fifteen who attended the Altrusa International Convention in Quebec, Canada. As expected, it was educational, informative, rewarding and fun. I believe we can look forward to a great future, with a very strong team leading the International arm of our organisation. Chris DeVlieger, has some great ideas to expand on the achievements of our past President, Linda. Watch out for news from International, and please take the time to read.

On that subject, your Kiwi Altrusan DSB team, put in a lot to ensure we can share news from around the District. Your DSB comes to you via an email from International. If you know of members who think these emails are not for them, please remind them not to delete, but open and read. Sharing our ideas, our projects and our successes is how we can all help each other to learn and grow, and stay motivated. The DSB is an important tool to bring us all together.

Your District Board members are busy planning this years IFF Days. I do hope you can think seriously about attending them. They are another way we can connect with our wider membership, learn and soak up the benefits of belonging to Altrusa. Get together as a Club and plan a day/night away with your Altrusa friends.

Let's all 'Share the Journey'.

Margaret Melhop
Governor Altrusa District Fifteen



I may have done this before, but for our new members, here is a bit about me.

I grew up in Masterton and then did my College years at Upper Hutt College. I moved on to Otago University, where I did a Home Science degree, and where I met my future husband. We have been married now for 51 years. We have two sons, who unfortunately don't live in NZ anymore. One is in Brazil, along with my only grandchildren, and the other in Norway.

I joined Altrusa 10 years ago, and becoming Governor has been a huge learning curve. Like most things though, the more you put in, the more you get out, and I have really enjoyed the journey through to becoming Governor.

My passions are reading, biking, hiking, skiing and anything to do with fabric. I have been a teacher, a banker and an Interior Design Consultant in the field of window furnishings. My sewing skills have me making, most, of my own clothes, and having fun with home furnishings. I have also enjoyed the connection Altrusa has given me with Days For Girls, and since moving to Nelson, I have joined a very active DFG group.



Margaret

President Altrusa International Inc



Hello/Hola/Bonjour Altrusans,

It is a great time to be an Altrusan! After a wonderful International Convention in the beautiful city of Quebec, I hope you are just as excited and energized as I am to kick off this biennium.

As we embark together on this new biennium, it is under the theme of “Love, Literacy & Legacy”. The word “love” was chosen because it embodies several things. First, let’s make sure we are doing something that we love. Many of us joined and remain in Altrusa because of the service that we are privileged to be a part of. Spreading kindness and enriching the lives of others fills our hearts and brings joy to others. Love is the outcome from serving others.



The second word “literacy” was easy for me. I love books, and I love to read. Reading has played a significant role throughout my life for a variety of reasons. Literacy was one of the primary reasons I joined Altrusa. I know I am not alone in this. Did you know that the literacy program “Action for Literacy” was voted upon by the Convention Body in 1977? Then during the 2001 International Convention, literacy was adopted as our international focus, to be promoted throughout our association. In other words, we serve our communities through our literacy projects. Therefore, our literacy challenge this biennium will be to get 1,000,001 books distributed throughout the world. We can do it! Of course, this is in addition to another international project the Convention Body adopted back in 2019, Days for Girls. We will continue to support Days for Girls as well this biennium.

The last word “legacy” simply stated means lasting impact. One may say that legacy encompasses the memories, teachings and experiences one leaves behind. But what is missing in that thought is that your legacy is actually built in the now. Your legacy is created in the way you show up in each minute of the day. It comes through in every interaction you have, and it is built with every action you take. The more focused you are on what matters and the kind of change you want to make in the world, the more likely you will be able to create a legacy that has a positive impact. That’s what our founding leaders did, and what we need to do now. Let’s focus on an exciting future for Altrusa!

I ask you to remember the words of our founder, Mamie Luella Bass, in the Principles of Altrusa in which she wrote “Altrusa believes it is not enough to be good; Altrusans must be good for something”. So, what is your something? Together, let’s make every moment of this biennium truly magical and do something meaningful by leading to a better community.

With Altrusa Love,

Christine “Chris” DeVlieger

President Altrusa International, Inc.

From the Leadership Team



All of our new Boards are settling into their new roles and planning for the year ahead.

The first Presidents' Council was held on 3 July with good attendance. This is a great resource for Presidents and President-Elects to check on their planning for the year, to get information from other Club Presidents and to share their thoughts and concerns about being in the role of President.

And a word of advice to all Club members – electing your Board was the first step on this year's Altrusa journey; the second step is to actively support your Board and the Chairs of your committees! If you have an idea for a new project, a skill that could be used in a current project or you can help in any way then please come forward and offer your assistance. The more you get involved, the better it is for everyone.

Leadership Committee - Anne McElwain - Taieri, Katrina Clokie - Ohariu and Linda Larsen - Morrinsville,

Membership

It's great to hear about the activities Altrusans have completed around the country in the last couple of months. Clubs are now well into planning the 2025–2026 Altrusa year. Now is the time to consider how we can grow our membership while retaining our current members.



Growing Altrusa Begins with Us!

As Altrusans, we recognise the value of service, fellowship, and leadership. However, for our clubs to stay lively and active, we need ongoing growth, and that growth begins with you.

1. Who do you know that shares our values? A friend, neighbour, colleague, or someone involved in the community — someone who would flourish in Altrusa.
2. When you talk about Altrusa, let your enthusiasm shine. Share what you love about being a member — the projects, the purpose, the friendships.
3. And most importantly: follow through. A warm conversation is a good start, but a personal invitation to a meeting or event — and checking in afterwards — makes all the difference.

Growth happens one invitation at a time — and it starts with a spark from you.

Let's share the spirit of Altrusa — personally and passionately.

Yours in Altrusa

Rosemary Moore Ashburton

Membership Development Chair.



Service

Greetings to all Altrusa Clubs from your Service Team ...

Already the first two months of the new biennium have flown by, and it's great to see through FB posts the wonderful Service Projects clubs have already been involved in – curtains, manaaki mat covers, pencil cases, laundromat libraries, distraction packs, no sew blankets and more!

- Remember to continue sharing through social media what your clubs have been doing, as this enables Altrusa's name to be recognised more readily when we're out and about in our communities, plus what your club is doing often sparks an idea for a project within another club.

With Convention completed, we await with interest, initiatives from our new International President, Chris DeVlieger, and her International Board, that I'm sure clubs will want to support.

The Service Committee has begun discussing ideas for a NZ wide project that all clubs will hopefully want to participate in ... watch this space!

Karen Liddy – Timaru
Service Committee Chair



Communication's Chat –



With the arrival of spring on September 1st, we often think of having a bit of a clean out after winter!

It is time for Clubs to look at their Club page on the website to see if it indeed needs some attention!

- Does it need dusting off with a more up to date photo reflecting what you are doing now?
- Is it a good 'shop window' for prospective new members?
- Is your latest newsletter on your club page?
- If you have a face book page is the face book icon present?

Many of the photos are out of date and yet there are fantastic projects and fundraisers happening in all clubs. I see them in newsletters, Face book pages and the Kiwi Altrusan.

Why not show and tell the world what District Fifteen Clubs are doing?

Let's give the Club section on the District Fifteen website a makeover with up-to-date photos over the next few months!

I challenge all Clubs to send me ONE up to date photo please and if your latest newsletter isn't on your club page, please also send to communications@altrusa.org.nz or webmaster@altrusa.org.nz

We need to 'share the journey' with all who tap into our website. <https://districtfifteen.altrusa.org/>

Jenny Bevin – Timaru
Communication Chair



ASTRA Club of Waitaki Girls High School

On Monday 11th August, Altrusa International of Oamaru was joined for their club meal by President of ASTRA Club of Waitaki Girls High School, Gloria and Vice-President, Letisha.

Their club now has 35 members, with 13 new members receiving their pins last week. They have been busy with baking for the elderly, Distraction Packs for the hospital and helping with some of the items for our Altrusa Bazaar.



From left to right: Liz Ballantyne, Altrusa ASTRA Committee chair, Gloria Kaur, ASTRA President & Letisha, Vice-President

They have great enthusiasm with many ideas for the year and with the members ranging from Year 9-13 they will remain a strong group.



Foundation

Important note

Cut off dates for Grant Applications are:

Cycle 1 – 15th September 2025

Cycle 2 – 15th March 2026

To download the application forms, go to the Altrusa District Fifteen website, and go to Foundation

While it is easiest to support Foundation by buying a ticket at our annual Conferences, there are many other ways to do this. Make a donation direct to our dedicated District Fifteen Foundation Bank account: 02 – 0284 – 0056304 – 02

If you do this, please advise the District Treasurer and myself of the amount and date it was deposited, your club name or the person who made the donation. AND what it was for: a lamplighter, disaster relief or a general donation.

One club advised that when they were purchasing a Lamplighter, they used all of their Alteaser funds over a few years to keep it secret from the recipient. What a great idea!

Regarding Lamplighters – here's how it works

Firstly, pay your US \$500 into the dedicated District Fifteen Foundation Donation A/C. When you receive your receipt from District Treasurer, send a copy to the Supplies Office who will then forward a pin to the address provided by you. Please also advise Foundation Chair the name of the recipient so we can update our District Records. This is VERY important. Thank you

Yours in service

Susi Chinnery-Brown – Morrinsville
Foundation Chair



Distraction Packs keep making a difference

THANK YOU LETTER FROM VICTIM SUPPORT ROTORUA TO ALTRUSA CLUB OF ROTORUA

SUBJECT: DISTRACTION PACKS AND THEIR IMPACT – 14 July 2025

Kia ora Debbie and the Rotorua Altrusa team!

I simply wanted to say a massive THANK YOU! 🌟🌟🌟

The children's distraction packs provided by your wonderful team have endless and untold value!

As we all know, unfortunately there is a substantial volume of incidents within the family harm/domestic violence and homicide spaces.

The kids packs that you and your team deliver have somewhat of a butterfly effect- something small ripples out to have a bigger impact that is often unknown.

I have seen the smiles on the children's faces as they receive their own toothbrush after being displaced from their home; the acknowledgement behind the sad eyes as they cuddle the soft toy; the appreciation from the carers as they see the effect a colouring book and colouring pencils are having as they bring a child out of their shell; the tight holding of a book, as the child sits quietly reading; the beanies recognised as something of their own; the gratitude from the carer for the understanding of the situation and the help provided within.

Often these children are having to deal with losing their routine, their sibling, their mum, their dad – sometimes both mum and dad, in traumatic circumstances. These children are having to navigate through a situation that is instantly life changing and that any adult would struggle to cope with. The children are working through grief, trauma, flashbacks and crisis. These tokens gifted by your group go a long way towards comfort for them at the initial stages and further down the track also.

I thank you all again for taking these young victims under your wing and for making a difference in their situation!

Your time, compassion and understanding is very much appreciated.

Ngā mihi

Michele Mumby
Support Worker Homicide –
Manaaki Tangata Victim Support

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Information, Fun & Friendship – IFF Day

Remember to register for your area IFF Day

Upper North Island 20th September Morrinsville

Lower North Island 13th September Hawera

Upper South Island 6th September Timaru

Lower South Island 15th November Oamaru

The programmes are packed full of fun, friendship and information



News from our Clubs

Rotorua



Distraction Packs - Commitment by our members to knit beanies and soft toys, and resource and supply goods for Distraction Packs for donation to Rotorua Victim Support is ongoing. We have made over 250 packs with 45 in the last delivery. A recent thank you letter from Victim Support acknowledging the benefits of these packs has made our club members realise how important it is to keep this project alive.

No Sew Blankets - At our last club social craft day, we finished three no sew blankets and these were gratefully received by the Rotorua Hospice staff.

SCBU Book Library - Brenda, RN Rotorua Hospital SCBU unit, noticed that their Perinatal Unit have a box of 'Books for Babies' donated by our club, and asked if our club would donate some books to her Special Care Baby Unit. The unit has long term premature babies and high needs babies with complex conditions. They have a little library from which they encourage parents to read to their babies and try to promote 'the first thousand days' concept. Brenda appreciated our donation of book for the SCBU book library.



Queenstown

This year's quiz night, in July, was an absolute blast!! The theme for this year was 'Wonderful & Weird.' We had 14 teams competing for some very good prizes!! It was great to see all of the teams that dressed up in theme. A huge congratulations to the QPS teacher's team named, The Injectables, who were awarded the best dressed team prize, a cake of chocolate kindly donated by Queenstown Night 'n' Day. The final results are: 1st Place: She'll Be Right (Score 76) New World bag with a chicken dinner for 4. 2nd Place: Quiz Quintets (Score 75) Platter with cheese, crackers, chutney, etc. 3rd Place: The Aces (Score 69.5) Bottle of wine.

Our grateful thanks to Jan Robertson, our very own Quiz Master, for all of the work in putting together the interesting and challenging questions - in the picture with our Bar manager Phil.



Tanya is pictured with basket in hand and beside one of the auctions ... A silver rooster which fetched \$550... Can you spot her blackbird?

We really appreciate the businesses that support us with raffles, auctions and prizes enabling us to donate \$3000 to Active Hearts and \$1000 for our Literacy Fund to distribute books to Babies and children living here.



Hawera

A SANDS representative, came to our meeting several years ago and spoke about their work in our community. Money was raised and donated to the group in support of purchasing a cuddle cot for the local community so the families experiencing a stillbirth or neonatal death can take their baby home for a few days.

Club members also made Manaaki Blankets (which are used in the cuddle cot), in various sizes, and donated these to the New Plymouth and Hawera SANDS group.

Recently we had a request for more Manaaki Blankets so members have rallied again and a total of 211 have been donated.



Christchurch

In July, Altrusa Christchurch members, prepared 70 baby and children's books with Altrusa stickers. We will purchase further books, and they will be donated to community groups in our upcoming Literacy projects.

During July and August, we held two workshops, inviting friends and members of the public to join us in making Manaaki Mat covers and Baby gowns for SANDS, and knitting woolen hats for premature babies at NICU Christchurch Hospital. We supplied patterns, fabric, knitting needles and wool, and provided afternoon tea.



Ashburton

Some homes in Ashburton will be a little warmer this winter thanks to the skill of Ashburton members. The club held a sewing bee to make curtains, with material donated to the annual Fabric and Craft Bazaar. A total of 86 lined curtains were made and donated to Presbyterian Support, which organises a Curtain Bank in the district, making curtains available to people in homes without curtains. The curtains are left without the bottom hem so that they can be adjusted to suit whatever window length is required.

The club's literacy committee organised the purchase and distribution of a colourful book to the 20 primary schools in the district. Entitled "Violet's Scarf", the book has been published to coincide with "Operation Wrapped in Remembrance" which is marking 80 years since the end of World War II, 75 years since the start of the Korean War, 65 years since the end of the Malay Emergency and 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War. People have been asked to knit, weave or crochet a scarf to be given to veterans. The book, by Colleen Brown, tells the incredible true story of Riverton girl, Violet Cloughley. When WWI started in 1914, Violet, aged eight, wanted to help the soldiers fighting overseas. So, she knitted a scarf. By a remarkable coincidence the scarf found its way to her brother.



Literacy Committee leader Sue Gough presents a copy of the book, Violet's Scarf, to a school in the Ashburton District.

Ohariu



In July we supported the Churton Park Community Kite Day, by running outdoor activities and helping children stencil and colour in windsocks and small kites. With our big tear-drop banner on display, wearing Altrusa hi-vis, and being included in the organiser's Facebook wrap-up - hopefully we also raised awareness of Altrusa and our club!

Taieri

The Taieri Club, held a high tea fundraising event in May, raising funds for the Cancer Society's "Bags of Hope" project. The project is a collaboration between the Cancer Society Otago-Southland and local schools, whose pupils created art works to decorate clothing-storage bags for people attending oncology appointments.

Members of the Community Services committee, along with some of their grandchildren, collected 75 bags of pinecones at the local golf club. These were then donated to Riding for the Disabled, to be sold as a fundraiser for the group. We also provided some financial assistance to them to help replace worn equipment.



Society's "Bags of Hope" project.

Members gave their time to help with street appeals for both St John in June and Otepoti-Dunedin Whanau Refuge in July. We also collected much needed toiletries for the food bank and continued our ongoing project of "Books for Babies." We were also able to provide some financial assistance for Special Rigs for Special Kids and will be providing some "women power" at the event planned for 31 August.

Altrusa International of Taieri hosted a high tea event at East Taieri Church raising \$2,000 for the Cancer

Hamilton

The Hamilton Club recently held a Carers weekend for 11 men, recommended from Dementia Waikato and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Six men were full time caregivers for partners with dementia and five were grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. The purpose of this weekend was to give the men a time out, pampering experience. The men gathered on the Friday night at a motel in Cambridge where members joined them and provided drinks and nibbles followed by a delicious meal provided by our two members Lorraine Eves and Jenny Wright-Gardner. Saturday began with a continental breakfast then off to watch cycling races at the Velodrome. They then were taken to a cafe at Tamahere for lunch. We then went to the car museum in Hautapu, where we put on afternoon tea. An enjoyable dinner was shared at Joes Garage in Hautapu. Goodie bags were handed to all the men. Goodies were supplied by club members and included jams, preserves, sweets, fruit and baking. We farewelled the men on the Sunday morning.

Peter said, "Thanks for organising such a lovely weekend for us male carers. You made us welcome and everything went so smoothly. This was my first weekend away in 5 years."

Elliott said, "Huge thanks to you and your team for what you did for us has made a big difference to how I felt for that weekend and to enjoy the effort that you all put to helping us. What a Team."

The money the club received from the Foundation Grant covered our expenses for this weekend for which we are so thankful.



Invercargill

On June 4 we initiated new member, Angela Pardo, to our Club on a cold winter's evening. Angela joins Altrusa with a passion to help the world, to find a tangible way to make a positive impact on people who truly need it and where better than in her own (Southland) backyard. Angela was sponsored by Nellie and co-sponsored by Lynette.

Later that month we hosted our 2nd annual fundraising quiz for the Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter Trust. While fewer teams than last year ventured out on a chilly Southland evening, 19 teams settled down to a fun night of raffles, a silent auction and some curly quiz questions. Midway through the evening, quizzers were encouraged to look under their chairs for "refreshment" aka a lolly and, for the lucky few, a voucher for a free ice cream or milkshake. A fun night was had by all!



Tauranga

The Club held its AGM/Changeover night at the end of June. The theme for the installation of the new Board was "Colour Me Beautiful" with members encouraged to wear something bright.

At our July Business meeting, we celebrated 65 years of service between 2 members – Shona Sterritt joined Oamaru Club in April 1980 and transferred to Tauranga in August 2002, and Margaret Beswick joined our Club in May 2000. Margaret Beswick was away sick so Shona had to cut the surprise cake by herself.

Projects undertaken in the last 3 months have included donating gumboots and socks to Merivale Primary School, so that the children can help in their garden to table programme. Hygiene bags were donated to 5 schools as well as Tauranga Living Without Violence, Kids Need Dads and Under the Stars. A selection of books were delivered to the Tauranga Hospital School.

Programme nights have included a mid-winter Curry at a local Indian restaurant, and an evening at Shona's learning about her 90 years of life. Members continue to meet on the first Saturday of the month at various cafes for coffee and a chat, as well as Book Chat every two months and the Friday Diners Group on the alternate month.



Cambridge

Distraction Packs: From our local Police Station Support Officer, we have received very positive feedback regarding the packs, and it has been decided to continue this project.

We welcomed our guest speaker from Ko Wai Au Trust, whose aim is to empower our 15 – 24-year olds, to strive for a better future. A project of making toilet bags is underway. Currently paper shopping bags are being used.

Sausage Sizzle: Our fundraiser during these winter months have been well supported.



Oamaru

Oamaru club has recently held its 13th annual Bazaar and Pop-up shop. The successful bazaar, featured a wide variety of donated items, including fabric, wool, haberdashery, craft supplies, along with scarves, handbags and jewellery.

Club members have worked as a team over many months, sorting, measuring and pricing ready for the weekend. We are never sure how much we have, until it all comes together on the day when we set out the tables and unload the boxes. With the help of any available Altrousers, friends of the club and some High School Prefects, the job of setting up is completed.

The event is very popular and the doors are opened to a queue of people waiting on the first day, and they make a bee-line for their preferred items of interest.

Funds raised from the Bazaar and the following Pop-up shop, helps our Club support various community needs, including baby gift packs for every newborn in Oamaru, complete with a book to promote literacy. We also sponsor two tertiary scholarships, swimming lessons for approximately 20 children and we hold an annual afternoon tea for the elderly at the Meadowbank Bowling Club. We hope to donate to other organisations once we have finalised all the proceeds.



Timaru

The lovely part of completing a project is delivering it to the recipients, in this case our local Women's Refuge, who do a wonderful job supporting women and their families when the need arises. Being able to support their efforts by supplying often needed basics for the children, was our aim. Many members were involved with fundraising, sewing drawstring bags, making games, shopping, creating no-sew blankets and assembling bags of pjs, socks and underwear ready for delivery. Our efforts were well received by the staff, and we are very happy to be able to help children feel warm and cosy as the winter days and nights continue to bite.



Morrinsville

Morrinsville Club has had an active few months. We joined all of the Morrinsville service clubs for a dinner and speaker. It was a great opportunity to give Altrusa a platform in our local community and encourage potential new members to join us at future meetings. We also got to listen to Linda from Kids in Need Waikato, an organisation we supported when it first started out. It was fabulous to hear how far they have come and the excellent support they now get from all over our region.

At our induction meeting, we not only handed over the gavel for our next team but also celebrated and honoured 2 members who have given 15 years to Altrusa. Susi and Janet have both held numerous positions in the Morrinsville club, Janet only just recently handing over the secretary portfolio and Susi is our current treasurer and District Foundation Chair. We are well placed as we move into our new biennium.



Te Awamutu

On Saturday 16th August the Literacy Committee hired a movie theatre and invited Grandparents looking after grandchildren full time to come and enjoy a free movie afternoon. There were 70 guests, plus Vicky and myself who organised the event.

Ten tickets were returned due to sickness and a tangi. Wanting to fill these seats, I went out onto the street to see if I could give the tickets away. I found a grandmother with three children who thanked me but said she was too busy. Evidently three children can be very persuasive as they turned up to watch their very first movie. A group of ten people who had been gathered up to fill the ten seats by the guests who couldn't come arrived, so although they didn't fit the criteria we were happy to have all seats filled.



Everyone had a great time with six \$20 Paper Plus vouchers given away as spot prizes. One family came from Tokoroa, while others came from Cambridge, Otorohanga and Te Kuiti. There was a popcorn trail going up the stairs before the movie and lots left on the floor afterwards. Luckily we haven't been charged extra for a cleaning fee.

A very successful afternoon and much appreciated by all.

In Memory



Beverly Dietschin

It was with much sadness that Beverley Dietschin was farewelled on 19 July 2025. Bev was a charter member of the Hawera Altrusa Club (1981). Awarded Emeritus Membership status in 2021 at the

club 40 year anniversary celebration. Bev was a devoted and proud Altrusan. Serving on numerous committees, she received the Special Club Achievers award in 1997. Bev was president 1987/89 and 1998/99



Isabell Linton

Sadly our lovely Christchurch Altrusan, Isabell Linton, has passed away aged 92. Isabell has been an Altrusan since 1973, and had the honour of being the oldest active member of District Fifteen. She was kind, caring and generous with her time, always willing to take part in all Club projects and activities, and was also very involved in her local church and community. Isabell was a dearly loved member who will be very much missed.





Upcoming International Days

Use them as ideas for projects, promotion on your social media or fun at meetings. Google for some ideas on how to celebrate.

September

8th International Literacy Day

13th International Chocolate Day

20th World Clean Up Day

21st World Gratitude Day

21st International Day of Peace

23rd International day of Sign Language

October

Make a Difference Day

1st International Day of Older Persons

4th World Animal Day

10th World Mental Health Day

20th International Sloth Day

November

9th International Tongue Twister Day

13th World Kindness Day

16th International Day for Tolerance

19th International Men's Day

21st World Hello Day

25th International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women

December

2nd World Computer Literacy Day

3rd International Disability Day

10th Human Rights Day

Saving the best for last

Welcome new members



Angela Pardo joins Altrusa International of Invercargill



Joining Altrusa International Te Awamutu - Belinda Overvest (left with sponsor Louise Livingstone) and Linda Buchannan (right with sponsor Claire Roigard)



Di Muggeridge joined Altrusa International Te Awamutu



Shona Sterrit from Altrusa International of Tauranga celebrating 45yrs service. Absent was Margaret Beswick celebrating 25 yrs

20 year service pin



Kathleen Lee, from Rotorua, receives her 20-year service pin. Kathleen is a fantastic member with a great sense of humour and a commitment to community service and club projects.

15 year service pins



Tania Sanders (left) –Te Awamutu.



Robyn Moore (right) – Te Awamutu



Susi Chinnery–Brown (left) and Janet Gray - Morrinsville

District Lamplighter



Alison Burr (President Altrusa International Cambridge and past District Foundation Chair) receiving her District Lamplighter from current District Treasurer Lynley Brier.

Members from Altrusa International Te Awamutu including Lyn Coutts Club President had a lovely coffee catch up with Alison at Churchill's café in Te Awamutu to congratulate her on receiving her District Fifteen Lamplighter. This was presented to Alison by Lynley Brier District Fifteen Treasurer. Congratulations Alison on receiving your Lamplighter and thank you for all your support of Altrusa International at Club and District Level.



**DSB Submissions due to submissions@altrusa.org.nz
by 8th November
for December edition.
200 words or less in a word document.
No more than 2 photos.**



**DISTRICT FIFTEEN CONFERENCE 42
in 2026 WELLINGTON**

**Date: 1st – 3rd May
Venue: Copthorne Hotel
Oriental Bay**

