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ALTRUSA HAWERA NEWSLETTER

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Helping Hands

In every town, in every place,
There are hands of grace, and hands of grace.
Hands that help without a pause,
Hands that champion a noble cause.
They lift, they cook, they mend, they build.
Never tired, never stilled.
Hands of doctors, hands of maids,
They're the foundation where hope is laid.
In these hands, the world finds rest.
In these hands, we find our best.
Next time you see such hands divine.
Remember yours can also shine.





For this food before us spread
For our steps in safety lead
For thy favour on our way
Lord, accept our thanks today

Benediction

May we go forth with high ideals
To greet our fellow man,
Be true to all Altrusa aims
Until we meet again.

Hello Ladies

By the time you read this, September will be behind us, and we'll be heading into daylight savings and the tenth month—October—far too quickly for my liking! At home, things are in full swing: I currently have six tradies working away in our main upstairs bathroom. It's time to make it a more functional space for the years ahead.

Meanwhile, I've also been chipping away at my **Altrusa project for 2025/26**, which focuses on supporting our wonderful **South Taranaki District Nurses**. The project will roll out in two parts: I'll explain more about it at tonight's dinner meeting.

- ◆ **Part One** is a **Christmas Raffle**, made possible by the generous support of our local community. Their contributions have helped kick-start the project.

- ◆ **Part Two** brings back a favourite we haven't hosted in a while—our **High Tea**. A big thank you to **Brenda** for kindly offering her home as the venue once again. The fundraising and project team are currently in the planning phase, and we'll keep you updated as things progress.

This project is a true reflection of **Altrusa's heart for service**—giving back to those who serve our community every day. Whether we're raising funds, offering our time, or supporting each other, we're continuing the proud tradition of **leading through service** that defines Altrusa.

I hope you all continue to embrace what Altrusa and you lovely ladies are doing to make this project a success. *Linda*

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 2025

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

1 Oct – Year of the older person

10 oct – World mental health day

16 oct – World food day

Meals on Wheels Roster

Thursday

9 Oct Karen & Marie

16 Oct Brenda & Julie

23 Oct Molly & Marie

30 Oct Helen & Grant

6 Nov Karen & Anne M

Saturday

11 Oct Jenny & John

18 Oct Marie & Anne D

25 Oct Robynne & Barry

1 Nov Michelle & Frances

8 Nov Linda G & Heather

Books on Wheels Roster

18 October Karen & Linda G

1 November Jenny & Helen

15 November Pat & Glenda

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

20 October JILL



22 October PAT

31 October MOLLY

I.F.F. DAY 2025





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MEETINGS AND EVENTS DIARY 2025-2026

Dinner and Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Hawera Club, High Street Hawera. We meet at 6pm, dinner is served at 6.30pm.



If you will not be attending, please call or text your apology to 027 390 2697 by 7pm on Sunday night.

Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

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| 7 October | 5pm | Extraordinary Board Meeting at Hawera Cub |
| 7 October | 6pm | Dinner & Business Meeting - Anne D & Judith |
| | | Our guest is Governor Marget Melhop |
| 21 October | 7pm | Board Meeting – Linda's home |
| 4 November | 6pm | Dinner & Business meeting - Julie & Renate |

Happy Spring Everyone!

What a fabulous turnout we had for our I.F.F day in September. Share the Journey, Book the Journey, All Things Literacy – we nailed it! It was fun, informative, entertaining and very friendly. We learnt first hand about writing and illustrating a children's chapter book. We learnt how hilariously innovative we could be staging ad hoc plays, we learnt a little bit about each of us by submitting our own personal words that had impacted on us at some time of our lives. And... we got to share with Ohariu, Levin, District Fifteen and Hamilton. Our ladies did a fabulous job in the kitchen and we dined very well.

We were very fortunate that our long time partners, Hawera Library were able to accommodate us for the day, sharing awesome modern and comfortable facilities and meeting rooms, their technology and their awesome knowledgable staff. And because of everyone involved generosity, we were able to make a \$500 contribution to Foundation so assist them in helping so many good international causes.

We have had some very positive feedback about how much fun the day was, all the while sharing information and also what a stunning, comfortable and welcoming library Hawera has to enjoy.

A huge thanks to our IFF Committee for enabling us to host and enjoy and fabulous day.

This week we welcome Margaret Melhop, our District Fifteen Governor, looking forward to see you all.

Robynne