

### From the President



It seems like we are already on the slippery slope to Christmas! The school holidays are upon us and for some of us, this means little people staying or being looked after. I love the fact that our grandchildren love to come for sleepovers, even though it may mean being eaten out of house and home!

Keith and I attended WOW in Wellington for the first time last week. For a number of years we have been meaning to go, but something always diverted us from attending. So worthwhile and what an amazing show that attracts international entries as well as from New Zealand. WOW is also an amazing opportunity

for our own artists, technicians etc to show their talents in their various fields. It was exciting to see that Jan Kerr from Otaki won the Dame Suzie Moncrieff Award in the Aotearoa section for her 'Beeing Mary Bumby', a local woman being credited with being the first New Zealand Beekeeper.

The Combined Services Dinner 23<sup>rd</sup> September was a great success. It was good to see the three local service clubs get together and there is a shared willingness to do a combined project in the near future. I know it is not normal to say thank you to someone for telling whoppers, but Jackie and Denys did us proud. They both shared a story that was not true but had some of us fooled. Hmmnn, can we trust these two again?

I am constantly in awe of you all, giving of yourself to Altrusa and to our community, on top of other commitments that you have. Together, we combine our individual contributions to be of real value. I came across this in my collection of quotes which is I think is pertinent to us all.

**"I cannot do everything  
But I can do something;  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do  
The something I can do."**

Brenda



## IFF Day Hawera

The day went well - we left Levin just after 7am. The weather was awful up there for most of the day but travelling to and from was fine. The venue was a meeting room in the stunning new library, Te Ramanui O Ruaputahanga, in Hawera - a real community place a bit like Te Takere - only a year old and a totally sustainable building.



There were 24 attending - 4 x Levin; 1 x Ohariu (Katrina); District Director Jenny Wright-Gardner from Hamilton and 18 from Hawera.

Hawera Club organised things well and they basically ran the day. It went smoothly and started with an excellent speaker - a local writer who had just published her first children's book - 'Beneath the Stars'. She is a young woman who helps run a farm with her husband, has 5 children and is also a local primary teacher - a very busy lady and she was interesting and quite inspiring to listen to.



Director Jenny also gave a short presentation on the 'Active Hearts' project – which is a national - international project for Altrusa Clubs to support.

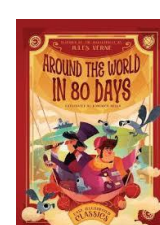
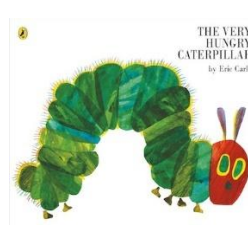
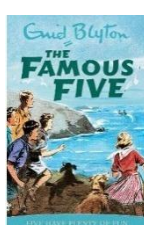
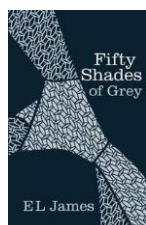
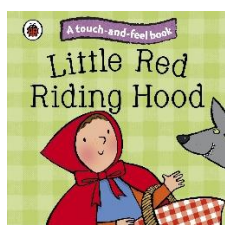
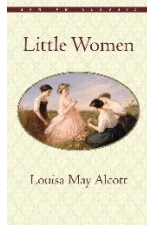
After lunch we had a fun activity divided into teams - a good laugh as each group had to act out a pre-prepared play - this mixed everyone up that's for sure although I'm not so sure about acting abilities LOL. This was followed by reading of 'literary treasures & gems' that each member attending had sent through prior to the day. These were read out and had all been compiled into a booklet and contained quotes / insights / memories that had impacted each person in some way.

None of us won one of the two raffles sadly!! The catering was excellent finger food and as always - far too much for the numbers attending 😊

We hit the road home around 3pm - Denys travelled back with Cherry and Airini and I together - got home around 5.15pm. Report by Tui

## September Programme Meeting

September's program meeting was hosted by Literacy with 26 ladies attending. The evening started with charades of books to see which table gets dinner first! The books were Little Women, Little Red Riding Hood, 50 Shades of Grey, Famous Five, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and the one no one guessed - Virgin River. Two tables managed to get 5/6 and the tie breaker was Around the World in 80 Days.



Dinner was roast chicken, roast vegetables, beans and peas, broccoli & cauliflower in cheese sauce and garlic bread. Dessert was apricot pie with cream and custard. Shirley drew and WON the evenings raffle. Two in a row for Shirley.

Denys introduced our speaker for the evening, Leala Faleseuga, who is the digital inclusion librarian at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po. Leala's role is making sure everyone has everything they need to access online digital technology. She is a passionate librarian born and bred in the Levin. Leala had a love for the library since she was young. After leaving to study and gain work experience she returned to Levin in 2017 to take up a librarian role at the Shannon library.

Libraries are important - are more than just books. They provide our community with equitable information to change lives. A 2025 survey shows increased use in books, digital services and in library services such as access to newspapers, magazines. Leala outlined what was available at our local libraries, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po (Levin), Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom (Foxton) and Shannon.



Here's an overview of what they provide:

### Core Library Services

- **Free Membership** for residents of Horowhenua, Kapiti, and Manawatū Districts
- **Borrowing** physical books, eBooks, and eAudio books
- **Online Catalogue** for browsing and reserving items

### Digital & Research Tools

- **eLibrary Access:** Thousands of digital resources including newspapers, research databases, and study materials

- **Public Computers:** Free access with a library card
- **Free Wi-Fi:** Available 24/7 at all branches
- **Tech Help & Digital Skills Support:** Community learning sessions and one-on-one librarian bookings

### **Children & Youth Services**

- **Children's Library:** A vibrant collection of books and regular events with entertainers
- **Youth Space:** A hangout and entertainment area for youths
- **School Holiday Programmes** and reading challenges

### **Heritage & Local History**

- **Heritage Rooms:** Resources for genealogy and local history research
- **Museums & Exhibitions:** Especially at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, showcasing local stories and culture

### **Learning & Community Support**

- **Learning Support:** Help with family history, personal research, and digital literacy
- **Community Programmes:** Workshops, talks, and events for all ages

### **Council Services**

- Available at Foxton and Shannon libraries, including rates payments and general council inquiries

Thanks to Cushla for this detailed report.

#### **SENIOR TRYING TO RESET PASSWORD**

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USER: boiled cabbage

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USER: 1 boiled cabbage

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USER: 50DAMNboiledcabbages

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USER: 50damnBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourButtIfYouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow!

WINDOWS: sorry, the password cannot contain any punctuation

USER: ReallyPeedOff50DamnBoiledCabbagesshovedUpYourButtIfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow

WINDOWS: sorry, that password is already in use





# Committee Corner –

What a busy club we have been – here is a snapshot of what each committee has been up to:

Service welcomed President Brenda to their meeting

- Finalised hosting of October Programme meeting
- Long Lunch organised  
Tickets printed and distributed via committees
  - Raffle included in price
  - 'Country Garden' theme
- Days for Girls fundraising suggestion
  - Another sale of pies

Trish their rep on the Xmas Committee

## Communications

- Marketing tool updated
- Days for Girls fundraising sell pies to family and friends
- October Mental Health Awareness Week – Cushla to ask Colberts re a contribution
- January Social Event – Pizza making?

Sue their rep on the Xmas Committee

## Membership

- Rack Cards / Welcome Book – now being printed
- AGE ON THE GO stall details sorted
  - Wear aprons
  - Display rack cards
  - Display of projects
  - Coffee invites
  - Club Raffle with proceeds to Days for Girls
- January Social event at Speldhurst suggested

Lyn their rep on the Xmas Committee

## Literacy

- Make a Difference Day – supper for Volunteer Firefighters on their training evening – went well
- Finalised prep for September Programme Meeting
- Days for Girls fundraising suggestions
  - sponsored walk
  - movie night in early 2026 with proceeds shared with annual Commitments

Jan W their rep on the Xmas Committee

All up this month, the committees reported a total of 107 hours for Altrusa and 206 Community volunteer hours – way to go





## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER



Altrusa arrived early at the Levin Fire Station and set up the table for the Volunteer Fire Fighters' supper.

The food was plentiful - thanks to all members who contributed - the table was groaning.

And don't our new aprons look colourful and eye-catching 😊

The 30 Volunteers paraded at 7pm and welcomed us.

They did notices, then "broke out" - we took photos of everyone present.

After that the volunteers sung their waiata and we left them to their training night ..... and supper -

Later that evening we received a lovely "Thank You"

Thankyou soo much again! We appreciate you and your team coming in and providing our team with supper, yous are amazing!



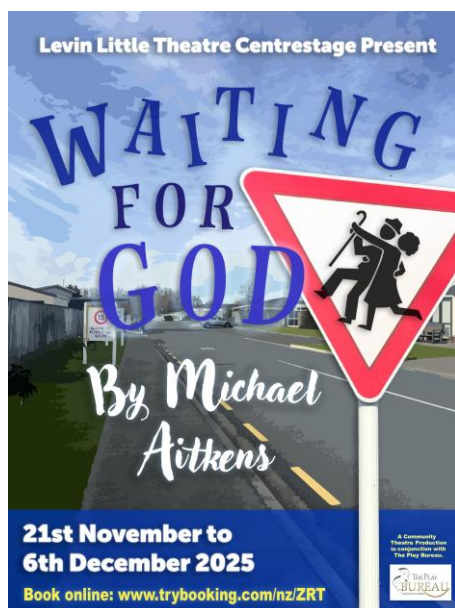
## Cornflake Ginger Crisps

125 g butter, softened  
½ cup raw sugar  
1 egg  
1 ½ cup self raising flour  
2 cups cornflakes, roughly crushed  
60 g (1/2 cup) glace` ginger, finely chopped



beat butter and sugar in a bowl until creamy.  
add egg and beat until combined.  
add glace` ginger with sifted flour and stir until the mixture is well combined.  
roll tablespoons of the mixture into the crushed cornflakes.  
place on a lined baking tray.  
flatten slightly with your finger tips.  
Bake at 180C in a preheated oven for 10-12 minutes until golden  
stand for 5 minutes and then transfer to cooling racks.  
Makes about 22 and will keep for several days in an airtight container

Recipe contributed by Cushla



### From Levin Little Theatre

Levin Little Theatre - upcoming production of **Waiting for God**.  
We know you have made group bookings in the past and thought this production might be a great fit for you to consider joining us.

*All the favourite characters from the original BBC TV series are reimagined and brought to life on stage, facing the challenges that come with growing old disgracefully. At Bayview Retirement Village, battle-axe extraordinaire Diana Trent conspires with new resident Tom Ballard to give the conniving manager his comeuppance through a hilarious conspiracy with unexpectedly heart-warming results.*

Tickets will be going on sale next week but wanted to provide the opportunity to look at priority group bookings first. Shows run from 21 November to 6 December, with two matinees on Sunday 22 and Sunday 29 November.

We are offering Seniors tickets at \$25 but have great group booking rates, with bookings of 10 or more at 15% discount.

If you would like more information or might be interested please let me know,

Nga Mihi,  
Sarsha Fo



The Levin Rotary Club sent this information – you are welcome to attend any evening where the speaker catches your attention.



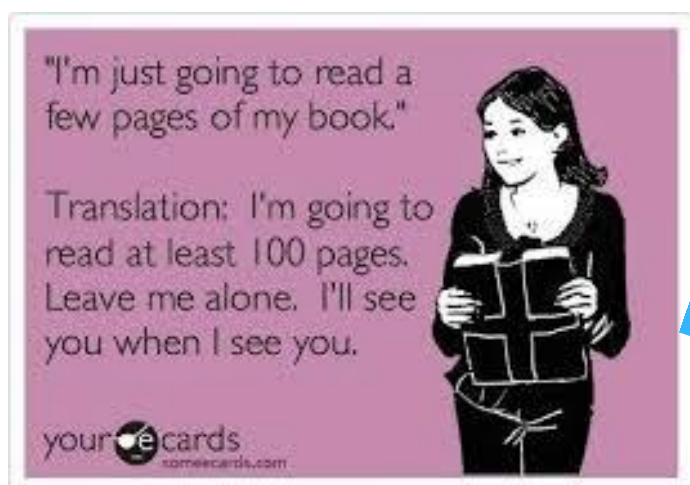
### Rotary Club Guest Speakers for remainder of the year

Logan Wilson from Rotary shared their Club's Guest speakers for remainder of 2025.

Rotary continue their Open nights, the next one is October 14 Meal Cost \$30. If you wish to go you must ring Paper Plus by Close of Business on Monday .

Logan also said that their speaker, Cynric Temple-Camp, on 28 October is a great speaker. Cynric was a pathologist who worked in the infamous Mark Lundy case. If you wish to go you need to ring Paper Plus possibly by Saturday in that case as 27 October is Labour Day holiday

Speaker	Date	Topic
<b>Carol Green</b>	7 October 2025	<b>District Governor Visit</b>
Todd Strode-Penny	<b>14 October 2025</b>	<b>Greenhaven Homes &amp; TV's Moving Houses</b>
Brittany Adams	<b>21 October 2025</b>	Central Energy Wildbase Recovery Trust in P.Nth. Esplanade
<b>Cynric Temple-Camp</b>	<b>28 October 2025</b>	Pathology and the Fascination of Death
<b>Jamie Stout</b>	<b>04 November 2025</b>	Levin Cacie Clinic and her Recent Award
<b>Peter &amp; Janelle O'Keefe</b>	<b>11 November 2025</b>	Their experiences in Iran
<b>Jackie Brown</b>	<b>18 November</b>	Surgeries being done Overseas







## Coming

08 October Board meet District Governor Margaret

10 October      **Age On The Go – Events Centre 10am-2pm**

17 October      Pay \$33 or apology for Programme meeting

20 October      Programme Meeting 6pm @ Western House/RSA

29 October Board Meeting

31 October      Coffee Morning 10.30am @ Masonic

05 November      Business Meeting 5.30pm @ Thompson House

12 November      Cut off date for Long Lunch ticket sales

16 November      **Long Lunch @ 11.30am**