

Remarkables Rambler



October 25

Next Business Meeting: November 5

Programme Meeting: November 19

Duty committee:

November: Fellowship

Service Hours: from May 2025

YTD = 925

Breakdown this month: 371

$925 + 371 = 1296$

Great effort everyone



International login details are available from Year Books or Club President.

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Upcoming Events:

Queenstown Marathon: Nov 13, 14, 15

IFF Day - Nov 15

Golf Tournament - Jan 11

Past and Upcoming Service:

Reading at QPS

Senior Citizens Friday Lunch : 2nd Friday in November

Blood Bank: Nov 4 -6

Notices – Birthdays

Annette - Nov 5; Kay - Nov 14;

Anita Nov 19; Ella - Nov 19



Coffee Catch Up:

Boatshed - Sunday Nov 2 - 1.30pm

Table booked under Altrusa.



From Our President

Greetings Everyone'

Our grateful thanks to all members for the hours put in before, during and after the very successful Fashion Show. A very special thank you to Sharron for her organising as when, at the last minute, she couldn't be there the show went on as everyone knew their role. Thank you one and all. As per Julie's quote from Kathy Calvin "Giving is not just about making a donation, Giving is about making a difference." When we get the final total I am sure we will have made a difference to Baskets of Blessings. This month, Linley and the Golf committee will be getting the Golf tournament planning underway so keep Sunday January 11 on the calendar. We also have many of us volunteering for the Queenstown Marathon and the NZ Blood Bank. Thank you ladies for your valuable time.

President Kate

Service Rosters for September

All spaces filled for the remainder of the year; A big thanks to all who have contributed this year

Queenstown Primary School Reading

Oct-13	Louise	Kate
Oct-20	Louise	Jan R
Nov-03	Rose	Anita
Nov-10	Tayna	Annette
Nov-17	Alyth	Betty
Nov-24	Corne	Jan R
Dec-01	Dianne	Ella

Queenstown Mobile Blood drive

Tuesday 4th November – Thursday 6th November 2025

Day 1 - Tuesday Nov 4		
8.20 - 11.00am	Dianne McIrvine	Kate Dawson
11.00am - 2.30pm	Rose Strettell	Anita Lewis
Day 2 - Wednesday Nov 5		
7.20am - 11.00am	Ella Wilson	Kay Edwards
11.00am - 2.30pm	Jan Robertson	Stacey Palmer
Day 3 - Thursday Nov 6		
8.20am - 11.00 am	Marilyn Nieper	Annette Thomson
11.00am - 2.30pm	Louise Houliston	Sharron Ede

**Venue: St Margarets Prebyterian Church; Ross Street;
Frankton**

**Co-ordinator: Linda
Burt**

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Queenstown Marathon

Don't forget you can volunteer to help on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. This is a fundraiser for Altrusa Queenstown, as we get paid for our Volunteer time, and you are rewarded with an annual skyline pass.

IFF Day coming up in November



Area Four IFF Day 2025

Weston Hall, 20 Main Street, Weston, Oamaru

Saturday, 15 November 2025

10.00am to 3pm

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided

This year's theme is *Weaving Threads Through Our Community* by providing:

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

Fun - participating in active workshops to help Oamaru's community

Fellowship- mixing and mingling with Altrusans from other clubs

Cost: \$30.00. First timers have a \$10.00 discount

There will be a raffle, \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00 to purchase on the day, with proceeds going to Active Hearts Foundation.

Please pay your registration fee to your own Club Treasurer prior to Monday 3rd November, labeled as IFF '25. Food allergies may be noted on the Registration Form.

Whakatipu Altrusa Scholarship winners

This year the scholarship was shared between two deserving winners: Manuella Sanches Pedrosa and McKellar Thornton. Take note of the projected image showing during the presentation of the prize. What a great promotion for Altrusa.



Manuella: As head student she has championed inclusivity and community, supporting Brazilian students and families by bringing their stories and perspectives to the fore. She leads with compassion and empathy and purpose.

She has been recognised as one of Aotearoa New Zealand's 25 Inspiring young wahine changemakers, through the YWCA Y25 programme, an acknowledgement of her drive to create meaningful, lasting change. Academically she excels with Distinction in Business Studies and Commendations in History and Statistics. She has already gained NCEA level 3 with an Excellence endorsement. Earlier in the year she was awarded both Ad Alta and Excellence Gold Awards.

Beyond the classroom she has graced the stage in 'Mamma Mia'. represented the school at the Westpac Women in Business Conference and earned Service Blues for her creative contributions to TOI Wearable Arts and Showquest. On Ice she has reached the pinnacle of her sport, representing NZ in the U!* Womens Ice Hockey Team.

She is a leader, an artist, an athlete and a true Changemaker.

McKellar: Has left a profound and positive legacy. Excelling in both sport and arts and culture, he is a dedicated leader.

In sport he has been recognised with a Blues for his performance in the U17 Coxed Quad Sculls at the Maadi Cup. He has represented the school in rugby and basketball.

He was recognized at the Cultural Blues awards, receiving a Leadership award for his contribution to Kapa Haka, and his presence on stage, which included the lead role in the school production of 'Mamma Mia'. Academically he has gained 50% of his Level 3 credits at Excellence, and is on track to receiving an endorsement in 2025, to complement his level 2 endorsement. Earlier this year he received an Ad Alta Gold award.

McKellar's dedication to Kapa Haka has been unwavering. He played a leading role and stood out as one of the few male in the ropu this year. Additionally, he has shone in taking the opportunity to staff Haka and Waiata, which we thank him for.

Understanding Altrusa 3: Who are the International Team

Head Office: Altrusa International is run by a team of 3 paid employees.

Heading the team is David Mena, supported by Tess Fang and Melissa Diaz. You can contact them any time via email. If you need to get a password to log on to the International Website, contact them and they will make it happen.

Note: there is so much more to see and learn about Altrusa from the member login to the International website.

If you want to send an email out to all the members of your District, only this team has the ability to do that. Hence the District Newsletters, (DSB) come via an email from International. Don't delete everything that comes from International, check what it is first!

The International Board: This is made up of a team of President, President Elect and Vice President, plus 4 Directors, a treasurer and the Immediate Past President. These members are all elected by the membership, and will serve a 2 year term. Additionally there is a Legal advisor, and a Parliamentarian who support the International Board, and the District Boards. These positions can be held for several years.

Our current International President is Chris DeVlieger, from Illinois.

The President Elect is Kitty McElhaney from Florida, and the Vice President is Penny Daugherty from Missouri. Kitty will become the International President in 2027, and Penny in 2029.



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Queenstown Writers Festival: News for any wanting to attend - be quick!

The Queenstown Writers Festival is returning with a programme filled with award winning writers, big personalities, and a slew of talented southerners.

Held between October 30 and November 3 the festival has more than 30 events with something for people of all ages and interests.

Guest include well known names such as Grant Robertson, Mike McRoberts, Brodie Kane and Steve Braunias; award-winning writers including Damien Wilkins, Owen Marshall, Monty Soutar and Diana Wichtel; neurodiversity and dyslexia with Channele Moriah, crime writers, local writers, illustrators, publishers, historical fiction writers and songwriters.

The fabulous 48-hour writing competition opens on Friday night and there are special panels with some of Aotearoa's best critics, nature writers, and with friends and family celebrating the life of poet Brian Turner.

For the full programme and to book tickets see qtwritersfestival.nz.

Fashion Parade News: Fun, Frolicks and Frocks!

Our Annual Charity Fashion Show was held again at Arvida Queenstown Country Club on Thursday 16th October. It was a very successful evening of fun, fashion and food raising funds our recipient "Baskets of Blessings" an important charity supporting our community.

The Fashion Show committee ably lead by Sharron, were allocated areas of the show to organise which they carried out with great enthusiasm. Each had their team of club members to work with them. It was sad Sharron was unable to attend due to illness, but she would have been very proud of the team.

The evening started with our guests being welcomed at the door by club members and offered a glass of bubbles. Guests were also able to purchase drinks from the well stocked bar. There was time to mingle and purchase raffle tickets and check out the auction items so generously donated by local businesses, view the beautiful jewellery by Vu Jewellers on display, while being entertained by Cheryl Collie's beautiful piano playing. Guests were asked to be seated by 7pm and were given delicious platters of nibbles on their table.

Julie, our MC extraordinaire welcomed everyone, introduced our 'makeover model' Sam from Arvida, and the ladies by "Baskets of Blessing" who gave the guests an overview of their tireless work supporting our community.

It was then on to an evening of spring fashion shown by local retailers, Girl Next Door, Mr Davis, Wallace Cotton, Outdoor Sports, Vintage Liberation and Social Clothing. Everyone was given an opportunity to see the lovely fashion items available for this coming summer season. There was lots of fun and laughter as the models showed their clothes while serenaded by music provided by Al.

During the intervals our Auctioneer, Gavin encouraged our guests to bid on our Live and Silent Auction items, which they very generously did.

As the evening drew to a close, the guests were reintroduced to Sam, who had been beautifully madeover by Emily Plum (make up) and Hair by D'Or. It was time to thank everyone who helped make the evening very successful, especially the Management and staff of Arvida Queenstown Country Club.

At the present moment, we do not know how much we raised for Baskets of Blessings, but once the sum is announced, the Altrusa Queenstown Club will be very proud of their efforts.



Tasty treats



The calm before the storm



Our Elegant Compere



Jan with our Make-over Model



Time to relax



Organised and ready for customers



Creating the lovely atmosphere