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President's Message

Kia Ora everyone

I am writing this with my fingers and toes crossed for Sunday! With so much effort on many fronts from everyone this month I feel quite humbled by the generosity of spirit we have in our club.

I have the privilege of seeing all the reports about the “doings” of each committee and every one of you have contributed- in all sorts of different ways -we are an amazing group of women. Over the past few months members have revamped all our promotional material ; distributed hair products; donated books for babes and the bright boxes ; baked countless muffins, planned and coordinated the grandparents day out ; and of course put a huge effort into the garden ramble.

Some of our newbies have been shining-bringing fresh new ideas and enthusiasm, and yes tech savviness! The more senior members amongst us have also been quietly making their mark -you know who you are, and we do too. You just step up when needed, but you have let the newer members have their heads-that is sometimes hard to do sometimes I know.

Anyway let's all celebrate each other and enjoy ourselves on Sunday I'm so proud to be chosen as your president this year

Lyn

Editors Musings

Kia ora koutou

Just a few more sleeps until the 2025 Altrusa Home and Garden Ramble – it has been great watching our ticket sales climb day by day – hopefully everyone has been sharing all the amazing Facebook posts. Hopefully the weather will play ball for us on Sunday – and that all the wind and wintery conditions have passed for this year – hard to believe parts of the country were getting snow at the end of October! See you out and about on the Ramble on Sunday.

Leanne

Next meetings:

Business: Monday 3rd of November 2025

Te Awamutu Club, Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu

Apologies by text to Brenda McIvor by 6pm Friday night before meeting.

Club Reminders

FOOD BANK



FEED THE HUNGRY

Please bring along to the business meeting a can/jar/packet of foodstuffs for food bank.

They are always struggling to fill parcels, and the need is increasing weekly.

Sanitary items are also in great demand.

SALE TABLE

From time-to-time club members bring in the bounty from their gardens and kitchens. This is available to Club Members for a donation. All funds raised unless otherwise stated are for the Conference fund to help fund the cost of delegates, alternates and other club members attending Conference and Convention.

So next time you see some wonderful fruit, veggies, jam or preserves on our donation table please help yourself but leave a donation. Thank you

Meeting Hostess

Beth & Linda

Please note if you are unable to perform your duties, please arrange your own replacement.

- Note duties include.
- Door – meal & raffle money
- Table set up – place names etc.
- Accent, Grace
- Raffle
- Speaker thank you gift (check with Beth)



**SAVE
the
DATE**

Next Business Meeting:

Monday 2nd November

5.30

Te Awamutu Club

Alexandra Street,

Te Awamutu

Things to consider

1. We have had a request from our District Communications Chair –
Would you have a member who would be happy to write about herself and send in a head and shoulders photo so I can keep the 'Why Choose Altrusa' section refreshed with new people on a regular basis. I just need one person to be willing!
2. Don't forget to check the volunteer rosters that the Garden Ramble team have been circulating and make sure you are where you are meant to be on Sunday!

Committee Reports

Service Committee Report – Paula



The Grandparents Day Out is well under way with around 6 candidates so far. Everything is booked apart from the bus which we have to confirm on the 30/10.

We have muffins in abundance for the neo natal mums, a big thank you to the bakers who gathered at Belinda's for the baking bee and everyone else who has made muffins. I still have flour and sultanas.

Membership Committee Report: Leanne



The Committee members have all been busy with their mahi on other committees this month. Have managed to get updated photos ready for the display board at the Garden Ramble (thanks to everyone who hunted around for them for me).

Literacy Report: Shona

We have just restocked our book supply.

Linda and Jill attended the Hamilton Rotary Book Fair earlier this month and spent \$100 on children's books and \$10 on adult books which we will use in February for our project Date with a Book.

Last week we had an afternoon at Robyn Atherton's and put Altrusa stickers in the books.

We will be asking members to donate good books between now and February for the Date with a Book project.



Fund Raising/Garden Ramble Committee:

Lydia and Claire

Final Countdown – Key Reminders for Members

We're nearly there, and everything is coming together beautifully! Just a few important reminders to help things run smoothly:

- Rosters: Please check both the event day roster (emailed on 14 October) and the wristband pick-up roster (shared in the group chat on 15 October) to confirm your times and locations.
- Tasks & Responsibilities: Refer to the email sent on 17 October for details on what you're expected to do. *Feeling Unwell?* If you're unable to attend your rostered time, please try to arrange a replacement. We recommend starting with a post in our Facebook chat group.
- Plant & Flower Donations: If you have plants for the plant sale or flowers for the bouquet stall, please drop them off to Lydia the day before at 1/70 Taylor Ave, TA, or contact her on 021 247 3233 to arrange a pick-up.
- Raffle Tickets: Please drop off all sold ticket stubs, money, and any unsold tickets to Campbell Lane by Wednesday, 29 October.

- Ticket Sales Update: We've sold 224 Ramble tickets so far! Let's keep the momentum going—please continue to share and promote.
- Helping Out & Ramble Access: If you're volunteering for half a day and would like to enjoy the Ramble during the other half, you don't need a ticket. However, a koha (donation of the amount you see fit) would be greatly appreciated.
- Weather Watch: Fingers crossed for sunshine! The long-range forecast looks promising for the days leading up—let's hope it holds for Sunday too.
- Post-Event Reflection: We'll share an update at the next business meeting. The committee will review what went well and what could be improved. If you have feedback, we'd love to hear it!

Guest Speaker

Anne Morrison, speaking on the *I am Me* project

Hospice Waikato Community Update

OUR WISH LIST

If you can help source any of these items, please reach out to us

- Supermarket vouchers for families in need
- Petrol vouchers for volunteers travelling long distances to support hospice care
- USB sticks for Life Stories
- Small packets of chips for our drinks trolley
- Donations of packaged biscuits for Kōwhai House



Watch the Active Hearts Foundation documentary

WATCH NOW at this link

https://youtu.be/SAAeSseNPJ4?si=qh0t2_wRNlhkHaRK