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President's Message

Is it really only a month until Christmas !!! I am a traditionalist so my xmas tree won't be going up until the 12 th December. I have a special angel to put on the tree and I'm looking forward to some grandchildren helping me decorate it.

In some ways we have all been angels in our community spreading love and good cheer around through our efforts. It's a good feeling isn't it; and does a lot to keep our little town in good spirits. But being an angel takes energy; and sometimes we probably take on and do a little too much. I know because I've been there in the past few months, and sometimes forgot that when I need help I need to say so -the nice thing is that when I needed a listening ear or to delegate to others you have all been right there- so thank you!

Xmas is a time to rest and relax and take stock of ways to make sure we bring balance to our lives in 2026 . Personally, I will be looking forward to doing this when I finish my work contracts next week.

To those of you not able to be at the xmas meeting have a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New year! To everyone else see you on the night!!

Kindest regards

Lyn

Editors Musings

Kia ora koutou

Okay – who stole 2025. I have a count down going on the number of working days between now and the 24th of December – its scary!! We have had a busy time with service in the past month or so – time for a wee break over the holidays.

Leanne

Next meetings:

Business: Monday 1st
December 2025

Onyx Restaurant, Cambridge

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

Let Brenda know if you are
bringing a guest

Club Reminders

HOSPICE

Donations

Please bring to the December meeting items for Hospice. Examples of donations include

- 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



Meeting Hostess

The Board

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 1st December

5.30

Onyx Restaurant

Cambridge

Car Pooling

TA Club Carpark

5.30pm

Things to consider

1. The Board will present the following motions at our business meeting:
 - That we retain \$3000 from the GR profit for Club Operating/ Conference and a further \$3000 for Club Committees for the second half of the year
 - That we contribute \$200 to the Hospice.
 - That we donate \$200 to Days for Girls for 'Giving Tuesday
2. Altrusa Members are asked to bring an item for Hospice or a monetary contribution to the Christmas function.

Committee Reports

Service Committee Report – Paula



We have 31 grandparents attending the day out on Friday 28th. Brenda will ring them all this week to confirm times etc. Christine has kindly put together hair products as gifts for the women. Action: *Shona was going to check if the Literacy committee had books we could give for the grandchildren.* We're hoping for a sunny settled day. We will give Jill Taylor our last lot of muffins for the year either this or next week.



Membership Committee Report: Leanne



Work is under way on planning for our BBQ in January – just sourcing a location and will have info come out via email to members soon.

SAVE THE DATE: SOCIAL BBQ SATURDAY 17th JANUARY 2026

We have two members reaching the 25 year service milestone and will celebrate with them when service pins are presented. We also have a new member in the wings – Mirren Williams – so will look forward to inducting her in the new year.

Literacy Report: Shona

We will develop a budget for the 2nd half of the year and plan to hold an event in the new year- Blind Date with a Book. The venue will be The Storyteller Restaurant.



Fund Raising/Garden Ramble Committee:

Robyn A

The Te Awamutu Altrusa Club marked a major milestone on 2 November, hosting its 30th annual Home and Garden Ramble under perfect Waipā sunshine. This year's event was a resounding success, raising approximately \$14,000 to support local initiatives. *Tania advised Amount raised revised to \$15,000*

Main beneficiaries include:

- Life Education Trust
- Te Awamutu Health Shuttle
- Te Awamutu Food Forest

This also helps to fund our literacy and community programmes.

With 433 tickets sold, the highest in many years, the Ramble drew more visitors than ever before, thanks in part to extended advertising and stronger interest from out-of-town guests. Attendees enjoyed exploring beautiful homes and gardens, while contributing through raffle ticket sales, plant and flower stalls, and the sale of handmade girls clothing crafted by talented local maker and Altrusa member Di Muggeridge.

Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, with many already looking forward to next year's event. "It was a beautiful day and a wonderful way to celebrate our community" said one rambler.

The Altrusa Club expresses gratitude to all who supported the event, noting that the funds raised will make a meaningful difference for local services and projects.

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!



Join us for a fantastic District Conference in Wellington on 1 – 3 May 2026.

Why Wellington Should Be on List

Wellington, often called the "coolest little capital," offers an unbeatable mix of culture, nature, and creativity. Start with the world-class **Te Papa Museum**, then ride the iconic **Wellington Cable Car** for sweeping city views. Explore the vibrant laneways like **Cuba Street** and **Hannahs Laneway**, packed with artisan food and quirky shops. Nature lovers will adore **Zealandia**, a predator-free sanctuary, and the panoramic **Mount Victoria Lookout**. Film buffs can dive into movie magic at **Wētā Workshop**, home to *The Lord of the Rings* props. Stroll the scenic **waterfront**, soak up the city's famous **coffee culture**, and enjoy its buzzing **arts and events scene**, from theatre to the World of WearableArt™ show. Whether you're here for food, film, or fresh air, Wellington delivers an unforgettable experience.

Conference Programme (Outline)

Friday 1 May 2026 12.3 – 2pm 1pm – 4pm 4pm 5.30pm	Past Governors Lunch President Elect Training First Timers Session Optional Event: Embassy Theatre Movie Night
Saturday 2 May 2026 7am 8.30am 9am Noon 2pm 3.30pm 6pm	Leadership Breakfast (invitation only) Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speaker Business Session Luncheon (Presentation by Wellington City Mission) & Interclub Challenge All of Conference Workshop Share the Journey workshop Governors Banquet & District Awards
Sunday 3rd May 8am 9am 9.45 10.30 12pm	Memorial Service Breakfast Guest Speaker Final Business Session Benediction

Registration

Our conference is being held at the Copthorne Oriental Bay. You can get in quick and register now! We have a discount registration for our “Early Birds” and save \$20. To access the registration form click on the link below:

[Conference Registration Form](#)

Coming to Conference in Wellington in May 2025 – make sure you organise your accommodation at the Copthorne Oriental Bay. To book email Lana.allen@millenniumhotels.com Rooms are being held under 1 Jan at a special rate: Superior Double room at \$193.50 per night.

You cannot book online and get the special pricing

Friday Optional Event



On Friday night join us for an “A night at the Embassy” for a great movie night. The Embassy Theatre was originally built in 1924 and is the only custom-built 1920’s cinema still in use in New Zealand. Enjoy some pre-movie nibbles and watch out for more news on this.

Guest Speakers

We have two fantastic key note speakers for Conference

Bev Lawton ONZM



Professor Bev Lawton ONZM (Ngāti Porou), is the founder/director of Te Tātai Hauora o Hine (the National Centre for Women’s Health Research Aotearoa, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington) and a pioneering force in women’s health in Aotearoa. Bev was named Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year (2025)

Claire Robinson



Claire Robinson is an award-winning designer, a painter, author, playwright, political scientist, political commentator, former professor of Communication Design and Pro Vice-Chancellor of Massey University’s College of Creative Arts. Currently Te Tumu o Toi CEO of Toi Mai, the workforce development council for New Zealand’s creative, cultural, recreation and technology sectors.