

ALTRUSAN

Altrusa International of Taieri Inc

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MEETINGS 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
5.45pm for a 6pm start

MEETING PLACE Nellies Function Room
Hotel Taieri
Gordon Road
Mosgiel

VISITORS AND APOLOGIES Members please telephone
Jill



or text



A reminder about 'Apologies'

Jill acknowledges any txt message about an apology with a 'Thumbs up' emoji.



If you haven't received this acknowledgement, your message has not been received.

A reminder that you need to pay for your meal if a timely apology (by mid-day Tuesday prior to the meeting) is not received (refer Year Book p7 No 2)

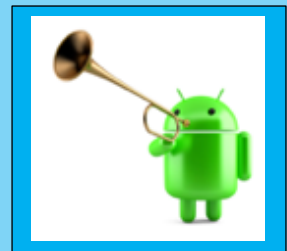
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Altrusa International website
www.altrusa.org

Altrusa District Fifteen website
www.altrusa.org.nz

Taieri Altrusa Facebook page

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2025 - 2027



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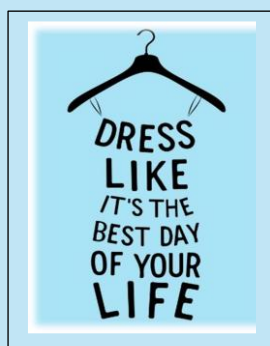
At an Award's Dinner and Ceremony, held in Wellington, Brenda was awarded a Life Membership of TENZ – Technology Teachers' Association of New Zealand – for her services to teaching and mentoring.

The club was also pleased to congratulate Brenda. She has contributed hundreds of voluntary hours towards the mentoring and education of technology teachers and students in NZ over the last 3 years since she retired from teaching.

The Literacy Committee hosted the September programme meeting, and it was lovely to share the evening with some friends of members. Dr Jane Malthus, a local fashion historian, presented a very informative talk around her career and her latest major project centred around Eden Hore, an enthusiastic collector of fashion. Jane is an independent dress historian, an honorary museum curator and a published author. Jane shared her story, covering her career and the many highlights she has experienced. She followed this with a slide show and discussion about how the book, Central Otago Couture-The Eden Hore Collection, came to fruition. This book is beautifully presented, well worth reading, and taking the time to reminisce about the fashion of the time!!



Placemats for the evening were designed by Glennys



Amy Souquet from Com2Tech was the guest speaker at our October programme meeting. Com2Tech works to improve sustainability by smart use of e-waste. It was impressive to hear of the family run business's efforts to use volunteers to refurbish devices to pass on to those who need them and to break down others to sell the metals and minerals to fund their work. Gold from mother boards is paying well now! They also organise classes, tutorials and individual advice sessions to a range of ages using volunteer tutors who often, in turn, gain valuable tutoring experience to include on their CVs. Recycling e-waste plastic continues to be a problem as the plastic includes a fire retardant making it unsuitable for current recycling processes. They are working on it! Donations to Com2Tech are free.



Moana, Jenny and Kath with the collection of puzzles, playing cards and game ideas our club gathered and donated to the Otago Correction Facility, more specifically the Intervention and Support Unit (ISU).

An ISU in a prison is a secure area for prisoners at immediate risk of self-harm or suicidal behaviour, or with acute mental health needs. Prisoners in an ISU spend up to 23 hours a day in their cells, under constant surveillance, while they receive support from health and custodial staff. The purpose is to provide a safe environment for observation and management while they are waiting for transfer to a mental health facility or to help them transition back to the mainstream prison population.



Getting ready for the Mosgiel foodbank's "Can Drive".



Some members helped to label 1000 carrier bags to go out to each address in the foodbank collection area.



A Fire Service supper to recognize yet another group of volunteers in our community.

Altrusa members Glenda, Kath, Anne, Glenys, and Clare served a yummy supper to local volunteer firefighters as a small thank you for their service to the community.





Supporting our Community this Christmas



The Literacy Committee had fun spending \$500 on stocking fillers for the Mosgiel Food Bank. The gifts were mostly literacy based. This year the Food Bank had 180 Christmas Hampers to make and 90% of the recipients have children between the ages of 1 and 16. We had lots of fun buying these gifts for the children and hopefully there will be lots of smiles on Christmas Day.

Foster Hope were very grateful to receive our donation to them from the wishing well tree at our Christmas function.



200 books were given away to children and \$275, from the sale of baked goods and Christmas items, was donated to the Night Shelter Trust when the club had a sales table on the Very Taieri Christmas evening.



Fun, fellowship, frivolity and fine food at our Christmas Party held at The Topiary Café, at Wal's Plant Land.



Upcoming Events

January 28	Informal get together "Loud Shirt" theme
January 24	International Day of Education
February 4	World Day of Cancer
February 11	Board and Business meeting
February 12	Sewing Projects
February 25	Birthday meeting
March 8	International Women's Day
March 11	Board and Business meeting
March 25	Programme Meeting



Birthdays

January 9	Sue
January 15	Brenda
January 16	Jackie
January 28	Jenny
February 8	Glenys R
February 28	Glennys E
March 13	Rosemary
March 17	Karon

