

DECEMBER 2025

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ALTRUSA HAWERA NEWSLETTER

ACCENT

2025-2026 BOARD

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For this food before us spread
For our steps in safety lead
For thy favour on our way
Lord, accept our thanks today

Benediction

May we go forth with high ideals
To greet our fellow man,
Be true to all Altrusa aims
Until we meet again.

Some of our ladies at Linda & Chris Garrett's home during the Christmas Homes Event.

Over 366 people came to see their enchanting Christmas display throughout the day.

We were entertained by the amazing Taranaki Women's Singers, the weather was outstanding, the company was excellent, and the visitors were very accepting and many interested with our Altrusa Promotional & Information Display.

Children and adults decorated rocks, some took them home, others left them for us to distribute, and others were delighted with their little gift bag of home-made yummys!

A HUGE thank you to the Garrett Family for allowing Altrusa Hawera this wonderful opportunity, to not only promote us with a view to joining Altrusa, but also as an awareness for many of what Altrusa does in the community, that they may know someone who would benefit from our services.



IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 2025

1 December	World AIDS Day
2 December	International Day for Abolition of Slavery
3 December	International Day of People with Disabilities
4 December	Wildlife Conservation Day
10 December	Human Rights Day
20 December	International Solidarity Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day
27 December	International Day of Epidemic Preparedness



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Phillips

28 December



Narcissus
&
Holly



December
Birth Month Flowers

The year end brings no greater pleasure than the opportunity to express to you season's greetings and good wishes. May your holidays and new year be filled with joy.

Charles Dickens

My goal for this year is to
BE PRETTY

Pretty kind

Pretty motivated

Pretty focused

Pretty confident

And pretty awesome

WARNING

**I'M THE REASON
SANTA HAS A
NAUGHTY LIST**

Meals on Wheels Roster

Thursday

4 Dec	<i>Karen & Judith</i>
11 Dec	<i>Glenda & Family</i>
18 Dec	<i>Judith & Brenda</i>
8 Jan	<i>Glenda & Family</i>
15 Jan	<i>Brenda & Julie</i>
22 Jan	<i>Anne M & Anne D</i>
29 Jan	<i>Marie & Karen</i>
5 Feb	<i>Anne D & Heather</i>
12 Feb	<i>Glenda & Family</i>

Saturday

6 Dec	<i>Frances & Michelle</i>
13 Dec	<i>Heather & Molly</i>
20 Dec	<i>Glenda & Family</i>
10 Jan	<i>Heather & Molly</i>
17 Jan	<i>Helen & Grant</i>
24 Jan	<i>Glenda & Family</i>
31 Jan	<i>Robynne & Barry</i>
7 Feb	<i>Frances & Michelle</i>
14 Feb	<i>Heather & Bruce</i>

Books On Wheels

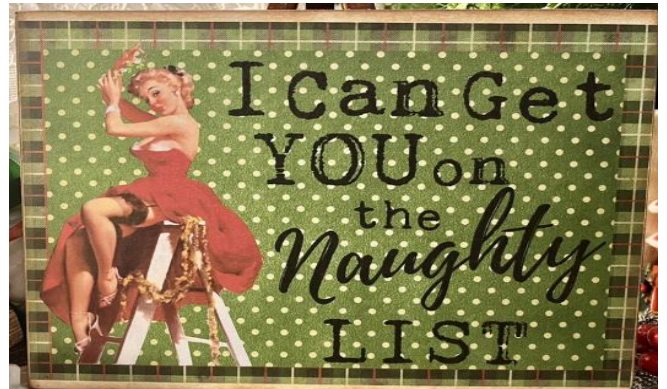
13 December

Everyone

MORNING TEA AFTERWARDS

@ The Burnt Place

High Street, Hawera



10am

6 December 2025

MEETINGS AND EVENTS DIARY 2025-2026

Dinner and Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Hawera Club, High Street Hawera. We meet at 6pm, dinner is served at 6.30pm.

If you will not be attending, please call or text your apology to 027 390 2697 by 7pm on Sunday night.

Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

3 February	6pm Dinner & Business meeting - Elaine & Diane
17 February	7pm Board Meeting – Linda P's home
21 February	High Tea – Brenda's home
3 March	6pm Dinner & Business meeting – Jill & Karen
17 March	7pm Board Meeting – Linda P's home
7 April	6pm Dinner & Business Meeting – Anne M & Linda G
21 April	7pm Board Meeting - Linda P's home

Happy December everyone,

What a big year it has been. As I publish my last NEXUS, I find myself trawling through the hundreds of photos I have taken over the last eight years. We have really been busy!

It has been an absolute pleasure to do this job, sometimes acknowledging our great work, others great work, current happenings in the community, and sometimes acknowledging the tough stuff.

As we head into 2026, with new challenges in front of us all, on behalf of the 2025-2026 Board I thank you all for your generosity of time you have given to make the lives of others better.

From me personally, thank you for your patience and tolerance when I have misspelt a word or name, or worse, left something out altogether.

For all of us, 2026 will bring change, sadness, happiness and surprises, and I am heartened to know that we will be walking that path together, because this is one of the most important things I have learned from my time in Altrusa.

May the light of the season fill your heart with joy, your days with gratitude, and your spirit with hope, reminding us all that the greatest gift we can have and receive is love.

Robynne

November 2025

Barbara from Hawera Food Bank enlightened us on how Foodbank works and what we can do to help them.



Installation of the 2025-2026 Board



The 2025 Brides Through the Ages Event





IFF DAY SEPTEMBER 2025

Picnic Dinner at King Edward Park



Magic Mums



The Altrusa Christchurch ladies that kept Christine company, we are very appreciative of the time they spent with her.