

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)

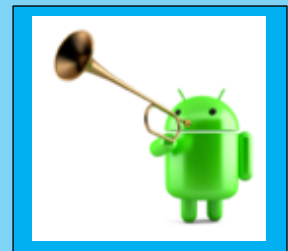
For local or international Altrusan information, news and events:

Altrusa International website
www.altrusa.org

Altrusa District Fifteen website
www.altrusa.org.nz

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District Governor

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♪♪ **Upcoming Events** ♪♪

April Tuesdays & Fridays morning teas for "Minds in Motion" Alzheimer's Otago

April 7 World Health Day

April 8 Board & Business meeting

April 22 Programme meeting (Literacy committee)

April 25 ANZAC Day including our biscuit project

May 1-3 District Fifteen conference

May 13 Board & Business meeting

May 15 International Day of Families

May 27 Program Meeting (Board)

June 3 Board meeting

June 10 AGM & Changeover

June 24 Programme meeting (Membership committee)

The year began with a January get together where all wore a colourful shirt and shared a pot-luck meal.

Awards were made for the best top, the most colourful, the most tasteful, and, even who wore their husband's shirt!

We then each spoke of something fun, exciting or unusual we enjoyed or experienced over the summer break – attending concerts, having family and friends gather, getting sunburnt (even on the Peninsula), relaxing, sharing a moment with the Bledisloe Cup and more. Claire



February saw a sewing bee held to complete several projects. We were joined by a group from Willowfield, Outram who also enjoy sewing projects to help others.

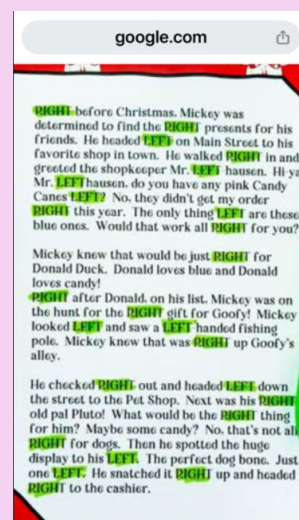
Contact with NICU had identified several needs they had. Many items had been made by members and others were completed. Scented hearts, beautiful quilts, sheets, blankets, knitted singlets and muslins were made to measure with the assistance of the Little Miracles website for patterns. All materials were donated.

A range of new backpacks were sewn or repurposed (by removing their advertising) for use by other charities such as Foster Hope.





Another year older. We celebrated our 41st birthday on February the 25th and it was lovely to have Margaret Cotton our Emeritus Member join us. Margaret cut the cake while we sang Happy Birthday. The evening was very relaxed with lots of chatter amongst the members, catching up on news about holidays and future activities. We finished with a fun game called The Left and Right Game. Each member provided a wrapped gift to the value of \$5.00 which was randomly given out. Then a story was read out and whenever the reader said the word LEFT the gift was passed to the left and then RIGHT it was passed to the right. At the end of the story everyone opened their gift. Examples of these games can be found on google and it's a great game to play at Christmas with all ages involved. Karon





Record high temperatures helped make a profitable day of recycling trash to treasure for many lucky buyers at the Annual Altrusa Garage Sale on 7 March! Our local community and members had proven to be excellent declutterers once again and there was an impressive range of goods for sale, including household items, clothing for all ages, books, plants and home baking.

Members were quick to sort and prepare the donated goods on Friday morning and with many hands available on Saturday morning, we had everything arranged on the driveway ready to go at 8am. Early buyers were put to work to gain entry, and the pick of the goods!

The sale's relaxed 'make an offer' pricing approach helped move items quickly, with some shoppers returning throughout the day. Neighbours were among the luckiest, snapping up bargains right on their doorstep.

The event highlighted the strong community spirit behind the annual sale and the enthusiasm of both volunteers and shoppers in making it another successful year. Anne



The needs of the Dunedin Night Shelter continue to be in our sights. A range of collected and donated goods, including knotted rugs, were gratefully received by the Men's Shelter recently.



Diane and Jill collecting at Woolworths for Child Cancer on Friday 13th March.

The Community Service Committee organised a most interesting Programme night in March with two speakers, Meg and Cam, who are police officers with the Youth Aid Division in Dunedin.

Meg and Cam spoke enthusiastically about the successful programmes they are running for identified Dunedin young people to provide them positive lifestyle alternatives and strategies to avoid becoming an offender or victim of crime. This is done with the support of the Blue Light Registered charity.

Life and Leadership Skills camps are held at Burnham, and they hope to extend these to include a camp in Auckland. The young participants often need to be equipped with basics such as toiletries before they can attend these.

Another programme, which lasts a term, sees young people being collected early from their homes for a fitness programme and a cooked breakfast before school. At the end of term, they enjoy a couple of days on a fun activity such as riding the Rail Trail.

Meg and Cam must employ a range of other fundraising activities to enable them to fund some of their programmes.



Birthdays

May 2 Judy

May 4 Jenny Q

May 5 Margaret

June 20 Clare

