

# NEXUS

HAWERA

APRIL 2026

## ACCENT

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**“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”.**

**Dr Maya Angelou**

**Phenomenal Inspirational Woman**

April 4 1928 -

May 28 2014

A life worthy of  
Celebration



2025-2026

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## Grace

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.



**The medical bursary** committee has met and made the decision to award our medical bursary to **Sam Landers** - he is studying to be a doctor.

Unfortunately he and our medical bursary committee members are unavailable for the presentation these holidays. The bursary will be paid to Sam, and a presentation will be organized in the future. Congratulations Sam.

## A message from our president On the Road: Reflections from the South Island

Good evening Ladies,

As I write this, I'm tucked into a car with four Americans from San Diego, somewhere along the roads of the South Island. What began as a simple road trip has turned into something far more meaningful—filled with new experiences, unexpected stops, and moments that have taken me well beyond my usual routine. In fact, we've been doing things I hadn't even experienced before, which has made the journey all the more memorable.

Travelling in a group has been an adventure in itself. It's reminded me that shared experiences call for patience, kindness, and a good sense of humour. There are moments of difference, of course, but also moments of connection—and it's often in those spaces that the best memories are made.

As I reflect, I realise that as we grow older, group dynamics can feel more complex. Yet, they also offer opportunities for growth, understanding, and sometimes even positive change. Stepping outside of our comfort zones can be refreshing and, at times, exactly what we need.

Through it all, I've been reminded of the values we hold dear in Altrusa—kindness, helpfulness, and above all, passion. These qualities don't just guide our work; they shape how we connect with others, no matter where we are in the world.

This journey has been a wonderful reminder that life is not just about the destination, but the people we share the road with.

Linda P



### EASTER RAFFLE

\$612 was raised for Alzheimers Hawera.

Results

1st Easter basket - Ticket number 198.

Paula Lister

2nd Easter basket - Ticket number 144.

Linda Phillips

3rd Pamper basket - Ticket number 229.

Faye Harrop

4th Prize - A painting - Ticket number  
292.

Amber Towers

Thank you all. Jenny

APRIL BIRTH FLOWERS—DAISY and SWEET PEA



MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTERS

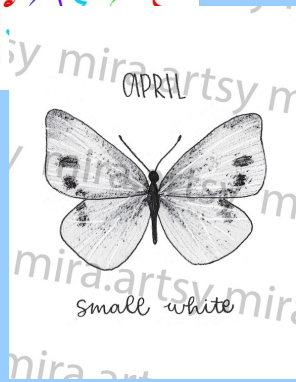
Thursdays

- April 9th            Glenda & family
- April 16th          Julie & Brenda
- April 23rd          Helen & Grant
- April 30th          Karen & Marie
- May 7th             Pat & Heather
- May 14th           Glenda & family
- May 21st           Julie & Brenda
- May 28th           Helen & Grant
- June 4th            Anne D & Elaine

Saturdays

- April 11th          Heather & Bruce
- April 18th          Glenda & family
- April 25th          Anne D & Jenny
- May 2nd            Frances & Michelle
- May 9th             Heather & Bruce
- May 16th           Glenda & family
- May 23rd           Anne D & Robynne
- May 30th           Robynne & Barry
- June 6th            Frances & Michelle

Diamond  
THE BIRTHSTONE OF APRIL



ATTENTION

ALL ALTROUSERS

Each month when we *Altrusans* have our dinner meeting a group of *Alttrousers* meet for dinner too.

If you wish to come along, please contact- Grant Langdon by emailing

[glangdon@outlook.com](mailto:glangdon@outlook.com).



Books on Wheels Roster

- April 18th          Glenda & Julie
- May 2nd            Helen & Heather
- May 16th          Karen & Linda P
- May 30th          Elaine & Brenda





# MEETING & EVENTS DIARY 2025-2026

Dinner & Business Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Hawera Club, High Street Hawera.

Meet at 6pm, dinner served at 6.30pm.

If you will not be attending a meeting, please call or text your apology to Judith 027 3902697 by 7pm on Sunday night.

## April

7th—Dinner Meeting—Hostess Anne M, Linda G

21st—Board Meeting

## June

2nd— AGM / Dinner Meeting—Hostess Jenny , Alison

16th—Board Meeting

## May

1st—3rd—CONFERENCE—WELLINGTON

19th—Changeover—Communication Committee

26th—Board Meeting

### International Days to Celebrate

April 7th—World Health Day

April 22nd—Earth Day

April 23rd—English Language Day



## May 1st—3rd— DISTRICT 15 CONFERENCE

### COPTHORNE WELLINGTON

#### WONDERFUL WOMEN — ALTRUSA CONFERENCE

Attend to be inspired,  
to learn from others  
to enjoy  
to celebrate others achievements

Registration Closes April 15

Have you registered yet?

NO?? The answer should be YES!!!!!!

1 week left to register.....

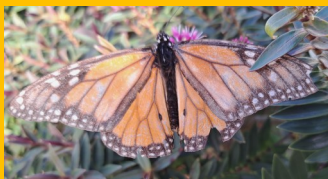
## Altrusa Hawera 2026 Hello—it's me again....

So, Easter has come and gone for another year—I hope you managed to spend some fun time with family or friends, at home or away. Easter can be a special time for people to get together and celebrate, and it has a variety of meanings for people.



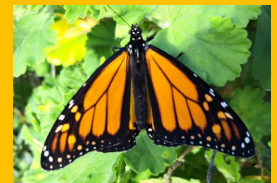
Also, this Easter we said good-bye to another Daylight saving. Some are pleased, some not so, but like Easter and other events, we can look forward to doing it all again in twelve months time.

These events, whether they are a one off, or reoccurring remind me of the wee butterflies that have brought me so much joy this year. I sit out on the lawn, and there is one old girl that visits on a daily basis. She flutters over me, lands on the swan plant, and flutters outside my window. She is certainly showing signs of old age—she really is so battered and has lost all her colour. The other day she was playing with a young newly hatched butterfly—probably one of her offspring, as she laid so many eggs on my plant this year. It makes me sad to think she probably won't be returning for much longer—it's the circle of life I guess. And this one



wee girl has certainly added to the butterfly population at home. It won't be long with the cooler weather coming, they will be finding somewhere to hibernate. I wonder if she will return next year. Take care everyone—probably time to start sorting the wardrobe for warmer clothes.

Cheers



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