

From the President

April 2026



Our Altrusa Levin club members are so amazing! The key elements of our three-year strategic plan for our club are almost completed and we are only just shy of eleven months in from the beginning of our first year. I should have known that when working alongside a gang of super women, the job will get done. A big thank you to the Committee Chairs and all members for embracing the strategic plan.

Regardless of the measures against the strategies, the theme for each strategy will still be relevant as to the direction we want to go with a continuing focus on the five goals. I will formally report against these goals at our May business meeting.

Speaking of the May business meeting coming up, a key agenda item will be the hosting of the District Fifteen Conference in 2028. Seven club members will be attending the 2026 conference in Wellington and will meet straight after the conference to debrief and pull together a report and a recommendation to you all to consider.

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In writing this piece, I have realised that my year as President has gone very quickly! It is so great to be part of an active and enthusiastic team. I trust that our prospective members will enjoy the camaraderie and share in the success of our club and its impact in our local community. I love this meme which I think is true of all of us. We are all doing our bit to make a difference.

**"I cannot Do Everything,
But I Can Do Something.
And Because I Cannot Do Everything,
I Will Not Refuse to Do
The Something That I Can Do." *Edward Everett Hale***

Brenda

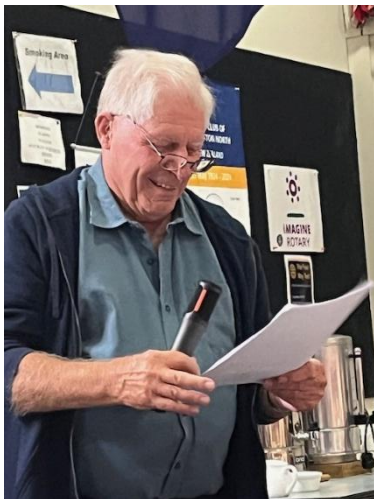
March Programme Meeting

Our March program meeting was held on Monday 16 March and was hosted by the Literacy. 24 members and 2 guests attended. We were seated at tables labelled with authors, which we all shared snippets of information on.

Dinner was chicken pasta, new potatoes, roast vegetables, peas, salad and garlic bread. Dessert was little apple pies with cream.

Moria won the raffle.

We had a quiz on the rhyme "see you later alligator" matching the animals to the rhyme.



Our speaker was Ted from Horowhenua Community Camera Trust (HCCT). Also attending was volunteer Brenda who oversees sponsorship.

The HCCT is a registered charitable trust established by Horowhenua District Council in 2004. The silent guardian of the Horowhenua community, the trust operates and maintains CCTV safety cameras within the policing area that covers Himatangi to Peka Peka, with cameras operating in Levin, Himatangi, Shannon, Waitarere, Foxton, Foxton Beach, and Waikawa.

It is run by a group of volunteers who look after approx 150 cameras. They work from the Levin police station and the trust has 7 trustees. HDC give \$15,000.00 per year for the upkeep of the cameras. Sponsorship is needed to cover the cost of the cameras themselves. These can cost anywhere between \$750 and \$4500 each depending on what is needed for the area it is operating in.

In 2026 the trust will begin coverage in the Otaki and Te Horo. They will also begin upgrade of the camera coverage in Levin, Shannon, Foxton, Foxton Beach, Waitarere Beach, Ohau and Waikawa. All of which will require more funding.

Ruth thanked Ted for the work HCCT does to help keep our community safer.



Report by Cushla

Committee Corner –

What a busy club we have been – here is a snapshot of what each committee has been up to:

SERVICE

- Changeover Meeting - May 18
Planning continued for this event
- Evaluated their committee's progress to date on the strategic plan goals
- Project Proposal for Surgical Robot – Market Day on the Village Green
- Knitting for Babies – still wanted and welcomed by Maternity Unit

Hours

Altrusa 14 Community 135

COMMUNICATIONS

- Discussed plans for hosting the April Programme Meeting
- Put forward ideas for Surgical Robot fundraising
- Looked at progress on the strategic plan
- Newsletter – reminder to contributor

Hours

Altrusa 11 Community 23

MEMBERSHIP

- Surgical Robot fundraising - - ideas shared and suggested could work with other service clubs on this .
- New prospective member attended the meeting – given info booklet and invited to next Business meeting
- Manned the Altrusa Volunteer Expo day at Te Takere – PR opportunity – made link with plunket re knitting.


Hours

Altrusa 28 Community 76

LITERACY

- Evaluated the March Programme Meeting and the success of the summer book challenge.
- Liaised with HLC and agreed to purchase some resources to help them teach numeracy skills. These will be presented in April.
- Discussed Surgical Robot fundraiser and floated possible ideas. Suggest link with other service clubs on this to make best use of community resources.

Hours

Altrusa  Community 15

All up this month, the committees reported a total of 93 hours for Altrusa and 249 Community volunteer hours - way to go

A good recipe to use up those extra zucchini.....

ZUCCHINI SLICE

375 g zucchini (3-4)
3 rashers of bacon
1 large onion
1 cup grated cheese
cup self raising flour
1/2 cup oil
5 eggs
salt and pepper



Grate zucchini coarsely.
Finely chop onion and bacon.
Combine zucchini, bacon, onion, cheese, sifted flour, oil and lightly beaten eggs. Add salt and pepper.
Pouring to a well greased tin. Also works well in muffin tins.
Bake at 180c for 30 to 40 minutes or until brown.



Resource Donation at Te Puna Whai Mātauranga

On 9 April, President Brenda and Denys, the Literacy Committee Chair, made a significant contribution to **Te Puna Whai Mātauranga** (formerly known as Howowhenua Learning Centre). They presented three sets of Cuisenaire Rods to the organization, marking a meaningful step in supporting educational resources.



Chris will be utilizing the Cuisenaire Rods to enhance the numeracy skills of students in his class. Both Patrick and Chris expressed sincere appreciation for the donation and provided a comprehensive tour of the campus, showcasing their gratitude and discussing future engagement with Altrusa Levin

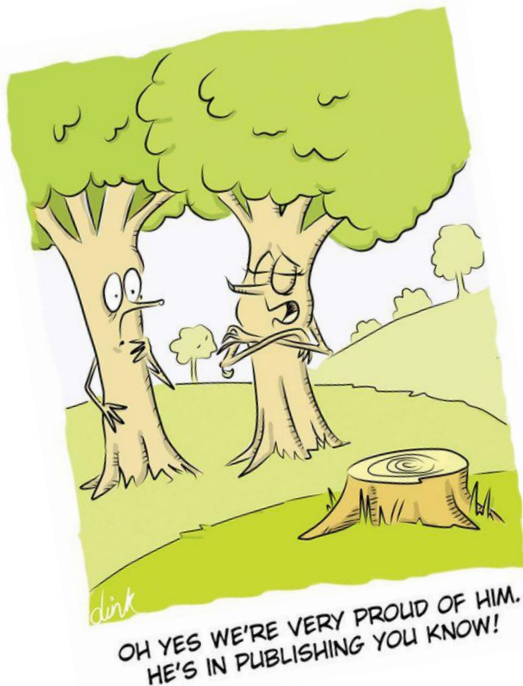
Patrick, CEO; Chris, Future Pathways Tutor; Brenda, Denys



COMING

11-15	April	Library book Sale
16	April	Payment or Apology for Programme Meeting
18	April	Days for Girls workshop, West wing, Speldhurst
20	April	Programme Meeting hosted by Communications
22	April	Board Meeting
24	April	Coffee Morning @ Masonic Café
1 – 3	May	Altrusa District Fifteen Conference in Wellington
6	May	Business Meeting

Every tree dreams of being a book



Altrusa's day for helping with the book sale is Monday 13 April

