

### ACCENT

Many people will walk in  
and out of your life  
but only true friends  
will leave footprints  
on your heart.

Eleanor Roosevelt



Eleanor Roosevelt—called  
the "First Lady of the World"  
in tribute to her human  
rights achievements

October 11, 1884 – November 7, 1962

### Our NEW 2026-2027

#### Board of Directors

##### President

Robynne Harford

##### Secretary

Linda Garrett

##### Treasurer

Marie Dwyer

##### President Elect

Linda Burke

##### Vice President

Julie Fraser

##### Immediate Past President

Linda Phillips

##### Directors

Heather Boyd

Janice Couchman

### Grace

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

Thank you!



Linda

### Benediction

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



Presentation to District Nurses  
Our President Linda completed her  
President Project with the presentation  
of the lap tops and blankets to the  
District Nurses. Linda's incredible efforts  
meant the district nurses are now well  
equipped as they go into our community.  
Nine members attended the  
presentation at the hospital, and it was  
great to see Anne sporting the Altrusa  
T-shirt.



## A message from our New President

Hello Everyone

I hope you are all happy, healthy, and looking forward to the year ahead.

Well, I never thought after all the years editing President's reports for Nexus, that now I would be writing one! I feel a bit like I am on the wrong end of the keyboard.

Let me begin with my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the team that did an outstanding job of hosting and managing our Changeover Dinner and Installation of the new board.

A big congratulations to Karen and Glenda, extremely worthy recipients of the annual President's award, we are grateful, and proud of what you achieve in Altrusa Hawera's name.

Sneaking out of work to attend the handover to the District Nurses was fun and rewarding to hear first hand how many ways they are finding to use their new digital devices. The huge mountain of blankets was well received, and it is nice to think that there are at least fifty people out in our community that will benefit from them directly.

The 2026 Wellington Conference was exceptional, the content was brilliant, the guest speakers were captivating. The District Fifteen Team and a few presidents and past presidents pulled it altogether admirably.

When I agreed to be nominated for President this year, I was nervous, lacking confidence in my ability and just plain worried that I could not do it. After all, I follow some very inspiring women - lots of them in fact! I think I am better off in the wings as a secretary, but.... then I went to Conference, it was inspirational and motivational - so here I am ladies.

I am 100% certain that you will get behind our projects this year, hopefully there is something in it for all of you, where we can do some of it at home, and some as a group.

My vision, dream, goal or whatever you want to call it, is to be one big and getting bigger happy assortment of women who enjoy each other's company and welcome likeminded women into our club.

Thank you Elaine, Christine, and Anne, who step side off the board this year, but you are not going too far. Being on the board is a big responsibility and can be time consuming but without a board we do not exist. Thank you for showing me the way forward.

And finally, Marie - what can I say - Congratulations on being awarded the Lamplighter. It is an honour you have earned, and we are all so very proud of you.

Robynne.



Our New Board—Heather Boyd, Linda Burke,  
President Robynne Harford,  
Outgoing President Linda Phillips, Linda Garrett,  
Marie Dwyer, Julie Fraser.  
Absent Janice Couchman

Thankyou Ladies. We look forward to the year ahead.

### Changeover night—May 19th 2026

We thanked Linda Phillips for her year of hard work and welcomed the new board to be lead by Robynne. Robynne chose “Friendship” as her theme, and Elaine and her team made a great job of incorporating the ideas of friendship into each of the positions being filled. The tables looked gorgeous with the fine china suggesting a “cuppa” with a friend, and lots of lovely wee friendship sayings. I loved mine which said “Friends Make the Journey Better”



Our outgoing president Linda presented a startled, but very deserving Karen and Glenda with the Club Achievers awards. Congratulations ladies—two quiet, hard working, very kind and thoughtful ladies. The epitome of what Altrusa stands for.

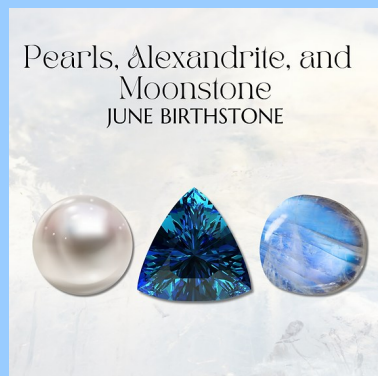
## Books on Wheels Roster

June 13th	Jenny & Linda G
June 27th	Karen & Glenda
July 11th	Diane & Anne D
July 25th	Linda P & Brenda



### What Does *Rose Represent?*

The rose, June's birth flower, represent love, beauty, and cherished beginnings.



## MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTERS

### Thursdays

June 4th	Anne D & Elaine
June 11th	Pat & Anne D
June 18th	Julie & Brenda
June 25th	Helen & Grant
July 2nd	Pat and Anne D
July 9th	Jenny & Heather

### Saturdays

June 6th	Frances & Michelle
June 13th	Glenda & Family
June 20th	Glenda & Family
June 27th	Robynne & Barry
July 4th	Frances & Michelle
July 11th	Jenny & John

Thank you all so much for volunteering your time to these worthwhile services.



Our President Robynne would like us to look at and think about our **Objectives of Altrusa**. This month we are looking at A.

To promote the improvement of literacy and numeracy through:

The provision of resources to kindergartens, schools and other educational institutions

The provision of scholarships and prizes for academic achievement

Providing assistance to other organisations working to improve literacy and numeracy

Do We Do this?



How Do We Do it?

# 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.**

## June

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

16th—Board Meeting

## July

7th—Dinner Meeting—Hostess—Helen, Heather

21st—Board Meeting

## International Days to Celebrate

June 5th—World Environment Day

June 14th- World Blood Donor Day

June 23rd International Widows' Day

## August

4th— Dinner Meeting—Hostess Linda Burke, Brenda

18th—Board Meeting

The Altrusa Lamplighter Award is an honor and recognition program established by the Altrusa International Foundation.

It is primarily awarded to an Altrusa member who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to service, and volunteerism.



## Congratulations

to our amazing Marie on being presented with this prestigious award.

It is a privilege to be in a club with such an outstanding and compassionate, selfless woman. Marie is the first woman in our club to receive the Lamplighter. We are all so proud of you Marie.



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

Its only 2 weeks since our changeover, therefore since our last Nexus. I thought I might struggle to fill it...but No, again there was plenty to put on the pages.

We welcomed our new board. This board brings with them a wealth of knowledge, passion, experience and enthusiasm. The year ahead will be exciting but at the same time there is a level of anticipation. We are all anticipating what Robynne will bring to the table, anticipating what we will need to do to fulfil our obligations as Altrusans, and anticipating how the year ahead is going to look.

As I was driving to work this morning I was thinking about my students and their exams next week. New students are anticipating what 'sitting' an exam means. Others are anticipating what mark they may or may not get. As their teacher I am anticipating how the exam will go for them and have we done enough work.

Life is full of anticipation—wondering about the future, what things could or might look like, thinking about how outcomes can be different depending on responses.

The writer of our ACCENT, Eleanor Roosevelt must've spent a lot of her life anticipating the future, and as the US first lady for 12 years, and after her husbands death, becoming a figure for human rights, she was a woman of strength, and so well respected. I wonder if she had ever anticipated what road her life was going to follow.

Cheers everyone to a great 2026-27 year with our new board.