

### From the President ...

### aka .... Ruth's Ramble

I promised myself (and

probably other members) the President's contribution to our Levin Link would not be a Ruth ramble! Early warning ... I might be wrong this time.

Thank you to Tui's Service Group for their work for our Changeover meeting, the black and white decorations suitably accompanied our "couture" for the night.

By the time the Levin Link is shared some committees may have already met. A big thank you for the people who are leading committees this Altrusa year. Do you

know I had asked over 50% of Club members if they would like to be a Committee Chair? A little deflated and rapidly becoming time poor, I gave up on asking the remaining members and decided that I would follow what was done for the 2025-26 Altrusa year.



An aside, over eighteen months ago Brenda asked me to be President -elect in 2025-26. She got a flat "No", and I also suggested I was considering leaving the Club at the end of the Altrusa year! (I was at that time Chair of a committee, not on the Board and felt isolated.)

I had done four years on the board and another 3 was a bit too much, but I might consider a year as Secretary tops! About 6 weeks later Brenda, Denys and I met over coffee. The result was Secretary 2025-26, which has led to President role in 2026-27 and maybe I will still be on the Board in Past president role for 2027-28.

At president-elect training and at Altrusa conference I heard several times people say I put my hand up "cause, everyone else had done it" or "I supposed it was my turn" or "nobody else wanted to do it and I have done it twice before". And there was me thinking "you do it cause you want to!"

Please don't do things because you feel obliged – but if everyone does a little no one has to do a lot!

I listened to and I have reflected on the "rebuild" work that Brenda has facilitated with us. The work on Club strategy and policies, the implementation of a "Board moment" at each committee meeting, committee reports circulated prior to Business Meetings and a "committees" agenda item at all Board meetings.

Lovely Levin Altrusans - lets focus on Fun, Fellowship and Friendships in June. Get ourselves set up then add fundraising to the mix in July.

# May Programme Meeting **CHANGE-OVER**

The evening, hosted by the Service Committee, began with Mix & Meet.

Everyone dressed in the theme of Black & White, which was also captured on the table decorations – the overall effect was very smart.



Once we were seated, Tui, as Chair of the Service committee, took the role of emcee for the evening. She welcomed all present, and acknowledged May birthdays.

.Following these formalities, Catherine, as our oldest club member, said the original Altrusa grace.

Then we dined on a delicious main course of roast pork with all the trimmings.



Brenda, as outgoing President, was recognised for her service . Diane G thanked her on the club's behalf and gave her a gift as a sign of our appreciation

Brenda then said a few words. She thanked her Board members for their support, commitment and work. She highlighted that the camaraderie of the whole club helped to make her year as President go by quickly

Following a delectable buffet dessert, we moved on to the **Installation of the New Board.**, who were all invited to come to the front.

Tui summoned each office holder forward to listen to their role description ... and all agreed to fulfill these tasks to the best of their ability.



They were all thanked and given a small gift in recognition of their willingness to serve.



Brenda presented Ruth R, as incoming President, with the Chain of Office and a President's Pin.

Ruth addressed the meeting as our President for the 2025-2026 Altrusa Year.



Rather than coining a saying or motto for her term, Ruth has elected to stay focussed. Then followed a speech which we all focussed on very attentively, obeying her clever ploy of getting us to keep a tally of every word she said that began with an F – and rest assured they were all very polite words 😊 The winner got a chocolate fish.

The 3 black and white raffles were won by Glen, Cherry and Denys.



ALL  
LOOKING  
PRETTY  
HAPPY  
WITH  
THEIR  
PRIZES



Brenda thanked visitors, the service Committee, and the kitchen staff, and closed the evening with the Altrusa Benediction.

# Pie Fundraiser

Over 200 pies were sold at our recent Pie fundraiser. The \$564.50 raised will cover various community commitments.

Lots of full freezers and happy Altrusans with easy, delicious meals to use at their whim.



## STOP PRESS

### MISSING APRON FOUND ....at a rural property north of the town!



In a recent rare clean out of her car boot, long time Levin Altrusan, Ms Alison, was delighted to find the missing apron.

“I had no idea it was there” she said.

This has now been safely returned to its rightful place with its sister aprons, who welcomed her with open strings.



# Committee Corner –

Its that time of year for the old committees to take a bow – what a great job they have all done, as we can see from the service hours each committee amassed

## SERVICE

Hours - June 2025- May 2026  
Altrusa 90    Community 879

### New Committee –

Cherry  
Catherine  
Brenda  
Jan J  
Shirley  
Diane G  
Christine L

## COMMUNICATIONS

Hours -June 2025- May 2026  
Altrusa 196    Community 630

### New Committee –

Marie  
Trish  
Jackie  
Chris D  
Helen  
Jill

## MEMBERSHIP

Hours June 2025- May 2026  
Altrusa 241    Community 448

### New Committee

Tui  
Alison  
Lynette  
Clare  
Ruth B  
Diane C  
Deirdre

## LITERACY

Hours June 2025- May 2026  
Altrusa 318    Community 233

### New Committee

Airini  
Moir  
Maureen  
Glen  
Cushla  
Sue  
Jan W

All up this past Altrusa year, the committees reported a total of 845 hours for Altrusa and 2,190 Community volunteer hours - way to go 😊😊 - and there are a few more to add to that grand total! New Committees have selected a chair and are getting under way.

# PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



## Robot Surgery Appeal

Support **Levin Rotary Club**, **Levin Waiopahu Lions** and **Altrusa International of Levin** to raise funds for a state-of-the-art surgical robot for Palmerston North Hospital Foundation - Charity Trust

**It takes a community to make a difference**



**Levin  
Rotary Club**



**Levin Waiopahu  
Lions**



**Altrusa  
International of  
Levin**

For more details visit [pnhospitalfoundation.co.nz](http://pnhospitalfoundation.co.nz) or email [cmclarke@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cmclarke@xtra.co.nz)

Over the next six months, three Levin service clubs will combine their resources, skills, and volunteer support to help the Palmerston North Hospital Foundation raise funds for a surgical robot for Palmerston North Hospital. This world-class tool means fewer surgery complications, faster recovery, less time in the hospital, and will help attract and retain great surgical staff to our region.

It will have an enormous impact on our community, as well as for countless families travelling here for cancer care. Together, we can help make that happen

### Participating Clubs

- Altrusa International of Levin
- Levin Waiopahu Lions
- Levin Rotary Club

The first of our planned activities are two raffles for Trailer Load of Firewood valued at \$460 per load - tickets will be \$5.00 each.

Follow us on Facebook, [Levin Combined Service Clubs](#) for dates and locations of events. Share our posts so we get maximum impact.

## COMING

- 11 June Apology or pay for Programme Meeting  
15 June Programme Meeting hosted by Board  
16 June Firewood raffle for Robot Appeal outside New World  
24 June Board Meeting  
26 June Coffee Morning  
01 July Business Meeting  
Coming Event  
08 August The Daffodil Mad Hatters High Tea ↙

**Cancer Society**  
Te Kaitiaki Takekōwhiri  
a hōkaiwhiri

*The Daffodil  
Mad Hatters High Tea*

**SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2026**

FROM **1 PM**  
- TO -  
**3 PM**

AT  
*Levin Uniting Church Hall  
87 Oxford Street, Levin*

**\$30 PER TICKET**  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT  
**PAPER PLUS LEVIN I ZING  
I WINCHESTER HOUSE**

**ON SALE  
FROM  
1ST JULY  
2026**

DON YOUR BEST HAT TO BE IN TO WIN A SPOT PRIZE  
AND JOURNEY THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS FOR  
AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, FEATURING LIVE MUSIC,  
RAFFLES, MERCHANDISE AND PRODUCE FOR SALE.  
(CASH ONLY, NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE)

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