

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
Pip



or text



A reminder about 'Apologies'

Pip acknowledges any text 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

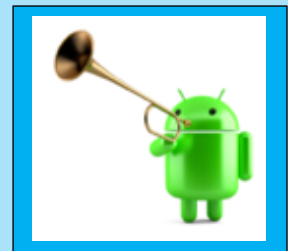
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www.altrusa.org

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2025 - 2027



International President

Christine DeVlieger

District Governor

Margaret Melhop

Newsletter Editor:

Chris Wither

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June 27 Fabric Sale

July Duty Committee Community Service

July 8 Board and Business meeting

July 10 Matariki

July 22 Programme meeting

Aug Duty committee Everyone

Aug 12 Board and Business meeting

Aug 26 Programme meeting

Sept Duty committee Literacy

Sept 9 Board and Business meeting

Sept 23 Programme meeting

What's been happening

Donations to NICU



Members of Altrusa International of Taieri Inc made the decision to work towards providing as many resources as possible for NICU.

Together with the sewing women from Willowfield Outram, and with the assistance of patterns and information from the Little Miracles website, scented hearts, beautiful quilts, sheets, blankets, knitted singlets, and muslins were carefully made. All materials used for the project were generously donated.

In total, approximately 130 sheets, 25 muslins, 25 quilts, 85 sets of scented hearts, and many knitted items were donated. Well done all.

Welcoming a new member



Welcome Michelle.

We hope you have many years of friendship and service with Altrusa.

Support for “Minds in Motion”

“Minds in Motion” is a Cognitive Stimulation Therapy, provided by a qualified co-ordinator and a range of volunteers, for people with mild to moderate dementia aware. This internationally renowned programme provides benefits such as improved memory, improved quality of life and has a positive effect on mood for sufferers. It also provides valuable connection with others in the same situation.

After donating, from a bequest by Glenis Evans, to Alzheimers Otago towards the running of a “Minds in Motion” programme in the Taieri area, the club furthered its contribution to this worthy programme by providing 18 morning teas over 12 weeks.

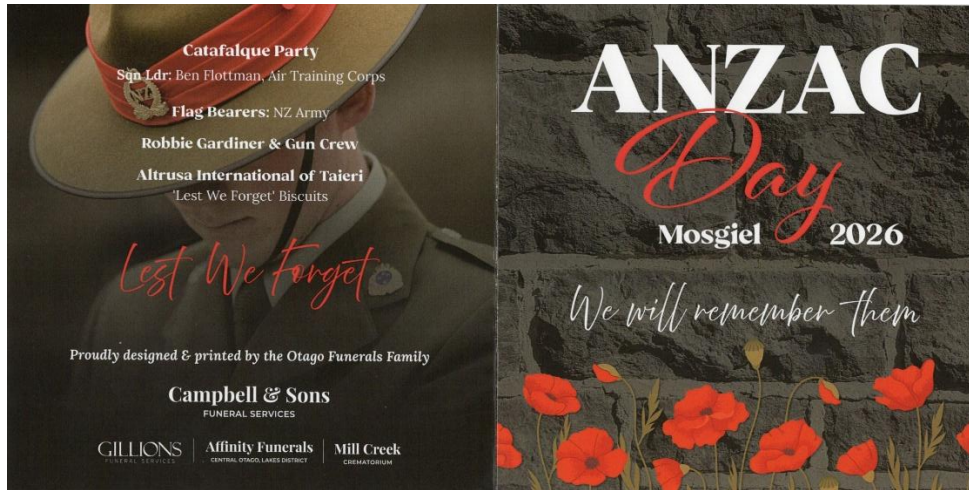
Feedback is that our morning teas have become a special part of the programme as participants anticipate what will be provided for their morning tea each session.

(NB mate meaning illness and wareware meaning forgetful / forgotten in Te Reo – dementia mare wareware takes a holistic view of cognitive decline and person-centred care.)



Co-ordinator Megan with two volunteers prepare for the day's activities

ANZAC Day



Preparation for ANZAC Day began early to assemble the Anzac biscuits, packaging and “Lest We Forget” stickers.

A team then packaged the biscuits ahead of the team who handed out the biscuits at the local ANZAC parade.

This year it was noted that people were looking out for Altrusa and their Anzac biscuits. A box of biscuits was also donated to the RSA to enjoy after the parade.



Conference

Anne, Brenda and Claire were able to enjoy conference this year in Wellington.

It was an honour for Taieri Altrusa to win the Leitha H. Brown Literacy Award for all the literacy initiatives our Club has participated in over the last year.

Altrusa's creation of a maypole decorated in Altrusa colours won the overall display of non-perishable goods destined for the Wellington City Mission.



Coffee Mornings



Monthly coffee mornings continue to be enjoyed

Programme Meetings

April's programme meeting, organised by the Literacy committee, saw us enjoying stories from the North American trip taken by Rosie and Jackie and their husbands.



The Grange

In May, we enjoyed a beautiful meal at The Grange Cafe before 'retiring' to the comfortable adjacent Media Lounge to watch the movie "The Doctor's Wife". We are grateful to Paula Whetu Jones and her team at Whitiora Productions for making the film available to us. Paula has a most generous attitude to sharing the story by making it available at no cost for anyone willing to organise screenings.

The documentary focuses on the philanthropic work of New Zealanders Dr Alan Kerr and his wife Hazel. Alan is a retired heart surgeon, and Hazel supports him and his cardiac work for children in Palestine by engaging with families and youth, often through her expertise in, and love of drama and craft. The documentary captures the time period 2007 - 2016 predominantly through Hazel's eyes.

More recently Alan & Hazel have been awarded the 2026 Rynam Healthcare Senior New Zealanders of the Year, celebrated for saving the lives of nearly 800 children during two decades of volunteer medical missions to Palestine.



A lovely presentation was made to Jill to recognize her 20 years of service and hard work for Altrusa and our community.



Rangatahi Youth Hui

Three members supported Taieri's 4th Annual Rangatahi Youth Hui on 9 April. Our role was to circulate, engage with young people, and help ensure a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment.

The day was organised by Taieri College senior students, with support from community organisations, as well as Taieri Network, Saddle Hill Foundation Trust and Findex Otago.



BINGO



In May a Bingo fundraising event was held at the Outram Bowling Club. While there was a disappointing attendance at the event, it turned out to be a highly successful night. Ten members attended, some with partners, so there was strong Altrusan support.

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Cargill Enterprises

We continue to support Cargill Enterprises, where we are acknowledged on their sponsorship wall in the reception area.



Teen books for NICU



When some of our members presented ICU with distraction packs, the Manager was asked if they needed any children's books. Whilst they have sufficient children's books, she was very keen for some books suitable for teenagers to have while visiting family members. 18 preloved books, in excellent condition, were chosen from the Mosgiel Rotary book sale coffers and were delivered to ICU.

Deborah, the Manager, was delighted to receive them.



Ongoing Service



Collecting for St Johns



The Literacy committee continue to coordinate packs for Plunket and newborn babes on the Taieri.

Change Over

Changeover to the 2026-27 year was full of laughter. The membership committee chose a theme of "Call the Midwife" as a nod to President Kath's professional life.



The organisers in costume



The laughter



15 and 10 years of service were acknowledged



Everyone enthusiastically congratulated Glennys when she was presented with her Lamplighter pin



The new Board is installed

Birthdays

July 11	Diane
July 15	Wendy
August 3	Chris
August 28	Anne M
September 14	Glenda M



Thanks to all the members who have contributed to this newsletter.

Chris