

ACCENT JULY 2026

Today, I choose awareness. I choose to be aware of the beauty of life and living. I choose to be aware of the simple pleasures in life. I choose awareness of joy, awareness of peace, and awareness of love.

Iyanla Vanzant September 13 1953



An American Inspirational Speaker, Lawyer, spiritual teacher, author, TV personality

In 2000 she was named one of the "100 most influential Black Americans" "Her books, lectures and television appearances have made her a multimedia high priestess of healthy relationships."

Our NEW 2026-2027

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Benediction

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

Grace

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

Morning Tea and Presentation of Thanks to our Altrusan Alison Sayer, after receiving her resignation.



A group of our ladies met at Alison's home as a surprise to show our gratitude to her for over 30 years service to our club. Alison was a hard working, dedicated member and we will miss her. We all wish Alison well.

Linda Burke organized a lovely plant and card which she presented to Alison on our behalf.

Thankyou Alison.

Greetings Everyone.

Winter has finally decided to make an entrance! After weeks of wondering whether we'd ever need our woollies, it's lovely to pull out the coats and boots again, and even lovelier to end the day tucked in front of a warm fire

By now you'll have received the June Minutes, and you'll see that things are moving forward at a steady pace. The President's Project "Back to Basics," has been approved by the board. We can now begin to firm up some dates and begin the activities that will bring this project to life.

There will be plenty of ways for everyone to get involved – whether you enjoy creating, hunting and gathering, organising, or simply lending a hand wherever it's needed. The project will include several interactive opportunities, so have a think about what suits you best: a weekday session or a relaxed Saturday afternoon?

District Fifteen has also been busy on our behalf. They've put together a pack to help us connect with potential new members and support both promotion and fundraising. They have also introduced a new monthly fact gathering sheet, "Counting the Impact 2026-27," which mirrors the end of year service hours sheet we already use. They've asked that we begin using it from June and email it through at the end of each month.

We'll have the chance to discuss both items at our July dinner meeting – so bring your thoughts, questions, and ideas.

In June we farewelled Alison Sayers, who has contributed over 32 years of dedicated service – a remarkable legacy.

And we proudly awarded Sam Landers our annual medical bursary, recognising both achievement and promise within our community.

See you at dinner on Tuesday night

Robynne

CONGRATULATIONS ROBYNNE on your 30 years employment at our local Council, and your recent retirement. Enjoy every minute of your retirement...definitely time for some R and R and time for you. Cheers.

Presentation of the Medical Bursary

A morning tea was held at the home of Diane Bourke on Thursday 25th June to present our Medical Bursary recipient—Sam Landers.

Congratulations Sam.

Sam is studying to be a Doctor. He was brought up on a farm in Manaia, and attended Manaia Preschool, (where I had the pleasure of being his teacher—he was a quiet, but very industrious wee boy) Manaia Primary, and then Hawera High School.

Lets hope he returns home as a Doctor.



Books on Wheels Roster

July 11th Diane & Anne D
 July 25th Linda P & Brenda
 August 8th Judith & Anne D
 August 22nd Jenny & Brenda



Books on Wheels



MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTERS

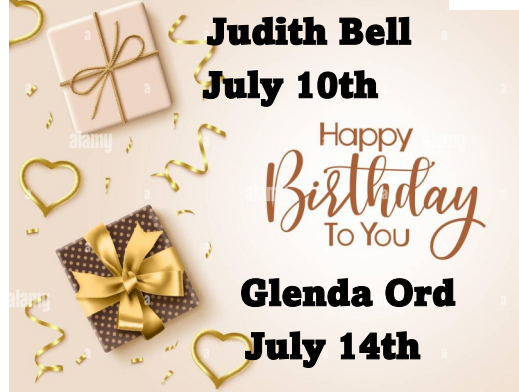
Thursdays

July 9th Jenny & Heather
 July 16th Brenda & Julie
 July 23rd Helen & Grant
 July 30th Heather & Bruce
 August 6th Karen & Janice

Saturdays

July 11th Jenny & John
 July 18th Glenda & family
 July 25th Robynne & Barry
 August 1st Frances & Michelle
 August 8th 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 **B**.

To improve our community by meeting needs
 through services and fundraising projects

Needs of the aged and infirm

Needs of women and children

Needs of those affected by poverty

Public health needs

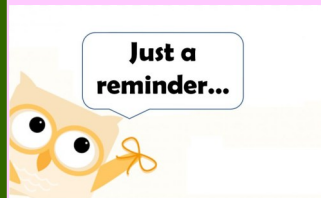


Another fantastic show put on by Hawera Repertory.

We went on Sunday, and the talent, the singing,
 dancing, glitz and glamour was absolutely outstanding.

Wonderful family entertainment. I hope you managed
 to see it. Definitely worth the effort.

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.

July

7th—Dinner Meeting—Hostess—Helen, Heather

21st—Board Meeting

International Days to Celebrate

July 30th International Day of FRIENDSHIP

September

1st—Dinner Meeting

15th—Board Meeting

August

4th—Dinner Meeting—Hostess Linda Burke, Brenda

18th—Board Meeting



Congratulations

to Renate, Heimo and their team from Renates CAFÉ on their 3 amazing awards at the recent 2026 Taranaki TopShop Awards. A special place to chill with friends and enjoy a great coffee and great food.

Winter in Taranaki



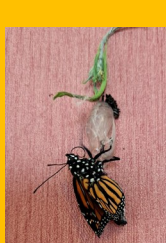
You know it's winter and you live in Taranaki when you wake to this stunning view. This was the view from our deck this morning.

Altrusa Hawera June -2026

Hello—it's me again..... A **Miracle** in my KITCHEN

And NO..... I did not cook a meal. I was out in my fairy garden with my wee grand daughter Belle, looked over at my surviving swan plants from last summer, and there were 3 monarch caterpillars. You can imagine our surprise—we touched them and they were freezing, and the 2 smaller ones were not looking that healthy. I decided to take them inside, to at least give them a chance of survival. 1 ran away (or crawled away—never to be found), after a few days, one died, and then to my amazement one morning we found one hanging. It then turned into a chrysalis, and to my delight it continued the process, getting blacker and blacker. One night I was sure it was going to hatch, but no...it made us wait. The next morning I happened to be home, working in the kitchen, and next minute saw a movement, and the hatching process started. We stood and watched, as this wee miracle unfolded in my kitchen. I was so excited, and really couldn't believe it survived some of the coldest days of winter. Nature took its course—it started to fly, so I reluctantly put it back outside on a bush... and now wonder if it survived, but hoping for its return in spring. Did you know Monarch butterflies can smell a swan plant 4 kms away. It is the only plant the butterflies will lay their eggs on, and the only food the caterpillars will eat.

Maybe Altrusa could do a Swan Plant project???? As Iyanla Vanzant says "Be aware of the beauty of life and living, and the simple pleasures.



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