

Remarkable Rambler



July 2026

From our President

June

Well, the first month of my time as President has already flown by. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Our business meeting was well attended, and it was wonderful to see such strong engagement from members. Louise gave a very interesting report on her recent trip to Nepal and shared an update on the work being done by the Active Hearts team.

We have also received an email from our District 15 Chair with further news from Active Hearts. The team has suggested that we consider supporting a promising student from the orphanage through a scholarship, as she has shown a strong desire to continue her education.

This information will be circulated with the agenda for our next business meeting, along with a sponsorship proposal from Debbie Jamieson for the Writers Festival.

Unfortunately, the June programme meeting, where committees were due to gather, was cancelled. I encourage committee Chairs to organise a meeting with their teams as soon as possible.

If you would like to meet by Zoom, please let me know and I can set this up for you.

A big thank you to our ongoing reading volunteers at QPS, especially Louise, who covered for Corne while she was very unwell.

The coffee catch-up has been moved to **Sunday 5 July at 2pm at The Farmhouse, 23 Jack Hanley Drive, Jacks Point.**

We will also hold another coffee catch-up towards the end of July.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped provide food for the afternoon tea at Kate's mum's funeral service last Saturday. Nigel and I attended the wonderful celebration of Helen's long and well-lived life.

July

Unfortunately, due to some adverse weather our coffee catch-up was cancelled. The business meeting was well attended considering that many of our members were enjoying warmer climes. It was decided that Altrusa would support the Queenstown Writers Festival this year by sponsoring the Magazine panel.

The Fashion Show organising has begun with a meeting with Sam and Anne at the Arvida Country Club, the date has been set for Tuesday 20th October, more info to come.

The program meeting was dinner at Ayrburn followed by a wander around the winter wonderland light display.

Stay safe and warm

Sharron

Altrusa International Sister Club

Richardson
District 15, TEXAS



International Login Details Are Available from Year Books or Club President.

Business Meeting:

Wednesday August 5

Programme Meeting:

Wednesday August 19

Duty Committee

August

The Communication Committee



Members are in the hot seat!

Service Hours:

June & July 2026

Breakdown This Month: 268

Service hours YTD 453

GREAT EFFORT EVERYONE



Upcoming Events:

Fashion Parade Tuesday October 20

Please send ideas for recipients to Tanya by this Friday 31st July.

There is much need in our community we appreciate your thoughts in choosing a recipient for the funds we raise from this very successful event.

Coffee Catch Up

The Farmhouse

23 Jack Hanley Drive

Hanleys Farm.

Sunday August 2nd at 2PM



Upcoming Service:

Senior Citizens Lunch Friday August 14th

Annette, Sharron

Daffodil Day August 25 -28

Lee-Ann Murray has asked for Altrusa volunteers to help with Daffodil Day. 3 or 4 helpers for bunching, for presales at St Johns Rooms, Douglas St, Frankton, 9am -10.30am.

Some bunches can be delivered afterwards.

Lee-Ann suggested K-Mart-9.30am -4.30pm inside entrance as it would be warmer than outside Woolworths.

Table, chairs & blanket will be provided. Please wear warm clothes. We usually provide a roster of 2 members for 1 -2-hour shifts.

Roster at the Business meeting then emailed out.

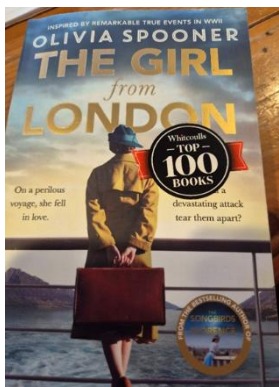
Queenstown Reading Roster Term 3

Room 6 & 7 10am to 11am

July 27	Jan, Corne
August 3	Maree, Annette
August 10	Barbara, Louise
August 17	Kate, Diane
August 24	Maree, Corne
August 31	Kerrie, Anita
September 7	Betty, Alyth
September 14	Rose, Robyn

Sharron's Book Review

The Girl from London by Kiwi Author Olivia Spooner



An easy read that tells two stories of young women in different times and the voyages they take. London 1940, Sees Ruth a schoolteacher, helps to evacuate children from war-torn England to Australia and New Zealand. On their dangerous voyage, Ruth forms a bond with troubled nine-year-old, Fergus. She also grapples with her feelings for Bobby, a charismatic fellow volunteer. But tragedy strikes when their returning trip is attacked by German raiders. As the Rangitane goes down, survivors are taken prisoner. To the rest of the world, they are missing, presumed dead.

New Zealand, 2005. Hazel boards a plane to London, carrying a treasured book from her grandfather, Fergus; a book that will finally reveal Ruth's story. Sitting next to Hazel is a man named Joe – a stranger who might just change her life...

Ayrburn In July

Our Fellowship Committee arranged to hold the Programme Meeting on the 22 July at Ayrburn. We met at the Bakehouse at 5pm (thank you Ella for booking a table, as it was very busy) for food and drink with chit chat, while waiting for darkness to arrive.

There were twelve members, Rachel's daughter and 2 Altrousers (this refers to the husbands and partners of Altrusans! 😊)

We all ventured outside after a delicious meal to inspect the light display and the ice skating. It was a real winter wonderland. After a looksie inside Billy's Restaurant, we headed home about 7pm, except for the two dessert queens who remained at Billy's.

A BIG Thanks to those who carpooled



Ella's Gold Coast Trip

I had a wonderful golfing holiday on the Sunshine Coast recently, with seven women that I played hockey with, in my younger days.

We played 4 different courses - Twin Waters, Mount Coolum, Noosa Springs, and the Headlands.

Our accommodation in Mooloolaba, which was located on the Esplanade with sea views was a great place to return to, and the swimming pool was well used.

The golfing was great - my partner and I had a win on the first day,

Socially it was excellent with meals in our apartments and out to restaurants, visit to the fish market and walks along the beach.

Played Rummikub quite a few times with my room mates Brenda and Mary.

Such a great break and sunshine sharing time with friends,

Recipes

Weet-Bix Loaf - Annette

Into a Bowl mix

3 Weetbix crushed

1 tsp Baking Soda

1 small cup sugar

1 cup chopped dates

3 tbsp Butter

Mix then add 1 cup of Boiling Water

Stir and Cool

Add

1 egg beaten

1 cup self-rising flour

Mix together

Bake 170deg 3/4 hour

Corn Meal Crackers – Annette

1/4 cup pumpkins seeds

1/4 cup Sesame seeds

1/4 cup linseed seeds

1/4 cup sunflower seeds

1 cup corn meal

1 cup boiling water

1/4 cup of olive Oil

1 tsp sea salt / garlic / chilly optional

Could try rosemary

Mix seeds and corn meal, add salt and oil, pour boiling water and stir.

Divide mixture into 2 trays for baking

Put baking paper under and over the mixture so that it can be smoothed out as thin as you can get it.

remove the top baking paper.

Bake 1 hour at 150deg - check half way thru and if too hot reduced heat.



OVER AND OUT FOR JUNE & JULY