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Business: Monday 3 August
2026

Te Awamutu Club, Alexandra
Street

Apologies by text to Brenda
McIvor by 6pm Friday night
before meeting.

Let Brenda know if you are
bringing a guest

President's Message

Hi Everyone

Thanks very much for member input into our last meeting. Apologies for the latish evening . My timing was a bit out with unforeseen discussion on a couple of topics and a member Bingo that was supposed to be quick!

Hopefully you learnt a bit more about some of our members.

I was also trying to cover as many topics as possible before going away so that your next meeting should be quicker!

Good luck with deciding on the Garden Ramble recipients. Thanks must go to Brenda for contacting them and finding out more information. She should be able to give you a precis and answer your questions.

By the time you get this I should hopefully be somewhere warm in Scandinavia!

My thanks to Brenda and President Elect Paula for stepping in and running the Board meeting and Club meeting for me!

Christine



Editors Musings

Kia ora koutou

I hope everyone is coping with the crisp mornings and the bit of rattle and roll from last week. Just think not long until Christmas now – but plenty happening in Altrusa to keep us all busy.

Leanne

Club Reminders

FOOD BANK



FEED THE HUNGRY

Please bring along to the business meeting a can/jar/packet of foodstuffs for food bank.

They are always struggling to fill parcels, and the need is increasing weekly.

Sanitary items are also in great demand.

SALE TABLE

From time-to-time club members bring in the bounty from their gardens and kitchens. This is available to Club Members for a donation. All funds raised unless otherwise stated are for the Conference fund to help fund the cost of delegates, alternates and other club members attending Conference and Convention.

So next time you see some wonderful fruit, veggies, jam or preserves on our donation table please help yourself but leave a donation. Thank you

Meeting Hostess

Lyn and Linda

Please note if you are unable to perform your duties, please arrange your own replacement.

- Note duties include.
- Door – meal & raffle money
- Table set up - place names etc.
- Accent, Grace
- Raffle
- Speaker thank you gift (check with Beth)



**SAVE
the
DATE**

Next Business Meeting:

Monday 3rd August

5.30

Te Awamutu Club

Alexandra Street,

Te Awamutu

Things to consider

1. Consider putting your hand up to be part of the District Conference organising committee for May 2028's conference.
2. Consider: Garden Ramble recipients:
 - a. RDA : \$3000.00 Purchase of a horse.
 - b. Girl Guides: \$2000.00 Send 10 guides to a Jamboree at Mystery Creek.
 - c. Information Centre: \$10,000.00 Operational funding to keep the Information Centre open and support our community.
 - d. Boxing Academy: \$3000.00 Installation of high quality, vibrant photographic window graphics across 4 large exterior windows to strengthen our visibility in the community, celebrate our members achievements and promote positive messages that inspire current and future participants and create a place the wider community recognizes as safe, positive and inclusive.

Committee Reports

Service Committee Report – Paula



We have been very quiet this month but are looking at volunteering at the Senior Expo in early October. Meeting to be held before our August business meeting.

Membership Committee Report: Lynley



This meeting we are welcoming Jo Douch to our club.

Literacy Report: Tania

Budget There is \$3273 in the Literacy account currently.



1. Books for Babes Bright Boxes \$500, \$1000 Book Awards (Books, bookmarks, wrapping paper) \$700 Stationery for Kihikihi School, \$200
2. Te Awamutu College contribution, Date with a book Total Estimated Costs \$1000 (\$100 for voucher \$3500 We will ask for \$2000 from the Garden Ramble funds, which will leave funds in the Literacy account for next year's committee. Approx \$700 but we should receive further funds from Di M's amazing dresses to top that up.

3. Components of the Project

- Books for Babes – we have 300 books already. Lynley is happy to continue organizing this.
- Bright Boxes – Robyn happy to store. We need more books, particularly hard cover. Rotary Bookfair is 6- 9 August. Robyn will contact Rotary re-saving books for Altrusa. A working Bee will be held to label. Caitlin has produced some labels.
- Book Awards – to be held in Term 4. Three Schools have shown interest, and we estimate 20 children could be involved. Tania to confirm the schools who are interested and Linda and Robyn to formulate criteria to send to them. Schools to be contacted to find suitable assembly dates for presentations. Suggest local sports stars to present awards. Rebecca Petch - Robyn Carla Hohepa and Josh Moorby - Tania Linda has been to Paper Plus to price books (\$25 approx). Vouchers can be produced to include the Altrusa logo.
- Stationery for Kihikihi School – as not invited to participate in Book Awards we decided to order a bulk lot of stationery. Linda will ask what they would like.

- Te Awamutu College – See email from TA College attached
 - Blind Date with a Book – looking at maybe 20th and 21st February. We have some books from last time. Members to be asked for donations of books.
4. The project will be named “Literacy Full Circle”

Fund Raising/Garden Ramble Committee: Claire

We have 9 venues confirmed and are looking for a house off Cambridge Road. Morning tea venues are confirmed, Information Centre and Tree Church. We will be producing a handwritten map this year which can be printed from the website. We will be sending a list of possible sponsors around at the meeting and will ask members to choose two to approach. We will be this sponsorship money cover our expenses. We now must pay for Mailchimp to be able to send out emails to our database and we are going to invest in corflute signs to position around town. We are going to approach Payless Plants, Fresh Choice and Mitre 10 for raffle prizes. We will be asking members to grow plants to sell at the Ramble.

MS Waikato Fundraiser

MS Waikato are hosting a movie night fundraiser, we are screening The End of Oak Street at the Lido Cinema, Hamilton on Thursday 13th August and we would love to have you join us.

Tickets are \$25 each, to purchase a ticket either scan the QR code on the poster, or go to

<https://events.humanitix.com/ms-waikato-movie-night-fundraiser> .

The trailer for the movie can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oB9AxspVow>



Christine on holiday – lucky her!!

Update from Rural Support Trust

The Rural Support Trust supports our rural community through good and bad times.

I spoke at Altrusa July meeting, about my life's journey, which volunteering is my passion. RST is one I've focused on especially since terrible storms 14th February this year.

I've been supporting a family who lost everything with home being "Yellow Stickered" (unable to live in but can be repaired).

Asking Altrusa members if they would like to support me with any small items (good 2nd hand clothing, bedding or perhaps Newborn Huggies nappies) for 2nd baby due mid-August.

I will have container at August meeting, then deliver them. I know how much this will be appreciated. So huge thanks from family and myself.

Beth Richardson.