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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

A few "Thank You's" from me as we start this new Altrusa Year.

To Lynley – A great Board changeover that you wrote and organised. And some tasty savoury items organised from the Red Kitchen. Thank you for organising and picking up the food and platters. Board members and Committee Chairs – thank you to all the members who have taken on these roles for this year and also to those who have taken on other organisational roles within our club. I think that the way that our club is organised spreads the workload around and helps to have all our members involved in some aspect.

To Paula – Thank you for having us in your lovely home for the June meetings. A nice change from the TA Club. Paula also coordinated our Friends Frocks and Frivolity evening (and stored most of the clothing etc that we collected up last year!) What a success the evening was – sales of tickets, organisation of clothing, members, food, cleanup etc. I looked around and was impressed with all the 'hands on' aspects within this project and how it was spread across our committees and members. I was also impressed with how we were being so environmentally friendly i.e Second hand clothing being sold, a representative from "Dress for Success" making a collection near the end of the evening and then all the 'left overs' taken to several local charities.

Well done team! It is great to be part of such an awesome Club!

Christine

Editors Musings

Kia ora koutou

Well, the year is off to a roaring start isn't it. What a fabulous outcome for the FFF event – shame I was all the way down in Welly enjoying our fantastically windy wintery weather! Unfortunately, I will still be in Welly when you meet in July but plan to catch up with you all at the August meeting.

Leanne

REMINDER: It is important that when giving your apologies to Brenda for the meeting or booking in guests that you text her. This is how she keeps track of who has put in their apologies. Not email, post, carrier pigeon, semaphore or morse code – TEXT's please.

Club Reminders

FOOD BANK



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

Vicky & Di T

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 6th July

5.30

Te Awamutu Club

Alexandra Street,

Te Awamutu

Things to consider

1. Love Grace Handbags – would we like to continue supporting this project?
2. Consider Garden Ramble recipients (see item later in this newsletter)
3. Volunteers to assist with Senior Expo on 1st October – are you available?
4. Kainga Aroha wanting volunteers to pick up food in the mornings daily between 10 – 12 – are you able to help?
5. Please read committee reports and full agenda prior to the meeting – there is a lot to cover and it would really help move things along if you have read the materials first.

Committee Reports



Service Committee Report – Paula **Friends Frocks and Frivolity Altrusa Event**

We had a successful Friends Frocks event on Friday 5th June. It was well attended with approximately 63 women of all ages enjoying the clothes and company. The clothes left at the end of the evening were donated to second hand shops and Dress for Success. At this stage I am unsure of how much we made. Thanks to everyone for the support in setting up and running the event. Fantastic team work. Altrusa International of Te Awamutu enjoyed a successful fundraising evening at the Waipa Women's Hub in June.

The following is the piece that Christine wrote for the Rosetown Buzz

Despite the wet weather outside, the atmosphere inside was warm, welcoming, and full of laughter as Te Awamutu Altrusans hosted its Friends, Frocks and Frivolity fundraiser. The sixty available tickets quickly sold out before the night!

Participants were greeted with a glass of bubbles and an assortment of canapés. After a short welcome from Altrusan president Christine Melville, the main organiser and event co ordinator Paula Walsh explained how the evening would work and also introduced Jill Taylor who spoke briefly about the Christmas hamper project which was the main recipient for funds raised from the evening.

It was fantastic to see so many people browsing quality pre-loved clothing, catching up with friends, enjoying great food and refreshments, and supporting a cause that will make a real difference for local families this Christmas.

Hundreds of items were sold. Then a representative from "Dress For Success" chose a number of items that would suit their clients. The rest was distributed to local charities in town.

A special thank you to the Altrusa team, volunteers, shoppers, and visitors from Cambridge, Morrinsville, Hamilton and Te Kuiti who helped make the event such a success. Judging by the number of happy faces and full shopping bags leaving the Hub, it was certainly a night to remember.

Altrusa Te Awamutu would also like to thank the Hub and their members who have provided a great pleasant and welcoming space where community groups can come together, connect, and raise funds for important local initiatives.

Membership Committee Report: Lynley



We will be celebrating Jo Douch's induction into TA Altrusa at our August meeting as Paula (Jo's sponsor) is away for the July meeting. At this stage we have not had a committee meeting as Jill is currently away. As always all suggestions are welcome.

Literacy Report: Tania

The meeting was held to formulate a plan for the year. Projects already in place are:

- 1) Books for Babes – Lynley has purchased 300 books to continue this project.
- 2) Bright Boxes – Robyn has a quantity of stickered books but we need to watch for Book Fairs to purchase more, particularly hard cover books. Possibly set up a Bright Box at a Laundromat and Hazelmere Kindergarten.



Thoughts on additional projects:

Book Awards – letters were sent out to Schools (3) by the previous committee and some positive responses were received. Need to access this correspondence.

Thoughts on this project:

- Present books at assembly rather than have a special evening
- Invite sports star to speak/hand out books
- Talk to Paper Plus to ascertain interest in perhaps discounting books.

Primary Schools

Could we contribute money or selected stationery to schools, to be allocated to families who are struggling to provide?

Te Kuiti Altrusa Club give all 5-year-old children a book, rubber, bookmark etc.

Te Awamutu College

Tania and Christine to ask if there is anything we can contribute to help this age group.

Sports/hunting magazines in Student Rooms.

Date with a Book

We have a number of wrapped books remaining (Shona). Suggest running this again, with better advertising.

Ideas for Project Theme: Circle of Literacy or Having fun with Literacy

Budget

Literacy Committee has a good amount in their account already. Tania will start a budget framework allowing \$20/\$30 per book for Book Award recipients. Linda will research current book prices.

The next meeting will be held on July 14th at 5.30 pm and thereafter, every 2nd Monday at Findex

Robyn Moore is in the process of sending out letters with information about these awards to the four schools that we have selected for the Book Awards,

Fund Raising/Garden Ramble Committee: Claire

We currently have 8 venues which are a great mix of gardens and homes but we need about 3/4 new homes to complete the list. We are heading out to Ohaupo/Ngahinapouri, so if anyone knows someone who owns a new house in that area, please let Robyn know. We are also looking at St Leger Rd, Ash Grove and Frontier Estate. Please help if you know of any likely properties.

We have sent out a save the date to 15 schools to advertise in their newsletters. We will be scheduling advertising for Kiwi Gardener and Mitre 10; Nourish magazines; Rosetown Buzz, Garden Clubs shortly. An email will go out to past Ramble ticket purchasers to save the date as well.

We have compiled a list of big businesses in Te Awamutu and will approach them for sponsorship after this year's recipients are chosen at the July meeting. Larger sponsors will be front and centre on the handouts and on the website.

We have had discussions on the raffle, Belinda has again offered to print the tickets, thank you Belinda. Thoughts so far are a Grocery voucher from Fresh Choice, voucher from Payless Plants, Voucher from Waitomo Fuel.

Morning teas will be provided by KESH (Koru Educational Support Hub) at the Tree Church & Te Awamutu

Visitor Information Centre either at a garden in Kihikihi or at their premises, this is to be decided at our next meeting.

July Meeting = Getting to know your members!

Recently we have had several new members and we have learnt a bit about their family and backgrounds - they have been a bit "in the spotlight" so to speak. Tonight it is time to hear from other members. We have 3 short (in time) speakers and an activity to find out more about other Altrusan members and their interests/occupations/life story (in brief) etc.etc.

Last call for Altrusa T-Shirts. All orders must be placed by Monday 6th of July by the end of the club meeting so don't miss out.

Garden Ramble Recipients

At our July meeting we will review the applications for funding from our Home and Garden Ramble. Below is a brief summary of the applications received. Please review prior to our meeting.

Please note that the funding from the Garden Ramble is also used to fund our community and literacy service projects, and provide fund for our Community Requests fund (so that we can provide small donations throughout the year when we receive letters requesting financial assistance).

Applications received from:

1) Riding For the Disabled – help to purchase another horse - \$3000.00 Unfortunately RDA have lost two horses due to injury and old age. This limits their ability to run full classes twice a week.

2) Girl Guide Jamboree – Michelle Gillard

To help support 10 girls to attend a Jamboree at Mystery Creek in January 2027

The costing is approximately \$1800 per person for Camp fees, program and activities.

TA girl guides are celebrating 100 years in August 2026. Currently they have 22 pipins, 28 brownies, 24 guides and 16 rangers.

3) Joanne Hand – Kidney Society - Originally the request was for \$3000 for a lazy boy chair however this has been withdrawn as not Waikato based. A request for \$8,208 for 24 kidney patients (2 in TA and 22 in Cambridge) to provide support services – Social Worker who provides support and counselling etc Services that are normally offered by the WDHB.

4) Toy Library - \$500 as we had only been able to give \$500 due to available funds.

5) Destination Te Awamutu – Burchell Pavillion Repairs – received \$200 as we had only been able to give \$200 due to available funds.

Please note that the Board will be making the following recommendation for membership consideration:

Following consultation and discussion the board recommends we do not consider the Kidney Society as a recipient as it does not meet our criteria.



Wedding Dresses through the Decades: *Fashion Parade*

Showcasing dresses from the
1930's to modern day.



Thursday 16th July, Morrinsville Art Gallery

\$25 a ticket

Doors open at 6:30pm



Bubbles on arrival, nibbles served



Cash only

Tickets available from: Morrinsville Info Centre,
Morrinsville Art Gallery, Nite 'n' Day, or email: lindaloo.larsen@gmail.com

Active Hearts – Empowering vulnerable young people in Nepal through education, leadership and opportunity

Altrusa Clubs are being invited to support a practical education sponsorship for young people in Nepal as they move from orphanage care at Sewak Nepal Children's home, toward independent adulthood.

The estimated cost to support Kobita is approximately NZD \$1,270 per year, or around \$25 per week.

Annual sponsorship covers:

- Tuition fees
- Computer training (basic and advanced)
- Books and educational materials
- School uniforms and supplies
- Transportation costs
- Other educational expenses