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HAWERA

AUGUST 2026

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"It is not the strength of the body that counts, but the strength of the spirit"

J.R.R. Tolkien 1892—1973

One of the greatest fantasy novelists of all times.

Most famous for The Hobbit and
The Lord of the Rings.



2026-2027

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Save the Date

Area Two

IFF Day

To be hosted by Levin

Saturday, 5 September 2026

10am to 3pm
(Lunch provided)

This year's theme is **Share the Journey**
so please put your thinking caps on and advise any
topics you would like covered.

The cost is \$30 with a \$10.00 discount for 1st time
attendees.

Please set this date in your diaries and hopefully we
can get a good turnout.

Further details along with registration forms will be
provided closer to the date.

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.

Hello Everyone

I am hoping you are all healthy & happy as we head into August. For me, the year is galloping by. It is amazing just how many times I have been asked what I will do with myself when I retire, & honestly, I really was not sure. Well, one month ago I finally did retire, & I am enjoying the luxury of time. Time to plan, to walk to the library, to stop & chat in the street instead of tearing back down High Street & back to the office, time to sit in the sunshine at home, relax with friends & of course do my Altrusa tasks.

I have spent several days going through bags & boxes of extremely old & sometimes unreadable Altrusa documents, disposing of financial records more than seven years old.

I have now condensed what is left into two bags, which is a lot more manageable & easier to hand over at the end of the year.

Like some of you, I have already started on making some Twiddle muffs, I am not a competent knitter, but I can crochet enough to make a decent job of them. The great team at the Hawera Library have already started a box for us of magazines for us to turn into much needed scrapbooks for the various groups we support. I will be asking at our August Dinner Meeting, for a preferred day for us to get together & create these, & then hopefully taking advantage of the smaller meeting room at the library. There is a lot of support for some interactive & social time.

In July Julie, Janice & Heather did a brilliant job of co-ordinating & delivering the 200 Smarty Packs throughout our community & already we have received wonderful feedback from some of those groups.

Tonight I attend an online President's Meeting. These meetings are vital to good communication throughout our district, as well as sharing news & ideas & I look forward to sharing the content with you.

Best wishes to Pat for a speedy recovery, after her fall, hospitalisation & surgery.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at dinner on Tuesday.

Robynne

Presentation of Distraction Packs



Fellow Altrusan's, Julie, Heather and Janice enjoyed time delivering Distraction Packs for children, to various local organisations recently. I say 'enjoyed', because all of the recipients were so enthusiastic and grateful, we felt extremely fulfilled in doing it.

They included Sharnie at Hardings Funeral Services, Glen and Sue at South Taranaki Funeral Services and Awanui Medical Lab. At the Hospital, Brenda at Pediatrics, Med Lab staff and the busy ED staff were all loving the concept. As were the Hawera Police station staff, and Heather representing St Johns.

For us it was a small gesture to help children through a difficult experience, but for the adults dealing with these situations it was obvious the packs held a great deal of value.

200 Distraction Packs will find their way into small hands in need, in Hawera.



Books on Wheels Roster

August 8th Judith & Anne D
August 22nd Jenny & Brenda
September 5th Elaine & Linda P



Books on Wheels

AUGUST BIRTHSTONE

Peridot, Spinel and Sardonyx



Helen Langdon August 2nd

Happy Birthday

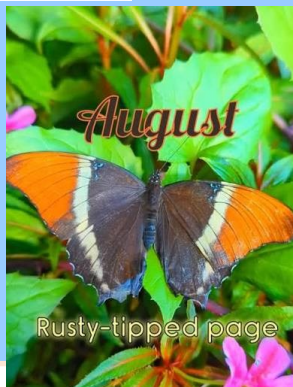
Robynne Harford August 17

Birth Flowers



August

The birth flowers for August are the gladiolus and poppy which generally symbolises strength of character, honesty, generosity and moral integrity.



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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTERS

Thursdays

August 6th Karen & Janice
August 13th Lynley & Lynette
August 20th Brenda & Julie
August 27th Karen & Marie
September 3rd Lynley & Lynette

Saturdays

August 8th Jenny & John
August 15th Glenda & family
August 22nd Glenda & family
August 29th Robynne & Barry
September 5th Frances & Michelle
September 12th Glenda & family



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 **C**.

To promote the development of leadership and
vocational skills in the community through:

The provision and sponsorship of leadership
course to young people

Provision of vocational skills training and or
support to vocational training institutions





MEETING & EVENTS DIARY 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.

August

4th— Dinner Meeting—Hostess Linda Burke, Brenda

18th—Board Meeting

September

1st— Dinner Meeting—Hostess Glenda, Linda G

5th—IFF day—Levin

15th—Board Meeting

International Days to Celebrate

August 12 International Youth Day

October

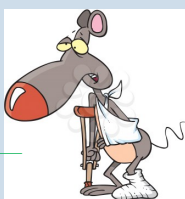
6th— Dinner Meeting—Jill, Karen

15th—Board Meeting

Commiserations Pat

We are all very sorry to hear of your accident.
We are sure you will be up and running again soon—
knowing you, probably better than before.

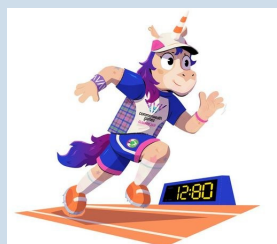
Look out David!!



ATTENTION ALL ALTROUSERS

Each month when we *Alttrusans* have our dinner meeting a group of *Alttrousers* meet for dinner too. If you wish to come along, please contact Grant Langdon by emailing

ghlangdon@outlook.com.



Altrusa Hawera August -2026 Hello—it's me again.....

J.R.R Tolkien says **"It is not the strength of the body that counts, but the strength of the spirit".**

Oh my goodness, as I sit in our lounge enjoying the warm fire, and watching the amazing athletes at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, I am absolutely in awe of their strength, determination, spirit and resilience. In the click of a finger they can experience joy, disappointment, devastation and pride. They push their bodies to the limit, which of course pushes their spirit as well. I think they go hand in hand, without one, the other would struggle. It has been exciting watching every NZ athlete, but especially wonderful seeing some representing South Taranaki on the world stage. Zoe Hobbs, from Eltham, and Carter Swift, from Manaia (who I taught at Manaia preschool—yahoo). I have enjoyed many late nights/early mornings watching the gymnastics especially—a lovely wee trip down memory lane for me, having been a gymnast as a child. Our NZ athletes have done us proud with an excellent medal tally so far, and wonderful team spirit and attitudes.



On another note, I am loving driving at the moment seeing the wee lambs and calves bouncing around the paddocks, and the beautiful clumps of daffodils growing on the side of the road. They make such a beautiful show, and are a reminder that winter is nearly over, which means Spring and Summer are on the way.



Please remember if you have something you would like me to include in our Nexus—please don't hesitate to let me know. I will do my best.

Christine - Editor

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