

Welcome To Our New President Claire Wilson



The Hamilton Altrusa Club welcomes Claire Wilson as President for the coming year.

Claire has been a member with us for 3 years and was a member of Altrusa Rotorua before that for 12 years.

Altrusa has provided opportunities for her to meet new people when settling into a new community. Her Christian values are the foundation of who she is and provides her with a desire to help people in the community. Interpersonal relationships with people are very important to her. Claire is interested in handcraft and is always keen to learn new ideas and skills in this field. She uses these skills to knit and cook for others.

She has 3 wonderful adult children and 2 fabulous grandchildren. She values spending time with them all. Claire's special friend is Keana, a 7 year old Lowchen dog. This is her first experience as dog owner and she is enjoying bonding with and training her pet very much. She owns a motor-home which allows her to travel to interesting places and meet new people. Claire has mostly worked in the food industry and has owned and worked in Cafes.

We wish Claire all the best as President for the coming year.

Contributor: Kathryn Turner

June Business Meeting



To start the Altrusa year we had an Asian Infusion two course dinner with the most exotic dishes and flavours. This social/fundraiser was catered by Jenny Wright-Gardner in Jenny and Tony's beautiful home in Matangi. Members, guests and some Altrusans from Te Awamutu, Cambridge and Morrinsville joined us to make this a very special event.

Kathryn Turner was acknowledged for her contribution as President over the last 2 years.

The club presented Kathryn with 4 meals to take her on a culinary journey to India, UK and Asia. The meals were prepared by Jenny.

Funds raised from the evening will go towards projects to assist Orange Sky. More about Orange Sky further on in the Bulletin.

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Club Projects

Orange Sky

Orange Sky services are open to all, regardless of circumstance and at no cost. They spend many hours talking with the community. Orange Sky supports people experiencing homelessness or hardship with access to free laundry and shower services, and the opportunity for regular connection. Homelessness is not just about people's living situation but also the absence of human connection and a sense of belonging. Since the very first Orange Sky shift their service has remained an open, nonjudgmental and respectful environment to anyone experiencing hardship.

Orange Sky have five locations in Hamilton and are always on the lookout for volunteers. On shift you will be volunteering alongside others and together building a sense of community. Not only will you have the opportunity to create lasting connections and friendships, but also join them in their goal to create safe spaces where people doing it tough can find warmth, conversation, and most importantly, a sense of belonging.

As mentioned earlier the June meeting was a fundraiser for the Orange Sky Project. Diane spent a couple of successful days scouring shops for bargains and then set off with Lorraine to spend another afternoon shopping and managed to purchase the following articles at bargain prices.

Forty each of socks, scarves and beanies, undies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and deodorants, these will be presented to Orange Sky on a date to be confirmed.

Contributor: Lorraine Eves

Winter Warmers – Blankets

A very successful sewing bee was held with Kathryn, Heather, Jane and Lynen Rudman overlocking 18 blankets for the Birthing Centres at River Ridge & Bridgewater. Old blankets were donated by members and made into cot blankets for the birthing centres. Many thanks to all the blanket donors and our wonderful sewers.



Literacy Project

As part of the Literacy Project, Claire collected 40 books for the River Ridge & Bridgewater Birthing Centres. The books were a welcome addition to their resources.

Reminders

IFF Day

26th September 2026 9.30 – 3pm Cambridge

Club Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall - Bunnings

- 31st October 2026
- 22nd November 2026
- If you are able to help on these dates please advise Kathryn.

Social Sisters

- Meets monthly – organisers, club members take turns
- An opportunity to spend some social, fun time with Club Members

Birthdays

- No birthdays to celebrate this month.

Next Business Meeting

- Tuesday 11 August 2026
- 5.30pm Hamilton Working Men's Club
- Heather & Diane Meeting organisers.