

ALTRUSAN

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MEETINGS 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
5.45pm for a 6pm start

MEETING PLACE Nellies Function Room
Hotel Taieri
Gordon Road
Mosgiel

VISITORS AND APOLOGIES Members please telephone
Pip



or text



A reminder about 'Apologies'

Pip acknowledges any txt message about an apology with a 'Thumbs up' emoji.



If you haven't received this acknowledgement, your message has not been received.

A reminder that you need to pay for your meal if a timely apology (by mid-day Tuesday prior to the meeting) is not received

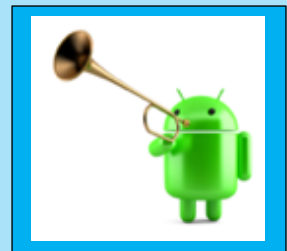
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International President

Christine DeVlieger

District Governor

Margaret Melhop

Newsletter Editor:

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October – Duty committee Membership

14 October Board and Business meeting

22 October " Make a Difference Day"- Cargills Enterprises

28 October Programme meeting

November – Duty Committee Board

11 November Board and Business meeting

25 November Christmas Function at Wals

9 December Board and Business meeting

What's been happening

Fabrics for the community

In February, the Club was offered fabric and craft items leftover after the closing down of a local shop. The owner entrusted us to use the donated items in whatever way we could for the benefit of the local community. We considered using, selling and donating the goods and decided to cover all three options: fabric was donated to a sewing group to make quilts for the neonatal unit, a Pop-Up Fabric Sale targeting quilting and embroidery groups was held on 27th June, and craft and fabric were donated to the Oamaru Club for their fabric bazaar. Where possible, remaining quilting and embroidery items will be repurposed through sewing bees to support local groups.

We are grateful that the Club was entrusted with these lovely fabrics and other craft items, which in turn has provided us with multiple opportunities to help others.



Over \$2600 was raised at our amazing fabric sale in June.



Buyers lined up early to get the best bargains with many also interested in finding out more about Altrusa.





**Welcome to our
newest member
Christine.**

Toasty Toes



Several members have been knitting slippers over the autumn months and eighty plus pairs were donated to Silverstream School for their four junior classes. Margaret and Jenny visited the school on 25th June and enjoyed spending time with one class as they chose a pair of slippers as their own to wear during class time. Shoes are left at the entrance to the classroom as is the school's adopted protocol. Special thanks to everyone who knitted the slippers. There were lots of smiles on the faces of the children as they carefully took time to choose.



From the Programme meetings

July's programme meeting was organised by the Community Service committee. Hannah Stones was our guest speaker. Hannah's role with the Ministry of Social Development is Health and Disability coordinator for the Southern Region and she was extremely interesting to listen to.



A good range of food was donated by members at the meeting and delivered to our local Food Bank.

Read My Feelings Charitable Trust founder Rachel Barker and Chairperson Julie Anderson spoke of the history of Read For Feelings, its next steps and future plans at our August Programme meeting.



Read My Feelings Charitable Trust is a New Zealand charitable platform founded by audiologist and former primary school teacher Rachel Barker to help families, teachers, and health professionals find trusted children's books for big emotional challenges such as anxiety, grief, divorce, bullying, hospital visits and many more.

Their catalogue features a growing selection of over 10,000 children's books curated for important emotional conversations. They aim to set up a website to make finding appropriate books easily findable.

Our club has pledged financial support if and when the Trust raises sufficient funds to set up the complex website.



Lucy Hammonds tells us about paintings based on harbours from Frances Hodgkin's watercolour "Red Sails" 1906 to her oil Painting "Ibiza Harbour" 1933



The Dunedin Art Gallery was the venue for our September Programme meeting. Lucy Hammonds, art curator, spoke passionately about the art works and the lives of the artists in the exhibition titled Panorama – an expanded view of Frances Hodgkins.

Here Frances Hodgkins' paintings were viewed alongside those of other artists she would have had social connections with while living in Europe in the early 20th century.

It was suggested the invention of the camera freed painters of this time from the need to record reality. This allowed the modernist painters to experiment with physical materials and abstraction.

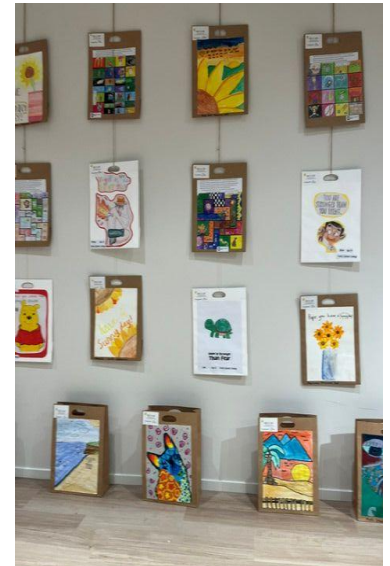
A meal of shared plates was enjoyed at Commons Eatery afterwards.



Bags of Hope



Wendy stands proudly beside her granddaughter's Bags of Hope artwork.



The Bags of Hope Art Exhibition, co-ordinated by Jenny and Karon, was a one-of-a-kind event at the Golden Centre in Dunedin over the last weekend of the July school holidays.

The Cancer Society has teamed up with twenty schools with Year 7 and 8 students to create works of art to encourage and support patients at Otago and Southland Oncology Units. Each masterpiece is attached to a bag for patients to use for their clothes while undergoing treatment. This amazing display of practical support, compassion and community spirit by young people has created much discussion in the treatment rooms and among families, moving many patients to tears.

This project has also provided the students with a meaningful purpose for their visual literacy studies, as they learned about cancer and its impact on family and friends.

Altrusa Taieri is proud to support the Cancer Society through their Bags of Hope initiative with over fifteen hundred bags being given out each year.

Getting together

Morning tea at The Grange



Farewell Jenny and thank you for your time with us.

Tūhura Otago Museum has been hosting a special display on boro textiles. The exhibition, titled Boro – Timeworn Textiles of Japan, showcases a curated selection of traditional, hand-stitched, and beautifully repaired Japanese fabrics. Fourteen members and friends gathered at the Museum Café before enjoying time browsing this interesting exhibition.



Special Rigs for Special Kids



The Altrusa Club of Taieri has been supporting Special Rigs for Special Kids since 2023, assisting with food preparation and serving lunch to the many participants and volunteers.

Wendy and the trucks are ready to go.



Aprons and gloves on



Goody bags for the kids



The menu – sausages, patties, belgium, onions, bread, cheese and sauce



Thank you, Maria,

An impressive \$1,690.45 was raised at our fun Bingo night at the Outram Bowling Club. These funds will be used to support literacy projects in Taieri schools.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Maria from Two Fat Ladies Bingo Mobile Fundraisers, who have been instrumental in partnering with many local clubs, schools, and charities to organize community fundraising



Raffles were very popular.



Further contributions

Following our donation of pre-loved books in excellent condition for older children to the Intensive Care Unit at Dunedin Public Hospital, the Paediatric Ward expressed an interest in some too. Twenty-five books, complete with Altrusa stickers on them, have been gratefully received by the hospital play specialists, Jenna and Tayla in that ward. They are both new to this role and are very keen to upgrade some of the books in the adolescent room bookshelf. Our thanks must go to the Rotary Club of Mosgiel for helping us to supply these books, via their annual book sale.



Fifty new backpacks, donated to Taieri Altrusa, were debranded to make them suitable to be repurposed. These have been gratefully received by some local preschools.

At least one Early Learning Centre "have decided that they will be good to replace the older ones that our 4-year-olds use to go out on their local adventure rambles around the town."



Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust are a group of concerned citizens trying to help members of our community who are at risk of, or affected by, suicide. A small group of members donated their time to assist the Trust by serving and clearing up after supper following a function at the All Saints Church Hall in Dunedin.



Setting up with Bella of the Trust



Items from a thank you goodie bag have been passed on to others.

Birthdays



October 3	Claire
October 13	Anne W
October 25	Jan
November 3	Alison
November 10	Rosie
November 17	Glenda B
November 17	Pam
November 24	Christine B
December 9	Kath
December 11	Pip

