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September 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

Yes. I'm back from our Intrepid trip to Scandinavia and bike riding in the Balkans. It was an enjoyable and amazing experience. I think that I was barely missed as everything was so ably covered by others. Special thanks to Brenda who did her secretarial role and some extra aspects dealing with correspondence, to Paula for stepping up as President and capably chaired the meeting (and hasn't been scared off!) to Lyn for processing the accounts to be paid and to the committees who have been busy co-ordinating and organising events and projects. It is great to belong to an organisation that is so well structured that others can capably step in when needed!

Did you know that . Since 1946, Altrusa International has held observer status at the United Nations (UN). At that time, Altrusa was the first international classified service club for then executive and professional women to have an official observer appointed to the United Nations. Altrusa International sent its very first representative to the UN in 1946, aligning its global mission of community service, literacy, and womens status with international advocacy goals – Who was she? (Bring answer to the meeting). More about our links with the U.N. in the newsletter and at our meeting.

Great to be back and looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday night.

Christine

Editors Musings

Kia ora koutou

I am not sure where the days are going to at the moment. I have survived the first month in my new role (or at least my team have survived having me!). I have great hope that spring is just around the corner. It was a beautiful weekend here in Wellington – I didn't realise you could see the South Island mountains from the Wellington coast. Apparently, it only happens in Spring before the summer haze hits. Stunning! Happy reading.

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



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

Jill, Louise, Mirren

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 7th September

5.30

Te Awamutu Club

Alexandra Street,

Te Awamutu

Things to consider

1. How can you help out on Garden Ramble day – there will be a clip board circulated at our next meeting. If you are unable to be at the meeting to sign up, please feel free to reach out to Claire and volunteer to help in some way.
2. We are helping out at the Seniors Expo in October – can you help on the day?
3. Remember to share posts and information on Garden Ramble Ticket sales - this is our major fundraiser for the year and supports all of our service projects as well as our two great causes.

Committee Reports

Service Committee Report – Paula



The committee will be helping at the Senior Expo in October and Robyn Moore is going to organize and lead the sewing bee for mobility scooter bags.

Membership Committee Report: Lynley



Nothing to report this month.

Literacy Report: Tania

Nothing to report this month.



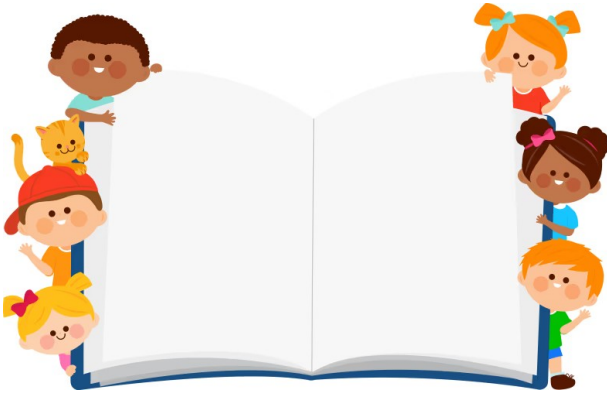
Fund Raising/Garden Ramble Committee: Claire

We have 13 venues confirmed (including the Information Centre) and most photos and write-ups are completed and will be loaded onto the website in the next couple of weeks. Advertising is going well and we are getting quotes for core flutes, articles are going into the September or October Nourish magazine and Kiwi Gardener & Rosetown Buzz October Edition. Altrusa Clubs, Schools & Kindies have all received a poster and a save the date email. Our paid Mailchimp account has been set up and two emails have been sent out to our database, they will go out weekly.

Sponsorship is trickling in, we would love to have some more, please reach out with our sponsorship form if you know any local businesses that might support us.

A working bee date has been set for early September to print the raffle books, put them together and perforate, we will be printing 1000 tickets, and they will be distributed to members at our meeting. We have 3 great prizes so far, \$300 grocery voucher from Fresh Choice, 2 trees from Mitre 10 & \$100 from Payless Plants.

We will be asking members to fill in the Ramble Roster at the meeting, and it is hoped that all members will help on the day for at least 3 hours each.



[International Literacy Day](#) - September 8th

Let's Celebrate this United Nations day by:

Bringing a children's book to our Monday night meeting.

Secondhand books - if possible Hard Covered (in good condition) can be used in the bright boxes

New books may be used for the Birthing unit "Books for Babes"

Guest Speaker: Maria Heslop

Unlock Your Financial Confidence

Join Maria Heslop, Investment Adviser at Craigs Investment Partners, for an engaging discussion on women and wealth. Maria will explore the unique financial challenges and opportunities women face, share practical strategies for building long-term financial security, and discuss how confidence, knowledge, and planning can help women take control of their financial future. Whether you're just starting your investment journey or looking to strengthen your financial position, this session will provide valuable insights and inspiration.

