

Remarkables Rambler



October 2026

Next Business Meeting: 4th November

Programme Meeting: 18 November

Duty Committee: Board

Service Hours

YTD: 1,627

November: 515



International login details are available from Year Books or Club President

[Altrusa International - Club Sister Richardson](#)

[Richardson Club Newsletter District 15](#)

Upcoming Events

- Writers Festival Nov 5-8 (p7)
- Cafe Catch up Evoque Nov 7 (p2)
- Christmas Function Dec 16 (p8)
- Altrusa Charity Golf Tournament Jan 10

Service Events

- Blood Bank Roster 3-5 November (p8)
- Senior Citizens lunch Friday 13 Nov
- QPS reading Roster 10-11am (p8)
- Enliven Christmas afternoon help at St Margarets Frankton Friday 27 Nov
- Car club catering Sat 28 Nov



Annette	5th
Kay	14th
Anita	19th
Ella	19th

Coffee Catch Up

Saturday November 7 at 12.30pm

Odelay Cafe

- after the Writers Festival

Lunch and / or a cuppa



Acting Presidents Report Nov 2026

As I reflect on the last month, so much has happened. The sadness of having to say goodbye to Sharron as she and Nigel head off to Invercargill for the new journey in their lives. They will be both greatly missed for all their dedication to our Club and their friendship over the years. We wish them both all the very best on their move. The highlights from the month, must be winning the Spirit Of Community Service Award at the Spirit of the Wakatipu Gala and Awards Dinner. Ten of our members attended this fabulous event. The delight and excitement on our win was humbling, realising just how much Altrusa is valued in our community. A fantastic recognition we can all be so very proud of. Special thanks go to Jan for submitting our nomination, this she took upon herself to do. We were sorry you were not able to attend with us but you were definitely there in spirit. We were also very proud of Ella who won her special Volunteers Award. Sharron accepted and spoke on Ella's behalf. More excitement for us. Closely following this event came our Charity Fashion Parade. This was another huge success and thanks go to all the Members who put in so many hours to make this such a great night. Tina from Central Lakers Family Service, our recipient, spoke. What she had to say makes us realise how much this is such a needed service in our community. Special thanks to Tanya for her coordinating the event and organising the retailers. To the members who organised the food, the bar, raffles and silent auctions and finance, and meet and greet Members. Thanks also to Sarah for her time spent with the advertising and ticketing. You all did a fantastic job, I know how many hours this takes, not only on the night but in the lead up. Well done to you all. Thank you for your continued support for Reading in School, the Blood Bank, the up and coming QT Marathon and the Writers Festival. We are a very busy Club and you can all feel extremely proud of yourselves on our achievements. Best wishes to Sarah for a speedy recovery. Sarah is having surgery on Monday 2nd Nov in Christchurch. We are all here to support you in your recovery Sarah. Another fantastic month and even more to look forward to in November. Thank you to each and every one for your dedication and selfless support.

Julie

SPIRIT OF THE WAKATIPU AWARDS 2026: Winner: COMMUNITY SERVICE

As you all probably know, Altrusa Queenstown was nominated for the Spirit of Community Service Award by Jan Robertson. This is an award recognizing community champions who exemplify serving the community before self, sponsored by Queenstown Airport Corporation. A great effort by Jan and I am sure her presentation helped in a



major way to ensure we won the award. She also purchased a table for 10 for Altrusa to be represented at the Spirit of the Wakatipu Gala and Awards evening on the 17 October 2026 at the Events Centre. After a lot of cajoling by Jan we finally managed to get a group of 10 Altrusans (including Nigel) together to attend and what a special occasion this was. I was quite reluctant to attend (I don't know why, perhaps it was the dress up formal occasion).

However, it was a fabulous evening and I am so glad I made the effort and went along. It was presented as an evening that celebrates the people, ideas and generosity shaping our community and a recognition of individuals and organizations turning care into action and meaningful progress growing from local leadership, courageous ideas and a willingness to help one another so that we can all thrive, celebrating those who care for the people and place of Queenstown. The other nominees were Kiwi Harvest and Central Lakes Family Services.

Altrusa Queenstown was written up in the booklet as follows (I am sorry this is so long but there was no way that I could cut it short as it sometimes needs something like this to remind us of what we do).



"Altrusa Queenstown exemplifies dedicated community service through its ongoing volunteer efforts over more than forty years. Despite having only 27 members, the organisation raised \$30,000 last year via its Charity Golf Tournament, Fashion Parade and Quiz Night supporting groups such as Baskets of Blessings, Frankton Fire Brigade, Futures Whakatipu Junior Golf and the Whakatipu Buddy Programme. Its literacy programs include Books for Babies, school prizes, reading support at Queenstown Primary School and distributing pre-loved books to children. Altrusa Queenstown's work continually strengthens the community".

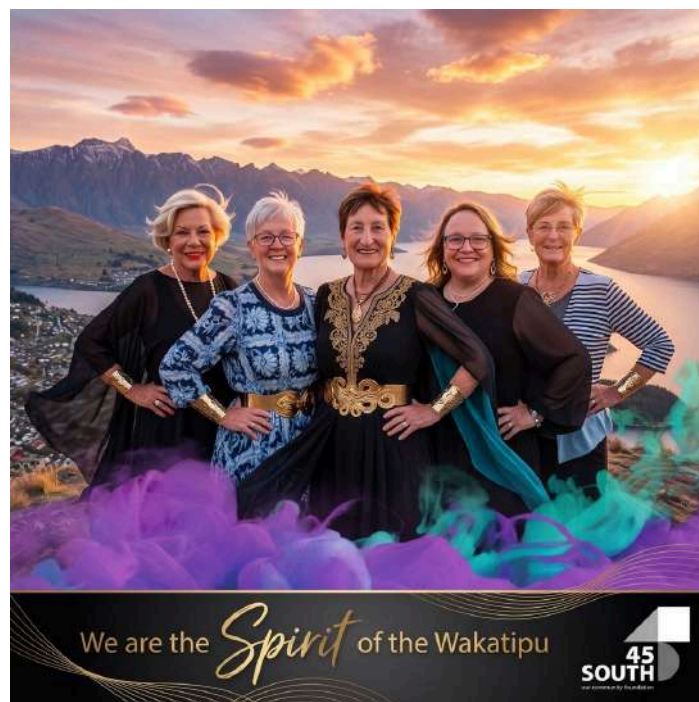
We had fun in the Ai Photo Booth!



Deborah "Spectacular event and absolutely thrilling to win The Spirit of Community Service Award for 2026"

Jan S "So proud to be an Altrusan tonight. The energy and spirit at the awards was very humbling."

Anita "Fabulous evening and wow to receive the Spirit of the Wakatipu Community Service Award, so awesome"



"What an absolute honour to attend the Wakatipu Community Awards Gala Dinner. We were in the company of inspirational and incredible nominees and winners, all referred to as our "Community Service Infrastructure." The delight and excitement on our win was humbling, realising just how much Altrusa is valued in our community. A fantastic recognition we can all be so very proud of." **Julie**

FASHION SHOW 2026
Queenstown Country Club (QCC)





Fashion Show 2026

Despite the odds the fashion show was quite successful. The date, right before labour weekend, wasn't helpful for ticket sales or getting media along, Sharon's bad luck, new coordinator learning on the hop and GND deciding quite late in the piece not to partake all contributed to making it look like the event might be spectacularly unsuccessful.

However, many Altrusan helping hands pulled the show up to its usual fabulous standard and turned into a fun and lucrative evening. Central Lakes Family Services should be very happy with our contribution to Tina's "The Giving Rack".

We have booked Arvida well in advance for next year. October 14th – Save the date!



Moving onto what is coming up next



The Power of Magazines
11.30AM —12.30PM, PUĀWAI, TE ATAMIRA

Digital content might be atomising our attention but holding firm are three treasured New Zealand print publications: *The Listener*, *Shepherdess* and *1964: mountain culture*. Their editors **Kirsty Cameron**, **Kristy McGregor** and **Laura Williamson** come together to discuss the power of print and why it's worth the fight, chaired by **Debbie Jamieson**. Supported by Altrusa Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN WRITERS FESTIVAL

November 5 - 8 November at Te Atamira

We have 10 free tickets for members for 'The Power of magazines' session (advertised above) on Saturday from 11:30 to 12:30pm, which we will organise at the next meeting.

Some events are sold out so get in quickly for your tickets:

<https://qtwritersfestival.nz/programme-2026/>



End of Year & Christmas Celebration

Kelvin Heights Golf Course

Wednesday 16th December at 6pm

Partners welcome

Please bring a preloved book for Christmas gifts
for exchanging.

Friends of Altrusa and their partners welcome.

Text Annette 0274447441 to book in by 2nd December.

ROSTERS OF FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Reading QPS		BLOOD MOBILE DRIVE 3 RD – 5 TH NOVEMBER		
Nov 2	Kerrie & Anita	Tuesday, 3rd		
Nov 9	Alyth & Kate	8:20-11 am	Kate	Diane
Nov 16	Maree & Ella	11am-2:30 pm	Kay/Diane	Barbara
Nov 23	Jan S & Barbara	Wednesday, 4th		
Nov 30	Maree & Linley	7:20 – 11 am	Ella	Annette
		11 am – 2:30 pm	Anita	Marilyn
		Thursday, 5th		
		8:20 – 11 am	Kerrie	Alyth
		11 am – 2:30 pm	Tanya	Rose

YEAR BOOK 2026-2028

Jan Robertson is already gathering memories for our new Year Book. Thanks to those who have already sent pictures. It is important to record memories. Please keep sending pictures of events where our Club participates.

"There is no 'I' in team, but we sure are glad there is 'u' in volunteers!" — Debbie Weir

"An award is not just a trophy, it is time, effort, and excellence made visible." — Goodreads

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." — Elizabeth Andrew