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Business: Monday 5th October
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

A busy month for many of our Altrusans. As President I am 'Ex officio' and I am on all committees, sub committees etc. I have appreciated being in this role recently and have been to several meetings. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the Literacy committee and gain a greater understanding of the variety of projects in which they are involved.

Community were busy getting ready for the Senior Expo and Membership organised a free raffle/prize draw to attract people to our Expo table and promote membership. Garden Ramble have organised an excellent line up of homes and gardens and a raffle with great prizes. I commend all of you for what you are doing within the committees and the club.

Some of us attended the recent IFF day held in Cambridge. We had the opportunity to share information on the projects that we are involved in and passionate about and how we promote Altrusa in our areas. Clubs had made toilet bags and had also collected up a huge amount of toiletries. Therefore our 'hands on project' after lunch was to sort and put these together! This is always a Fun and Informative day.

Our thoughts are with Robyn Atherton and her family as they mourn Neil who passed away Saturday morning. Lots of love from us your Altrusan friends Robyn.

Christine

Editors Musings

Kia ora koutou

It's an action packed read this month! You might want to sit down with a nice glass of your favourite tippie and relax back and read all the happenings. See you at our October meeting.

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

Robyn A, Jean

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 5th October

5.30

Te Awamutu Club

Alexandra Street,

Te Awamutu

Things to remember

- 1. Remember to share posts and information on Garden Ramble Ticket sales - this is our major fundraiser for the year and supports all our service projects as well as our two great causes.**
- 2. Remember to sell your raffle tickets or bring them to the October meeting to return to Vicky so we can sell them on Garden Ramble Day.**

Committee Reports

Service Committee Report – Paula



Nothing to report this month.

Membership Committee Report: Lynley



The membership committee has been very quiet so far, this Altrusa year. Many thanks to Christine and Leanne for organizing and donating a prize draw raffle item to have on our stall at the Senior Expo on 1st October. Visitors to the table complete a small entry form with their name, phone number, email address, and a box to tick if they wish to hear more about Altrusa. A name can be drawn and person contacted by the following day for the prize.

We are hoping to Induct a new member at our November meeting - will keep you updated. Any ideas for future membership activities are welcome, please mention them to Jill, Leanne, or me

Literacy Report: Tania

Book Awards

Three schools who responded positively to the Book Awards invitation. All have indicated they are happy to have awards presented at their assembly and have informed us of dates. Committee to continue looking for sports 'stars' to present awards. Suggestions Josh Moorby, Tori Moorby, Rebecca Petch, Carla Hohepa.



Stationery for Kihikihi School

Linda is still waiting to hear what the school requires. Te Awamutu College reader/writer assistance Contact has been very hit and missed with only some members contacted and no training opportunities. Tania will investigate.

Books for Babes

Lynley has stocked up on a good quantity of books from the Warehouse.

Bright Boxes

Robyn has several books from the Rotary Bookfair which need to be labelled. Possible put request in Rosetown Buzz, asking for good quality children's books. We will make up a roster to deliver books to Plunket, Loving Arms, Women's Refuge, Contact Māori Women's Welfare League, and Kainga Aroha to see if we

could have our Bright Boxes returned. Possibly set up at Hazelmere kindergarten or a Laundromat.

Blind date with a Book

We need about twenty more books to run this project again. Request in newsletter for members to bring very good quality books to meetings. It was suggested we have \$25 vouchers as well as the \$40 we donated last year.

Fund Raising/Garden Ramble Committee: Claire

A discussion was held concerning the offer of a David Reid Show home to be included in the ramble, it was eventually decided to include the home even though it doesn't strictly meet our criteria. Our criteria will be reviewed and updated next year. 6 Corflutes have been delivered, 4 double sided with stands ; 2 single sided to go on fences and have been placed around town. Advertising has been placed in Mitre 10 Go Gardening magazine, Nourish, NZ Gardener, Kiwi Garden and Rosetown Buzz. Marketing emails to past ticket holders have been scheduled to go out every 6 days until the ramble. Posters have been placed in businesses around town. We have had great support from local businesses with \$1,600 in sponsorship invoiced. We will be allocating members to homes, raffle ticket selling; wrist band collections in due course, thank you to all members that have volunteered, it is much appreciated. Please could members to wear their Altrusa tee-shirt, if you don't have one, please try and borrow? RDA are going to do wristband checks at a couple of the larger gardens. Vicky will purchase items for gifts and assemble them ready for delivery on Saturday 31st October afternoon.

Other news



We have some Altrusa Lapel Badges available for \$10 if anyone would like to purchase one to wear on occasions where you might like to show Altrusa representation but not want to wear your name badge e.g. I wore mine to a CAB Movie Premiere. We are also wondering if we should give these pins to new members instead of the

membership pin that has the old logo. The 'new' logo has now been used for the last 14 years and is our most recognisable symbol. They are part of the 'Altrusa Jewellery.' Member thoughts would be appreciated.



Six of our members attended the IFF day this year. Christine was taking the photo! Clubs made toilet bags and had brought a variety of toiletries to fill them with. Some members were threading the chords into the bags and others were filling them up!



The second photo of twenty-two donated second-hand books that are suitable for older children will go into the Woman's Refuge Bright Box.



Te Awamutu Bright boxes are placed at Loving Arms, Plunket, Women's Refuge, and Kaianga Aroha. They contain good quality second-hand, hard-covered, children's books that can be borrowed and exchanged. We are always looking for more so please ask friends and family if they have any that are no longer needed in their homes. The literacy committee is also trialing one in a Kindergarten after receiving a request.

Conference 2027 – mark it in your diary



LIFE EDUCATION
Learning with Harold

TICKETS \$130 PER PERSON

COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE
A Christmas Celebration with Harold

Friday 20th November
6.30pm til late
Rosenvale, Te Awamutu

Gather your team, clients or friends for a memorable Christmas evening that gives back

SUPPORTING LOCAL TAMARIKI

Celebrate the year. Raise a glass. Give back.

FEATURING

LISETTE REYMER
Journalist & International Correspondent
GUEST SPEAKER

RAY LETOA
Award-winning Mixologist
LIVE COCKTAIL EXPERIENCE

THE ANTHILL MOB
Local Cover Band
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

CHRISTMAS BUFFET | SIGNATURE COCKTAILS
SILENT AUCTION | PHOTOS WITH HAROLD

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