



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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## A CELEBRATION OF THE 2024/2025 ROTARY YEAR NEWSLETTER JULY 1 2025

### MEETINGS

Please notify your attendance or apology to [tawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotaryclub@gmail.com) by Sunday evening prior to the meeting. Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

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| 1 July                 | Changeover at Tuk Tuk Kitchen Restaurant  | 6pm                       |
|                        | Welcome new member Gary Abbott  |                           |
| 13 July                | Opening Peace Labyrinth Coronation Park   | 10am                      |
| 16 July<br>(Wednesday) | Combine meeting with Inner Wheel at Tawa Bowling Club<br>Speaker Murray Edridge | Wellington City Missioner |
| 2 August               | Stock the Pantry  |                           |
| 5 August               | Meeting at Longview   |                           |
| 30 August              | Daffodil Day  |                           |

### CHANGEOVER CELEBRATION

6pm at TUK TUK RESTAURANT  
15 Hartham Court Porirua

Email your acceptance to this  
invitation to

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## PRESIDENTS' PIECE

We have reached the end of another Rotary year and now we are planning for the new year which starts on 1 July. It has been a year of significant achievements as you can see here:

- Held a huge **Bookfair** in the Tawa Scout Hall in September which raised \$16,000 which after expenses allowed us to distribute around \$15,000 to the community for valuable causes.
- We sold the balance of our books to a local dealer for \$1,500 which now allows us the freedom to explore other fundraising projects which may include another bookfair?
- Had a booth in the **Spring into Tawa Festival** in October. We have booked a booth for October 2025
- **Pride in Work** in October with 17 recipients of an Award and around 80 joining us for the Awards evening. This event will again be held on 14 October.
- **Santa Comes to Tawa** held in December which is a joint venture between Rotary, Inner wheel Tawa and Tawa Lions. Brilliant weather and crowds. This has become an annual event.
- **Concert in the Park** – February – again an annual event. We hope to hold this event again in February 2026
- Sponsored two Tawa College Student for **Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN)**
- Changed the **flower baskets** in the Main Street of Tawa. This is done twice yearly
- Continued **planting** around Tawa as part of our sustainability projects.
- **Stock the Pantry** – collected food for the Tawa Salvation Army Foodbank
- Helped with the collections for **Mary Potter Hospice**
- Members joined the parade for **ANZAC Day 2025** and laid a wreath at the Tawa Memorial
- Completed the **Peace Labyrinth** which is a gift to Tawa Community to celebrate our Club's 50 years of service in Tawa. Cost of this project close to \$35,000.
- Sponsored a Tawa College student for her **Innovative Young Minds** programme held in June/July cost \$1,000.
- Contributed \$100 per member to the **Rotary International Polio Programme**
- Donated \$6,000 to **Life Flight Trust**
- Donated 24 **Dictionaries** to Year 4 students at Linden School
- Coordinated a District Grant of \$2,000 towards the cost of an **Interactive Resource** to help those with cognitive challenges for **Longview Home**
- Sponsored two students to **National Science and Technology Forum** cost \$2,400
- Participated in Porirua/Tawa **Primary School Leadership Awards**
- Collected and donated 80+ **Pyjamas to Foster Hope**
- Held a dinner to **fundraise for polio**
- Donated \$6,500 to **Children's Health Trust/Life Flight Trust**
- **Donations** made to a number of organizations total \$11,000
- Reconnected with Tawa **Interact Club** based at Tawa College



Tawa Rotary is honoured to recognise three members of our Club who were recognised with a **Tawa Community Civic Award** on 12 June.

Judith Gray	Award for Health and Wellbeing
Elizabeth Sutton	Award for Health and Wellbeing
Richard Herbert	Award for Heritage and Environment

Congratulations Judith, Elizabeth, and Richard. We are proud of you!

I noted that a former Member Malcolm Sparrow received an Award for Outstanding Civic Leadership. In addition, Margaret Lake a member of Tawa Inner Wheel received an Award for Health and Wellbeing. Both well-deserved recognition.

What a great community we live when we have public recognition of outstanding service. It fits with Rotary's Motto "**Service Above Self**".

We will be celebrating the year and also handing on the office of Club President next Tuesday 1 July at Tuk Tuk Restaurant in Porirua as well as welcoming a new member of Tawa Rotary. Please do come and bring your partner and also anyone you think might have an interest in Rotary. Remember – **we need to book numbers so please record your YES/NO on the [tawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotaryclub@gmail.com) email by Monday 5pm.**

Pat Waite & Judith Gray

### **News from the Board re Membership:**

The Board resolved to add two new membership categories at its meeting last week.

**Household/Family membership - \$30 subscription per person.** They will not be a member of Rotary Intl but they will be a member of our Club Family.

**Friends of Tawa Rotary – no subscription.** Friends are people willing to help with projects etc when needed.

**Please talk with your family members and friends and let them know of these new membership options.**

### **NEW BOARD FOR 2025/2026**

<b>President</b>	<b>Pat Waite</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Judith Gray</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Judith Havill</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John Melville</b>
<b>Club Services</b>	<b>Judith Gray</b>
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Richard Herbert</b>
<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Michael Nestmann</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Carolyn Crutch</b>

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FOR  
GOOD**



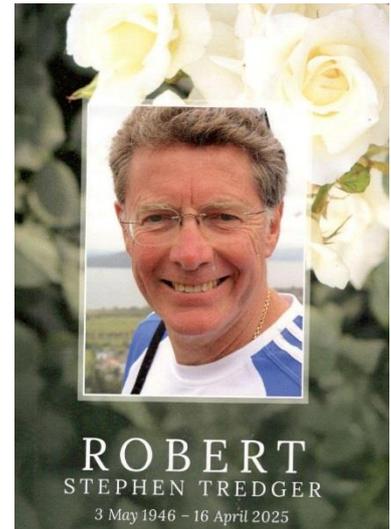
## A CELEBRATION OF THE LIVES OF PAST ROTARIANS

### Robert Tredger, Honorary Member Rotary Club of Tawa

Robert was born in Greenford, West London and from all accounts he lived a very accident-prone life in his early years. Dianne had described him as 'real social butterfly' which I smiled at and thought 'how true'.

Robert was one person I always wanted involved in a project that I was running as he could open doors, hearts and purse strings – he had this ability to talk to anyone and in fact seemed to know everyone. That was evidenced when you reflect on the fact that he was very involved in so many social activities and groups as well those aligned with his son's interests. We heard of the Wellington Marathon Clinic (he did the London

Marathon in 2007!), Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserves, Bridge Club, Probus, Tawa Community Patrol which I believe he was a founding member of as well as a member of the Tawa Community Board for 21 years including terms as Chairman. All of this in addition to his Tawa Rotary Club involvement.



### Bill Sommer, member of Rotary Club of Tawa

As a Rotarian Bill exemplified the values of Rotary. He firmly believed in its purpose – service in the community and was always asking that we reach out to the community on what they need so that Rotary stays connected and relevant in our project efforts. A strong supporter of youth development efforts that came through from the Club's support of Tawa College cricket, across Wellington schools to train youth to umpire their games and he strongly supported youth development programmes. Whilst he served a term as a Tawa Rotary board member he preferred to contribute to the community rather than with club administration.

Bill served on the Tawa RSA committee for a few years. The family were grateful for the great tribute organised by Tawa RSA at Bill's funeral. He was a member of the Tawa Historical Society along with other Rotarians who had all been conscripted by Phil Harland and Ken Woodgate. His compassion was demonstrated by his support of many charities such as Life Flight Trust, Heart Foundation, Stroke Awareness and children's health.

We miss Bill at our meetings and his help with projects but are grateful to having known him and shared time with him.

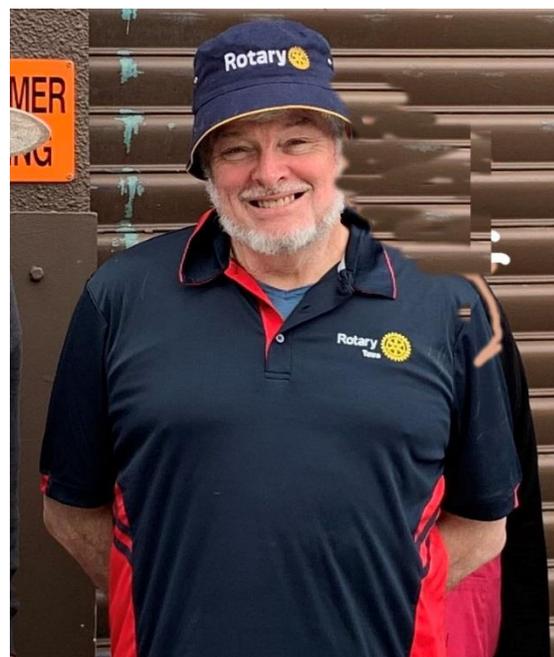


## Richard Hutchinson, Past President, Rotary Club of Tawa

Richard transferred to Tawa Rotary on 1 April 1995 and in his time as a member of Tawa Rotary he held a number of roles including club director positions, club secretary and Club President which he held in 2011-12 and again in 2020-21. Within District 9940 Richard was secretary of the District Grant Committee 2016-20.

Richard supported by Mary were key drivers of projects including Books to Borneo and Toot 4 Tucker amongst a number of key projects.

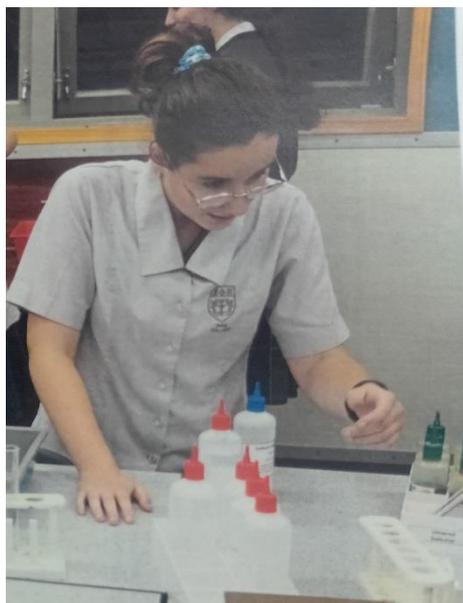
He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Club in 2012 for services to Rotary and the community.



## YOUTH REPORT

This year Rotary has been involved in a large number of Youth Projects.

Students from Tawa College have been selected for a range of Rotary Scholarships. Mina Garay and Arjun Gunaseelan Dharani were selected for the **National Science & Technology Forum**.



Amra Shaikh was sponsored for the 2024 **Innovative Young Minds** Course and Isabelle Keenan will be attending the IYM 2025 this week.

Two students were sent on the **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)** in October 2024 and applications are open for two students in 2025.

A record number of pyjamas have been collected for **Foster Hope**.

## DICTIONARIES TO LINDEN SCHOOL PUPILS



Judith Havill and Pat Waite presented 20 dictionaries to Year 6 students at Linden School this morning. They were excited to receive the dictionaries and immediately wrote their name inside the cover where there is a space with Rotary Tawa recorded for them to do that.

The receptionist told us that her daughter still has her dictionary which was presented to her at the school. Her daughter is now 17 and was a recipient of a Tawa Rotary Scholarship to the National Science School in January 2025. We have donated these dictionaries which were launched by Past Intl. President Bill Boyd who is a New Zealander and also spent his career in printing, for many years to Linden and other Tawa schools. Bill who promoted Literacy as an international project has recently died but his legacy lives on with the children who have his dictionaries.

