



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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OBITUARY

Bill SOMMER

(RNZAF Rtd, H82623)

19.06.1949 - 03.02.2025

He died suddenly in Wairarapa on early Monday morning. Dearly loved husband of Laura and their sons and partners; Vicki (dec), Karen and Andy, Michael and Laura M., Jamie, Scott and Michelle. Grandfather of Haylee, Coby, Ava and Emilia. Brother and partners - Ray and Calley; Dianne and Jim; and our extended families. First husband of Kathy, and her partner Peter Guy. Son of Phyllis (née Higgs) and William Sommer. The family would like to also acknowledge Bill's strong connections with the RNZAF, Tawa RSA, Wellington and NZ Cricket Umpires and Scorers Assn, Tawa Rotary and our Tawa community.

Thank you to the staff at the Cophorne Solway and Wairarapa Hospital; his doctor, Brandon Casserly and Simons Pharmacy who've supported him for many years.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at our Lady of Fatima Church in Tawa at 11.00am on Monday 10 February. The livestream link is www.vimeo.com/event/4897122/a1b07732f4. In lieu of sending flowers and gifts, please make donations to Wellington Free Ambulance, www.wfa.org.nz/donate. Any messages to the family can be sent c/- Ninness Funeral Home, P.O. Box 50-347, Porirua 5240.

If you wish to contribute to the morning tea after the service please bring a plate to St Christopher's Anglican Church Hall, across the road by 10:30 am on the 10th.

MEETINGS

Apologies to tawa.rotaryapologies@gmail.com by 12 midday on the Monday prior to the meeting. Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

- 11 FEB **Pot Luck Dinner at Judith Gray's**
- 16 FEB **Concert in the Park Grasslees Reserve 2:30pm -6pm**
- 25 FEB **Country Thai Café (Bring your gold card)**

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

It is with sadness that we record the sudden passing of Past Member Bill Sommer. We remember the contributions and camaraderie shown by Bill and it was always nice to see him accompanying Laura at our functions and events. Although he had been carrying the burden of ill health for sometime he was always a friendly face and a lively participant in discussions. My sincere sympathy to Laura and your family. Please see notice regarding funeral arrangements elsewhere in this newsletter.

Pot Luck Dinner

This week's meeting, is in the form of a potluck dinner at Judith Gary's home, providing an opportunity to not only enjoy each other's company and delicious food but to discuss our clubs options for future meetings.

- **6pm 23 Rangatira Road Tawa.**
- **Please bring a savoury dish OR salad/vegetable.**
- **BYO Drinks**
- **Judith will provide breads, coffee and dessert**

Discussion

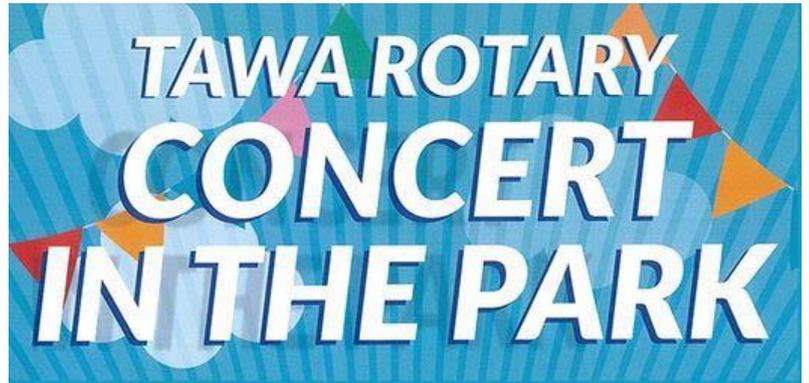
Some of you will be aware that discussion has taken place with Plimmerton Rotary Club and the suggestion is that we join them for meetings, which we can do, while retaining our Tawa identity and projects. This could be a trial to begin with and could be seen as a collaboration of our two clubs. They meet on a Tuesday evening, weekly, and the fee including dinner is \$30. Their programme is set out over a month and includes a Committee Night each first week of the month. Tawa Club members would meet together on that evening to discuss Tawa projects. At this stage there is no suggestion or discussion of amalgamating our funds or bank accounts.

Your ideas and participation are crucial as we consider this possible path. If you are not able to be at this weeks meeting can I ask that you at least send a note to myself or Judith Havill (Pat is currently away) with your thoughts so we can decide if this plan is worth trialling. If you are not keen on this then please include other suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at 6pm.

Judith Gray
Co-President
Rotary Club of Tawa

**CONCERT IN THE
PARK**
16 February 2025



Helpers are needed for setting up, walking around the venue (giving out chocolates) etc please offer your help to Elizabeth at elizabethsutton49@gmail.com Or helping with the BBQ. Please contact Judith H at judith.havill@gmail.com

The concert features the Jive Bombers from the Royal New Zealand Air Force Band, who will be playing a selection of hits ranging from Stevie Wonder to Dua Lipa. The Jive Bombers will be supported by performances from Te Ropu Ngahau Tawa School Kapa Haka group, the Blue Notes choristers from Tawa College, the Tawa Learners Band and the Red Hackle pipe band.



Murray Cameron, Head of Music at Tawa College, will be master of ceremonies for what will be great family entertainment and a toe-

tapping soundtrack to a relaxing late summer Sunday BYO picnic.

Children will also be offered a variety of play-based activities hosted by Foxtail Events who champion fun and creativity, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate regardless of ability. So encourage your grandchildren to come along as well.

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