



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 19 2024

MEETINGS

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

19 Nov	No Rotary this week
26 Nov	The Rotary Foundation
1 Dec (Sun)	The Tempestuous
7 Dec	Santa Comes to Tawa
10 Dec	Volunteer Evening
14 Dec	Club Christmas Party at The Sprig & Fern Starts at 6pm Partners are also invited Please bring an unwrapped present for a child under the care of Foster Hope

ROSTER FOR 26 NOVEMBER

Front Desk -	John Melville
Raffles -	Carolyn Crutch
Set up -	Karen Searle Tim Davin
Photos -	Laura Sommer
Open / parting -	Judith Gray
Intro / thanks -	
Greeter	Martin Garcia

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Reflecting on last week's Special General Meeting, I'm pleased that so many made the effort to come and engage in the meaningful discussion about the future of our club. We have several viable options so it is a matter of taking our time and thinking carefully about the next steps.

Despite our falling numbers we have achieved a lot of good projects in the past twelve months and to be honest it's not until you write the list that you are reminded that Rotary's true strength lies in the collective energy and passion of its members.

So here is that list - there may be more so please let me know if I've missed anything:

Concert in the Park

Pyjama Drive for Foster Hope

Pride in Work Awards

Hanging Baskets

Santa Comes to Tawa

Food Bank Drive

Spring into Tawa

Peace Labyrinth

District Projects (Life Flight Fundraising)

Book Fair

Primary School Awards

Youth Projects (RYLA, IYM, RYPEN, Science & Technology Forum)

That's actually an impressive list for our small group to achieve and we should shout about it.

Maybe if people realise what we do they will be more enthusiastic about stepping up and helping. I'm going to suggest that in the new year we should do some social media posts about our achievements.

In a separate email is information about Mana Tangata. This is one option for our future - please take the time to read it so you understand what that could mean for our club.

I have had an offer from Neil Hayden of Johnsonville Rotary to come and run the Decision Tool for us if we wish to engage in that process. Other clubs have also recognised our predicament and made offers so all in all I think we will need to have at least one more Special Meeting to consider our pathway.

It's strange how the world works sometimes and this quote popped up on my Facebook feed today.

" NO ONE CAN TELL US WHAT ROTARY WILL BE TOMORROW, BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN: WHAT ROTARY WILL BE TOMORROW DEPENDS UPON WHAT ROTARIANS DO TODAY."

Have a good week.

Judith Gray
Co-President



DONATION IN MEMORY OF RICHARD HUTCHINSON TO GILLIES MCINDOE

The Rotary Club of Tawa wish to donate \$500 in remembrance of our former member and friend, Richard Hutchinson to support your ongoing research projects.

Richard's family nominated Gillies McIndoe as the preferred beneficiary for donations as they recognise the amazing work that is being done to find treatments for conditions such as suffered by Richard.

Gillies McIndoe is a cause which we have supported over years, and we are delighted to see this continue through the focus we see from Richard's family.

UPDATE ON PEACE LABYRINTH

Whilst the labyrinth at Coronation Park was to our design it has proved a problem with the gravel walkways being churned by users and weather. I met the contractor and WCC on Wednesday and I am now waiting for a proposal from the contractor to remove the top layer of gravel and put in place a rubberised material for the walkways and also to polish off the concrete dividers.

So some progress!! Once we are satisfied with the finish we can erect a sign which at the moment is being held until we are ready. Then we can have an official opening.

Pat

THE TEMPESTUOUS – CIRCA THEATRE

By William Shakespeare & Penny Ashton

Sunday 1 December, 4.30pm, Circa Theatre. \$45 per ticket

Sicily's beloved King Enzo is dead. Now Princess Rosa, a stropky spinster, must navigate the tempestuous waters of belching Step-Fathers, lusty suitors, popping cod pieces and menopausal witches, to face her destiny.

Award Winning Comedian Penny Ashton (writer and director of Circa's smash hit Sense and Sensibility, Promise and Promiscuity, Olive Copperbottom) presents her latest literary solo musical with this Shakespearean frolic. She'll spark 13 characters into life in an Elizabethan tale of magic, meddling and puffed bull's puzzles.

"...a well-crafted and deftly performed production of a witty and intelligent show. I very much appreciate the skilful use of Shakespearean material throughout." Theatreview

"... a funny and clever romp...an excellently written script that Shakespeare himself would be proud of." Theatrescenes





SANTA COMES TO TAWA 7 December

SAVE THE DATE – 7 December – Santa comes to Tawa

You'll be able to take your own photos with Santa. And while you're there you'll be able to enjoy the entertainment from local groups, the magical Christmas Tree. There'll also be Face Painting, Sausage Sizzle, Colouring Competition judging, Ice Blocks, Candy Floss, Popcorn, and heaps more.

We need people to man - sausage sizzle, popcorn, water station, ice block station, supervision of dress up characters, set up, clean up, transporting equipment from Community Centre (chairs etc and back again). Lots to do so please consider this your community service and come along to enjoy our contribution to the Tawa Community.

**SANTA
COMES TO TAWA**

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER
10:00am - 1:30pm
PLAZA
MAIN ROAD, TAWA

Guardian Funeral Home NEW WORLD Lowe.CO SPRIG FEEN

SUMMER PJ DRIVE

Now that we're well into spring the focus turns to summer pyjamas for all ages up to 16 years old. Organiser, Elizabeth Sutton says that Rotary is appreciative of New World Tawa's ongoing support of the PJ Drive Foster and donations of new summer pyjamas can be left in the donation box near New World Tawa's checkout. PS: Foster Hope is still happy to receive winter nightwear for distribution in 2025.



Tawa RSA: Mighty Christmas raffle \$5 per ticket. 4 major prizes, 4 minor prizes and a bonus prize. Purchase at the club or by emailing tawa.rsa@xtra.co.nz. Drawn on 13 December



THE TAWA RSA PRESENTS

The Mighty Christmas Raffle

4 FABULOUS HAMPERS, 4 MINOR DRAWS
AND A BONUS DRAW

TICKETS ON SALE NOW, DON'T MISS OUT
\$5.00 PER TICKET

Only 300 Tickets. Available at the club Rooms or email tawa.rsa@xtra.co.nz

Prizes Drawn Friday 13 December at 6.15 pm
at the Tawa RSA Oxford Street

Christmas Social Event

Friday 13 December 5.30 pm onwards \$10.00 pp
Buffet served at 6.30pm Hot Ham or Beef Rolls, condiments,
Selection of sweet treats

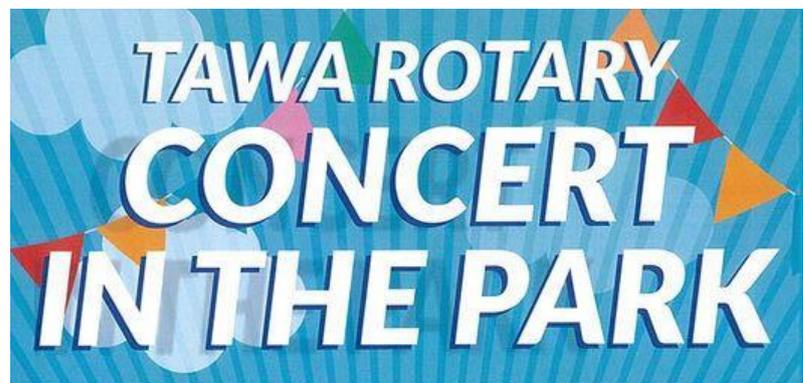
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CONCERT IN THE PARK 16 February 2025

With the AirForce Band (Jive Bombers), and Tawa College Blue Notes.



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