The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER MAY 20 2025

MEETINGS

Please notify your attendance or apology to tawa.rotaryapologies@gmail.com by Sunday evening prior to the meeting. Please notify if you are bringing anyone. This is different from the past but we need to hear from everyone to make sure there are accurate records for catering

20 MAY	**LONGVIEW Tawa 5:30 for dinner at 6pm $25** **Speaker Richard Herbert on planting in the Tawa Area** **Paul Drummond & Malcolm Andrews made Honorary Members**
25 MAY	**Tree Planting Willowbank Reserve**
25 May	**Inner Wheel Quiz The Borough**
3 June	**Meeting at Longview**
8 June	**Tree Planting Woodburn Reserve**
10 June	**Visit Life Flight Karori, Wellington North and Mt Victoria Rotaries will also be joining us**

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Next weekend our club secretary Judith Havill and I will be attending District Assembly in Palmerston North along with other clubs from across our district as well as me attending President Elect training on Sunday. Whilst I have been to number of these training sessions, I always value the opportunity to learn what other Clubs are planning for the year as well as an update on what Rotary International and our District have planned. Judith and I will give you feedback after we return.

On the Sunday I have been asked to talk about how Tawa Rotary have approached the opportunity to change from a meeting programme to a project focussed club with a cadre of both members and volunteers. I am also leading a session on the Rotary Foundation and will be talking about the Tawa Rotary Team that went to India in 2009 and immunized children for polio in Firozabad which is near Taj Mahal. My Dad had polio along with his younger brother so you can see why Melva and I have been passionate advocates on immunising children against polio. Maybe at a future meeting I can talk about our Tawa team India's visit - it was for me one of my Rotary highlights!

On Tuesday we are honouring two very special members and I look forward to sharing the evening.

Over the week and weeks ahead please keep an eye out for where you see our Club could help to make our community a better place to live and raise families in.

Pat
Co-President
President Elect 2025/26

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NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

Paul Drummond

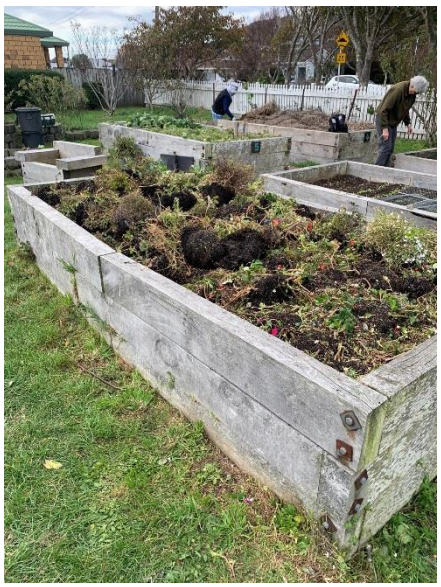
Paul joined Tawa Rotary some 10 years ago following his retirement from his banking career and has held the positions of Club Secretary for three terms, Membership Director from 2016 - 2018 and has been a trustee of our Club's Charitable Trust since 2018. Paul is always one of the first to volunteer for any project whether it is with the book fair, or Spring into Tawa to name just a few. He is the reviewer of Tawa Inner Wheel Club's annual financial reports which I know is hugely appreciated. Whilst he is retiring from full membership I know any of us can pick up the phone and ask him for advice which he will always be very willing to give.

Malcolm Andrews

Malcolm who joined Tawa Rotary some 35 years ago following a number of years as a Jaycee was our Club President 1997/98. Over the years of membership and valuable service Malcolm has held positions as Club Bulletin Editor, Club Services Director, a active attendee of District Conferences and with me was co-convenor and organiser of two District Conferences: 2008 Taupo - Malcolm and Lyn supported Melva and I with our conference, and in 2017 New Plymouth - Malcolm and Lyn supported Martin and Denise with the District Conference. As Co-Convenor with Malcolm for both conferences I must record my personal esteem for Malcolm's professionalism and dedication to ensuring the conferences went like clockwork and he gave his full commitment to the causes that Rotary and our Club support. Malcolm has been a Trustee of our Club's Charitable Trust since it was established in 2008. I recall Malcolm often with his son Brian running BBQs to support the various projects the Club was undertaking. He is a truly committed Rotarian. For many years Malcolm was the person who set up the tables and equipment for Inner Wheel monthly meetings which I know was really appreciated.
Malcolm was awarded a Saphire Paul Harris Fellowship in 2008 to recognise his dedication to Rotary and the wider community.

HANGING BASKETS CHANGEOVER

Thanks to everyone who helped



COLLECTION FOR MARY POTTER HOSPICE

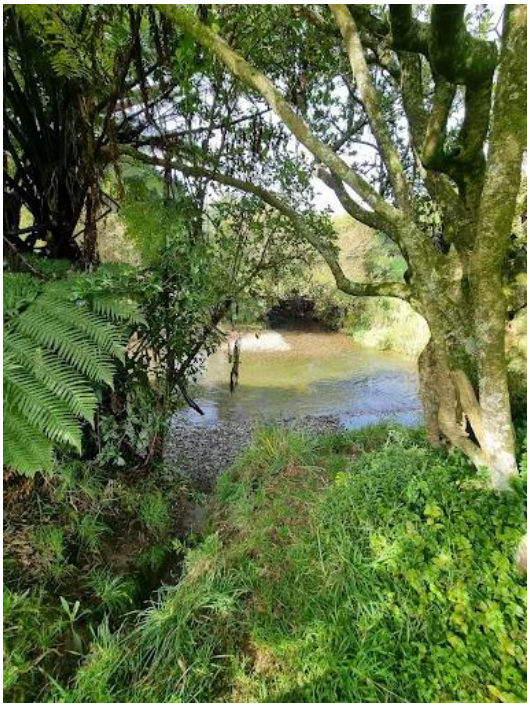
Thank you to all who helped with the collection and special thanks to Carolyn who organised the collection for the Northern Suburbs.

PYJAMAS FOR FOSTER HOPE

Thirty-eight pairs of pyjamas have been collected from the community so far for Foster Hope. How about Rotary making it at least fifty pairs.

TREE PLANTING AT WILLOWBANK RESERVE – 24th MAY

The Willowbank Reserve Care Group are planning a community planting day on Saturday 24th May, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Please meet at the carpark entrance off Boscobel Lane, next to the bucket tree. Please being you own spade if possible, boots and gloves, and dress for the weather. A morning tea will be provided. Please let Richard Herbert know if you're intending to come so I can pass this on for the planning of numbers, or if have any further questions. Phone 0274455942, email herbert.r@xtra.co.nz. An opportunity to also see the new playground and bridge in this reserve.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS WELLINGTON

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Zealand

Tuakana Teina

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wellington matches trained volunteer mentors with children and young people who are facing adverse childhood experiences, such as trauma, grief, instability, or social isolation. These one-to-one mentoring relationships are designed to enhance the quality of life for the young people we work with, helping to build confidence, resilience, and a sense of connection through consistent, positive adult support.

In the past six months, we have grown significantly—from 50 active mentoring matches to over 80 in the Hutt Valley and Wellington areas alone. This growth reflects both the increasing demand for our services and the impact that mentoring is having in the lives of young people in our communities. Additionally, in response to identified needs, we have expanded our programme into the Kapi-Mana area this year, extending our reach to support even more children and their whānau.

Your support could help fund the recruitment, training, and supervision of new volunteer mentors, as well as provide ongoing support to our matches through programme coordination and resources. This ensures that each match is safe, effective, and has the potential to foster long-lasting, life-changing relationships.

We run a bunch of fundraisers throughout the year:

- Quiz at Aro Bar, Brewtown on Sunday 25th May - Check it out here

- Formula One movie at LightHouse Petone on Sunday 29th June - Check it out here

- Our third annual Big Breakfast and Charity Auction at the Petone Club on Friday 22 August - Check it out here

Would you like Rotary to support this organisation with a rotary donation, as volunteers? Are you prepared to take on this project on behalf of Tawa Rotary?