



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER April 22, 2025

MEETINGS

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

22 April Meeting and Dinner at Sprig & Fern restaurant Tawa

04 May (Sunday) Hanging Baskets changeover

11 May (Sunday) Rotary outing Circa Theatre: GIVE WAY – the musical

DISCUSISON MEETING AND DINNER AT SPRIG & FERN

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

This Tuesday we are meeting at Sprig & Fern Tawa from 6pm in their garden area annex. Dinner and drinks to be ordered and paid for individually from the menu. Notify attendance and/or apologies as usual by Monday 12midday.

PRESIDENTS PIECE

Dear Members,

Bula from Fiji where Melva and I are celebrating our wedding anniversary. We came to Fiji for our honeymoon so every few years we return. It is such a beautiful friendly country.

Judith and I are feeling excited to see the enthusiasm to the new direction we have all chosen. Maybe we should rename our club 'Tawa Projects Rotary Club' to indicate to the world what we are about?

Our next meeting on Tuesday 22nd April at Sprig & Fern will be a chance to build a plan for the year ahead including existing projects, planned social events and future projects. I will send out to everyone prior to our meeting a draft framework for this for us to use. Please bring along to the meeting ideas you have for us to discuss. If you are not able to come to the meeting an email to Judith or I with your ideas would be appreciated so we can bring your input to the meeting.

I met with Major Andrew Moffatt from the Tawa Salvation Army last week and asked him to give us some ideas. Feel free to invite friends or contacts you have to join us. We need to let Sprig & Fern know how many will be attending so they can set up the tables for us.

I am really looking forward to our meeting and getting our plan for the year polished. Then we can go out and tell the community of what we have and invite them to help.

Cheers, Pat

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF ROTARY TAWA

At our last meeting, held at the Sprig & Fern on Tuesday 8th April, we discussed the options put forward by Pat and Judith for the Future of Rotary Tawa.

It was agreed that that Tawa Rotary should continue (at least give it our best shot) in the meantime as a Club based in Tawa but with a wider reach; e.g. we are not constrained by boundaries that do not have an active Rotary Club; e.g. Churton Park, and with a focus more on projects rather than speakers.

We also agreed to continue to meet at Sprig & Fern on a fortnightly basis for fellowship and dinner with discussion focussed on progressing our upcoming projects.

Our key ongoing projects include the following:

- Pride in Work Awards
- Santa Comes to Tawa Plaza
- Concert in the Park
- Main Road Hanging Baskets
- Spring into Tawa
- P J Drive
- Food Bank Drive
- Peace labyrinth
- Dictionaries in Schools
- Book Sale (or Pop Up Shop?)

We will also continue to support wider district and international projects like; Life Flight Trust, Lifting the Lid, and End Polio Now.

A couple of emerging projects that need some more planning to confirm their scope and details are the Willowbank sensory garden, and a market day.

MARY POTTER HOSPICE STREET APPEAL

Carolyn is coordinating for Tawa Rotary volunteers for the upcoming Mary Potter Hospice Street Appeal. Can you spare an hour or two this May to help keep Hospice services free for your community? Make a bucketload of difference on Saturday 17 May, at New World Tawa from 8.30am - 5.30pm, in 1 hour slots.

So if you're able to provide an hour, please let Carolyn know at phone 021 369115, or email carolynjcrutch@gmail.com.



ANZAC DAY

Tawa Rotary is placing a wreath at The Memorial as part of the Tawa RSA ANZAC Day remembrance. Rotary members are invited to join with the community parade along Oxford Street, the civic service, and fellowship at the RSA afterwards. The parade assembles at the New World Tawa carpark at 9.30am, with the remembrance service at The Memorial at northern end of Oxford Street expected to commence at 10am.



OBITUARY

It is with sadness, that we acknowledge the passing of Robert Tredger on Wednesday morning (April 16). Our thoughts are with Dianne and the family.

Robert lived in Tawa since his arrival in NZ in 1987 and has served the Tawa community in numerous roles for nearly three decades.

He was the longest-serving member of the Tawa Community Board having served 21 years when he stepped down in October 2016, with two terms as chair.



Robert joined Tawa Rotary in 2001 and latterly was an honorary member. For two years he put much effort into organising and monitoring a team of Tawa Rotary members to undertake liquor management duties at Westpac Stadium. At the time that was Rotary's biggest ongoing activity to fundraise for the community. He also lead the hanging basket project for many years. Robert received Rotary's esteem Paul Harris Award in 2018.

Robert had been active in a number of other local organisations including as a committee member on the Tawa Residents' Association for many years, and as a foundation trustee on the Tawa Community Patrol, until sadly illness forced him to step back from these roles.

His funeral will be at the Johnsonville Uniting Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 23rd April.

CIRCA THEATRE OUTING – 11th MAY

Join us on a Rotary outing to Circa Theatre to experience *Give Way – The Musical*. Sunday 11th May 4pm. \$47 per person. Please contact Elizabeth to let her know if you wish to come or not and she will advise details and how to pay. Phone 232 7432, or email elizabethsutton49@gmail.com.

Give Way – The Musical is an award-winning, hilarious satire of Kiwi attitudes. It tells the 'unofficial' story behind the 2012 change to New Zealand's Give Way rule. Sophie – an idealistic young Ministry of Transport employee with a secret admirer at the next desk – wants to change the world.



TAWA HANGING BASKETS REFRESH

The next changeover of the Tawa retail centre hanging baskets is planned for Sunday 4th May. Please meet by the library by 1.30pm.

Rotary has continued to be involved in the refreshing of the Tawa Main Road hanging flower baskets since their establishment as a regular feature of the area in 2012.



WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK – 24-30 APRIL

World Immunization Week is fast approaching on 24-30 April. This is a critical time to raise awareness about the importance of immunization and the safety and effectiveness of vaccines.

Why do we believe so strongly in this? Rotary made a promise to the children of the world with the launch of the PolioPlus program in 1985 that we would eradicate polio from the world. Thanks to vaccines and the incredible support of Rotary members like you, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9%.

But we aren't done yet.

As we continue our work to eradicate polio worldwide, we need to remain vigilant so that we don't lose the progress we've made. No child should suffer from diseases like polio that a vaccine can prevent. Polio eradication is Rotary's top humanitarian project, and we need your help to educate your communities about the benefits of vaccination and tell the story of Rotary's efforts.





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