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NEWSLETTER October 22 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.

22 Oct	**No Rotary meeting**
29 Oct	**Celebration of Books**
5 Nov	**Melbourne Cup at Plimmerton Club**
12 Nov	**Paella dinner for Polio Campaign** **Board Meeting**
26 Nov	**The Rotary Foundation**
7 Dec	**Santa Comes to Tawa**
10 Dec	**Volunteer Evening**

ROSTER FOR 29 OCTOBER

Front Desk - John Melville
Raffles -
Set up - Karen Searle
Photos -
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Intro / thanks -

Tuesday 29th October

Our guest speaker Andy Foster has with a parliamentary engagement, so we are booking him for the new year.

Let's celebrate the end of the Book Fair by having an evening devoted to books? Can each of us (not compulsory) bring our favourite book and in 2 minutes tell all of us why it is your favourite?

Pat will bring chocolates to share as a celebration of an outstanding book fair!!

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Books

Well, what an action packed 3+ weeks we have had! The Book Fair resulted in total sales of $15,000 – I still have a few books that we held out to put on Trade Me, not sure what we will get but worth trying. The book dealer we had sold books to earlier on has made an offer to buy the remaining books left over from the sale. A tough decision as we have held bookfairs for quite a few years but at the end of the day it has taken a huge effort and with fewer members able to help it was decided by the Board to accept the offer. The net income from the book fair will be split 50% to Life Flight Trust and 50% to Tawa community causes including sponsoring your people to science and leadership programmes.

For me it is a mixture of both nostalgia and relief. We started with 250 banana boxes of books, sold $15,000 and ended up with 200 boxes put back into storage. As you may know I love books. My library at home is bursting at the seams but it is so hard not to buy 'just one more'

This does give us a clean start not burdened by what we have done in the past. We can look at other ideas such as an antique fair or arts and crafts or maybe Pop Up Shop sales? We would love to have everyone's ideas?

We should remember all the members who have helped make the bookfair a success over the years starting with our loved member the late Doug Burrus who held the annual book sale in the Tawa Mall for many years. He was our master book seller!! Everyone, from the Club over the years has given so much and this year was no exception. Thank you, thank you!!

Mary and Richard Hutchinson had been collecting school journals for quite some time. Next Saturday I am delivering some 12 boxes of their journals to a Rotorua Club who are sending a container to Fiji to hand out to schools across the islands. A brilliant initiative – thank you Richard and Mary.

Spring into Tawa

Then this last weekend we were at Spring into Tawa. What an amazing day we had! Thanks to Nada Bakery who donated a giant chocolate chip biscuit which we raffled – what a great success - $102 from the raffle. We also hosted Marie Munro with her children's books. Thank you Marie, for being with us and for the $30 you donated to us from your book sales. We also had a selection of children's books and sold a few! All in all, a very successful day. One of the other exciting outcomes from both the book fair and Spring into Tawa has been the introduction of potential new members. Three asked for our contact details and Judith and I are having coffee with one of them this week.

Wellington Heritage Festival

Wellington Heritage Festival starts this month with over 150 events. Our Club made a donation of $250 to help underwrite the costs of holding the festival. I am a trustee of the Festival's charitable trust so I know I am biased but I think the 3 weeks it is being held in Wellington, Porirua, Kapiti and Wairarapa will be extraordinary!

Next meeting 29th October

Next meeting is Tuesday 29th - our guest speaker has had to defer until the New Year but here is a thought! Let's celebrate the end of the Book Fair by having an evening devoted to books? Can each of us (not compulsory) bring our favourite book and in 2 minutes tell all of us why it is your favourite? I will bring chocolates to share as a celebration of an outstanding book fair!! You never know you may even be given a book to take home! I wonder where they came from?

On reading back what I have written I see that I have gone overboard but there is so much to talk about. See you on 29th – bring your favourite book and tell us all about it. Bring family, friends and of course yourself!

See you then

Pat

. **PRIDE IN WORK AWARDS**

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The following are this year's recipients of the Tawa Rotary and Tawa Business Group Pride in Work Awards presented at an Awards Dinner on 15 October:
Rob Lemusu (24/7 Fitness Gym); Noelette Matthews (Longview Home); Arlyn Manlalo (Longview Home); Nicholette Gouws (Longview Home); Wanda Walker (Linden School); Olga Andreeva (Nada Bakery); Andrew Ciputra (Tawa Dental Care); Tirzah Fa'aatuatu (Lead Management); Sharon Johnson (Tawa Community Patrol); Pam Cordero (New World Tawa); Sophie Glendinning (Orogen Limited); Devin Glover (The Fitness Portal); Jean Hollier Tawa College Community Education); Catherine Heath (Tawa Village Bakery); Kathryn Strachan (Tawa Scouts); Bev Sullivan (Lowe & Co and Powell & Co); Gemma Nash (Tawa Community Centre).
"Tawa Pride in Work Awards – celebrating our employees and volunteers"

SPRING INTO TAWA

It was a beautiful sunny Tawa day and gosh the crowds were out enjoying it. So well organized!!
"And we sold some more books!!"

Thank you Judith, and Nada Bakery for donating the giant biscuit!! Raffle sales were $102!!!!

Thanks to Marie for coming to promote her new book.

THANKS TO MARY & RICHARD HUTCHINSON

Richard and Mary Hutchinson had been collecting books and school journals for Rotary over quite a while. The books were put in the book fair and the school journals (17 boxes) have now found a new destination.
Amongst the school journals were some pre-school books in Te reo which have been given to Tawa Kindergarten before they closed for the holidays. One of the supervisors from Probations Services who picked up our books from Porirua to take to Tawa asked if he could take a box or two to give out to his community. In regard to the rest of the school journals through an introduction from Tony, a connection has been made with someone in Rotorua who is involved in a Rotary District initiative to send a container to Fiji. So over Labour Weekend the boxes of school journals will be delivered to be added to the container.

It was a wonderful initiative by Richard and Mary.

MELBOURNE CUP AT PLIMMERTON

ROTARY CLUB OF PLIMMERTON

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEPSTAKE AND FUNNY MONEY CASINO
5TH NOVEMBER
MANA CRUISING CLUB

Bar open from 4pm
MELBOURNE CUP SWEEPSTAKE Tickets from 4pm. $5 each for 5pm race (cash please)

PRIZES for best fascinator and best dressed man
CHOCOLATE WHEEL 3 spins for $5 (cash pease)
RAFFLE (Great expensive fragrances included) (cash please)
RAFFLE drawn before dinner

6PM DINNER
Please let Allan know and he will book you in.
nichols@xtra.co.nz
COST is $30 and should be paid on the night

FUNNY MONEY CASINO starts at 7pm and at the end there will be an auction for more great prizes.

PROJECTS

RYLA

Find someone between the age of 18 -24years to nominate for RYLA

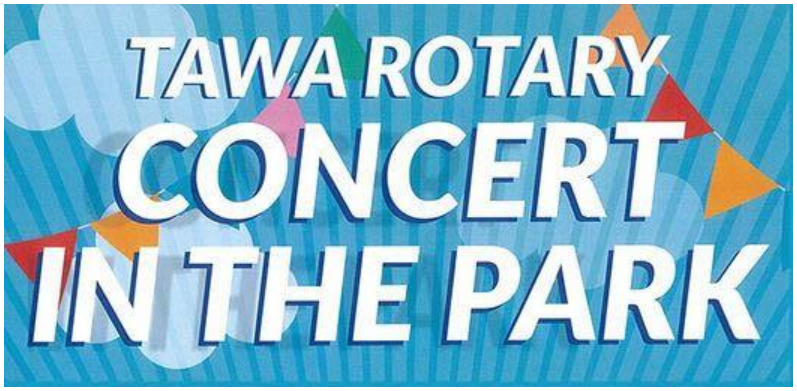
Rotary | rotary youth leadership awards

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.

SANTA COMES TO TAWA
7 December

CONCERT IN THE PARK
16 February 2025



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