



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER February 25 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.

25 February Country Thai Café (Bring your gold card)

11 March Visit and dinner at Longview Home, Tawa (to be confirmed)

25 March 7-8pm Meeting at Pat & Melva Waite's home – coffee and muffin

DINNER AT THAI COUNTRY CAFÉ

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Our casual dinner evening get-together this week is at the Country Thai Cafe, 124 Main Road, Tawa (at intersection with Oxford Street). Fully-licensed bar and BYO wine. Meet there by 6pm. Partners very welcome. If you are interested in previewing the menu it can be found here <https://www.thaicountrycafe.co.nz/menus/> plus there are black board specials of the day. And don't forget your Gold Card as they offer a discount for Tuesdays only.

There is a potential new member coming along so please everyone make him welcome.

Please notify Tim Davin of any allergies, and also apologies and notification of extras in the apology email as usual by Monday.

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hi everyone

I am writing this from Papamoa Holiday Park in Tauranga. It is huge but possibly the best we have stayed in with our caravan - more like a resort than a camp ground.

Sorry I have been absent this month. After a challenging year health wise we decided to take February off and go camping. We have stayed in Awakino which has family connections to Melva, Whitianga (what a lovely town), Papamoa where my sister and her family live and lastly Taupo on the lake front returning home on 28th.

I am thrilled to see that the Concert in the Park was such a success. Congratulations Elizabeth and thank you to those members who helped make it a success. On the day it

poured with rain in Whitianga so I kept a close watch on your weather - prayers certainly helped.

Good news that Co-President Judith is home and on the mend from her time in hospital care. Also safe travels to Judith Havill for her trip to Europe to be with her daughter and family.

Thank you Elizabeth for hosting the pot luck dinner last Tuesday. Did you all have an opportunity to share ideas for our club plans? I am taken with the concept of changing our focus to more project or activity as opposed to meeting for the sake of meeting as that is always what we do however I am just one voice. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

I am looking forward to getting back and visiting Coronation Park to see the Peace Labyrinth which I see is finely finished. I have asked WCC for seats around it and they have asked to meet me next week to talk through my request and also agree the site and wording for the sign.

Have a great week.

Yours in Rotary

Pat

PS I am receiving offers of books. Should we accept them and look to hold a Pop-Up shop sale???

EARLIER 2025 GATHERINGS

2025 for Tawa Rotary started in earnest with a Ten Pin Bowling evening on 28th January. Arranged into 3 teams we had an enjoyable time at North City Tenpin followed by an ample finger food dinner. The score card for the winning team → Individual best scores were obtained by Richard Herbert, Alastair Hutchinson and Tim Davin.

On 10th February Tawa Rotary members were well represented at the celebration of Bill Sommers's life following his untimely death on 3rd February. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Laura and her family.

On 11th February a planned pot luck dinner evening was hastily diverted to the Sutton's household as Judith Gray was unexpectedly admitted to hospital where she spent the following week, but is now at home recovering from her adventure. Thanks to Elizabeth for hosting an enjoyable evening.

In other member news Phil Harland has been spending time in the Wairarapa with his daughter since a fall over Christmas and is presently recuperating in Lansdowne Park Rest Home in Masterton. We wish Phil well and a speedy recovery.



PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
CAROLYN	2	2	11	20	24	33	41	47	53	62	62
JORN	3	4	5	1	8	7	9	10	10	10	81
ELIZABETH	7	18	24	31	31	49	57	64	73	81	74
RICHARD	8	14	19	26	33	43	50	59	66	74	122
LAURA	1	6	7	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	85

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Last Sunday's Concert in the Park event, now in its third year, proved to be a fantastic day. Great weather, great performers and a great audience, a perfect way to spend a summer Sunday afternoon in Tawa.

Close to one thousand people gathered for an afternoon of great entertainment at Tawa's Grasslees Reserve. Families spread out on picnic rugs across the park and others on deck chairs in the shade, created a lively atmosphere as they enjoyed both the company of their friends and neighbours and a diverse lineup of musical performances.

The event featured an eclectic array of talent, starting with the welcoming sounds of the Tawa Learners' Band. Additional warm up acts included the stirring pipes of the internationally acclaimed Red Hackle Pipe Band, an energetic performance from Te Rōpū Ngahau Tawa School Kapa Haka, and the polished harmonies of the nationally recognised Tawa College Blue Notes chamber choir.

The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the Royal New Zealand Air Force's Jive Bombers, who took to the stage with guest singer Moira Jean. The crowd was treated to two exhilarating hours of dance-worthy music, characterised by the pizzazz and professionalism that has made previous performances memorable in Tawa.

Foxtail Events with interactive activities for the youngsters, added to the fun atmosphere.

Lots of rave reviews have followed on social media.

We took in \$656 from the BBQ sausages, many thanks to those who slaved away in the heat of the afternoon. Many thanks to some friends of Rotary who also dropped in the lend a hand. A full financial analysis will be provided by the treasurer once all the invoices are in.

A few photos of the day follow ...





LABYRINTH PROJECT UPDATE

The contractors were back on the job early February after their Christmas break and other pre-school opening work commitment and have now completed the re-work of the path surface which has made a huge difference.

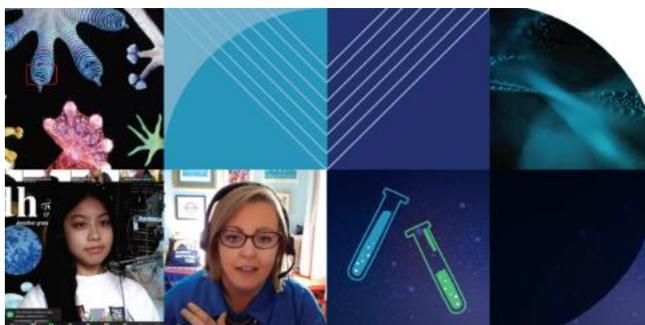
Just a seat and signage to complete which Pat has also been continuing to follow-up with during his absences from Tawa. Then there will be an opening event to arrange.



INOVATIVE YOUNG MINDS 2025

Applications for IYM 2025 programmes are open now! Successful applicants will be exposed to inspiring interactive career panels, research and innovation showcases, tours of lab and tech workspaces, hands-on technology sessions, as well as team-building and networking sessions. They will also have the opportunity to meet women working in the science and technology sector and meet other like-minded young women.

If you know of female student in years 11 or 12 please encourage them to apply. Applications close on 1 March 2025 for both the IYM Online 2025 programme, 14 - 17 April 2025, and the IYM Residential 2025 programme, 29 June - 4 July 2025. For further information go to <https://www.iym.org.nz/>



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FOUNDATION MOMENTS

Quick insights into your charity — The Rotary Foundation



WHAT IS ROTARY'S POLIO FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE?

Rotary is committed to raising US\$50 million every year for polio eradication. Through our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, every \$1 of that is matched 2-to-1.

Raising both funds and awareness and mobilizing volunteers are among Rotary's primary roles as a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. With our members, we've contributed more than \$2.7 billion to fight polio, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and Rotary volunteers have dedicated countless hours to protect children.

You can take action and raise awareness on World Polio Day, 24 October, and throughout the year.



Help end polio by making a gift to the PolioPlus Fund at endpolio.org.

< Visit my.rotary.org/donate



Harmony for Hope Concert



This is a concert being promoted by the Hutt City Rotary Club. The Harmony for Hope Charity concert will be held at the Lower Hutt Town Hall on Friday 4th April.

Orchestra Wellington will be belting out a range of well-known movie themes with their 41 piece Orchestra and vocalists to make this a truly memorable occasion. Why not get online today and book your tickets. Great event for a great cause.

<https://harmonyforhope.org.nz>

[Harmony for Hope Facebook page](#) – [click here for more information or contact the club directly](#)

SUMMER PJ DRIVE

The Summer pyjama continues seeking 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 EVENTS

Our colleagues at the Tawa RSA have the following events for which public are very welcome to participate:

- **Purple Poppy Day.** A short service to remember Purple Poppy Day was held at the Tawa Memorial at the north end of Oxford Street starting at 11am, Sunday 23rd February, followed by morning tea in the clubrooms. Purple Poppy Day is actually commemorated on 24 February every year. It honours and remembers the animals that have served during wartime. This is expected to become an annual event in the local RSA calendar so catch it next year.

Animals had many different roles during war time, pigeons carried important messages, dogs helped to find the wounded and donkeys carried the wounded to field stations, and horses carried the horse regiments and pulled gun carriages and supply wagons in the Boer War and WW1.

- **Sunday roast** dinner for Sunday 9th March, 5.30pm, \$25pp. Please register by emailing tawa.rsa@xtra.co.nz.
- **Popper Day** this year is Friday, 11th April, a week earlier than normal due to Easter.

