The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER September 03 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.

03 Sep	**No Rotary**	
10 Sep	**Andrew Savage**	**Update Tawa College**
	Luke Scott-Hill	**Student at Science & Technology Forum**
	Amra Shaikh	**Student at Innovative Young Minds**
17 Sep	**Visit to Kiwi Rail Upper Hutt Operations Control Centre**	
24 Sep	**Real Estate Authority update – CEO Belinda Moffat** **Board Meeting**	
28 Sep – 13 Oct	**Tawa Rotary Bookfair**	
15 Oct	**Pride in Work Awards**	
19 Oct	**Sat**	**Spring into Tawa stall**
07 Dec	**Sat**	**Santa Comes To Tawa**
16 Feb 2025	**Sun**	**Concert in the Park**

ROSTER FOR 10 SEPTEMBER

Front Desk -	Richard Herbert
Raffles -	Malcolm Andrews
Set up -	Tim Davin, Karen Seale
Photos -	Laura Sommer
Open / parting -	Ian Munro
Intro / thanks -	Judith Havill
Greeter	Carolyn Crutch

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Gosh the history of shipwrecks around the Wellington coast is fascinating. Archaeologist Bradean Cheetham walked us through some of these last week and told us how the disasters occurred and the resultant loss of life. We learned of the mystery surrounding the loss of four ships, one in recent memory, Cyrus, Wellington, Progress and YungPen who all foundered on the same small spot of coast off Owhiro Bay. Fascinating.

We are having a break this coming week so our next meeting will be on **10th September** with a visit by the Tawa College Principal Andrew Savage to give us an update on the school and where we can help them e.g. help with funding for students whose families struggle to pay for activities. We are also blessed to have Luke Scott-Hill who we funded to attend the Science and Technology Forum and Amira Shaikh who we also funded to attend Innovative Young Minds earlier this year, come to tell us of their experiences and the learning that they gained.

On **17th September** we are visiting Kiwi Rail's Operations Centre in Upper Hutt. I will firm up with them time for our visit and then maybe if there is interest somewhere after the visit to have dinner together.

On **24th September** the CEO of the Real Estate Authority Belinda Moffatt is our guest speaker. I have sent invitations out to real estate firms operating in Tawa to come and hear her talk about the industry. I have been a member of the Real Estate Authority's complaint assessment committees for some years, so I know first-hand the invaluable work the Authority does. Should be a very interesting evening and also an opportunity to interest real estate people in the work of Rotary in Tawa? We used to have a number of real estate people members of this Club. Why not again?

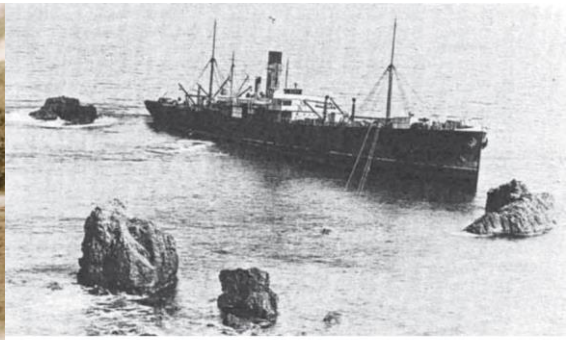
I have been issuing nominations forms and information on Pride in Work Awards which are being held on **15 October**. So far, we have received 6 nominations. Please let me know if you think of a business or voluntary organization in Tawa who could have someone both paid or volunteers that they would like recognised, and I will get a nomination form to them. I also have A4 size posters if you know anywhere we could put one.

Enjoy your week ahead and I look forward to seeing you all on the 10th to hear from Principal Andrew Savage.

Take care
Pat

SHIPWRECKS AROUND WELLINGTON

At last week's meeting we had Bradean Cheetham speak to us about some of the shipwrecks around the Wellington South Coast. Bradean has recently completed his BA (Hons) in Archaeology with a dissertation about the typology of some Māori pa sites around Wellington. But he also has an interest in maritime disasters around Wellington.
There are 151 documented shipwrecks around the coastline of the Wellington Region.
The earliest documented are the two-masted brig Hunter which wrecked on Kāpiti Island in June 1828, and the schooner Waterloo which wrecked opposite Kāpiti at Waikanae Beach in 1833.
Bradean focus most of his talk on some of the better-known shipwrecks on the south coast area divided into four zones:
 The harbour entrance western side around Barret reef and Chaffers passage – which included police boat Lady Elizabeth II 1976, TSS Wahine 1968, and barque Subraon 1848.
 The harbour entrance easter side and Pencarrow heads – which included single screw steamer Devon 1915, schooner Magic 1921, and schooner Queen of the Isles 1856.
 The area of Owhiro Bay – which included barque Cyrus and sailing ship Wellington on same day 1874, and Taiwanese fishing boat Yung Pen 1982, and
 The area of Toms rock west of Sinclair Head – which included barque Maria 1851, steamship Nambucca 1905, and passenger steamer Penguin 1909, Wellington's worst marine disaster when 75 lives were lost (71% of the occupants) on a routine Picton to Wellington ferry.
What became apparent during was the talk was how easily the weather can change unexpectedly in Cook Straight and dangerous effects of a northerly gale and fog can easily disorient captains and draw them too close to the coastline.



Wreck of the Devon, 1913. Wellington Maritime Museum and Gallery

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 New Zealand Archaeological Association. "Archaeological Sites in the Wellington Region Coastal Marine Area." https://nzarchaeology.org/download/archaeological-

PROJECTS

LABYRINTH

Please get back to Pat pat.waite@outlook.com if you would prefer Option 1 or Option 2 for the wording on the Labyrinth Sign

Option 1 – similar to Porirua Hospital labyrinth wording

Tawa Rotary Peace Labyrinth

The labyrinth walk is a mindful activity which can help calm anxious

thoughts, sort out choice, reduce stress and enhance personal and spiritual growth. It is a single path and walkers practice respect buy letting others pass in front or around them.

Suggestions

- Focus on the present
- Walk slowly towards the centre and then back to where you began
- Reflect on your life journey, inspirations, song or prayer

Walk in Peace

Insert: Tawa Rotary logo

Option 2

Tawa Rotary Peace Labyrinth

This labyrinth is of ancient origins – a meditation path in the shape of the Tawa Bucket Tree. It is for everyone to share and enjoy

Prepare: Take a moment to relax and reflect

The Journey in: Release concerns and quiet the mind

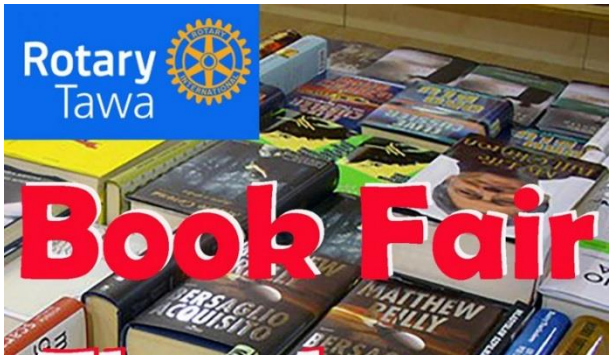
Walk slowly towards the centre and then back to where you started.

The journey out: Review and reflect

Exit: Carry the experience into your life.

Insert: Tawa Rotary logo

Book Fair 5 – 13 Oct 2024

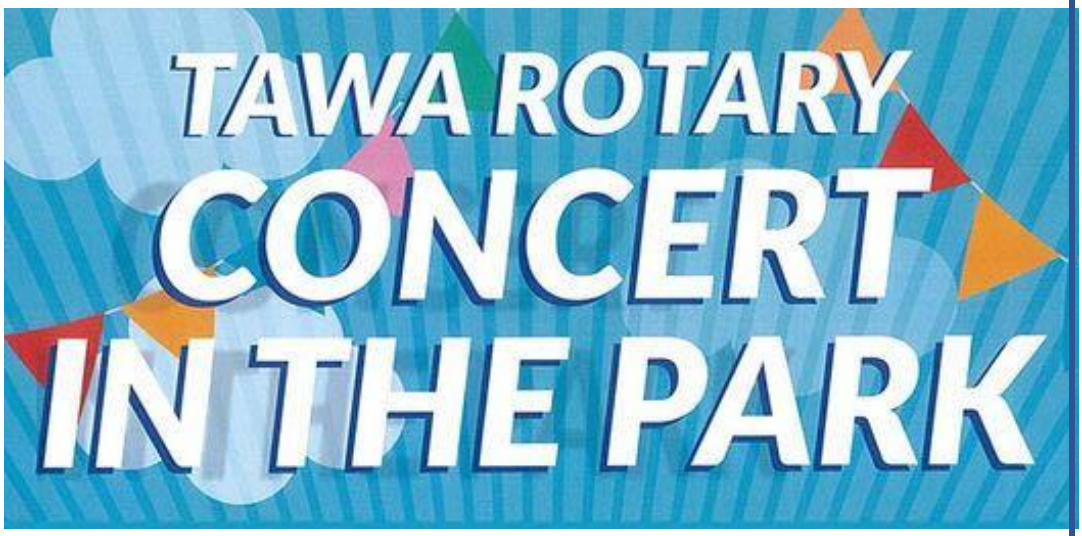


SANTA COMES TO TAWA

SPRING INTO TAWA
19 October

CONCERT IN THE PARK

16 February 2025



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