



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 5 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.

5 Nov	Melbourne Cup at Plimmerton Club Please notify your attendance or apology by Monday am
12 Nov	Paella dinner for Polio Campaign SGM Board Meeting
26 Nov	The Rotary Foundation
1 Dec (Sun)	The Tempestuous
7 Dec	Santa Comes to Tawa
10 Dec	Volunteer Evening
14 Dec	Club Christmas Party

ROSTER FOR 12 NOVEMBER

26 NOVEMBER

Front Desk -	John Melville	
Raffles -	Malcolm Andrews	
Set up -	Karen Searle	Tim Davin
Photos -	Richard Herbert	
Open / parting -	Joe Asghar	
Intro / thanks -	Pat Waite	



PRESIDENT'S PIECE

. Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we move through another week together, we are conscious of the fact that several of our members are dealing with much in their lives including ill health both for themselves and their loved ones. The very sad news that Richard Hutchinson passed away on Friday evening, after what has been a relatively short illness, will bring that home to us all. Please see tribute elsewhere in this newsletter. Funeral details will be notified to all in due course.

Thank you to Pat for arranging our Celebration of Books. Those who attended and gave their books of note an airing enjoyed an evening of friendship and sociability.

However, there weren't many in attendance and this has brought to the fore the 'elephant in the room' at Tawa Rotary. Consequently, it is time to examine our future and make some decisions and plans about the way forward. Please do make an effort to attend the SGM on November 12th .

This coming Tuesday we join Plimmerton Rotary for their annual Melbourne Cup Night.

Always fun and we are always warmly welcomed. I hope to see many of you there.

Thank you all for being part of the Rotary family and especially the Tawa Rotary Club. Lets hope we can continue to be a vibrant part of the Tawa community.

Judith Gray

Co-President

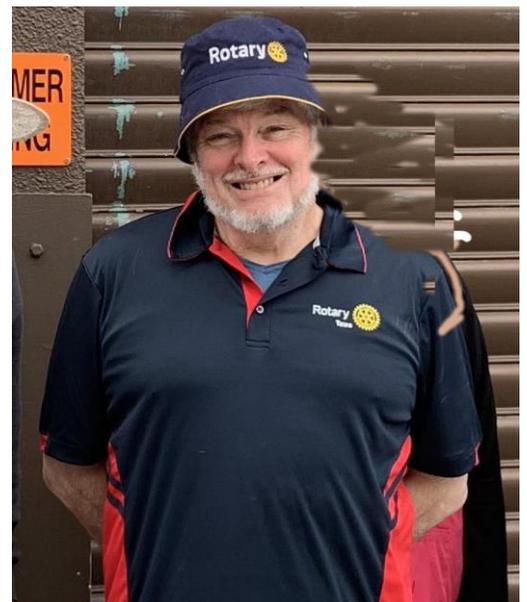
TRIBUTE TO RICHARD HUTCHINSON PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

It is with deep sadness that on Saturday I advised members, friends and colleagues of the death of Richard Hutchinson who passed away on Friday evening at Longview Home in Tawa. Mary and his family were with him when he passed. As Mary said in her text to me "he is at peace now".

Richard's association with Rotary goes back quite a way. Initially he was a member of Rotaract in Porirua before moving to Gisborne where he met Mary. There he was President, bulletin editor and held a number of directorships. He was then invited to join Gisborne West Rotary Club before moving down to Wellington with Mary. Richard joined Mt Victoria Rotary Club in January 1986 where he was club secretary from 1988 to 1990. In April 1995 he transferred to Tawa Rotary and over the years he held roles as Club President in 2011-12, Club Secretary from 2013 to 2015 and then Club

President again in 2020-21. Richard's District involvement included as a member of the Rotary Foundation Grant's Committee from 2013 to 2017. In recognition of his valuable service to Rotary he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2015 by our Club.

He and Mary were avid collectors of school journals which were then packaged up and sent to the Pacific Island Rotary Clubs to distribute to schools there. In fact, just after he was admitted to hospital Mary and Richard's brother delivered to my home some 17 boxes of school journals that they had been accumulating along with quite a number of books for our



Book Fair. Some of books were for pre-schoolers written in Te Reo and Pacifica languages which I took over to Tawa Kindergarten during our recent Book Fair and the bulk of the school journals I delivered to a Rotorua Rotary Club who were preparing to send within the next few weeks a container of resources for Fiji Rotary Clubs to distribute to school there. The Hutchinson family are a very service orientated family. Starting with service to their church where both Richard and Mary played a significant leadership role in St Pauls Cathedral Anglican Church through to their community and Rotary contributions. Their daughter Connie was a RYLA graduate, and we know Alastair as a top ten pin bowler – I recall watching with envy as he played as part of our Club’s team at the Kenepuru alley. We will all miss Richard’s dry wit, his enthusiastic help with our projects and most of all his company. Our hearts go out to Mary, Connie and Alastair and also to his brother Ian. Rest in Peace Richard.

Pat Waite
Co-President

RYLA

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

Rotary



rotary youth leadership awards

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 please)
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.

THE TEMPESTUOUS – CIRCA THEATRE

By William Shakespeare & Penny Ashton

Sunday 1 December, 4.30pm, Circa Theatre. \$45 per ticket

Sicily's beloved King Enzo is dead. Now Princess Rosa, a stropky spinster, must navigate the tempestuous waters of belching Step-Fathers, lusty suitors, popping cod pieces and menopausal witches, to face her destiny.

Award Winning Comedian Penny Ashton (writer and director of Circa's smash hit Sense and Sensibility, Promise and Promiscuity, Olive Copperbottom) presents her latest literary solo musical with this Shakespearean frolic. She'll spark 13 characters into life in an Elizabethan tale of magic, meddling and puffed bull's puzzles.

"...a well-crafted and deftly performed production of a witty and intelligent show. I very much appreciate the skillful use of Shakespearean material throughout." Theatreview

"... a funny and clever romp...an excellently written script that Shakespeare himself would be proud of." Theatrescenes



CHARITY DINNER

The Āhuru Mōwai Trust and the Rotary Club of Plimmerton have great pleasure in extending an invitation to you to join us for the Charity gala dinner and auction being held on Thursday evening 5th December 2024. The dinner is a cricket-themed fundraising evening to raise funds to build an inclusive playground for children in the greater Porirua region with intellectual and physical

challenges. We strongly believe that for young people living with intellectual and physical challenges, having a safe outdoor place to go to is hugely important.

The event – which will be held the day before the start of the second Test in Wellington – will take place at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua.

More information on the Charity gala dinner is available at www.charitygaladinner.co.nz



- Platinum tables of 10 \$2,500 (\$250 per ticket)
- Gold tables of 10 \$1,500 (\$150 per ticket)
- Standard tables of 10 \$750 (\$75 per ticket)

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.

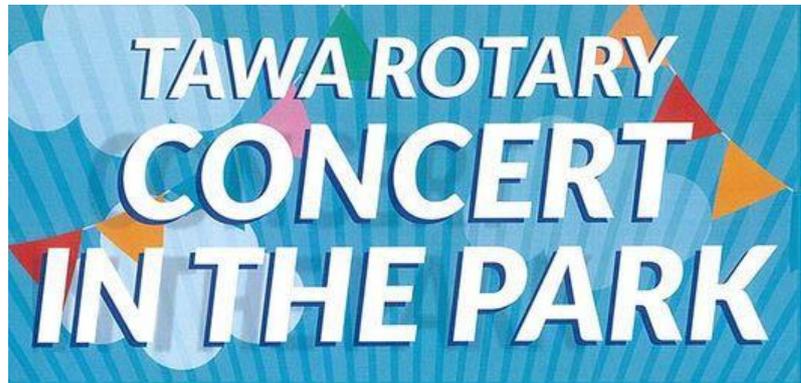
PS: Foster Hope is still happy to receive winter nightwear for distribution in 2025.





SANTA COMES TO TAWA
7 December

CONCERT IN THE PARK
16 February 2025



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Tawa