The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER MAY 6 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.

4 MAY	**1:30 Change over of Hanging Baskets. Meet at Tawa Library**
6 MAY	**LONGVIEW Tawa 5:30 for dinner at 6pm $25** John Burnett who is involved in the planning for a sensory garden at Willowbank Park will join us and explain both the project and what Rotary would be involved in should we agree to be a partner with them.
11 MAY	**GIVE WAY at Circa Theatre 4pm**
13 MAY	**Board Meeting at Judith Gray's**
20 MAY	**Meeting at Longview Home**
25 MAY	**Tree Planting Willowbank Reserve**

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

I hope everyone has made it through the terrible weather unscathed. Roofs intact and trees still standing. It's been quite a week. On a personal note I am glad to report my leg is slowly getting better and that I'm allowed to be up and about a bit more now.

A lovely offer from Longview Home to use their facilities for our meetings. I'm sorry that the Sprig and Fern didn't work out but I think this is a good solution especially for the winter months. I believe we need to **carefully manage** the image it projects to the community so that we are NOT part of the Home itself and therefore welcome people of any age and stage to our meetings.

This week we will go ahead with discussion of projects that we are planning or currently doing. We have John Burnett coming to talk about the Sensory Garden that we have been approached to help with. Each meeting we will select 1-2 projects to concentrate on and thereby hopefully, seeing good progress with our Projects Based Rotary Club. People will be responsible for the projects with a Leader assigned for each one. Some of these may include 'friends of Tawa Rotary" to help along the way.

There will be a Board Meeting on Tuesday 13th May. If anyone has anything you would like raised, please let Pat or myself know. We are looking forward to the Club being proactive and gaining new members from a new image. If you have ideas – let us know. Pat has worked out a great programme for the rest of the year so we can look forward to moving on with a dynamic and enthusiastic approach.
See you Tuesday at Longview. Please notify by **Monday midday** if you are not attending so we can give correct numbers to the catering staff.
Judith Gray
Co-President

HANGING BASKETS CHANGEOVER

Contact Richard Herbert if you are able to help
Herbert.r@xtra.co,nz
Phone 0274455942

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 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.

CIRCA THEATRE

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. She starts with the country's bizarre Give Way rule, knowing a change will make our roads safer. But she attracts a groundswell of opposition in the form of a 'Resistance' protest movement, who believe Sophie's rule change will destroy the lives of decent, hard-working New Zealanders. What follows is a battle for the nation's soul. With sharp-witted songs and hard-case characters, this charming musical is both entertaining and thought-provoking.
Review*:* 'Hilarious and unique – an inherently Kiwi story with a universal message' – Winner 2023 McNaughton South Island Play, Adam NZ Play Award, 2023

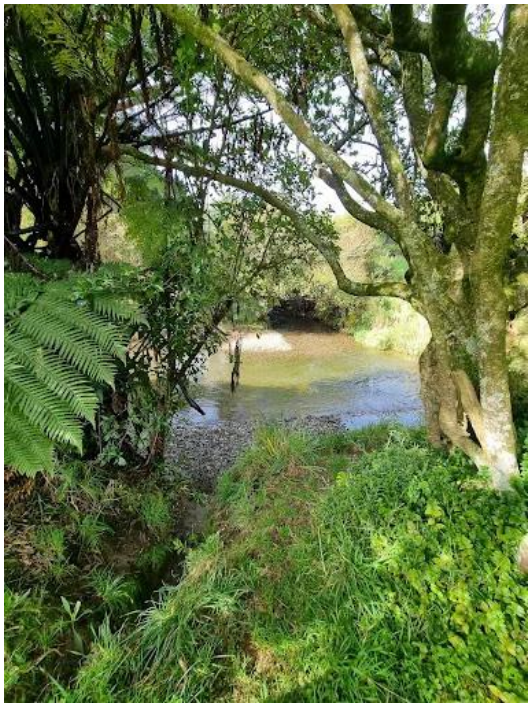
11 May at 4pm
Tickets available from Elizabeth Sutton
elizabethsutton40@gmail.com
Phone 0274463631

COLLECTION FOR MARY POTTER HOSPICE

On Saturday 17 May
Contact Carolyn Crutch if you are able to help
carolynjcrutch@gmail.com
Phone 021369115

Mary Potter Hospice
With You

TREE PLANTING AT WILLOWBANK RESERVE – 24th MAY



The Willowbank Reserve Care Group are planning a community planting day on Saturday 24th May, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Please meet at the carpark entrance off Boscobel Lane, next to the bucket tree. Please being you own spade if possible, boots and gloves, and dress for the weather. A morning tea will be provided. Please let Richard Herbert know if you're intending to come so I can pass this on for the planning of numbers, or if have any further questions. Phone 0274455942, email herbert.r@xtra.co.nz. An opportunity to also see the new playground and bridge in this reserve.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS WELLINGTON

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Zealand
Tuakana Teina

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wellington matches trained volunteer mentors with children and young people who are facing adverse childhood experiences, such as trauma, grief, instability, or social isolation. These one-to-one mentoring relationships are designed to enhance the quality of life for the young people we work with, helping to build confidence, resilience, and a sense of connection through consistent, positive adult support.

In the past six months, we have grown significantly—from 50 active mentoring matches to over 80 in the Hutt Valley and Wellington areas alone. This growth reflects both the increasing demand for our services and the impact that mentoring is having in the lives of young people in our communities. Additionally, in response to identified needs, we have expanded our programme into the Kapi-Mana area this year, extending our reach to support even more children and their whānau.

Your support could help fund the recruitment, training, and supervision of new volunteer mentors, as well as provide ongoing support to our matches through programme coordination and resources. This ensures that each match is safe, effective, and has the potential to foster long-lasting, life-changing relationships.

We run a bunch of fundraisers throughout the year:

- Quiz at Aro Bar, Brewtown on Sunday 25th May - Check it out here

- Formula One movie at LightHouse Petone on Sunday 29th June - Check it out here

- Our third annual Big Breakfast and Charity Auction at the Petone Club on Friday 22 August - Check it out here

Would you like Rotary to support this organisation with a rotary donation, as volunteers? Are you prepared to take on this project on behalf of Tawa Rotary?