



## The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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**NEWSLETTER March 25, 2025**

### **MEETINGS**

Apologies to [tawa.rotaryapologies@gmail.com](mailto:tawa.rotaryapologies@gmail.com) by 12 midday on the Monday prior to the meeting. Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

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

**08 April Dinner at Yum Yum restaurant Tawa**

**22 April Meeting at a member's home (any volunteers?)**

### **COFFEE AND MUFFIN EVENING AT THE WAITES**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

This Tuesday we are meeting at the home of Pat and Melva Waite for coffee and cake/slice, 7-8pm, 7 The Fjord, Aotea, Porirua. No dinner.

Steve Haddock will discuss with us how Rotary Porirua is managing under the Mana Tangata umbrella club.

### **PRESIDENTS PIECE**

Great to see so many at Longview on Tuesday 11th and what a brilliant meal they put on for us. We talked about the options available to Tawa Rotary and agreed that we would obtain further information on the option of joining Mana Tangata as well as develop a more detailed paper on the option of joining with Plimmerton Rotary at the same time retaining our identity. Both are work in progress.

Next Tuesday 25th Melva and I are looking forward to welcoming you to our home for coffee and cake. Steve Haddock from Rotary Porirua who is Secretary for Mana Tangata will join us and explain in more detail how Porirua is finding life as a chapter of Mana Tangata and what is involved if we were to choose to go the same way as Porirua. I am looking forward to hearing Steve talk. I must say living in Porirua I see Rotary Porirua being quite active around the city.

At this stage I am not sure we will have a briefing paper on the Plimmerton option ready for Tuesday as we need to check a few things including Rotary International's views on emerging arrangements like we have in mind. I heard earlier in the week of another Club in

Wellington which is looking at a similar approach with a neighbouring Club. A sign of the times maybe!

I look forward to welcoming you to our home on Tuesday from say 7pm. Baking will ready (thank you Melva) and coffee/tea waiting. We live at 7 The Fjord, Aotea (off Whitford Brown). You are all our guests for the evening so do come along and let's chat.

Take care

Pat  
Co-President

## LONGVIEW VISIT

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March we had an enjoyable visit and fabulous dinner to Longview.

The manager, Noelette gave us an update about what has happened at Longview since we last visited, which included a number of maintenance items, a fun dress-up pageant, and preparing for Christmas at Longview.



We discuss the success of the riser chair project that Rotary last provided assistance with.

Noelette's concluding request was for some financial assistance towards an OMI Sensory Table machine. They had already obtained a sizable grant of \$15,000, but still needed a few more \$k to get it over the line.

Dinner was provided to us in the chapel room cooked by the Longview kitchen staff and was of variety and very enjoyable – no puréed food as some were jokingly expecting.

We concluded with a short talk from Tony on his experience at attendance of the recent DG's assembly training in the USA, and a discussion led by Pat on some future options for the club.



## MARY POTTER HOSPICE STREET APPEAL

Carolyn is coordinating for Tawa Rotary volunteers for the upcoming Mary Potter Hospice Street Appeal. Can you spare an hour or two this May to help keep Hospice services free for your community? Make a bucketload of difference on Saturday 17 May, at New World Tawa from 8.30am - 5.30pm, in 1 hour slots.

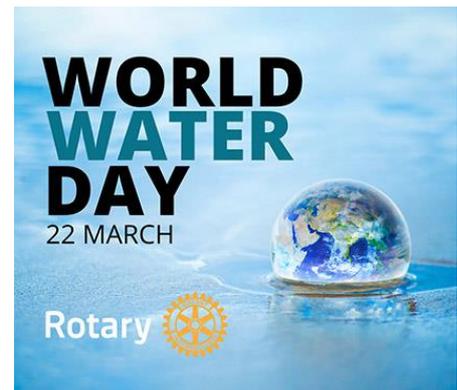
So if you're able to provide an hour, please let Carolyn know at phone 021 369115, email [carolynjcrutch@gmail.com](mailto:carolynjcrutch@gmail.com).



## WORLD WATER DAY – 22ND MARCH 2025

Did you know that it was International World Water Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. World Water Day provides a global reminder that clean, running water is not a privilege – it is a human right.

You might wonder whether New Zealand is going to continue to uphold its reputation for having clean water for both drinking and play. Even in the United States, more than 2 million Americans live without running water and proper sanitation at home.



This crisis remains hidden, largely absent from national discussions, but for those of us who have experienced life without running water, it is a daily reality that shapes lives, communities, and future opportunities.

Rotary clubs around the world have a strong focus on the importance of clean water and sanitation, aligning with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 6 (which aims to ensure access to clean water and sanitation for all by 2030), and often organize projects and events to raise awareness and support water initiatives. World Water Day provides a platform to raise awareness about the global water crisis and the importance of water conservation.

## TAWA RSA EVENTS

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

- **Last of Summer Wine.** Music and Dinner. Quick fire Raffles. An event to mark the end of Daylight Saving this year on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, from 4pm with dinner at 5.30pm. Please register by emailing [tawa.rsa@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tawa.rsa@xtra.co.nz).
- **Poppy Day** this year is Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, a week earlier than normal due to Easter.
- **ANZAC Day** is Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. The Usual community parade from New World Tawa carpark assembling 9.30am, to a remembrance service at The Memorial at northern end of Oxford Street.



## ROTARY OCEANIA SEMINAR



CONNECT FOR GOOD – STORIES FROM AROUND NEW ZEALAND AND THE PACIFIC

Open to ALL Rotarians and Rotaractors. Join the conversation to LEARN and DISCUSS more about Rotary- To Register click on the QR code



Learning Impact 2 Seminar  
April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
1.30 to 4.30 each day

Hear inspiring stories from Rotarians across New Zealand and the Pacific Islands who are transforming their communities with meaningful projects. Two dynamic afternoon sessions.

## ROTARY ZONE 8 CONFERENCE



The Gold Coast is the Place To Be in 2025  
Coolangatta is the venue for the 2025 Rotary South Pacific Zone Conference, from the 31st October 2025 to the 2nd November 2025.