



**The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.**

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## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 14 2025

### **MEETINGS**

Please notify your attendance or apology to [tawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotaryclub@gmail.com) by 8pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at the latest for the Pride in Work Awards  
Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

14 October	Pride in Work Awards	at Bowling Club	\$30
18 October(Sat)	Spring into Tawa		
21 October	Board Meeting		
28 October	End Polio Fundraising Dinner	Indian Meal	
2 November(Sun)	Change Over Hanging Baskets		
4 November	Melbourne Cup with Plimmerton Rotary		
18 November	Meeting Longview	AGM	
	Approve financial reports		
	Adopt the Constitution for Rotary Club of Tawa Inc		
	Election of office holders for 2026/27		
19 November	Invitation to join Inner Wheel for Christmas Dinner		
2 December	Christmas Cookie Baking for Ronald Mc Donald House		
6 December	Santa Comes to Tawa		
12 December	Christmas Dinner at Waite's home		
	Shared meal		

## PLEASE NOTE:

It is now required for **EVERYONE** to register their **ATTENDANCE OR APOLOGY** for each meeting. This must be done by **8pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> for the Pride in Work Awards** to enable catering to be accurate. Cost for this event is \$30

To do this please use the email [tawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotaryclub@gmail.com)

The previous rotaryapologies email address is no longer managed.

**THANK YOU**

Tawa Rotary Club Services

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

What a highlight last Tuesday's meeting was! Firstly, we welcomed **Gurtej Singh** as a new member of our Club. He joins **Michael, Gary, Cheree and Mike** as our newest members who have joined us this year. Gosh, they bring so much enthusiasm and energy - it is exciting. We also welcomed as a guest **Dunia Gisy** and her mother Marta who are from Peru. Dunia now lives in Tawa and her mother was visiting her. It is a small world isn't it? Dunia's father is President of a Club in Peru and asked her to read out a message from his club who are around 25 members, run projects to help their community such as a community kitchen and like us are becoming more engaged in their community. He is visiting later in the year which will give us a chance to meet him. Maybe we can build a sister club arrangement with each other? Dunia is interested in finding out more about Rotary in Tawa and intends to join us for future meetings.

We also had the opportunity to hear from **Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade** who are Friends of Tawa Rotary and **Tawa Community Patrol** on where they are at and where there may be opportunities for us to work together. Watch this space!!

On **Tuesday 14 October** we will be hosting the annual **Pride in Work Awards** at Tawa Bowling Club. This is quite a highlight for us as we have 16 awards to give to very impressive people who serve our community of Tawa.

Our guest speaker is a Tawa resident **Jason Pine**, Radio

Sports Commentator who will talk about his role and life. His Dad is a member of Plimmerton Rotary so Jason who went to Tawa College knows Rotary well.



As there will be a large number of visitors to the dinner from the various organizations, we need to have numbers for dinner early. **Can you all please advise if you are attending the dinner and Awards and if so are you bringing a guest etc by Wednesday next week.** Melva is joining me. That will allow us to plan the tables. We would like to have each table this year hosted by a Rotarian but we will come back to everyone closer to the event.

Then on **Saturday 18th October we have Spring into Tawa.** Our stall is in the same place as last year - opposite Simons Pharmacy. **Carolyn** has a **HUGE** number of raffles which we will sell with our Spinning Wheel. If you available that day please come along to help. we need sellers, people with loud voices and people to operate the wheel. There is a rumour that one member is coming along dressed as a Chicken promoting our chicken raffles! A sight I am sure will be a highlight for the community to see!!!

Have a great week everyone. We have a busy few weeks ahead. Isn't this fun!!!!!!!

Yours in Rotary

Pat

## **NEW MEMBER** **Gurtej Singh**

Gurtej has been a resident of New Zealand for nearly 24 years and am based in Wellington; especially Tawa since April 2006. Since 2001, he has been actively involved in volunteering and community service. He has served on the executive of the New Zealand Sikh Society (Wellington) Incorporated and the then Ethnic Council of Wellington. His contributions include supporting publications such as A Practical Reference to Religious Diversity (NZ Police) and a resource for the Funeral Directors' Association.

He has contributed to developing online communities through the Wellington Region 2020 Communications Trust, volunteered as a community patroller with CPNZ, and donated blood to the NZ Blood Service over 60 times. He values service, diversity, and fostering connections across communities; qualities he believes align well with Rotary's kaupapa.

He holds Master's degrees in Journalism & Mass Communication and English from the universities of Punjab (India). As well as a Master's in Strategic Studies and a Master's in Software Development from Victoria University, he has a Postgraduate Diploma in Business from Massey University. This blend of humanities, strategic thinking, technology, and business education complements his community service experience and equips him to contribute effectively in both governance and practical initiatives.

He is Head of Operations for an NGO: Multicultural New Zealand.

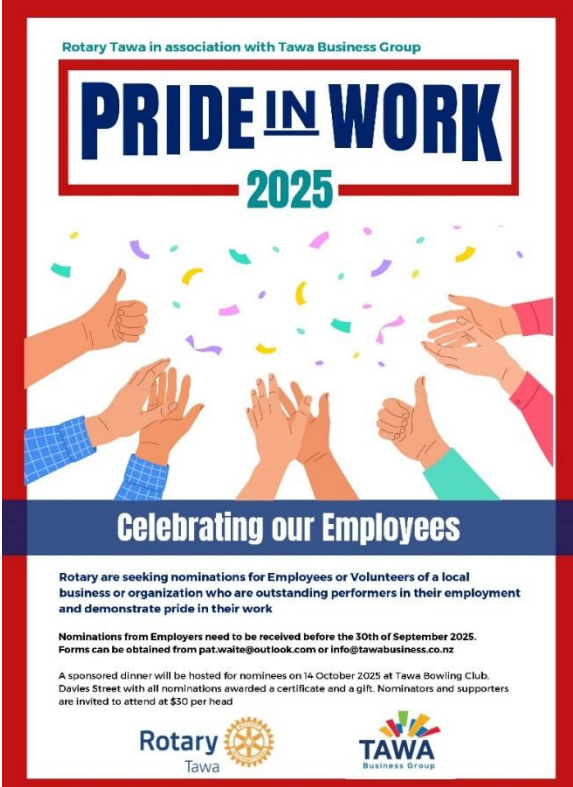


## PRIDE IN WORK AWARDS

Award Winners will be coming from the following organisations

1. Tawa College
2. Nada Bakery
3. Black Dog Physio
4. Tawa Bowling Club
5. Mexted Motors
6. Tawa Fire Service
7. Tawa Village Bakery
8. The Fitness Portal
9. 24/7 Fitness Gym
10. Longview Home
11. Linden School
12. Tawa New World
13. EasySwim
14. Auto Shoppe Tawa
15. Tawa Union Church
16. Ray White Real Estate

Guest Speaker Sports Talk Host Jason Pine



Rotary Tawa in association with Tawa Business Group

# PRIDE IN WORK

## 2025

**Celebrating our Employees**

Rotary are seeking nominations for Employees or Volunteers of a local business or organization who are outstanding performers in their employment and demonstrate pride in their work

Nominations from Employers need to be received before the 30th of September 2025. Forms can be obtained from [pat.waite@outlook.com](mailto:pat.waite@outlook.com) or [info@tawabusiness.co.nz](mailto:info@tawabusiness.co.nz)

A sponsored dinner will be hosted for nominees on 14 October 2025 at Tawa Bowling Club, Davies Street with all nominations awarded a certificate and a gift. Nominators and supporters are invited to attend at \$50 per head

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## SPRING INTO TAWA

**Spring into Tawa . Saturday 18 October.**

**Tawa Rotary Stall.** Spinning Raffle Wheel & lucky dip. Elizabeth Sutton is doing the roster. Members required from 8.30 am This is a big undertaking with the Spinning Wheel of Raffles . Quick fire. Pay, Play, Collect. We have some great prizes donated ..



## LongView OmiVista machine

Thanks at our last meeting to the Longview staff (and Karen) for a demonstration of the OmiVista machine which had received a grant from Rotary for it's purchase.

For further information about the machine you can go to <https://sensorywizard.com.au/om-interactive-projection/omivista/>



## END POLIO NOW

Fundraising Indian Dinner with entertainment will be held at the Bowling Club on Tuesday 28 October. Invite your friends.

