



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER JULY 15 2025

MEETINGS

Please notify your attendance or apology to tawarotaryclub@gmail.com by midday Friday 11 July (this week only)
Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

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| 13 July | 10am | Opening of Peace Labyrinth |
| 16 July
(Wednesday) | Combine meeting with Inner Wheel at Tawa Bowling Club
Speaker Murray Edridge | Wellington City Missioner |
| 2 August | Stock the Salvation Army Pantry at New World Tawa | |
| 5 August | Meeting at Longview | |
| 19 August | Meeting at Longview | |
| 30 August | Daffodil Day | |

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Tuesday 1 July was a significant day in the life of Tawa Rotary. We had an enjoyable meal at Tuk Tuk Restaurant, welcoming our newest member Gary Abbott and the handover of the President's chain of office from Co-President Judith Gray to me. I am extremely grateful to our office holders including Past President Laura Sommer and my Co-President Judith Gray and all those who have supported the Club over the past 12 months - thank you!!





Sunday 13th July is a Milestone in the life of Tawa Rotary as that is the day when the Peace Labyrinth is officially opened by Jill Day, Tawa Community Board. Last Sunday Michael Nestmann, Mike Foster and me planted the posts for the sign to be attached to beside the Peace Labyrinth and during the week we finally attached the sign ready for the Official Opening - see the photo of the sign and labyrinth. Thank you Michael and Mike for your help.

I have contacted some 20 community organizations in Tawa including churches and volunteer groups inviting them to contact us if they would like help, assistance or could suggest areas/people we can help with. So far, I have had 5 responses and two have indicated ideas for us to consider. Schools are on holiday so I suspect that we will hear from them next. Tawa Fire Brigade have accepted our invitation to become a **Friend of Tawa Rotary** - a new initiative which I expect to grow and build very useful networks for us. Any suggestions on who we could contact to either help or could be interested in becoming a Friend of Tawa Rotary are welcome



The future for all organizations is collaboration and we are no different. I have reached out to Tawa Lions and Tawa Inner Wheel with positives responses from both. Next Wednesday 16th July we are sharing a meeting with Tawa Inner Wheel - I have sent an email inviting all members, partners, families, friends, neighbours to join us at the Tawa Bowling Club 5.45-6.15pm. Melva and I look forward to sharing the evening with you and with the Tawa Inner Wheel members. Please reply to this event before mid day on Friday 11 July by rsvp to tawarotaryclub@gmail.com

See the details of the speaker below. Murray Etheridge.

We start our year with a very proactive and enthusiastic Board:

President - Pat Waite

Past President - Judith Gray

Secretary - Judith Havill

Treasurer - John Melville

Club Services - Judith Gray

Membership and Networks - Carolyn Crutch

Social and Fundraising - Elizabeth Sutton

Profile/Media - Michael Nestmann

Special Advisor - Tony Heyward

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We are in for a fun, busy and successful year ahead.

Don't you agree?

Take care

Pat

President

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SPEAKER AT COMBINE MEETING

Reverend Murray Edridge has been the Wellington City Missioner since 2018.

He has a commercial background as a Chartered Accountant, initially working in energy distribution and retail, media, and education.

Murray has worked with children and families throughout New Zealand for over 20 years; including 8 years as the Chief Executive of Barnardos New Zealand, 5 years as a Deputy Chief Executive in the Ministry of Social Development, and being the inaugural Chief Executive of Genesis Youth Trust. Murray has had governance and leadership roles in a



range of business, community, church, and

sporting organisations for many years.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER GARY ABBOTT

Gary was induced as a new member at the Changeover at Tuktuk. Gary is the Administrator at Longview Home in Tawa Gary is an accountant by trade. We first met Gary when he visited our 2024 book fair and collected books for Longview Home where he was volunteering in between his previous job and looking for a new role. He enjoyed working at Longview and was offered the Administrator role which includes organizing our meetings at the Home.



INNOVATIVE YOUNG MINDS

Tawa Rotary sponsored Isabelle Keenan, a Tawa College student to the Innovative Young Minds Forum. Isabelle's team had a great time and made it to the final for their stem idea.

Pat attended the presentations at Parliament on Thursday 3 July and was impressed at both Isobelle and the bright young women who were part of IYM 2025. Isobelle told him that she had thoroughly enjoyed the programme and having visited a range of industries and workshops felt more confident in her choice of career. She is a very impressive young woman who we are sure will have a rewarding career ahead of her, Including Isobelle there were two students from Tawa College on the programme.

