



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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FOR
GOOD**



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 16 2025

MEETINGS

Please notify your attendance or apology to tawarotaryclub@gmail.com by mid day Monday at the latest
Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

- 16 September Cooking at Ronald McDonald House from 3pm
Car pool in at 2:30pm meet at Elizabeth Sutton's house
- 16 September Special Guest Meeting,
Jill Day, Tony Hassed, Gary Denton & Bernadette Pallister
- 20 September
(Saturday) BBQ fundraising for Alistair Hutchinson
9:30am till 1pm at New World Tawa
Contact Elizabeth elizabethsutton49@gmail.com with the
time you can help
- 23 September Board Meeting
- 26/28 Sept RYPEN
- 2 October Meeting at Longview
- 14 October Pride in Work Awards
- 18 October(Sat) Spring into Tawa
- 2 November(Sun) Change Over Hanging Baskets
- 4 November Melbourne Cup with Plimmerton Rotary
- 18 November Meeting Longview AGM

OBITUARY

STEVEN PETTIGREW

21 March 1947- 01 September 2025

I was sad to learn of the recent death of Steve Pettigrew who was a member of Tawa Rotary for many years until he retired from business having sold Tawa Books & Post. I have known Steve and his brother John for a long time as they came from my hometown of Stratford. Steve was an active member who could be found at most meetings on the front desk looking after the attendance register for us. He was always available to lend a helping hand with our projects. A number of us were at his funeral service on Tuesday. Our condolences to Karen and their family.

Pat Waite



PRESIDENT'S PIECE

After 6 weeks travelling we are home again and enjoying the cooler weather after a very hot northern hemisphere. Our travels took us to Japan where we lived at one stage of our lives where I was with BNZ Tokyo office, to UK including a tour of Scotland and then to China for 8 days. China was amazing. We were there for the Military Parade and meeting with the leaders from Russia, North Korea with the Chinese President so quite an exciting time to be in Beijing.

Gosh there is a lot going on. Along with Inner Wheel I presented to Tawa Salvation Army this morning vouchers for \$600 from money donated during our recent appeal to help restock the Salvation Army Foodbank. We topped up the amount collected to make it \$600. Thank you Carolyn for organizing the day and also to those who helped.

Next week we have a double event. A number of members will be helping with dinner at Ronald McDonald House in Newtown and others will be meeting at Longview to meet Jill Day and her team from Tawa Community Board who will give us an update on their plans for Tawa. We will also have a quick update on Spring into Tawa Festival from Stacey who is the organiser of the Festival. I am looking forward to hearing them. Please do try to support either of these activities - Ronald McDonald House or our Club Meeting. Feel free to bring along to Longview family members, friends,



neighbours who I am sure will be interested in hearing the Tawa Community Board give us an update.

On Saturday 18th October we have the Spring into Tawa Festival. Tawa Rotary will have a gazebo in which we will operate a spinning raffle wheel with lots of prizes and a Lucky Dip with piles of soft toys that Michael has organised for us. Carolyn has been a whiz in getting donations for our spinning wheel raffle prizes. How about all of us making up a hamper? If each of us brought a food item suitable for a hamper to our next 2 meetings we would do - let's start next Tuesday? We will need everyone who is available to help on the day please. It is a chance to showcase Tawa Rotary and raise funds for good causes.

On Tuesday 14 October we will hold Pride in Work Awards. I have emailed over 40 organizations, businesses etc in Tawa inviting them to nominate a staff member or volunteer for an Award. We usually have up to 20 awards and around 80+ for dinner. Again a great opportunity to profile Rotary.

Membership - so far this year we have welcomed 4 new members into our Club and there are a further 2 who are interested in joining us. This is exciting as it helps build momentum with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

While I was in Scotland, I met a Rotary friend who is driving a test project for Rotary Intl. It is a virtual Rotary Club - they don't hold meetings, but they bring in projects which are circulated to members for volunteers to help. Subscription is monthly so no long-term commitment. With the space of a few months, they now have over 500 members from across Scotland. Exciting isn't it but for me it proves that our idea of a focus on projects is the right one!!!!!!

Gosh I have written a lot so maybe I should stop and wish everyone a fun week ahead. See you next week at either Ronald McDonald House or at Longview.

Yours in Rotary

Pat
President

Annual Financial Statements

I have prepared the 30 June 2025 Financial Statements for the Tawa Rotary Club and for the Tawa Rotary Club Charitable Trust and have sent them to the Auditor, Pat Waite. Of relevance to the audits, Pat Waite has no signing authority with either the Club or the Trust, although he is the Tawa Rotary Club President. While there is no conflict of interest in those roles, members should be aware of the situation and should advise me or any of the Board if they have any concerns.

John Melville, Treasurer

SPECIAL GUEST MEETING

Tawa Rotary is very pleased to welcome **Jill Day, Gary Denton, Tony Hassed,** and Bernadette Pallister, to our next club meeting to speak with us about the **Tawa Anchor Project**—a bold community-led initiative to create a modern, multi-purpose hub in the heart of Tawa. The project proposes combining the Mervyn Kemp Library and the Tawa Community Centre into a single, future-ready facility that supports learning, connection, and wellbeing.



This is a wonderful opportunity to share our thoughts, ideas, and aspirations for the future of the Community Centre with Jill and her team. As a group deeply rooted in the heart of Tawa, Rotary has an

important voice in shaping this project. Let's come together to kōrero, ask questions, and contribute to a space that reflects the needs and hopes of our community

Please come along to this important event and bring a friend or someone you think would be great as a guest this evening. Remember to register your friend for a meal through tawarotaryclub@gmail.com

Jill will share the vision, current progress, and how we and the Tawa community can get involved in shaping this important development.

COOKING AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE 16 SEPTEMBER

We have been given the opportunity to cook the evening meal for those staying at Ronald McDonalds House on 16 September starting at 3pm. Duty cook dinner, cleanup and mix with the people staying at Ronald McDonald.



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
New Zealand

Eight people require and more volunteers are needed. We can car pool to get there. Please contact Elizabeth Sutton elizabethsutton49@gmail.com

RYPEN

Two students have been chosen from Tawa College by their house leaders and will be supported by Tawa Rotary to attend RYPEN at Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre (KOEK), Mangaweka in late September. Anya Reddy and Isak Zuber are the students chosen and we hope to hear about their experiences on their return.



RYPEN is aimed at young people in the 15 –17 age group who are still at school and who possess qualities of decency, persistence and application and who deserve further encouragement.

SPRING INTO TAWA

We are asking members to donate suitable items that we can make up into Hampers that we can raffle.

Eg Chocolates, Biscuits, Relishes.

Paisley has a lovely selection of items suitable for the Hampers, as does Nada with their packets of biscuits.

At this stage we have
3 Hampers from NW
3 Spring and Fern Vouchers.



As we only have only three Rotary Meetings before SIT, Carolyn will bring a basket to the next three meetings for donations.

END POLIO NOW

A Rotary Staged Bacon Buttie Breakfast will be held on Thursday 30 October for commuters. Please save the date so that you can help.



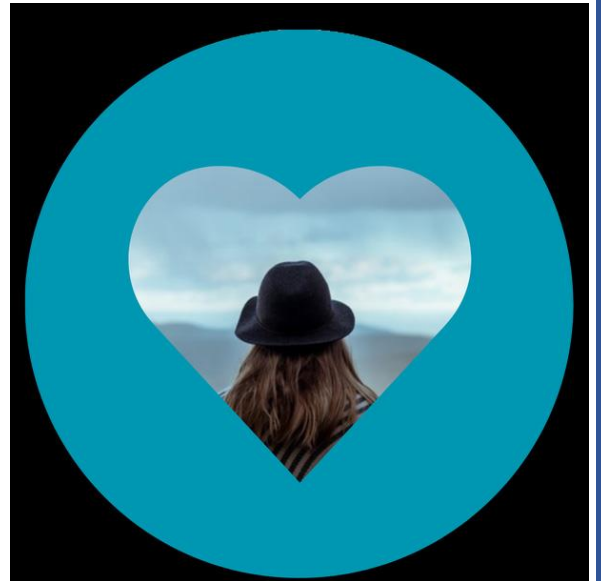
LIFTING THE LID FUNDRAISER INVITE

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT NICHOLSON INVITES YOU TO A FUNDRAISING EVENING WITH A DIFFERENCE

A Cocktail Party, an Auction, a Mystery Dinner
Wednesday 15 October 2025, to begin at 5.30pm, off
to dinner
at 7.00pm The Wellington Club, 88 The Terrace,
Wellington

The Cocktail Party includes
Auction items~Mystery Bags~Raffle
kindly donated by members and supporters
The "Mystery" Dinner Venue is drawn at the end of
the hour

\$100pp – make up a table of 8 people for \$800
for each venue then off to a two course dinner
you only to pay for all your drinks



**SPRING
QUIZ**

**SUNDAY 21ST
SEPTEMBER 2025**

**THE TAWA RSA
OXFORD STREET**

STARTING AT 2:50PM

Teams of 4 or more, Make
your teams today, Prizes for
the two winning teams and
Fabulous Raffle Prizes.

\$1000 PER PERSON
Booking & pre payment essential
Email tawa.rsa@xtra.co.nz

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