



**The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.**

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## NEWSLETTER March 17 2026

### **MEETINGS**

Please notify your attendance or apology to [tawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotaryclub@gmail.com) by 8pm Sunday.

**All Tawa Rotary members must email with apology or attendance to Sprig & Fern and the Fire Station or just the attendance at the Fire Station. Family members and friends are welcome but please email this information as well.**

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| 17 March    | Meet at Sprig & Fern for meal and the Induction of Charlene Peters at 5:30pm<br>Visit to Tawa Fire Station at 7:30pm |
| 22 March    | Concert in the Park 2-5pm                                                                                            |
| 7 April     | Visit to Orogen                                                                                                      |
| 21 April    | Meeting at Longview                                                                                                  |
| 3 May (Sun) | Hanging Baskets Changeover 2pm                                                                                       |
| 5 May       | Visit to Habourside Funeral Home Lower Hutt                                                                          |
| 19 May      | Meeting at Longview                                                                                                  |

### **THIS WEEKS MEETING**

A booking is made for Sprig and Fern at 5.30pm on Tuesday for dinner prior to visit to the Fire Station. Currently booked for 15-20 people.

**PLEASE** email [tawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotaryclub@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance **OR** apology.

It only takes a couple of minutes to send the email but it makes life so much easier to know who is coming and who isn't.

Thank you, Club Services.

## PRESIDENTS PIECE

It has been a busy but really interesting few weeks starting with Club members supporting the delivery of RYDA to 200+ Tawa College students at the end of January, a very competitive game of Ten Pin Bowling with Wellington North members on Tuesday 24th February, the blessing of the new Community Gardens in Coronation Park on Saturday 28th February followed by a visit to Parliament on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the Tawa Expo the Club organised on Saturday 7th. Tawa Rotary is certainly making its presence felt!!

This Tuesday we are visiting the Tawa Fire Station to meet members of the Tawa Fire Brigade who are all volunteers and do an amazing job keeping our town safe from fires but they do more than fight fires and they are looking forward to telling us what they do.



The evening will start with **a meal at Sprig & Fern from 5.30pm** which will allow us to leave for the Fire Station before 7.30pm. During dinner we have an exciting event to record and that is the **induction into membership of Charlene Peters**. Charlene brings huge experience working with voluntary organizations and lots of ideas to add to those we have listed. Gosh we are in for another busy but fun year ahead!!

I know some are away at present, but it would be great to have as many of our members who are here to join us to welcome Charlene into our Club.

Elizabeth has plans ready for our Concert in the Park on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. It is a huge task to plan and I am grateful for the work that has been done to make sure that this event runs smoothly and like previous years is a Showcase of the great talent we have in our city. Do come and bring your families to enjoy the music and the atmosphere. This is a day that we fly our flag with pride!



Talking about plans - the 2026 Bookfair is set for the July School holidays in the Tawa Scout Hall. We will soon be starting to collect and sort books - watch this space!

Have a fun week everyone. See you all on Tuesday at Sprig & Fern and Tawa Fire Station.

Yours in Rotary

Pat

## CHARLENE PETERS

I'm a banking professional with a strong background in community involvement across both Australia and New Zealand. Over the years, I've held senior roles within not-for-profit organisations, where I've developed leadership, governance, event management, and stakeholder engagement skills that I believe would be highly valuable to Rotary.

Most recently, I organised a Gala Ball in support of Mums of the Hills in the Dandenong Ranges. I'm proud to say it was a sold-out event, and we successfully raised meaningful funds for the organisation. It was a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved when a community comes together (and when tickets actually sell!).

Beyond my professional life, I enjoy playing badminton, cooking for family and friends, and spending time outdoors. I find that a balance of strategy, creativity, and fresh air keeps me energised and ready to contribute wherever I can

## CONCERT IN THE PARK

### Event Details:

**Sunday, 22 March 2026 2.00 - 5.00pm**

### Grassless Reserve, Tawa

We hope to see you at the Grassless Reserve for an afternoon of music, entertainment, and community spirit.

This free family-friendly event promises something for everyone, featuring an exciting line-up:

- Royal NZ Air Force Band – Jive Bombers
- Tawa College Jazz Band    Tawa College Barbershop Quartets
- Tawa Learners' Band        Tawa Primary Kapa Haka performance
- Children's entertainment from Foxtail.

Concert in the Park is all about bringing our community together to celebrate music, culture, and connection. It's a chance for families to relax, enjoy great entertainment, and experience the incredible spirit of Tawa.

### Message from Elizabeth

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help out. Everything is organised, bar the weather, so please work hard on that.

Remember all hands on deck cleaning up after the concert, it does not take long, and perhaps a drink at the Sprig & Fern afterwards.

Elizabeth will contact those who volunteered to collect everything to be delivered to Grasslees, and asks you all meet at 26 Oxford Street at 10am. Any questions, ask John or Elizabeth.



## THANKS LIFE FLIGHT TRUST & ROTARY

My daughter's best friend was taken to Wanganui hospital last weekend as there was no room in NICU at Palmerston North. After baby was born prematurely on Tuesday, there was a concern that she had a bowel obstruction, so thanks to Life Flight Trust, baby and dad were flown to Wellington NICU on Tuesday night. So far baby has been ok and hasn't needed an operation but is being looked after in Wellington NICU. Mum was flown down on Thursday when she was stable. Dad



is being looked after at Ronald McDonald House. Many thanks to Rotary and Life Flight Trust for enabling these emergency flights and for the care of baby, mum and dad. When you know someone

who needs this service it suddenly becomes so much more real.

Judith Havill

PS Dad is now enjoying his award winning Nada Bakery Hot Cross Buns and pies..

## TAWA COMMUNITY EXPO





## TAWA COMMUNITY GARDENS

