



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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**UNITE
FOR
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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 14 2025

MEETINGS Please notify your attendance or apology to tawarotaryclub@gmail.com by 8pm Sunday.

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
23 November	Change Hanging Baskets 1pm
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

AGM

1. **Confirm** the minutes of the Special General Meeting held in December 2024;
2. **Consider and adopt** the annual report on the operations and affairs of this Club during the last Rotary Year;
3. **Consider and adopt** the Board's report on the finances of this Club, and the annual financial statements for the last Rotary Year;
4. **Elect** Officers for the next Rotary Year;
5. **Set** the annual subscription for the next Rotary Year;
6. **Consider and adopt** a new Constitution for the Club as required as a result of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 which replaced the 1908 Act.
7. **Consider** any general business.

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

As we enter the pre-Christmas season it is a good time to reflect on our first 5 months since our new Rotary year started on 1 July.

Where do I start?

1. We have welcomed into our membership Gary Abbott, Cheree Ratapu-Foster, Mike Foster, Gurtej Singh and we have a further two potential members having a look at us.
2. Our Pride in Work Award evening on 16 October was in my opinion from all aspects a very successful evening. Over 100 people for dinner, 17 awards given out and from the evening we have received an enquiry about membership as well as very positive feedback from those there particularly from the awardees. We may need a larger venue next year!
3. Spring into Tawa - it was a fun although rather windy, day. Our spinning wheel raffle raised around \$780 which has been donated to Tawa College to fund a group of art risk students attend a boxing academy. I have witnessed the positive changes this programme brings to young people. Great to see our funds being used this way. So many members helped - thank you all!
4. Ronald McDonald House - following our members who with Inner Wheel helped cook dinner for the residents, we are booked to bake Christmas Cookies on Wednesday 3 December. Elizabeth has details.
5. Pyjamas for Foster Hope - over 200 pairs collected and donated to Foster Hope. Great initiative Elizabeth.
6. Tawa Community Gardens - this is one of the projects from our long list of projects we have been asked to help with. TOA ITM have generously offered to provide as their donation timber, bolts etc to help the gardens be extended. All going well they will be delivering the timber for the project later this month.
Members will be invited to join Scouts, and friends of the Community Gardens to help erect the new gardens
7. Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) which is held in January will have a Tawa Rotary sponsored candidate - Kaleb Narayan who works at Tawa New World. This is a brilliant programme!!!



Coming up in the future:

8. Santa Comes to Tawa Saturday 6 December. Rotary leads this project with support from Inner Wheel and Tawa Lions. Sponsorship from Lowe & Co, Sprig and Fern and Tawa New World. Funds raised will be donated to Kiwi Community Assistance - a wonderful Tawa based community group we have supported for some years.
9. Concert in the Park Saturday 22 March 2026 - Another Tawa Rotary project driven by Elizabeth and will involve all our members who are available.

Tuesday 18 November - our Club's AGM. This is an important meeting, and we need all members to be there if they can. Amongst the agenda items are adoption of a new constitution and the election of office holders for next year.

Wednesday 19 November - Inner Wheel Tawa have invited us to join them for their Christmas meeting. I will be there - please come and join me. Email me if you are able to come to the meeting and I will book a meal for you.

Saturday 12 December - our Club's Christmas dinner at our home - 7 The Fjord, Aotea. I will send out an invitation later this week,

Isn't it fun?

Enjoy your weekend and I look forward to meeting you all at our AGM dinner on Tuesday at Longview.

Yours in Rotary

Pat
President

RAFFLE

Come prepared to buy raffle tickets at the AGM.

Prize: Chickens and Bacon.



The poster features a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus on the left, wearing a red hat and a white beard, with colorful Christmas lights above him. The main text reads 'SANTA COMES TO TAWA' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER' and '10:00 AM - 1:30 PM AT THE PLAZA MAIN ROAD, TAWA'. A tagline at the bottom says 'GET SNAPPED WITH SANTA, ENJOY FOOD, STALLS, ENTERTAINMENT & MORE!'. At the bottom left, it says 'FREE ENTRY'. On the bottom right, it says 'PROUDLY SPONSORED BY' followed by logos for the Tawa Rotary Club, Inner Wheel Tawa, Tawa Lions, Tawa New World, Sprig & Fern, and Lowe & Co Real Estate.

END POLIO NOW



CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

On Wednesday 3 December
Arrival time is 10.30am and typically groups are there between 3-4 hours.
You may bring in your favourite recipes and the ingredients required, however, there is the following in the pantry:

Flour	Oats
Sugar	Salt
Baking powder	Baking Soda
Cocoa powder	Vanilla essence
Golden syrup	

Please note that they are a nut free house.



They would love fudge type treats and biscuits and small type finger food treats, for example, meringues. Some of it will be put out immediately and others will be frozen for Christmas day.

Let Elizabeth know if you are available to help elizabethsutton49@gmail.com

And organize your best Christmas treat recipe

INTERACT QUIZZ NIGHT

Support Tawa College Interact Group by putting together a quizz team for 23 November at the Borough. Contact Judith Gray if you want to be part of a team.
tawarotaryclub@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PROJECT 📦

If you support this project you will be helping Plimmerton Rotary and supporting Porirua Schools.

The main beneficiary this year will again be the Rotary Lifting the Lid Project. The project provides funding to schools to help handle issues around student self harm. It's a program that was first introduced into NZ approx. 5 years ago by the Kapiti Club and then 3 years ago in Wellington City. The program was introduced into 3 of the secondary schools in Porirua late last year/early this year. The program has been very well received by the schools participating in the program.



Link

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OYi-jNnq0DHQrmQbKjtK-vbauGPtPpz2LdqED5PEmLU/edit?gid=1571949879#gid=1571949879>

INTERACT QUIZ NIGHT

23RD NOVEMBER 6:30pm | **THE BOROUGH**

Profit goes towards the Tawa College sports department
\$15 FOR ADULTS (18+)
\$10 FOR KIDS (17-)
Pay on entry! Cash or bank transfer
TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR EMAIL:
4cmilne@tawacollege.school.nz

TEAMS OF 4-8
EACH TEAM NEEDS
SOMEONE 18+

As explained we need lots of helpers to cover the wrapping booths for the period 27 November through to 24 December
Below is a link to a live spreadsheet. Please click on the link and add your name and mobile number for your chosen day / shift. Do not override someone who is already showing. Also note your diary that you have volunteered!