



**The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.**

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## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2 2025

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

- 2 December** Meeting Longview Speakers Councillors Tony Randle & Andrea Compton & Deputy Major Ben McNulty
- 6 December** Santa Comes to Tawa
- 12 December** Christmas Cookie Baking for Ronald Mc Donald House
- 13 December** Christmas Dinner at Waite's home  
Shared meal from 6pm

## MEETING on 2 DECEMBER

Please invite family and friends to come and hear the vision for our city and especially for Tawa, of Deputy Major Ben McNulty and Councillors Andrea Compton and Tony Randle It will be a great time to ask questions.

Make sure you notify [tawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotaryclub@gmail.com) of your attendance (or apology) and the number of people you are bringing.



## PRESIDENT'S PIECE



We will hold our final meeting of the year next **Tuesday 2 December** at Longview Home - 6pm start for dinner. It is an exciting evening as we will be inducting into membership of Tawa Rotary, Michael Hill. Most of you will have met Michael at our last meeting. He and his wife Vivienne joined our Rotary Quiz Team for the recent Lions Quiz. Michael brings a strong background with his work with NZ Police and his community involvement here in Tawa which will be great for us in planning for our 2026 year. Please do come to welcome Michael to Tawa Rotary.

We also will have three councillors from Wellington City Council join us and give an update on Wellington and their thoughts on Tawa. Joining us will be Deputy Mayor Ben McNulty, and Councillors Tony Randle and Andrea Compton. A great chance for us to hear their thoughts and

to raise questions that we are interested in finding out more about. Bring along friends, family and neighbours but do let us know if meals are needed.

Last week I attended a meeting of Probus at the Tawa Bowling Club. It was their celebration of 30 years in Tawa and I was invited to present a certificate from Probus New Zealand. It was a special moment for me as I recall attending a meeting 30 years ago with the late Alan Todd that we had organized to test out the idea of bringing Probus to Tawa. The outcome is of course history as we now have a thriving Probus Club operating. I was really proud to represent Tawa Rotary and present the certificate to their President.

Thank you to all our members who helped with changing the hanging baskets in Tawa Main Road last Sunday. Thank you, Richard, for once again driving this project.

Tawa Community Gardens are to be extended with new gardens being built. The Community Garden Committee approached us earlier this year to seek help with funding. I contacted TOA ITM to find out how we could go about ordering the timber which we estimated would be close to \$5,000. However, I later received a call from Theo Modlik from TOA ITM introducing me to their Porirua Branch Manager Heinz Baker who is arranging to supply the timber, bolts etc as a donation to Tawa Community Gardens. All going well the material will arrive next Tuesday 2 December and a working bee is being set up to start building the new gardens. I plan to be there to help so please join me if you have some time. Parents of the scouts and guides plus the community garden team will also be there so let's wear our Rotary shirts.



You will recall that we made a grant to Tawa College to fund a programme at a Boxing Academy for some of their students, a report on this and photos is later in the bulletin.

After next week, our next event is to celebrate Christmas with Santa in the Plaza on Saturday 6 December. Judith Gray who leads the coordinating group of Tawa Rotary, Inner Wheel Tawa and Tawa Lions has done a brilliant job putting together a great plan for the day - thank you Judith for leading this project. It will be a brilliant day and even better than

last year. Please advise Judith if you can give some time to help. We need everyone to give a hand and to showcase Tawa Rotary at work!!

After then we have dinner at our home in Aotea on Saturday 13 December. Please do come and bring your partner. For those coming we have suggested that they bring either a toy which we will donate to the Salvation Army in Tawa who will distribute them to children in need or a pair of children's pyjamas which will be given to Foster Hope.

Have a great week - gosh Christmas is rushing towards us fast!! time to start my Christmas shopping!

Yours in Rotary

Pat

## Coming up in the future:

**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.

**Concert in the Park Saturday** 22 March 2026 - Another Tawa Rotary project driven by Elizabeth and will involve all our members who are available.



## CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

### Volunteers needed to do Christmas Baking at Ronald McDonald House?

We have had to change the scheduled date as the kitchen will be closed at Ronald McDonald house to enable new refrigerators to be installed.

**Please note the change of date**

**On Friday 12 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](mailto:elizabethsutton49@gmail.com)

And organize your best Christmas treat recipe

## BOXING PROGRAMME FOR AT RISK STUDENTS AT TAWA COLLEGE

You will recall that we made a grant to Tawa College to fund a programme at a Boxing Academy for some of their students. Secretary Judith has passed on a message from the College:

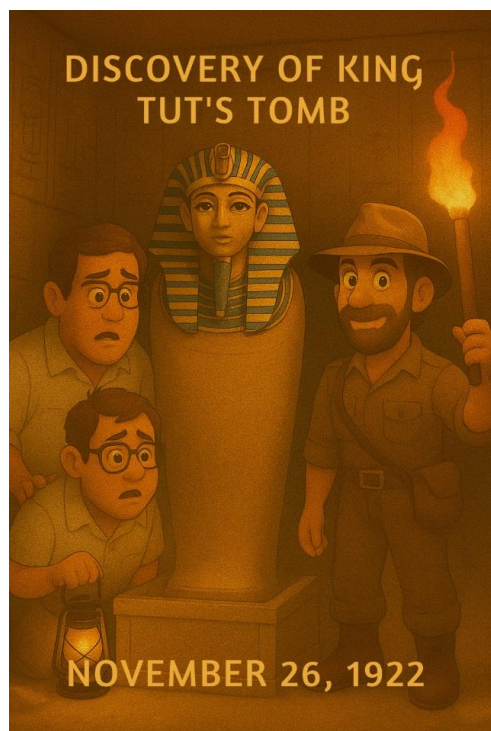
*The program has been going beautifully! The students are doing so well and coming on in leaps and bounds in terms of their confidence. It's really challenging every week and some of our group are not usually active by choice so seeing them push themselves to the limit with such positivity and courage has been an exceptional privilege to be part of. We've also been joined by students from Te Whare Awhina (our supported learning centre) and it has been a joy to see them thrive in the program, too, and grow those bonds with the rest of the group.*



*Thank you for your support and please pass on our deepest gratitude to the rest of the committee. This is making such a difference to these kids!*



## Rotary Global History Fellowship



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Every photo preserved, every name recorded, and every story shared strengthens the foundation of Rotary's future. Please — help us protect the legacy that inspires us all before time takes its toll.