



## The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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### NEWSLETTER APRIL 23 2024

#### MEETINGS

Apologies to [tawa.rotaryapologies@gmail.com](mailto:tawa.rotaryapologies@gmail.com) by 12 midday on the Monday prior to the meeting. Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

23 April	<b>Air Marshal Sir Bruce Ferguson Reflections and highlights from his senior service career</b>
25 April	<b>ANZAC Day Parade. Thursday, 9.30 am from NW</b>
28 April	<b>Hanging Baskets Changeover. Sunday, 2pm</b>
30 April	<b>Tony Heyward and District Governor Nominee Carol Green – Rotary regionalisation</b>

#### ROSTER FOR 23 APRIL 30 APRIL

Front Desk -	John Melville	John Melville
Set up -	Karen Searle, Tim Davin	Tim Davin, Karen Searle
Greeter -	Phil Harland	Judith Gray
Photos -	Richard Hutchinson	Richard Herbert
Open/parting -	Liz Sutton	Ian Munro
Intro/thanks -	Pat Waite	Joe Asghar
Raffles -	Phil Harland	Malcolm Andrews

#### HANGING BASKETS CHANGEOVER - 28 APRIL

The next 6-monthly changeover of the Tawa hanging baskets is scheduled for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm at Tawa Library. Please let Richard Herbert know if you're available to help on the day – [herbert.r@xtra.co.nz](mailto:herbert.r@xtra.co.nz).

#### ROTARY DOWN UNDER - APRIL 2024

Have you browsed through our latest Rotary Down Under Magazine. April edition is now out at <https://epubs.media/rotarydownunder/ezone/2024/670/>

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Thank you to Pat Waite for stepping in last Tuesday as I was unwell. I was disappointed to miss Bruce Phillips' talk as was looking forward to hearing about Plimmerton Rotary's ambition and community initiative.

We're looking forward to welcoming Air Marshal Sir Bruce Ferguson to Tawa Rotary and guests on Tuesday 23 April. I hope that many of you can attend as we are all hosts to welcome visitors to this special occasion. You'll also see the details in this newsletter on our participation in Tawa Community ANZAC Day observance on Thursday – it would be great to have a good turnout of Rotarians. Thank you to Elizabeth Sutton who has organised a wreath.

Rotary Wellington South is asking for help from Rotarians in our network with the Meals on Wheels programme. They're running low on volunteers for their Monday scheduled programme. I will forward their email to Tawa Rotarians if you or you know of someone who can help.

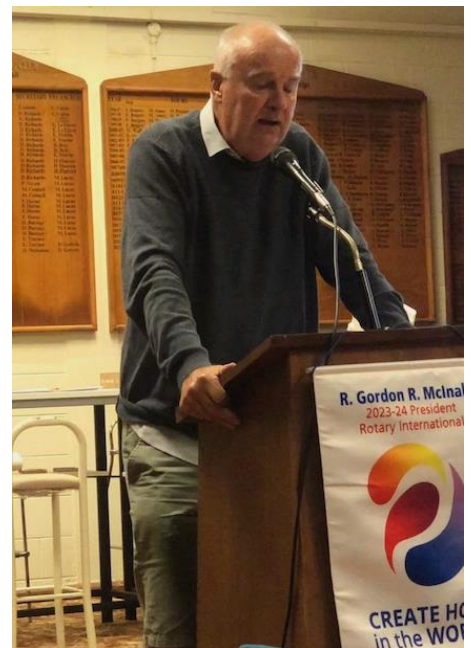
We have a Board meeting on Tuesday 23 April after the main meeting – any Tawa Rotarian is welcome to attend.

Laura

## LAST WEEKS MEETING REPORT

Bruce Phillips, previously a Tawa Rotary member and now a member of Plimmerton Rotary, was our speaker last week. Bruce spoke about one of Plimmerton's planned projects, a sensory playground, and he also provided some insight into Plimmerton's plans for survival as a Rotary club.

Sensory playgrounds offer a range of interactions with various sensors; sight, sound, texture, as well as the ability for use of playground items by disabled people; e.g. a wheelchair accessible swing. The gold standard sensory playground in NZ is that developed in [Hamilton](#). There are a handful of others in NZ e.g. Martin. Sensory playgrounds may cost in the range of 240,000 to \$4mil. Greater Wellington is also working on a sensory trail at Battle Hill.



Some of the ideas that Plimmerton Rotary have for expanding their membership base include; identifying community projects with a focus on youth and environment; breakfast meetings interacting with Plimmerton Business Assn, and Porirua Chamber of Commerce; partnering with other organisations like Porirua Inner Wheel; Use of QR codes to target youth; development Rotary awareness with local key stakeholders; digital marketing; include social engagement of members; and use of Rotary specialists - as provided by the regionalisation project.

If you bring the energy it will bring the people, share speakers, and offer high quality speakers that attract community members. Don't just hand out your money but be actively involved, be seen and tell your story. Diversity breeds inclusion.

Another idea adopted from mention at a DG training event was to send postcards to potential members to invite them along to a meeting and / or guest speaker.

Incoming DG Nominee Jocelyn Hogg from Rotary Club of Levin was also in attendance and spoke briefly about her upcoming year and support for Plimmerton's initiative's that Bruce had spoken about.



## **TAWA COMMUNITY ANZAC DAY PARADE**

Tawa Rotary is participating in the Tawa Community ANZAC Day observance on 25 April. The details from Tawa RSA: This year's Tawa Community ANZAC Day observance will commence with a parade which will assemble in then New World car park at 9.30am and march off to the Tawa RSA at 9.45am.

The parade will be led by the Red Hackle Highland Pipe Band and will also include representatives from NZ Defence Force, NZ Police, NZ Fire Services, Tawa College, and local youth groups.

The ANZAC Civic Service will be held at the Grasslees Reserve Memorial, 118 Oxford Street, at the completion of the parade (approximately 10am). If the weather is wet, there will be no parade and the service will be held in the Tawa RSA Hall, 89 Oxford Street.



## **WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK – 24-30 April**

World Immunization Week, is a global healthcare event, celebrated annually in the last week of April, and aims to highlight the collective action needed to protect people from vaccine-preventable diseases. Immunization campaigns have enabled us to eradicate smallpox, nearly defeat polio, and ensure more children survive and thrive than ever before.

In just 5 decades we went from a world where the death of a child was something many parents feared, to a world where every child — if vaccinated — has a chance to survive and thrive.

At its inception in 1974, the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) focused on protecting all children against 6 childhood illnesses, but today, this number has grown to 13 universally recommended vaccines across the life course, and 17 additional vaccines with context dependent recommendations.

Of course, Rotary has focused on the delivery and fundraising to eradicate Polio. This is still relevant today.

### **5 REASONS WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO**

1. **TO IMPROVE LIVES.** Today, 19 million people who would otherwise be paralysed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.
2. **TO IMPROVE LIVES.** If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.
3. **TO IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH.** Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems, like vitamin deficiency and measles, so we can address them sooner.
4. **TO LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS.** The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than \$27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save \$14 billion more by 2050.
5. **TO MAKE HISTORY.** Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.



If you wish to donate towards the Rotary End Polio Now programme please contact our club treasurer.



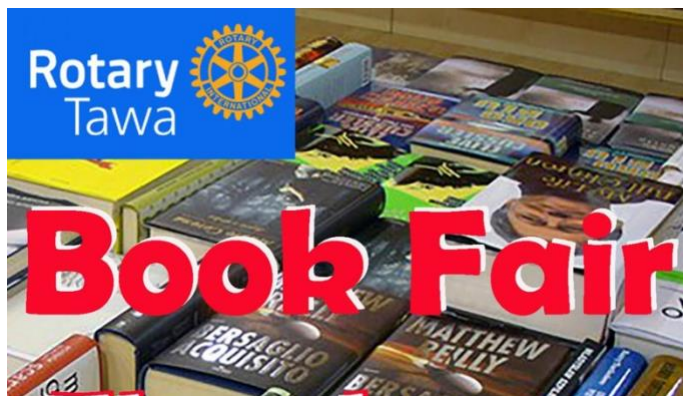
## **STREET COLLECTORS SOUGHT – Last Chance**

Can you spare an hour or two on Saturday 18 May to help keep Hospice services free for our local community?

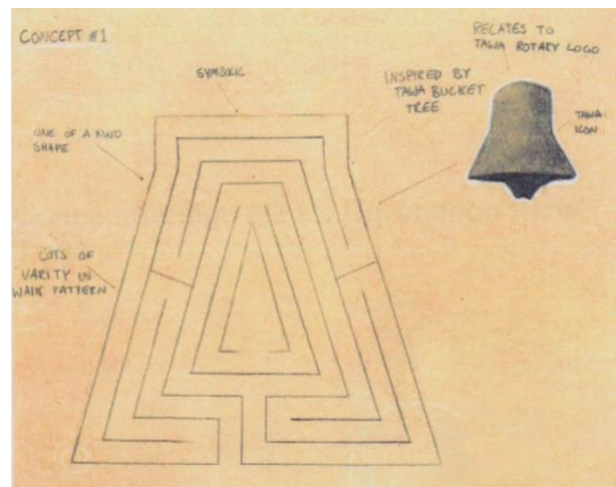
As with previous years, Tawa Rotary has been asked to support this year's Mary Potter Hospice Street Appeal on Saturday 18 May. Tawa Rotary is asked if we can help with collectors from 8.00am to 4.00pm at New World Tawa.

Please email [tawarotary@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotary@gmail.com) with your availability (by 16 April) so that we can quickly confirm our commitment to help with this worthwhile.

## **PROJECTS**



**Book Fair July 2024**



**Tawa Labyrinth**

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