



**The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.**

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## NEWSLETTER February 24 2026

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

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| <b>24 February</b> | <b>Ten Pin Bowling with Wellington North Rotary</b> |
| <b>3 March</b>     | <b>Visit to Parliament Guest of Greg O'Connor</b>   |
| <b>7 March</b>     | <b>Community Expo Tawa Atrium</b>                   |
| <b>17 March</b>    | <b>Visit to Tawa Fire Station</b>                   |
| <b>22 March</b>    | <b>Concert in the Park 2-5pm</b>                    |

## **PRESIDENTS PIECE**

We have returned home after almost 3 weeks in our caravan - our travels included Awakino which is where Melva's grandparents lived, Waihi Beach one of our favourite spots and Papamoa to spend time with my sister. She lost her husband and our brother in law a few months ago so we had a chance to spend a special week with her and enjoy happy memories.

Back to Tawa Rotary - on Tuesday 24th we are having a fun night playing 10 Pin Bowling at Kenepuru Bowling with Wellington North Club joining us. It is an annual event for us and I know that it will be a fun night. Bring partners, family and neighbours as I know Wellington North will be bringing a good number and they like to win. Please do come. We will have a shared dinner there after the games.

Best wishes everyone for a great week!  
Yours in Rotary

Pat

## TEN PIN BOWLING

It has become an annual event to start our new Rotary year with a fun night usually bowls or in recent years 10 pin bowling. A bit later than normal but next Tuesday it is on!! We have challenged Wellington North Rotary who are sending 11 members to play - apparently they are intent on winning!!!

A reminder of the details:

- North City Ten Pin Bowling for Tuesday 24 February from 5.30pm. They are located at 35 Kenepuru Drive, Porirua.
- The cost per player is \$18 for one game, \$30 for two games. We only usually do one game and then order finger food (optional as some may not want to stay for food).



## VISIT TO PARLIAMENT

. We are invited to come to Parliament as guests of MP Greg O'Connor who is Assistant Speaker of the House. His office have reserved 20 seats in the Gallery and also a meeting room post leaving the Gallery. We need to confirm names of those attending by Thursday 26 February so Parliament Security can arrange names tags and be prepared for our arrival.

Here are what has been agreed;

5-6pm seated in the public gallery

6-7pm meet Greg in a private meeting room. He invites us to ask any questions on Parliament, his role and his thoughts on NZ etc.

Post 7pm - we leave Parliament and if interested can go to a restaurant for dinner such as Thistle Inn or Rydges or ?



I will send out another reminder next week as it is important we get our names into Parliament so that they can release gallery seats not needed as apparently there is quite a demand for seats. We can arrange to meet at say 4.45 so that we go in as a group. Partners are also welcome to attend.

Melva and I are looking forward to the evening, a first for us to sit in the gallery and watch the action.

Take care  
Pat

## TAWA COMMUNITY EXPO

We are organising the Tawa Community Expo, an event that brings together the people, groups, and clubs who pour their energy into making our community vibrant and connected. The Community Centre team have helped with the invites of the Community groups.

**Saturday 7 March 2026**

**9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**New World Tawa & Tawa Plaza**

The expo will showcase the many local groups that make Tawa a great place to live — from sports clubs and music groups to volunteer organisations, hobby clubs, and gardening crews. If you're Tawa-based and community-focused, this event is for you.

Our aim is simple: Connect people, raise visibility, and strengthen our community. It's a chance for residents old and new to discover local opportunities to participate, volunteer, and belong. The event isn't for fundraising, selling, or catering — it's all about connection.

If you know of a Tawa-based group that should be invited — or if you're part of one yourself — please get in touch with Michael. He'll send the invitation and registration form directly to them. You're also welcome to forward the invite on your own. If you can share a contact name or email address, even better, as it helps us reach the right people quickly!

Clubs need to register by: **Monday, 23 February 2026,**

**5pm** via: [michaelnestmann@gmail.com](mailto:michaelnestmann@gmail.com)



## CONCERT IN THE PARK

Elizabeth is working hard to get the much-loved Concert in the Park up and running.

### Event Details:

**Sunday, 22 March 2026**

**2.00 - 5.00pm**

**Grassless Reserve,  
Tawa**

Cost: FREE (unless you wish to buy a sausage)

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 Learners' Band
- Kapa Haka performance
- Children's entertainment, and much more.

Bring your picnic, a blanket, and enjoy a relaxed day in the park. There's no pressure to spend money, but if you're feeling peckish, a sausage sizzle and refreshing ice blocks will be available.

"Concert in the Park is all about bringing our community together to celebrate music, culture, and connection," says Pat, President of Rotary Tawa. "It's a chance for families to relax, enjoy great entertainment, and experience the incredible spirit of Tawa. All right here at your doorstep in Tawa. We can't wait to see everyone there!"

