



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 26 2024

MEETINGS

Apologies to tawa.rotaryapologies@gmail.com by 12 midday on the Monday prior to the meeting. Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

26 March	NO Off site meeting this week
2 April	Rosemary Escott Charge Nurse Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Wellington Regional Hospital
9 April	Off Site
12 & 13 April	District Conference, Wanganui
16 April	
23 April	Air Marshal Sir Bruce Ferguson Reflections and highlights from his senior service career
25 April	ANZAC Day. Thursday

ROSTER FOR 2 APRIL

Front Desk -	John Melville
Set up -	Karen & Tim
Greeter -	Paul Drummond
Photos -	Richard Hutchinson
Open/parting -	Joe Asghar
Intro/thanks -	Laura Sommer
Raffles -	Phil Harland

DISTRICT 9940 CONFERENCE

And also the Rotary Club of Whanganui Centennial Celebration Gala Dinner
Friday Evening 12 April and Saturday 13 April.

[Go here for more information](#), download the programme and register for both events.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is Tuesday 2 April after Easter – when we're looking forward to hearing from guest speaker Rosemary Escott, a very experienced charge nurse at Wellington Hospital neonatal intensive care unit.



PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Our meeting on 19 March was very active with an invitation to Rotary clubs in our District to join the movement to reduce carbon emissions; followed by induction of new member Carolyn Crutch; and the special general meeting. Thank you to all those who participated, and welcome Carolyn to Tawa Rotary, who is also active with Tawa Inner Wheel.

Thank you to Judith Gray and Pat Waite who have been appointed as presidents sharing the next Rotary year. Their dedication and commitment are really appreciated. It does not mean, however, that it all rests on their shoulders. The success of Tawa Rotary service in our community is a collective effort.

Actions from our special general meeting include following up with the invitation to Tony Heyward and DGN Carol Green to update us on regionalisation. It is timely for Tawa Rotarians to learn and discuss what we do together with this future opportunity. Secondly, to support communication in Tawa Rotary such as summary notes from our Board meetings.

We don't have an offsite event next Tuesday. Our next meeting is on 2 April after Easter – we're looking forward to hearing from guest speaker Rosemary Escott, a very experienced neonatal charge nurse at Wellington Hospital.

Please consider coming along to the District convention and celebration with Whanganui Rotary's 100th anniversary on the weekend of 12 April. It'll be great to have a good representation from Tawa Rotary at this event. I wish you all an enjoyable and safe Easter weekend.

Laura Sommer

LAST WEEK

Rotary's action on climate change

We welcomed Joanna (Jo) Douglas, President elect for Port Nicholson Rotary and Dr Roger Blakeley, President elect for Wellington Rotary as they jointly spoke on climate change initiatives that are being undertaken. Their objective is to raise awareness and encourage Rotary clubs in our District 9940 to participate.

Jo shared the research on initiatives that clubs in District 9940 are doing to reduce carbon emissions -

- Kapiti Rotary is very active. With the support of a grant, they are enabling school students to learn about climate change and what they can do. This includes the use of Jackbord, an electronics device to support their learning.
- Port Nicholson Rotary leads very successful annual tree planting in Tawa co-ordinated by their member and Tawa resident, Lisa King, and Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves representative Richard Herbert.

Dr Roger Blakeley was the founding Chief Executive of Ministry for the Environment from 1986 to 1995, which set up of the NZ Climate Change Programme in 1990. He attended the First Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Berlin in 1995 (COP1) as a member of the New Zealand delegation.

Roger shared the story of how Wellington Rotary in 2019 became the first Rotary club in the world (out of 46,000 clubs) to be accredited carbon zero. They followed that up by working with Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG) Oceania to develop an Excel spreadsheet Carbon Calculator, and an Online Carbon Estimator, to make it easy for any Rotary Club in the world to calculate their carbon footprint. Tawa Rotary has been invited to consider joining this movement.



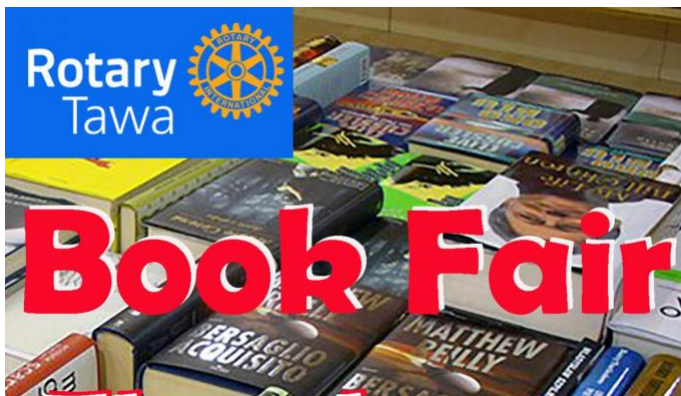
If you're interested in learning more about ESRAG Oceania and/or attending their monthly zoom meetings then see <https://esragoceania.org/>.

New Member

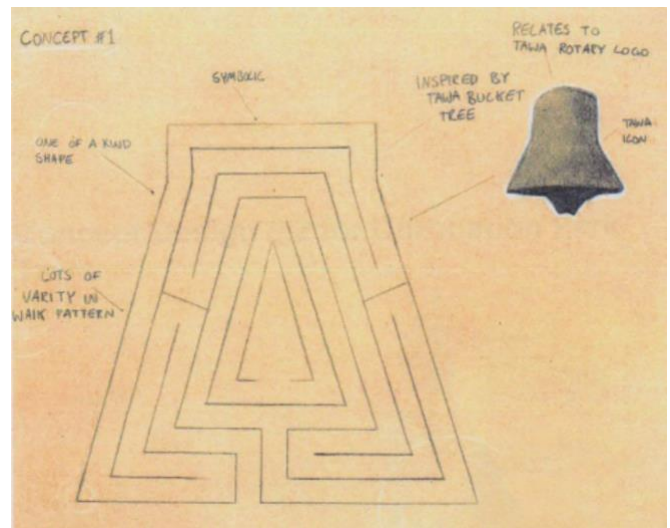
Last week we also inducted and welcomed new member Carolyn Crutch into the Rotary Club of Tawa, sponsored by Pat Waite. Carolyn has had a career in the hospitality industry and is presently working part time for Nurse Maud home care. She is also active in Tawa Inner Wheel and Tawa RSA.



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