



## The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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### NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 28 2023

#### MEETINGS

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

**28 November Rotary Olympics**

**2 December Santa comes to Tawa Plaza**

**5 December Circa Theatre \$45**

**9 December Christmas Party at the Waite's from 4:30pm**

#### ROSTER

If you are not available to do your duty it is up to YOU to find a Replacement or tell Tim well in advance.

#### 28 Nov

Set up	Karen & Tim
Front Desk	John Melville
Greeting Guest	Richard Herbert
Raffles	Malcolm
Open/Parting	Judith Havill
Intro/Thank	Joe Asghar
Photographer	Laura Sommer

#### NEXT MEETINGS

#### 28 November Rotary Olympics

This will be a fish n chips (& sausage) evening costing \$15  
Please confirm your attendance so we know how much to order.  
The bar will be available.



## 2 December Santa Comes to Tawa Plaza

We need volunteers please. The highlighted areas need to cover.

PLEASE be in touch with Judith Gray (0274406098) or Grayju02@gmail.com

to let her know which activity you will be covering. We cannot do this without help from everyone.

Brought to you by Tawa Rotary Club, Tawa Lions Club and Tawa Inner Wheel Club

The event involves the following activities:

- 9.00am Pack In (ROTARY, Lions, Inner Wheel)
- Transport of 30 chairs, Water Coolers, Cups from Community Centre to Plaza (ROTARY)
- Set up trestles, drinks etc (ROTARY & Lions)
- Electrical cords, music, sound system (Lions)
- Santa arrives at 10am to sit in Grotto (Inner Wheel)
- Children can have photos taken by their own family with Santa
- BBQ coming from Tawa Fire Station, cooking sausages, onions, etc (ROTARY)
- Popcorn bags ROTARY)
- Ice Blocks (ROTARY)
- Food Truck (Nada Bakery)
- Entertainment – Tawa Learners Band , Dressed up Characters circulating, Plimmerton Dance School, Wellington Coral Chorus
- 2.00pm Pack Down (ROTARY, Lions Inner Wheel)
- 4.00pm Drinks at The Borough

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**SANTA COMES TO TAWA PLAZA**  
**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 10AM - 2PM**  
**TAWA PLAZA AND NEW WORLD ATRIUM**

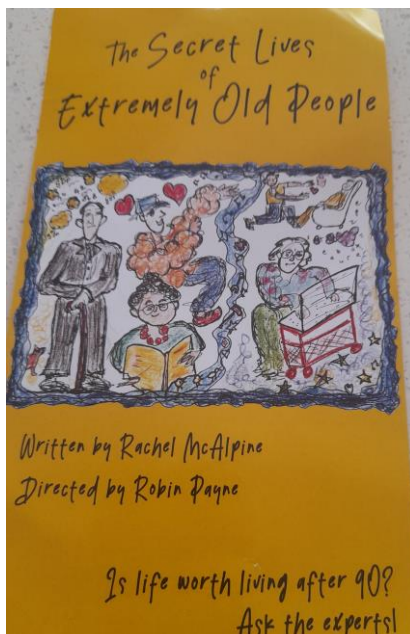
Meet Santa and Take Photos!  
 Entertainment from Local Groups  
 Food Trucks + Sausage Sizzle + Popcorn  
 Tree of Remembrance

**Donations collected for our local food bank**  
 (cash, non-perishable food items & toys)

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## 5 December

## Circa Theatre at 7:30pm Fee \$45



### The Secret Lives of Extremely Old People

Family and friends are welcome.

Contact Liz Sutton 0274463631

[elizabethsutton49@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsutton49@gmail.com) for tickets

Rachel McAlpine tackles with fun and courage a topic that bothers some of us – getting old!

At 75 Rachel's GP predicted she would live to 99. She promptly tuned up her lifestyle and wrote a best selling book of poems, How to be Old .But 99 is way past 75. Last year 12 local nonagenarians told Rachel about their lives sparking "The secret Lives of Extremely Old People" On stage, fascinating stories and insights burst from 5 very old characters played by 5 outstanding actors. Younger Wellingtonians chip in with their own opinions and you will be thinking your own thoughts.

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Our last formal club meeting for the year is on Tuesday for a night of Rotary Olympics which Fraser Asghar is putting together for us. Last year's games were real fun so it would be great to have a good turnout of members, families and friends.

Next Saturday 2nd December we have the Christmas in the Plaza from 10 to 2pm. It is a joint venture with Lions and Inner Wheel members. This could well be the start of more co hosting events and projects in Tawa. Please do help even if it is for an hour or so with the BBQ and other stands or simply helping set up and taking down at the end of the day.

On 5th December a number of us are going to Circa Theatre to see "*The Secret Lives of Extremely Old People*" preceded by dinner at the theatre. Thank you Elizabeth for arranging a club outing. We are looking forward to it! This is fund raising for Life Flight Trust.

The following Saturday 9th is our Club's Christmas party which is hosted by Judith, Laura and me to celebrate a great year of Rotary. So we can plan the food etc can you please email me (if you haven't already done it) and tell us if you and your partner are coming?

Melva and I are in Perth having a short holiday. Very hot 36/40 c every day. As we wander around I am struck by not seeing any Rotary signs - I feel quite sad as I know there are active clubs in Western Australia. We are looking at better signage for our club letting people know we exist. Perhaps we could start something that could be useful elsewhere!

Have a great week.

Cheers

Pat



## IN MEMORIAM

### Clare Russell

It was with sadness that we learned of Clare Russell's passing last weekend. Clare is the wife of our Honorary member Bill Russell.

Clare and Bill were the driving force that established Inner Wheel in Tawa. There is a reference to that achievement in our 50th anniversary book. The photo below is of Clare and the other three charter members of Inner Wheel Tawa in March this year celebrating the Club's 40th anniversary.



Clare and Bill were inseparable each helping the other with projects whether it was cooking breakfast in the Tawa Mall as a fund raiser which the club did for a number of years before it was redeveloped into what we have now, and Bill helping Clare with the Inner Wheel stand at Tawa events. There are so many stories of the Russell's with their caravan holidays and their contribution to both Inner Wheel and Rotary projects over the past 40+ years of service to the Tawa Community. Melva and I feel privileged to have known and shared time with Clare and know that she will be sorely missed by the Tawa Inner Wheel family.



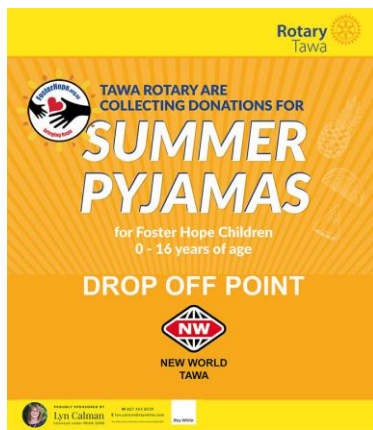
Photo from left: Marion Patchett, Clare Russell, Janice Lee and Rae Chaney.

## PROJECTS



Sale of Rotary Christmas Puddings  
There are only 6 left \$25 each.  
Great Christmas Presents. Contact  
Judith Havill for purchase.  
0273198235 or pay and collect at  
Rotary evenings

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## WINTER'S OVER, SUMMER'S HERE

Time for Tawa Rotary's Summer Pyjama Drive for Foster Hope

Pyjama donations for children in foster care can be left at the drop off bin in New World Tawa.

Anything we can do as a community to help these youngsters feel loved and valued is priceless.

## Xmas Wrapping at North City with Porirua Rotary

Click [link](#) for access to the schedule which is a LIVE document

If you have trouble viewing the schedule which is Google Sheets please email your times, name and mobile number to Paula and she will enter them in for you. Just to note that if this is your first time it would be highly recommended that you double up with someone who has wrapped before.

Paula will be in touch with you all again as we get closer to you commencing your xmas wrapping. Thank you everyone for your valuable time and effort.

Paula Williams  
021 045 7649



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**Concert in the Park Sunday 18 February**

**Tawa Labyrinth**

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