



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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**UNITE
FOR
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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 28 2025

MEETINGS

Please notify your attendance or apology to tawarotaryclub@gmail.com by 8pm Sunday at the latest. Please notify if you are bringing anyone.

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| 28 October | End Polio Fundraising Dinner Indian Meal
Indian Flavours Restaurant, 216a Main Road Tawa |
| 4 November | Melbourne Cup with Plimmerton Rotary |
| 18 November | Meeting Longview AGM
Approve financial reports
Adopt the Constitution for Rotary Club of Tawa Inc
Election of office holders for 2026/27
These papers will be emailed to members |
| 19 November | Invitation to join Inner Wheel for Christmas Dinner |
| 23 November(Sun) | Change Over Hanging Baskets
Meet at the library at 1pm |
| 3 December | Christmas Cookie Baking for Ronald Mc Donald House |
| 6 December | Santa Comes to Tawa |
| 12 December | Christmas Dinner at Waite's home
Shared meal |

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

What a wild day - just drove home from Wellington in the midst of gusts so strong that they blew the sign from the roof of a taxi in front of me onto the motorway! Best place today is home!!!

We have had a really interesting week, full of profile activities with the **Pride in Work** - great feedback from those who were there (almost 100 people) followed by the **Spring into Tawa** where we raised almost \$800 with our raffles and still a few donated prizes to be raffled so a very good experience. Using the money from the raffles and a top up from our funds the Board resolved to donate \$850 towards a 3-month boxing programme in Cannon's Creek for 'at risk' young people from Tawa College. The list of sponsors who so generously supported Tawa Rotary with donations for our raffles is listed in this newsletter.



On Wednesday evening I attended the grants evening for **Hutt Mana Charitable Trust** and with pride accepted a certificate recording a grant to Tawa Rotary for \$3,000 which will cover the bulk of the costs of a sound system for our March 22nd Concert in the Park that Elisabeth is organizing for us. Nice recognition by the Chairman of the HMCT of the work that we are doing in our community.

On November 17th we have been invited by Tawa Probus to help them celebrate 30 years of Probus in Tawa. Probus was one of five organizations in Tawa that were sponsored by Tawa Rotary (in the list below I have added the Rotarians who drove the initiative plus the year in brackets):

- Tawa Historical Society (2001 - Phil Harland),
- Tawa U3A (1985 - Alan Todd) Alan had a background in education and spent time in Rhodesia where his cousin was Prime Minister - Sir Garfield Todd.
- Tawa Rotaactt Club (1972- but sadly it went to recess in 1992,
- Tawa Inner Wheel (1981 - Bill and Claire Russell were key drivers of this initiative)
- Probus Club of Tawa (1985 - Phil Harland and Ken Shilling)



**TAWA
PROBUS CLUB**

The story behind these five organizations is on pages 35-36 of our 50th Anniversary book - **Creating and Enhancing Communities - The first 50 years of the Rotary Club of Tawa**. I have a few spare copies of that booklet if you would like to have one. Gosh we have added so much to our Tawa Community over the 55

years we have been established in Tawa. A great record but there is more to be done!!

As Club President I have been invited to present the 30-year Certificate which Probus South Pacific have provided to the members of Tawa Probus Club. I recall attending the information evening with Phil and Ken Shilling at which interest in proceeding with

establishing a Probus Club was canvassed. Kapiti Probus President attended and gave them encouragement and ideas on which the club was formed and now we are celebrating 30 years!!!

What else is waiting out there for us to sponsor, support, encourage and help? Hope to see you all on Tuesday evening for our Polio focussed dinner at the Indian Flavours Restaurant Tawa. We have some great photos and stories to tell of our two immunisation polio visits to India that our Club has been part of.

Enough from me
Enjoy the long weekend everyone. Treasure
Yours in Rotary
Pat

END POLIO NOW FUNDRAISING DINNER

Indian Flavours Restaurant, 216a Main Road Tawa. 6pm on Tuesday October 8th



\$25/head plus \$5 for a raffle ticket (Prize is a huge hamper from New World Tawa)

Proceeds to Polio Plus to continue with Rotary International's fight against this dreadful disease.



The picture is from a bygone era but the disease still exists in the world - unfortunately not bygone.

MELBOURNE CUP NIGHT

Tuesday 4th November Melbourne Cup Night

Plimmerton Rotary runs a fabulous evening every year and it's always fun and a bit fancy. As always all our members are invited to join them.

- Mana Cruising Club from **4.00pm** onwards. Buy your tickets in the sweepstake from the Rotary Club Totalisator tables
- Cash bar operates
- **THE MELBOURNE CUP** race is at **5.05pm**
- **6.30pm** Dinner is Served
- Funny Money 🤪 💰 📁 distributed for

- 7.00pm Casino Evening 🎲❤️♣️♦️♠️
- 8.00pm Auction using the funny money you have accumulated at 'the tables'
- \$35/head includes dinner and Casino fun
- Prizes for Best Hat/Fascinator (Women) and Best Dressed Man

RSVP by **Monday 27th:**
tawarotaryclub@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

On Wednesday 3 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
 And organize your best Christmas treat recipe.

SPRING INTO TAWA



Thanks to everyone involved especially Interact and the CHICKEN



PRIDE IN WORK AWARDS



The award recipients of the 2025 Tawa Rotary Pride in Work Awards

CONCERT IN THE PARK

22 March 2026

Thanks to Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for the grant to provide the sound system for the concert.



OTHER CLUB'S NOTICES

LIONS CLUB QUIZZ



Quiz Night

Grab some friends and come along to the Tawa Lions Quiz Night...

Thursday 10th November 2022
The Borough (Main Road, Tawa)
6.30-9.00pm

Fabulous Prizes, including 2 x \$25.00 vouchers, for the first two teams to register and pay.

Come along and bring some family and or friends, take on our Lions team and see if you can beat them.

We'll be auctioning off fabulous prizes from Borough Vouchers, Meat packs, Gift Shack Vouchers, and some Spot prizes.

Limited to 15 Teams (Be quick)
Each team consists of 6-8 Players max

Tickets are just \$10 pp
contact Tony phone 027 949 8669 or
email: tony@collectivefn.co.nz

Register on Line,
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8pevkm>



Proceeds go to the 2022 Tawa Christmas Parade!

PLIMMERTON ROTARY GARDEN TOUR

1 & 2 November

Plimmerton Rotary have invited us to have a weekend of fun and enjoyment visiting our ten magnificent gardens located in communities around the Pauatahanui inlet.

The purpose of the event is to raise funds for

Cancer research undertaken by Gillies McIndoe Foundation (**Founder Dr Swee Tan**) and life skills education by "**Harold**" of North Wellington Life Education Trust.

To obtain tickets just click on the link below and it will take you direct to ticketing at Eventfinda.

Rotary
Plimmerton 

PLIMMERTON ROTARY
GARDEN TOUR
1-2 November 2025

Visit 10 Beautiful Gardens

9.30 - 4.30pm (wet or fine)
Tickets \$20
Tickets available at:
eventfinda.co.nz
Refer www.plimmertonrotary.org.nz

DON'T MISS OUT
Get your tickets now!

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/plimmerton-rotary-garden-tour-2025/wellington-region>

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