



**The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.**

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**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**



## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 30 2025

### **MEETINGS**

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

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| 26/28 Sept      | RYPEN  |
| 30 September    | Meeting at Longview Induction of Gurtej Singh<br>Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade & Tawa Community Patrol |
| 5:30            | Longview staff will demonstrate the Social Interaction Tool  |
| 14 October      | Pride in Work Awards   |
| 18 October(Sat) | Spring into Tawa   |
| 28 October      | End Polio Fundraising Dinner Indian Meal   |
| 2 November(Sun) | Change Over Hanging Baskets  |
| 4 November      | Melbourne Cup with Plimmerton Rotary   |
| 18 November     | Meeting Longview AGM   |
| 19 November     | Invitation to join Inner Wheel for Christmas Dinner  |
| 2 December      | Christmas Cookie Baking for Ronald Mc Donald House   |
| 12 December     | Christmas Dinner at Waite's home<br>Shared meal  |

**PLEASE NOTE:**

It is now required for **EVERYONE** to register their **ATTENDANCE OR APOLOGY** for each meeting. This must be done by **8pm on the Sunday** night prior to the meeting to enable catering to be accurate.

To do this please use the email [tawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:tawarotaryclub@gmail.com)

The previous rotaryapologies email address is no longer managed.

**THANK YOU**

Tawa Rotary Club Services

**OBITUARY**

**Honorary Rotary Member Russell Smith  
20 November 1938- 14 September 2025**

I am saddened to let you know that our Honorary Member Russell Smith died in Kenepuru Hospital last evening the 14 September 2025.

Russell was the son in law of our Founding President Eldon Armstrong and brother in law to Honorary Member Robert Armstrong. He was President of Tawa Rotary in 1989-90 and was awarded a PHF in 2009 for services to the community. As I said above Russell was actively involved in our Club affairs right until he moved to Honorary Membership only a year or so ago.

I have always enjoyed Russell's company both as a neighbour in Oxford Street and with Rotary. He was always there for our book fairs even though in later years he was obviously struggling but nevertheless he put on the Rotary vest and took his turn with the books. I remember earlier on in our lives in Tawa visiting Russell in his sports shop in Tawa Mall with our boys getting their sports gear ready for sports seasons. He along with a former member Duncan Patton who had the Lotto Shop next to Russell were stalwarts of the Mall.

He will be missed by so many who knew him. Our condolences go out to his family.

With sadness

Pat  
President  
Tawa Rotary

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

. Kia ora everyone

Thank you to those who helped last Saturday at New World with our fundraising BBQ to support Alastair Hutchinson and the Special Olympics team go to Christchurch later this year. I was touched at the end of the day when a man came up and gave us \$30 to pay for sausages that we had left over and asked us to give them away free.



Next Tuesday we have the pleasure to welcome Gurtej Singh as a member of Tawa Rotary. Along with Cheree, Mike, Gary and Michael and of course all of us we are building a very strong team to help us do even more in the years ahead. I have had enquiries from another two people interested in joining us as well. Thank you all for being out there telling our story. On the night we will have two representatives from Tawa Community Patrol and two representatives from Tawa Fire & Emergency joining us to talk about what they are doing, what they need help with e.g. recruitment, resources, promotion etc. That will help us further build on our project plans.

Tawa Community Garden folk approached us earlier this year to ask for help in building new gardens in Coronation Park. I am delighted to advise that Toa ITM which is Brian Frampton's former business have offered to donate the timber for the gardens. Next step is to build them so we will be asking for help to support the Community Garden team build and stock the garden.

In October we have two exciting projects:

14 October - Pride in Work Awards. We have received 6 nominations so far so we are looking at a cracker of an award evening. Put the date in your diaries

18 October - Spring into Tawa. Carolyn has this event well planned and ready to go with spinning wheel raffles, and also I know she is adding some surprises for the day. We will need all your help on the day please to see raffles, tell our story. We need to wear our Rotary Shirts and be ready to talk Tawa Rotary to everyone we meet!! It will be a wonderful day for Tawa and Tawa Rotary.

That is enough for now don't you think?

Take care

Yours in Rotary

Pat  
President

## COOKING AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE 16 SEPTEMBER

On behalf of all of the families I would like to say a huge thank you to you and Tawa Rotary Club for cooking dinner last night. We couldn't do what we do here without the thousands of volunteers, like you and your group, who come through our doors, roll up their sleeves and help make RMHC a 'home' for those staying with us. I hope you all enjoyed the experience!



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®  
New Zealand

There is also the unique option to sponsor a room here at the House, making you and your organisation a core part of the family at RMHC. You can support our vital work of helping families with a unwell child in hospital away from home by sponsoring a room today! For more information get in touch with Gemma, our Regional Engagement Manager [gemma.sandoe@rmhc.org.nz](mailto:gemma.sandoe@rmhc.org.nz)

We look forward to having you in the House again sometime in the future!

Many thanks,  
Cindy



## ANCHOR PROJECT

### What is the Anchor Project?

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A community-led initiative involving the Tawa Community Board, Tawa Business Group and Tawa Residents' Association

Goal is to develop two key community assets, Mervyn Kemp Library and Tawa Community Centre, into a single purpose, modern community hub

Using the current community centre as the proposed site

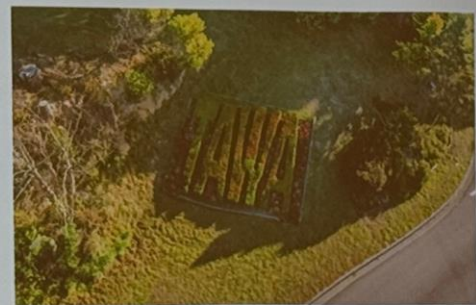


### How Tawa Rotary can Contribute

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Support the project through:

- Advocacy and Awareness
- Support Planning and Consultation Process
- Participation in Feedback Sessions
- Endorsement of the project



## **SPRING INTO TAWA**

### **Spring into Tawa . Saturday 18 October.**

**Tawa Rotary Stall.** Spinning Raffle Wheel & lucky dip.

Elizabeth Sutton is doing the roster. So will taking names next meeting on the 30 September. Members required from 8.30 am This is a big undertaking with the Spinning Wheel of Raffles . Quick fire. Pay, Play, Collect. We have some great prizes donated . Members are also asked to bring suitable items to make up hampers. We will start collecting items at the meeting next Tuesday 30 th September .

Chocolates , Biscuits, Chutneys, Relishes.  
Fancy Candles.  
Etc.

No alcohol  
please..



## **END POLIO NOW**

Fundraising Indian Dinner with entertainment will be held at the Bowling Club on Tuesday 28 October. Invite your friends.



