



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER April 7 2026

MEETINGS

Please notify your attendance or apology to tawarotaryclub@gmail.com by 8pm Sunday.

All Tawa Rotary members must email with apology or attendance to Sprig & Fern and / or the Orogen Offices.

7 April	Visit to Orogen
21 April	Meeting at Longview
3 May (Sun)	Hanging Baskets Changeover 2pm
5 May	Visit to Habourside Funeral Home Lower Hutt
19 May	Rotary Open Evening
30 June	Changeover

THIS WEEKS MEETING

When: Tuesday 7th April

Visiting Mike Foster's **Orogen offices** . They are Civil Engineers, surveyors and Land developers so it will be a very interesting evening finding out more of what they do.

Where: Unit 1A, 10 Surrey Street, Tawa Junction building (Wellington Beds Factory, Fitness Portal. Educare , etc) . Orogen are at the north end, near the residential units.

Plenty of parking in front

It's a working office so Mike asks if people could not arrive too early, near 5:30 please.

- 45-50min talk (what we do, some projects, etc) & have a look at some equipment.

6.30pm - leave for dinner at Sprig & Fern.

PRESIDENTS PIECE



visible in our community.

Over the weekend of 20th-22nd Melva and I along with Richard and Margaret Herbert attended the Rotary New Zealand Conference in Napier. It was the first time all of New Zealand Districts joined together for their annual conference. It was quite outstanding. Great speakers, inspiring talks, hands on projects we all helped out with and lots of catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. We returned Sunday morning to help with Tawa Expo. On Sunday after we left a presentation was made by our RI Director Jennifer Scott on a future restructure for New Zealand Districts which will result with our District merging with another. Still a while to go before being finalised but it all sounds promising.

Looking ahead we plan to visit more local businesses to find out what they do and also where our members work. Coming up on 7 May we plan to visit Harbourside Funeral Home (they have a funeral director in Tawa) and later Cheree has invited us to visit a very historical building in Wellington, the home of the Maori Women's Welfare League.

Can I finish with more good news! The Tawa Community Board have given us a grant of \$2,500 which will pay for a seat to be erected beside the Peace Labyrinth in Coronation Park. We are still working on the details but watch this space as they say!

Enjoy our return to autumn, time to put the heating back on, electric blankets on the beds and enjoy the days ahead.

Take care

Pat

CHARLENE PETERS

We can look back at March with pride at what we achieved and what we did starting with a visit on 3rd March to Parliament hosted by Assistant Speaker of the House Greg O'Connor followed by a very successful Inaugural Tawa Expo on Saturday 7th, then a visit to Tawa Fire Station who are Friends of Tawa Rotary on Tuesday 17th and to cap the month off the Concert in the Park on Saturday 22nd. We also welcomed another new member, Charlene Peters to Rotary at the Sprig & Fern. I sincerely thank all of those members who made these events happen! You certainly made Tawa Rotary



CONCERT IN THE PARK

We were very fortunate with the weather for Concert in the Park, with an estimated crowd of around 900. We have received very positive feedback about the day. All the musical groups were amazing and all keen to do it again next year!

Thank you to the wonderful team on the day, starting 7am meeting Metro people with the stage. Then 10.00am collecting gazebos, tables, chairs, cones, to name a few things from my place, to then set up at the park.



A lot of work behind the scenes too, and thankyou John. With his hard work we managed to get 2 grants, 1 from Tawa Community Board to cover the stage and the other from Hutt Mana Trust for the sound system. Permissions were needed for the use of Grasslees, signs around Tawa, separate permission for signs at railway stations and the list goes on.

Big thankyou to Judith Havill and her daughter for running the barbeque and to all who also assisted. We took \$820 on the day to cover our cost shortfall. This was made possible by the donations from our wonderful sponsors, Mexted Motors for the sausages, New World the bread, Sprig & Fern the ice blocks, Whittakers the chocolates.



Families were looked after well by Foxtail providing wonderful children's entertainment, sponsored by Wellington City Council.

In all a wonderful day, thankyou Tawa Rotarians.

Elizabeth Sutton



PLAQUE mentioning Tawa Rotary's contribution to the Magic Table for the residents in Longview Home is now in the foyer.



POPPY DAY 17TH APRIL

This year's Poppy Day collection will be occurring on Friday 17th April. Please support if able to. It is perhaps not well known that the donations received from poppy day go towards welfare support or financial hardship requirements of our local service veterans people and their families. Carolyn Crutch is also organising the roster for collectors this year. If you are able to assist in this way please contact her on 021 369 115.

ANZAC Day – Saturday 25th April
This year's Tawa Community ANZAC Day



observance is on a Saturday and will commence as usual with a parade, which will assemble in the New World car park at 9.30 am and march off to the Tawa Memorial at the north end of Oxford Street at 9.45 am.

The parade will be led by the Red Hackle Highland Pipe Band and will also include representatives from the NZ Defence Force, NZ Police, NZ Fire and Emergency Service, Tawa College, and local youth groups.

The ANZAC Civic Service will be held at The Memorial adjacent to Grasslees Reserve Memorial, 118 Oxford Street (at approximately 10 am). If the weather is wet, there will be no parade and the service will be held in the Tawa RSA Hall, 89 Oxford

Street.

This is a Tawa community commemoration, and the Tawa RSA has formally invited Rotary members to also attend the service and for those able to march in the parade. A morning tea will follow the service in the RSA

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