



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 27 2026

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

- 27 January BBQ at 26 Oxford St, Tawa from 6pm
Bring own meat to cook on BBQ and a salad or dessert to share. BYO drinks
- 29 & 30 Jan, 2 & 3 Feb RYDA at Tawa College
- 31 January Blessing of new Community Garden at Coronation Park
- 10 February Meeting at Sprig & Fern Tawa
- 17 February 7am Business Breakfast at The Borough \$30
Speaker Major Andrew Little
Hosted by Tawa BID RSVP info@tawabusiness.co.nz
- 24 February Ten Pin Bowling with Wellington North Rotary
- 3 March Visit to Parliament Guest of Greg O'Connor
- 7 March Community Expo Tawa Atrium
- 17 March Visit to Tawa Fire Station

BBQ Meeting

Please notify by the usual email address (tawarotaryclub@gmail.com) your attendance at this Tuesdays bbq just so we know approx numbers. Le numbers of family and friends
Also if you will be bringing a salad or dessert.

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Happy New Year to everyone

Like you I watched the TV news of the tragedy in Mt Maunganui and also in Welcome Bay with horror and sadness at the loss of life. We were up there only a few days ago enjoying the sunshine and lovely weather! It was made even more real when my niece phoned to say one of the women who had died was her friend from school days in Rotorua.

Our new Rotary year starts with a BBQ at Elizabeth and John's home on Tuesday evening (thank you Elizabeth and John) when we will also welcome to our club as a new member Michael Hill. I know that Michael and his wife Vivienne will enjoy being part of our Rotary family.

I sent out a few days ago with the minutes of our January board meeting a list of activities through to March but since then I have received invitations to visit Harbourside Funeral Home in Lower Hutt and Mike Foster has invited us to visit Orogen in Tawa to find out what they do to name just two invitations. On Friday I talked with Susan Bieleski from our MP and Assistant Speaker of the House, Greg Connor's office in Parliament regarding our visit to Parliament on 3 March. Susan is the sister of our Laura Sommer so she knows Rotary very well. The arrangements we planned are for us to join the Parliamentary gallery for the last hour of the afternoon sitting - 5pm to 6pm, then we will have time to meet with Greg and ask questions before he heads back into the House for the evening session. We need to let Susan know numbers by end February so she can book gallery seats and also I offered to send questions that we might have to her for Greg to prepare for. Other visits: I have tentative booked 17 March to visit Tawa Fire Brigade as part of a programme of getting to know our town and what people do in it.

An exciting initiative which Carolyn Crutch is driving is a community expo on Saturday 7th March in the New World Tawa Atrium. Carolyn will be giving updates on this activity which is designed to help voluntary groups tell their story of what they do, attract volunteers and members etc. Interested in finding out more? Talk with Carolyn.

I have just received a call from St Kilda Rotary who have a member moving to Tawa who would like to transfer to Tawa Rotary!! Gosh that will make seven new members over 12 months!!! We are on a roll!!!!

Melva and I are looking forward to seeing you at Tuesday's BBQ.

Yours in Rotary

Pat



We will be inducting into membership of Tawa Rotary, Michael Hill.. He and his wife Vivienne joined our Rotary Quiz Team for the recent Lions Quiz. Michael brings a strong background with his work with NZ Police and his community involvement here in Tawa which will be great for us in planning for our 2026 year. Please do come to welcome Michael to Tawa Rotary.