



# Governor's Newsletter



Hi Altrusans

Halfway through the first year and one Mid Year Board Meeting done!  
Our board meeting was over the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October

– yes, the Saturday and Sunday of Labour weekend! Luckily the weather wasn't great so we didn't long to be outside!

Thank you, Te Awamutu members who catered and had us for a pot luck dinner.

We covered a great many topics and made some decisions. I will mention a few topics in this newsletter and others may come to you via Presidents and Chairs.

## **Conference**

### **Ashburton: "Flowing forward in a Changing World"**

We are still trying to confirm speakers. The venue is very nice (has been done up since we were last there). As it is an all in one place venue it is a very convenient venue, but it is a bit more expensive than our last Conference.

## **F.A.R. Committee**

Re Finance Policy 11 Recommendation 3 - Three Altrusa committee members required, one member must be a member of Chartered Accountants Australia or NZ, or a member of CPA Australia. We can co-opt a member outside Altrusa if a Chartered Accountant cannot be found.

Club Treasurers – would any of you give this a go? Do you know of someone in your club who would??

## **Strategic Plan**

You have already been introduced to the International Strategic Plan. We have Vice Governor Marvynne Ashley to thank for drafting a 'District' Strategic Plan from it. The board discussed and formed the Draft Plan that will come to you through our chairs and board members. Clubs will be encouraged and helped to base their Strategic Plan on the Draft District Plan.

## **B.R.R.**

I was disappointed to receive the resignation from our B.R.R Chair. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Vice Chair Jann Tresadern for stepping up and into this role. I would also like to thank Patricia O'Donnell for accepting the role of Vice Chair. Her experience as a Past Governor is invaluable.

I would just like to remind people that if you or your club have any business to bring to the next conference could you please communicate it to our B.R.R Chair. ( [brr@altrusa.org.nz](mailto:brr@altrusa.org.nz) )

## **Reminder re - New Members**

It is great to hear that some clubs have been inducting new members.

Could you please ensure that you collect membership fees and complete the paperwork before their induction. Then when you send the paperwork to the District Treasurer (Danae McConnel), could you please CC myself ( [acmelville@msn.com](mailto:acmelville@msn.com) ), as I like to send a card, and our Membership Chair Carol Hasket ( [membership@altrusa.org.nz](mailto:membership@altrusa.org.nz) ) for her records.

## **Lynette Young Sponsorship Award**

This wasn't working well in its present form and as the intent of the award is to encourage growth and recognise the effort required to get new members, the Board discussed the situation and decided to rename the 'Lynette Young Sponsorship Award' to 'The Lynette Young Membership Growth Award.' Effective from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Criteria: Awarded to the club which introduces the most new members in a membership dues year.

## **Virtual Clubs**

The Board has agreed to the concept and we have a couple of people interested already. We think that this type of club would be useful for people who are in an area where there is no Altrusa Club or for people who are unable to attend meetings.

Remember, a member can have 'dual membership' and could belong to a club and a Virtual Club.

### **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

We have discussed the possibility of trying this in New Zealand and International President Leanne and myself have tried to deliver the key points at two of the I.F.F. Days. I have then done a presentation at the other two. We have had feedback from some clubs, which is appreciated. It is a huge undertaking to do as the whole District and thus we would like clubs to consider the viability of just doing it in areas with smaller sponsors. Leanne would like to know if clubs are interested in the concept before it is taken further. Clubs main responsibility would be the organisation of 'signing up of babies' and putting them into the system.

These are some of the key topics discussed at our Board meeting but others are always on the agenda for discussion i.e. I.F.F. Days, Club Visits and events etc.

Yours in Altrusa

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