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**Business/Programme
Meetings:**

1st Saturday of the month
2.00 pm at -
Knox Centre
28 Bealey Avenue
Christchurch 8013
(Parking off Bealey Ave)

Apologies/Guests:

Apologies/guest notification to
the President by mid-day on the
day preceding meeting.

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From the President's Pen:



Dear Altrusan's

Well the year has surely romped away. The last 46 days of dry weather has taken its toll on us, our gardens and still we Altrusans manage to keep going. I don't know how we do it but we have all pulled together and got our jobs done.

I have just returned home from the White Wings Trust party where I met with their Administrator, Hellen, (also an ex-Pegasus Bay Altrusan) and distributed with Danae, the Christmas Bags to each of the recipients. It was a lovely happy day, much cooler than goodness to what we have had. There was a barbeque this year and hamburgers, as well as savouries, cakes, fruit and icecream. One cheeky seagull was chased away but then he brought back his whole family to try and steal off the table.

In November, members attended the presentation of our Scholarship to a recipient at the Next Step Centre at Ara Institute. I was sorry to miss this function this year as I was on leave but it is always a top occasion to put in the diary

Another top occasion was the blessing of the Women's Night Shelter by the Christchurch City Mission – six members were able to attend. Hopefully we will get some publicity as we are donating a sizeable amount of money towards their costs and we have continued to supply beautiful sets of pyjamas for the women.

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Elaine Ford, a member of the Ashburton Club and previously of the Oamaru Club. She was such a warm, friendly and happy person and those who knew her were pleased to catch up with her on IFF Days and Conferences. She will be greatly missed.

I note that all members who attended the Christmas lunch at The Casino thoroughly enjoyed their meal. Thank you Alison for organising this event and Val who collected the money.

The Christmas stall at Burwood Hospital will, I am sure, be a great success as all items for sale have been presented beautifully. Having an Eft POS machine available will help sales too.

I wish everyone the Very Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2018.

Liz Lockett
President

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*Christmas is the time of joy, happiness, laughter, Christmas trees, etc, etc,
etc. Anon*

NOTICEBOARD

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 2.00 pm
5 February 2018

REMINDERS

“Start of the Year” pot luck lunch 21 January at Ann’s Rangiora home. 11.30 am onwards.

BIRTHDAYS

Anne Judd 2 Nov
Cecilia Conway 26 Nov
Isabell Linton 26 Nov
Rosemary Sladen 27 Dec
Christine Low 30 Dec



CLUB NEWS

Scholarship

On the 14 November ARA once again hosted us for the presentation of the Altrusa Scholarship to a student from the Next Step Centre. Six applicants had been interviewed the previous week and the successful applicant was Elizabeth who is going to be studying for a Social Work Diploma. It was also lovely to catch up with last year’s successful applicant Angelique who spoke of her very successful year and of being marked with A+. We also viewed a video of a past winner April, who was speaking at a special function at Parliament. Well done everyone! (Photo below – Di and Val presenting).

Christmas Luncheon

21 of us attended the Christchurch Casino for our end of year Christmas function. We all participated in a lovely Christmas meal and enjoyed our Secret Santas! Thanks to Alison and Social committee for organising.

Opening of Christchurch Women’s Shelter

The Christchurch City Mission’s new Women’s Night Shelter was officially opened on 17th November by Her Excellency, Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor-General of New Zealand. Six of our members attended the opening and blessing of the building, and were shown around this wonderful new facility. Christchurch Altrusans have been supporting the Women’s Shelter since its inception. We provide seven pairs of pyjamas each month, handmade quilts for women moving into their own accommodation, and give individual gift boxes each Christmas. In the New Year we will present a cheque for \$5,000 to assist with their ongoing work.

STOP PRESS – a very successful Christmas Goodies sale was held at Burwood Hospital 13 Dec. Well done everyone.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT FIFTEEN CONFERENCE

4-6 May 2018 Ashburton

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

16-20 July 2019
Reno, Nevada

ATTENTION!!

Vicky Apps Supplies Officer now has a supply of the magnetic – back ribbon badge holders in stock.

Contact her –
robynatherton5@gmail.com



DISTRICT NEWS

Ashburton Conference 2018 - This will be held 4-6 May 2018 at the Ashburton Hotel. Maureen Bishop is the Conference Chair and she can be contacted at conference@altrusa.org.nz Not far to go this time (and no air fares to pay) so a good representation from our club would be great.

The District International Project for the current biennium is “Days for Girls”.



Editor’s Message:

I really do not know where this year has gone! As a club we have had a mix of projects to do this year and it is now time for us to “recharge our batteries”. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018. Di



Liz Sydes, Helen Barlett, Margaret Simpson, Val Lee, Di Harrington and Marion Parlane – Opening of the new Women's Night Shelter, Friday 17 November 2017. Below Christmas Luncheon.



Christmas function at the Christchurch Casino, Sunday 3 December 2017