Rosetown Buzz

Te Awamutu, Kihikihi & Pirongia

by Te Awamutu Info Centre

November 2026

What's the Buzz... what's been happening

The very first **Seniors Expo,** held to coincide with International Day of Older Persons, was a great success. The event was to connect seniors with local, on-the-ground health, legal and community services, and brought in 41 exhibitors and 700 attendees. A survey of attendees showed 96% had discovered a service or product they intend to use or follow up on. Organisers (GreyPower Te Awamutu Inc and Waipā District Council) already have plans underway for next year's Expo!

Tree of Life touched our hearts

On 8-9th October, the **Rosetown Lions Club** ran a successful fundraiser, Tree of Life, for the **Child Cancer Foundation** at Pak'n'Save. People not only donated generously but shared their stories, reinforcing why Child Cancer is so deserving of support and is central to the Rosetown Lions Club's efforts.

Thank you from Altrusa Te Awamutu and the Food Bank!

Huge thanks to shoppers who donated items to the Food Bank trolleys outside Fresh Choice on 16th October, United Nations Food Day. **Altrusa Te Awamutu** volunteers were able to deliver an incredible 15 banana boxes of groceries to the Te Awamutu **Food Bank**, where the team were overjoyed and highly appreciative of the generosity of our community.

60s Up Movement of New Zealand

The Te Awamutu branch of **60s Up** provides opportunities to hear interesting speakers and join social trips. The group meets on the third Friday each month at the Te Awamutu Workingmen's Club. The speaker roster is kept local, which gives a new perspective on life in our region - for example, the group recently had the chance to hear from a local police dog handler. Ring Pam or Lloyd on 027 717 9822 to learn more.

Predator-free Waipā (Taiea te Taiao)

The **Predator Free Waipā** group works towards New Zealand's Predator Free 2050 goal by coordinating backyard trapping and community planting across our district. Did you know feral cats are now on the Predator Free list? They join some traditional targets rats, stoats, possums and hedghogs. The group also works to enhance biodiversity in the corridor between Pirongia and Maungatautari. Check out their Facebook page titled Predator Free Te Awamutu and Pirongia.

Spotlight on the Buzz...

Te Awamutu Indoor Bowls Club

2026 marked the **Te Awamutu Indoor Bowls Club**'s 70th anniversary, and the club invites you to be part of the next 70 years! Come along and give it a go because it's an easy game to learn and all equipment is provided. Whether you want to be a competitive bowler, a casual bowler, or just like to socialise, anyone any age is welcome. The season runs March to September and the yearly subscription is $60. A Business House tournament is planned for 2027, expected to be a lot of fun. Also worth keeping in mind: the club's facilities are available for gatherings of social groups and businesses. Phone Margaret (Secretary) 027 663 9965 for details.

Interested in volunteering?

If you're thinking about growing skills, giving back to the community, we'd love to hear from you! Pop in, chat with our team at the Info Centre, we'll match you with the right role.

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Rosetown Annual Fair

Rosetown Annual Fair on **14th November, 9am to 3pm** at **Selwyn Park, Te Awamutu**. Enjoy **110+ craft stalls, food trucks**, & **entertainment** including Rowdy's Rose & Te Awamutu Pipe Band, unicorn pony rides & face painting, at **Te Awamutu's largest annual craft market**. 20-year history of supporting local creators and free sites for local organisations.
Toy Library; try out toys, sign up as members, **Rosetown Lions;** raffle & Christmas cakes, **Men's Shed;** local hand made items, **CommSafe;** safer communities together, & **St John;** first aid & demonstrations. Something for everyone!

Misty Flicks Film Festival

3 days, 31 films, 6-8th November. If you want to create films, support filmakers or just encounter some new, original stories in this world of sequels and reboots and cut-and-pastes, the **Misty Flicks Film Festival** is for you. You'll find short and feature length films, panel discussions and opportunities to connect. The festival grows New Zealand's film community, develops filmmakers and celebrates creative diverse voices from all over New Zealand/Aotearoa. Check out the programme, get a festival pass, or sign up to their newsletter via their website: **www.mistyflicks.co.nz**

Waipā Creative Trail 2027

Although the Trail itself happens in May 2027, the organising team will be confirming the trail-stops by the end of this year. Artists and creatives - whether you're opening your own creative space or collaborating with others to create something special for visitors - the Waipā Creative Trail team would love to hear from you. **Expressions of interest open on 2nd November and close on 16th November**. Join the notification list at **waipacreativetrail.com/participate** and they'll send you the info you need before applications open.

Sleigh bells ringing 🎵🎄

The **Rosetown Lions Club** is now getting ready for its annual **Christmas Sleigh raffle**, compiling items kindly donated by local businesses. Tickets will be available at $2 each from Pak'n'Save, Fresh Choice and Woolworths from Fri 27th November to Sat 12th December. Funds will go directly to charities in our local community.

Reminders for your diary!

Annual Spring Rose Show 6th & 7th November
And how can it be nearly December..!
Advance diary note: the **Rotary Te Awamutu Christmas Parade** on Saturday 5th December, 11am. 🎄🚗🎈

Our Local Markets

NEW! Rosetown Produce Fair, Thursdays 1pm to 5.30pm
Evey Thursday, produce, baking, making and natural products and food trucks, Selwyn Park, Gorst Ave, Te Awamutu. Phone 07 871 3259 or email rosetownproducefair@gmail.com

Council Car Park, Saturdays 8am
Every Saturday, 101 Bank Street. Contact via Facebook page

Rosetown Christmas Fair, Friday 11th December 4pm to 8pm, twilight craft market, at Selwyn Park, Gorst Ave. Te Awamutu's Christmas Craft Market, with 80+ stalls, food trucks & entertainment, a fun family-friendly event Phone 07 871 3259 or email rosetownchristmasfair@gmail.com

Pirongia Market, Sunday 29th November
Last Sunday of every month, 9am to 1pm, at Pirongia Community Centre, 574 Crozier Street

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