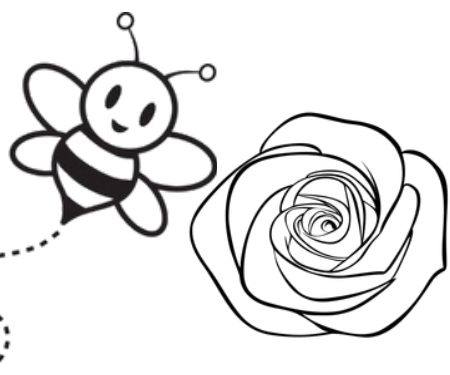
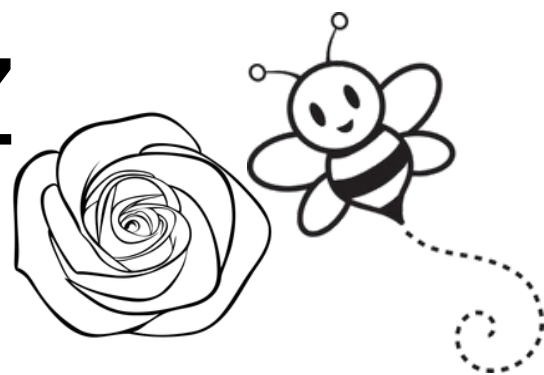




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What's the Buzz... what's been happening

Books and much more!

The Te Awamutu Rotary Book Fair was a tremendous success! Attendees commented on the user-friendly layout and wide range of books. The event raised \$16,500 which goes straight back into our district, to the community projects and local charities Te Awamutu Rotary supports. The Book Fair has numerous volunteers, many of them non-Rotarians, who step up every year to collect, sort, set out and sell the books. A morning tea was held at Columbus Cafe (Mitre10) to thank them. Te Awamutu Rotary also appreciates the support of the team at Mitre 10. Finally, immense thanks to the many local residents who donated books, puzzles, CDs and videos. Did you know that a lot of books go further afield, to the likes of Waikeria correctional facility, Kids in Need Waikato, and the Pacific Islands? It's an indication of the expanding scale of the Book Fair and the benefits that the donated items bring to our community.

Sip and Save at The Hive, Pirongia

Some 60 local attendees, plus several from Kawhia, Ōhaupō and Cambridge, enjoyed The Hive's 'Sip & Save' event on 20th August. Many said they relished the chance to be at a bright social event in the middle of winter, beckoned in by tiki torches set up outside. The evening included a rebrand launch of much-loved NZ skincare brand, Wild Ferns.

Home Composting workshops

Waipā District Council's Waste Minimisation team ran three free Home Composting workshops during August. 47 people were introduced to a range of simple, practical methods for composting food scraps. Many attendees expressed that they wished the session went for longer than an hour. "Very knowledgeable, with information I was unaware of" was a common theme in the feedback. The Waipā District Council gave each person a \$50 Mitre10 gift voucher towards an eligible model of compost bin, worm farm or Bokashi kit to help them get started with composting at home.

Spotlight on the Buzz...

Rosebank Art Centre

You may have visited the beautiful art house on Churchill Street during the Waipā Creative Trail in May. Run by the Rosebank Art Centre Charitable Trust, the Art Centre provides a welcoming creative community for artists, beginners, and anyone keen to have a go. This winter, they have held workshops focusing on watercolours, pencil drawing, oil portraits and mixed media. Their workshops and tutorials, fun creative challenges and art trips/outings let you learn new skills, share ideas and explore the world of art. Check out their Facebook page ([rosebankartcentre](https://www.facebook.com/rosebankartcentre)) or email rosebankartcentre@gmail.com

Interested in volunteering?

If you're thinking you'd like to give back to the community and get involved, we'd love to hear from you! Our team at the Information Centre can help connect you with a volunteer role that aligns with your skills, interests and the amount of time you have available. Pop in and have a chat with us!

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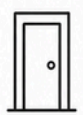
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"Losing It": a one-hour play about love, loss and dementia

Pirongia Community Centre 574 Crozier St, Pirongia, 2pm on
Sunday 6th September, entry by koha/donation. A play
created and performed by Sandra Shearer and Ceridwyn
Parr. Supported by Waipā Networks, this is a performance
filled with empathy, song and humour.

Welcome in Spring with the Rosetown Choristers!

The **Rosetown Choristers** will hold their Spring Concert titled
"Journeys" at the Methodist Church on Bank Street, Te
Awamutu on Sunday 13th September at 2pm. Afternoon tea
to follow. Contact David on 027 270 7566 for more details.

Keep NZ Beautiful Clean-Up Week

The **Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful group** will participate in
National Clean-Up Week 18-25th September, by cleaning up
Te Awamutu's town centre. Let us know, via the Information
and Visitor Centre Facebook page, if you've noticed anything
that needs cleaning/tidying so the group's volunteers can
spot it and sort it that week!

Cookbooks available soon!

Te Awamutu Riding for the Disabled has their fundraiser
cookbook ready to roll off the press in mid-September. Tried
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Seniors Expo on 1st October

The inaugural **Te Awamutu Seniors Expo** is happening on 1st
of October, marking International Day of Older Persons.
Presented by GreyPower Te Awamutu Inc and Waipā District
Council, the Expo will be held at the Presbyterian Centre, 80
Mutu St, Te Awamutu from 10am to 4pm. It's for seniors to
connect with local on-the-ground health, legal, support &
community services, all in one place. You'll find seminars
running throughout the day and numerous exhibitions. Big
thanks to sponsors Rosetown Funerals, Arvida Whai Mauri
Ora and Te Awamutu Kihikihi Community Board. This is an
event created by local people for local people! Entry is free
and everyone is welcome!

Te Awamutu Continuing Education Group - speakers

1st and 3rd Wednesday every month at Waipā Workingmen's
Club. Tea/coffee available from 9.30am, programme begins at
10am. \$4 per person on arrival to cover expenses.

Wed 2 Sept: Heather De Groen, *After 24 years as a senior nurse
in Waikato's HDU, volunteering to work on Mercy Ships*

Wed 16 Sept: Lisa Burton-Harris, *The power of the brain as we
age: 5 things science agrees we can all do to age well*

Our Local Markets

Council Car Park, Saturdays 8am

Every Saturday, 101 Bank Street. Pam Chitty 021 182 5787

Rosetown Monthly Fair, Saturday 26th September

4th Saturday every month, 10am to 2pm, at Selwyn Park,
Gorst Ave. Te Awamutu's local Craft Market, with 80+ stalls,
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Pirongia Craft Market, Sunday 27th September

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