



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mid-June
2014

This community newsletter is sent out near the start of each month on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website which has been supported by the Tawa Residents' Association since 2002.

ARE YOU KEEPING UP-TO-DATE WITH HAPPENINGS IN TAWA?

Wouldn't it be great to receive up-to-the-minute announcements of happenings in the Tawa community, to ask for or to make recommendations about local businesses and tradesmen, etc, to ask for assistance with a community project, or to offer to sell or give away something you no longer need?

Well now you can! There's a Tawa community site where all this is available, plus a whole lot more - and it's free! It's based on sharing information and being neighbourly, and that's precisely what it's called - neighbourly.com

You don't need to "contribute" if you don't wish to. You can simply opt for a daily notification or even a weekly notification of what's going on in the Tawa community.

Around 285 Tawa individuals are now part of 'Neighbourly' and we're encouraging everyone else who wishes to know what's happening in Tawa to join!

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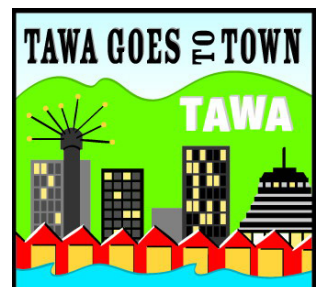
- there's a section in which any member can list Upcoming Events
- there's a section in which any member can list details of their organisation/group, school or church
- the information shared is confined to the local community, not broadcast to the whole world!



TAWA MUSIC FESTIVAL - PRACTICES STARTING THIS SUNDAY

The Tawa Schools' and Community Music Festival, Tawa Goes To Town, is happening on Tuesday 23 September in the Michael Fowler Centre. This event (now biennial) was established in 1979.

The 2012 show included 700 members of the Tawa community in the production, plus many more behind the scenes. The production team remains the same this year with Murray Cameron as the Musical Director, Jean Hollier, Producer, and Sara Scott, Choreographer.



Students from all the Tawa schools in year 5 or above will have the opportunity to be involved and will start their rehearsals soon. The rehearsals for the adult choir will be on Sunday afternoons, 4-5.30pm in the Music Department at Tawa College, starting on Sunday 15 June. The music cost will be \$15 per person (applies to adult choir). All welcome! Enquiries to Jean Hollier: GJnZ@xnet.co.nz

TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS

We received almost 60 nominations for 48 different groups and individuals who perform a voluntary role in the Tawa community. The purpose of the awards (held every second year since 2006) is to publicly acknowledge and thank those groups and individuals. Each will be presented with a certificate of thanks by the Mayor of Wellington at the awards ceremony on Friday 20 June.



Q. WHAT'S HAPPENING ON 'NEIGHBOURLY'?

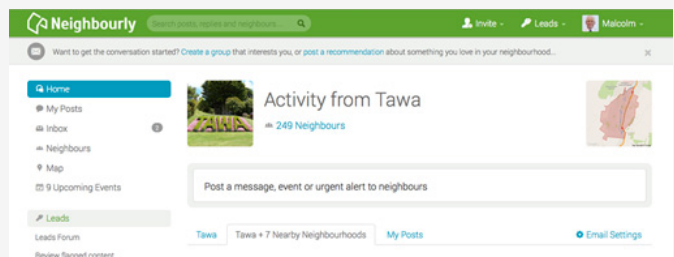
A. QUITE A LOT REALLY!

Queries/discussions in last while:

- can anyone recommend a good reliable garage in Tawa?
- who in Tawa does woodworking/joinery?
- damage to Redwood Station shelter
- weeding and mowing recommendations
- computer scamming concerns
- anyone able to host an AFS student?

Notices:

- rabbit found
- dinner at Tawa RSA Friday evenings
- experienced gardener looking for work
- guitar or drumming lessons offered
- house wanted over Christmas period
- house available for rent



Free stuff to give away:

- baby bassinet
- Tawa Intermediate boy's shorts
- manual treadmill
- boy's bicycle

Organisations & Groups:

- there's a separate section where local Organisations & Groups can list their details

Coming Events in Tawa:

Tawa Combined Churches Service	- Sun 15 June
Auditions for "MMP - More Murder Please!"	- Sun 15 June
Working bee at Willowbank (<i>see below</i>)	- Sun 15 June
Tawa Musical Festival practices	- Sun 15 June
Tawahine Voices (U3A Women's Choir)	- Sat 21 June
Emergency Planning Tips at Tawa kindy	- Thu 26 June
Tawa Rotary Book Fair	- Sat 28 June (first day)

'Neighbourly' enables local people to share information with each other and to become a more "connected" community. See www.neighbourly.co.nz.



ARE YOU PART OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAWA?

WORKING BEE IN (OR NEAR) THE STREAM AT WILLOWBANK

A working bee is being organised to clean up the litter that has accumulated in and near the stream at Willowbank Park. This is the tributary stream which flows under the motorway and down to join Porirua Stream.

Access is from the southern end of Taylor Terrace or from the path down from Takapu Road just over the bridge across the railway line (parking at Takapu Road station).

The clean up will start at 1pm on Sunday 15 June. Unless the weather is very bad it will proceed rain or shine. Finish time around 3pm (or leave when you need to).

Rubbish bags will be provided. If you are prepared to enter the stream to retrieve rubbish please bring waterproof boots or gumboots. Gloves are recommended.

TAWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

An exciting opportunity has arisen within our school. Our recently built modern library needs an enthusiastic and creative Librarian.

The position will be within school hours, term time only.

Librarian experience is not necessarily a prerequisite.

For job description and application package please contact the Executive Office, Christine Holden, on 232 5201 or visit our website www.tawaint.school.nz

Application close Friday 27 June 2014 at 3.00pm.

TAWA CHURCHES COMBINED SERVICE

A combined service will be held on Sunday 15 June at 10am in the Tawa College Hall. This is an all age (child friendly) service lasting about an hour or so with tea & coffee afterwards. We will take up a special collection for the work of CRE (Christian Religious Education) in Tawa. Hope to see you there.



EMERGENCY PLANNING TIPS AT TAWA CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN

Emergency services will be over-run after an emergency in Wellington. What knowledge, skills, plans and preparation you put in place for your family now can minimise the effects of a disaster on those you love the most.

Melissa Standish is a kindy mum and an ex-Emergency Management Advisor and volunteer for Civil Defence. She has lots of experience working with businesses, schools and families to get them prepared for an emergency. Melissa will be speaking at a Tawa Central Kindy fundraiser evening. Come along and hear about: disaster risks and realities, practical tips on getting prepared, storing water, tips from Christchurch (and more!).

Tawa Central Kindergarten, 21 Oxford Street Tawa, Thursday 26 June 7pm.

Tickets \$5, includes light refreshments. Book yours in advance by calling the kindergarten on 232 6416 or emailing tawacentral@wn-kindergarten.org.nz. Door sales available on the night from 6.30pm (depending on availability). See you there!

BOOKS BEING COLLECTED FOR BOOK FAIR

This year's Tawa Rotary Book Fair will be held on the weekend 28-29 June and the following weekend 5-6 July inside the mall, next to Tawa New World.

Tawa Rotary is now collecting donations of books, DVDs and CDs, which can be dropped off into the box outside New World Tawa. Other drop off points are Mexted Motors, Drummonds, Harcourts and ITM Tawa.



AUDITIONS FOR MURDER MYSTERY

Tawa Community Theatre is auditioning for "MMP – More Murder, Please!", an audience participation murder mystery (by 4M Productions). The season itself will be 28-30 August and 4-6 September.

Required at this stage: 5 M; 6 F; 3 either. Enquiries to Marie on 478 4305. Auditions from 2pm on Sunday 15 June at the Linden Social Centre, Linden Ave, Tawa.

AT THE LIBRARY

Head along to the Mervyn Kemp Library at 6pm on Thursday 10 July to find out about easy, low cost ways to solve many of your draught, condensation and heating problems, and get up-to-date information on the best services and resources available in this area. (See display ad at right).

STORYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY

Mervyn Kemp Library now has monthly late night storytimes at 6.30pm on the first Thursday of every month. July's theme will be "Matariki: Stars, celebrations & new beginnings". Bring along your kids in their pj's and join in the fun. The storytimes will be half an hour, so that leaves plenty of time to spend browsing before the library closes at 8pm.

"YOUR MOVING BABY"

From Friday 20 June at the Tawa-Linden Plunket rooms in Linden Ave. This free course teaches you lots about your baby and it's also a great way to meet other mums with bubs the same age. Babies from moving to walking. To book your free place call Shelly on 460 4660.



Sustainability Trust Presents:

Healthy Homes, Sorted Homes.

Thursday 10th July

Come to this inspiring evening workshop and learn how to:

- Reduce power bills while keeping warm
- Stop draughts, mould and damp
- Choose the heater that's right for you
- Better insulate your home on the cheap

Where:
Mervyn Kemp Library
Tawa

Contact the library for more info:
04-232-1690

Time
6.00-7.00pm

Cost: Free. Koha to the Trust is appreciated

 SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

SUPPORTING OUR 'NEIGHBOURS' IN PORIRUA

Here's a request from our friends and 'neighbours' in Porirua:

In terms of our #gigatown campaign, Porirua would love Tawa's support. Both Celia Wade-Brown (Mayor of Wellington) and Fran Wilde (Chair of Greater Wellington Regional Council) have said they will publicly support it. They recognise that there is significant regional benefit to one part of Wellington winning this. Porirua is the only place in the hunt, having moved from 8th to 6th place in recent weeks. But we need the might of Wellington City behind us! This competition's first round goes until September.

The ultimate prize is subsidised UFB for a number of years - the fastest in the Southern Hemisphere at 1 Gigabit per second speed. The economic and social opportunities for our city and region could be huge and we are currently developing some ideas as to what those might be in more detail.

In the first instance we need people registering as supporters of Porirua at <http://gigatown.co.nz/#how>. It would be fantastic to get support from Tawa residents.

Nick Leggett, Mayor of Porirua, talks about Gigatown on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmMm98fBEEY>.

FREE PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS PRESENTATION

7.30pm Thursday 19 June at Porirua Club.

Because 11th to 18th June is Men's Health Week a local Freemasons group has arranged for Professor John Nacey to give a talk on this topic to help men understand what they can do to prevent becoming victims of this prevalent condition. Professor Nacey is Professor of Urology at Otago University and is an expert in this field.

Prostate cancer will affect one in every eight males in New Zealand. 600 Kiwi men die each year because of it. Any enquiries to Tony Cross on 232 7593.

60 SECONDS WITH Alistair Sutton

Alistair has been a member of the Tawa Community Board since 2010.

Early life Born in Wellington.

Lived in Tawa since I have lived in Tawa for 33 years.

Family Married to Leanne with two daughters Jayda who is 4½ and Carly who is 15 months old.

Work experience over the years

First full time job was at United Video Tawa, which I did for a couple of years, before embarking on a career in Banking in which I am currently in my fifteenth year, holding numerous roles from Branch Teller, IT Support, Senior Online Fraud Analyst. I am currently the E-Crime Team Manager.

Interests and hobbies

Family rates number one, but in my spare time I homebrew, make my own cheese, cook, garden, snowboard, travel and read.

Which sports team(s)?

Hurricanes & All Blacks. Adopted teams Stormers & Springboks, having spent a year living in Capetown.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Anywhere that I can pitch a tent with my wife and girls and be in the great outdoors.

Why the community board, and what do you do on it?

I am passionate about Tawa, having lived here for the majority of my life and now raising my own children in Tawa. I want to fight to keep Tawa and as Tawa. I also am a younger voice for the people of Tawa and believe I can bring a different perspective to the board, and I am on the community board's Grants committee.



TAWA RECREATION CENTRE PROGRAMME

Tawa Recreation Centre, Tawa College, Duncan Street | For ages 5–12 years | To book phone 232 2260

Monday 7 July	Tuesday 8 July	Wednesday 9 July	Thursday 10 July	Friday 11 July
Favourite Games and Creative Costumes It wouldn't be the same without your favourite games! We play Mayhem; Kill the Cone and Line Tag. Then unleash your creative side and make some awesome costumes to show off.	Mad Thinking Day Test your stealth with Capture the Cone, Key Master and Rob the Nest. Then let out your inner mad scientist with some weird science experiments.	It's Wheels & Racing Day! Ride on our wheels and see how fast you can get around the racing circuit. Then get in teams and design your own racing machine.	Trip Day: Kilbirnie Rec Mega Inflatables Bounce on lots of fun inflatables with kids from other recreation centre holiday programmes at Kilbirnie Rec centre.	Baking and Building Bake cheesy pizza scrolls, and then design and build your own fort in the afternoon.
Monday 14 July	Tuesday 15 July	Wednesday 16 July	Thursday 17 July	Friday 18 July
Modelling & Inflatables Make your own play dough in the morning, then see how many flags you can get in Flag Tag. Bounce the rest of the afternoon away on the inflatable.	Animal Balloon Day Its paper mache time! Use a balloon to make a paper mache animal then take it home to decorate. Later we play balloon games and do an animal quiz.	Sports & Photo Frame Day In the morning we'll have a go at netball, volleyball and badminton. Bring in a photo and spend the afternoon making a frame for it.	Trip Day: Police Museum Visit the Police museum and learn some fun facts while showing off your detective skills. Come back to the rec centre and complete our police challenge course and time tests.	Baking & Painting Day Make delicious Jaffa cupcakes with relays while they cook. In the afternoon, get creative with paint and create a work of art.

School holiday programmes also available at:

ASB Sports Centre 72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie For ages 5–12 years To book phone 830 0500	Karori Recreation Centre 251 Karori Road, Karori For ages 5–10 years To book phone 476 8090	Nairnville Recreation Centre Cnr Cockayne Road and Lucknow Terrace, Khandallah For ages 5–10 years To book phone 479 2022
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Cost per day		Recreation centres	ASB Sports Centre
Non-trip days	8.30am–3.30pm	\$32	\$35
Trip days	8.30am–3.30pm	\$42	\$45
Aftercare	3.30–5.30pm	\$13	\$13

Bookings open Tuesday 3 June. All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TAWA COLLEGE 'FORMAL'

The annual ball for senior Tawa College students was held on the second floor at Te Papa last Saturday evening, 7 June, and once again was a very successful occasion as seen in these pics.



Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm on weekdays, or hire a room or hall for your community group / birthday party / meeting at reasonable rates.

Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres> or email mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz and put 'Join' as the subject to receive regular updates.

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

On behalf of TawaLink.com (supported by the Tawa Residents' Association)



"My glass is half-full ... but the other half was delicious."

"Forget the reasons why it won't work and believe the one reason why it will."

"Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So love the people who treat you right and forget about the ones who don't."

Items for this newsletter should be sent to info@tawalink.com. Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320. Please type in email Subject Line: "Item for Tawa newsletter".

This newsletter is emailed to around 1200 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa), usually in the first and the third weeks of each month. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting that your name be deleted from our list.

For back issues of the newsletter, see www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html.

PLEASE BE AWARE that many of the items/articles in this newsletter have been sent through by members of the Tawa community and have been published "unedited". They may not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor.



No I haven't seen the cat