



COMMUNITY NEWS

Early July
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.

More regular community updates are available if you join more than 365 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for up-to-the-minute information or daily updates or weekly updates.

TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS CEREMONY

The biennial civic awards ceremony took place at the Tawa Community Centre on Friday 20 June, with the Mayor presenting certificates to around 47 people or groups to thank them for the voluntary service they provide in this community. The occasion went off well, with Malcolm Sparrow, WCC councillor, and Robert Tredger, Tawa Community Board chair, reading out the citations for all those who had been nominated.



There were seven categories, with a winner chosen in each of those categories. They each received a Parker pen and their certificate was framed! They also receive a little more "recognition". The main aim of the ceremony however is to show appreciation to everyone whose name is submitted and to express gratitude for what they do to improve the quality of life for the rest of us!



Photos of the ceremony are currently available on <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/j2jjoinwf4k40xs/AAD0u3PJCzLsUfmT-XpNI-h9a>.

The winners of the various categories (L to R in the above photo): Mike Wood, Sport & Leisure; Jack Marshall (Youth 17-24); Anton Taylor (Tawa Rotary Young Employee Award); Tawa Valley Pathway committee, represented by Brett Gillies (Heritage and Environment); Kiwi Community Assistance, represented by Tracy Wellington (at back) and colleagues (Health and Wellbeing - group winner); Mayor Celia Wade-Brown; Marjorie Todd (Health and Wellbeing - individual winner); Rita Carroll (Education and Child/Youth Development); Frank & Mae Clark (Arts & Culture).

TAWA'S ONLINE COMMUNITY

In the six weeks since Tawa's community website came into being, an average of 60 people have joined each week. The site, www.neighbourly.co.nz, gives local people the chance to connect with each other and to share information.

Everyone in Tawa who wants to keep in touch with what's happening in this community is encouraged to join. It's free, and it's up-to-the-minute. For example, the Civic Awards photos (mentioned above) were available to Neighbourly members approximately two weeks ago. As this newsletter is now published just once a month, your best means of knowing what's going in Tawa is to be part of this site!



WORKING BEE AT WILLOWBANK

15-20 people assisted in cleaning up the stream and the surrounding area at Willowbank on a Sunday afternoon in the middle of June. The volunteers were spread out over some distance, and collected a substantial amount of rubbish.

Thanks to Michael Pringle for organising it, and thanks to all who took part including a number of the local Guides.

[The above information and photo was posted on neighbourly.co.nz some time ago.]



DOG EXERCISE AREAS IN TAWA



There's been some discussion on neighbourly.co.nz recently regarding the whereabouts of the various dog exercise areas in Tawa.

The Council have designated portions of certain parks as official dog exercise areas. "Woof woof ruff" is the terminology they use, or maybe that's no longer the case!

Dogowners need to be aware that the WCC dog bylaw requires dogs to be "under control" at all times, even in a dog exercise area. Dog exercise areas in Grasslees Reserve, Duncan Reserve and Willowbank Park do not extend to the adjoining playground areas.

Dog exercise areas in Tawa as listed on the on the WCC website at <http://wellington.govt.nz/services/consents-and-licences/dogs/exercise-areas/maps> are:

1. Arthur Carman Park, Collins Ave – open to dogs 1 November to 31 January only
2. Duncan Park, Linden Ave – southern part of park between stream and the Main Road
3. Grasslees Reserve, Main Road – western side of stream to the Main Road
4. Taylor Park, off Tawa St – southern area of park behind badminton hall
5. Willowbank Park, Main Road south – area north of hall (in Boscobel Lane) and area on eastern side of the stream

TAWA FITNESS CENTRE'S EXTENDED HOURS

Tawa Fitness Centre is pleased to announce extended opening hours effective from Monday 30 June. Spread the word and come check out our gym at 82 Main Road, email tawafitnesscentre@clear.net.nz or check out Tawa Fitness Centre on Facebook. "Real gym, real people, real community".



Monday to Thursday 6am to 10pm, Friday 6am to 8pm, Saturday 8am to 4pm, Sunday 8am to 2pm.

REPLACING THE HANGING BASKETS

The hanging baskets in the Tawa's Main Road shopping area are replaced every six months, and that last occurred about ten days ago. There's time and effort involved in getting the new plants into each of the 40+ baskets, but once they're ready, the old flowers are disposed of and replaced with a new crop, as seen here.



Specific thanks to Tawa Rotary Club members Richard Herbert & Martin Garcia (pictured on the back of the truck at right) and Brian Frampton (at the wheel). Also to Rotary President Irene Corpuz and Doug Burrus (photo at left), and Robert Tredger (in hiding). They were all involved in hanging the replacement baskets.

[The above information and photos were posted on neighbourly.co.nz the day this took place.]



TAWA ORCHESTRA CONCERT

A combined concert that Tawa Orchestra will be holding with a community orchestra from Moreton Bay, Queensland, will be a first for both orchestras: for Tawa Orchestra, collaborating with an overseas orchestra; and for the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO), touring internationally.

Details at a glance:

Name of event: Tawa Orchestra + Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra Combined Concert

Venue: Tawa College Hall

Date & Time: Tuesday 8 July at 7.30pm

Entry: Koha

Contact phone number: 027 466 3630 (Sue Jane)

U3A TAWA

The second semester of U3A Tawa begins in July with a number of new courses. Michael Holland will have more traveller's tales entitled "On Your Bike"; Mary-Lynn Boyes will offer "Katherine Mansfield's War"; Francine McGovern has "Singing for Everyone". Then there'll be a "Golf lesson", "Mahjong for Beginners", a "Power Point Computer Class" and a talk on "Technology Gadgets".

Bruce Murray will again offer "Tawa History", and a law firm will deal with "Legal Issues for Seniors". Bay Audiology will present a session on "Hearing Loss and How to Deal with it" and Jonathan Boyes presents "New Zealand Company Migrants". There will also be a "Film Outings" group in addition to the "Theatre Outings".

Many courses offered by Tawa's U3A are continuous. There is still a Book Group, Art Group, French Language and Culture. You can still attend Music Nostalgia, Opera, and Women's Choir. here are several Craft Groups, Discussion Groups, and Fitness Programmes.

The philosophy of U3A is that learning is a sharing of expertise. People with knowledge in a specific field volunteer to lead a course or series of talks and the members choose to attend. There is no charge for attendance (apart from a small donation for use of the church hall if such is used) nor are the leaders paid. However there is an annual subscription of \$10 to join the U3A which entitles members to attend any number of courses.

The U3A movement (originally the University of the 3rd Age) was established in the 70s in France and is now active throughout the world. Unlike a University, however, it has no entrance requirements, it does not hold exams nor does it award diplomas, degrees or certificates. People who would like to join U3A Tawa can consult the website: www.u3a.gargal.net. Enquiries to Jancis Potter 232 3915 or for registration apply to "The Membership Secretary, U3A Tawa Inc, PO Box 56069, Tawa 5249".

SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

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).*

TAWA ROTARY BOOK FAIR

The first weekend of Tawa Rotary's annual Book Fair has already taken place. It's on again this coming weekend 5-6 July inside the mall, next to Tawa New World. Saturday 9am to 4pm and Sunday 10am to 3pm, with thousands of bargain-priced used books.



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

TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The term 3 programme is now on the website www.tawacom.ed.co.nz, where you will find details of all classes and the opportunity to enrol.

Once a year the one night seminar **Parents as Driving Coaches** is offered. This will be held on Tuesday 29 July from 7-9pm for a fee of \$20. It is a very informative evening for those who will be involved in teaching and supporting a new driver. **Advanced Defensive Driving** is also being offered on Saturday morning 13 September. This class is ideal for the experienced driver who wants to upskill.

Samoan for Fun will be a new class and will teach Samoan Language using songs, making food and learning about the way of life in Samoan. Beginner classes in Spanish, French and German are also offered.

Cooking classes will include Indian, Chinese Chicken, Italian, Asian, Vegetarian Cooking and Cheese Making. Attending a cooking class is an ideal way of learning to cook if you are planning to go flatting or a way of providing new taste experiences and economical meals for your family.

Useful certificate classes to add to your CV include First Aid, MYOB and Xero, or you might like to increase your competency in touch typing and data entry.

Other interesting courses include learning how to sharpen kitchen and workshop tools, a range of patchwork classes, woodwork and woodcarving.

If you want new classes that are not offered or you are interested in tutoring a class please email Judith at comed@tawacollege.school.nz

SIGN BOARDS OFFER

We are very happy to display sign boards at either end of Tawa if you or your organisation has anything that requires advertising. Please don't hesitate to contact us:

– Murray & Susan Woodley, Tommy's Real Estate, Tawa 232 3890 or 027 243 3657.

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.

60 SECONDS WITH Richard Herbert

Richard has been a member of the Tawa Community Board since October 2013.

Early life Born and grew up in Tauranga.

Lived in Tawa since 1981, firstly in Linden, and from 1996 in Redwood.

Family Married to Margaret who works part-time at the Redwood Club. We have two adult children who are currently based in Wellington. Emma is a travel agent for Harvey World Travel Lambton Quay branch, and Douglas is an electrician (my father was also an electrician). Douglas is interested in developing his business in solar electric power generation, and other energy saving efficiency measures like using LED lighting and hot water heat pumps.



Work experience over the years

Having had an interest in DX radio and electronics through high school, after University in Auckland I joined the then New Zealand Post Office in Wellington as a trainee engineer. I have been there ever since through the various restructurings of the NZ telecoms industry; Telecom Corporatisation in 1987, and the outsourcing of most of its design staff in 2003 to what is now part of the global communications services company of Alcatel-Lucent. I have been fortunate to have been involved in aspects of the cellular mobile network design since its beginnings in New Zealand, with a particular specialisation in development of the text messaging (SMS) service.

Interests and hobbies

Inaugural member and past chairman (2008-14) of Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves Inc. Current chairman of the Wellington Botanical Society and a member of Forest & Bird. Member (and current Board member) of the Rotary Club of Tawa, a committee member of the Tawa Historical Association, the Tawa Residents Assn and the Tawa Valley Pathway Committee. A member of Wellington Male Voice Choir Inc (from 1998), and a member of the St Peters congregation of the Tawa Anglican Church. Other interests include Genealogy and Travel.

Which sports team(s)? All Blacks and Hurricanes.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

I enjoy the annual Wellington Botanical Society summer camps each year to a different part of NZ that I've never been to before.

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

As the children grew up and became more independent I found an interest in local community actives in Tawa, and see my involvement with the Tawa Community Board as a continuation of this community involvement. On the Board I take a particular interest in the Parks and Reserves and other green spaces around Tawa. Currently co-ordinating with Council and other community groups to develop native plantings along parts of the new Tawa Valley Pathway – a multi-year project. The rural landscape outlook is a feature of Tawa that I think a lot of residents value and I would like to strive to see this retained as much as possible.

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.

HOP IN = HOLIDAY DROP IN



Holiday fun for Caregivers and Preschoolers.

An opportunity for adult company while your pre-schooler plays in a safe environment. Plenty of toys and activities! Morning tea available!

Everybody is welcome! Join us on Thursdays 10 & 17 July, 10am to 12 noon, Tawa Union Church, Elena Place.

Enquiries to Heidrun on 232 2197 or Karen on 232 3436.



SPCA Quiz Night

Come along and bring your friends

Date: Friday 29 August 2014

Where: Tawa College Hall

Time: Doors open at 6.50pm

Quiz starts at 7pm to 9pm

Cost: \$10 per head, doorsales or you can pay at the Tawa College Office



Drinks and nibbles will be provided on the night • Food can brought on the night • BYO accepted!!

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

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



“Enjoy the little things in life, because one day you will look back and realise they were the big things.”

“One of life’s disappointments is discovering that the person who writes the bank’s ads is not the one who makes the loans.”

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” – Albert Einstein

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 near the start 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.

On a personal note

The next Tawa community eNewsletter will be sent out early August. In the meantime Karen and I are skipping town for the rest of July.

I’m expecting to see a certain rodent in Anaheim before the end of the week. From there to catching up with friends in Britain and Europe, and perusing public transport networks in London, Berlin and Vienna. It’s a private excursion, and the ‘perusing’ will constitute a very minor aspect of my time away, if you get my drift!