



COMMUNITY NEWS

September 2014

This community newsletter is sent out early 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 580 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for daily updates or weekly updates from that site.

SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY ALMOST HERE

Join us at "Spring into Tawa" Market Day on Saturday 13 September. It'll take place at the Main Road central shopping centre from 9am to 12.30pm, wet or fine, with more than 60 stalls selling everything from cakes and sausages to Asian food, plants, jewellery and various gifts, and handing out information. There may even be an election candidate or two with whom you can converse (or avoid).

Throughout the morning there'll be various entertainment including the Red Hackle Pipe Band marching along the Main Road at 11am. Emergency services including the Fire Brigade and Police will also be taking part.

Thanks to Ron Baker and Ray Lindsay from the Tawa Residents' Association, and Mandy Russell at the Tawa Community Centre for the part they've all played in organising the event, and to Robert Tredger, Tawa Community Board chair, for posing for the photograph at right (along with helping put in place the various billboards).



TAWA GOES TO TOWN - GET YOUR TICKET NOW!

"Tawa Goes to Town" is again the theme for this year's Tawa Schools' and Community Music Festival which takes place in the Michael Fowler Centre on Tuesday 23 September at 7.30pm. This vibrant multi-media show will feature 700+ singers and dancers from Tawa's six primary schools, Tawa Intermediate, and Tawa College's Dawn Chorus, as well as an adult choir from the Tawa community and beyond.

The programme features a variety of songs and includes arrangements of classics from the 60s & 70s through to the modern 'Happy' and a selection from 'Frozen'. Some songs are choral numbers. Others are accompanied by dances, choralography, props and special effects.

Don't miss this showcase of song, dance, lighting and sound, bringing the Tawa community together to form a spectacular evening's entertainment. It has been described as an \$80 show for only \$28 a ticket for adults, and \$14 for children under 14. Tickets are available from Ticketek at <http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=TAWAGOES14&v=WMMF>



KEEPING IN TOUCH IN TAWA

If you want to keep in touch with what's happening in the Tawa community, 'Neighbourly' is the place to be. 580+ Tawa people are now connecting with other local people on this site - see www.neighbourly.co.nz.

CONNECTING WITH TAWA ON 'NEIGHBOURLY'

Recent discussion includes:

- community garden(s) in Tawa
- recommendations for lawnmowing services
- beware credit checks
- rowdy parties near rugby club
- smell from Spicers Landfill
- dog poo on the footpaths

Organisations & Groups:

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

Coming Events in Tawa:

Wednesday 10 Sept	- The Election: Meet the Candidates
Saturday 13 Sept	- Spring into Tawa Market Day
Saturday 13 Sept	- Tawa Trivia Track
Saturday 13 Sept	- Toastmasters Humorous Speech Competition
Friday 19 Sept	- Women's Business Network Meeting
Tuesday 23 Sept	- Tawa Goes to Town
Friday 26 Sept	- Life Matters Workshop

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



ARE YOU KEEPING UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAWA?

CONGRATULATIONS TAWA!

"Exciting to hear that Tawa has topped the 500 member mark - you're the first suburb outside Auckland to reach this special milestone!" [Auckland had a head start - Ed.].

That's the wording in an email that came through from Sarah Moore, Neighbourly's Head of Communications in Auckland on 25 August. She goes on to ask why Neighbourly is working so well in Tawa. We told her it's because Tawa is a very neighbourly suburb (of course!) with a great community spirit. You only have to look at the comments posted in people's profiles on the site to confirm that many residents feel that way! And the website really is a great way of being better 'connected'. So well done to all who have joined so far!



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 2 & 9 October, 10am to 12 noon, Tawa Union Church, Elena Place.

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



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A VIBRANT TAWA?

Would you, your neighbour or someone you know in Tawa be interested in participating in an exploratory discussion on developing the vibrancy of Tawa?

I'm interested in gathering ideas on what we can do as a community to increase the popularity of Tawa as a destination. Petone has developed a reputation for attractive eateries and quirky shops - what can we do to characterise Tawa? Please email me before Wednesday Sept 17th: hassed@xtra.co.nz if you or someone you know in Tawa would like to participate.

Thank you
Tony Hassed

N.B. This suggestion has the support of Malcolm Sparrow and Robert Tredger from the Tawa Community Board.

HEADS UP FOR KIDS

The Lions Club of Tawa is part of a Lions project that collects unwanted money - old, new or foreign which is used to support our youth.

To date nearly 40 tonnes of coins have been collected nationwide, adding up to over half a million dollars. At the end of 2013 over 100 young people benefited from Heads Up for Kids, receiving scholarships to organisations such as Spirit of Adventure and Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centres. Further info: www.lionsclubs.org.nz/headsupforkids

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand estimates that there is \$80 million in old decimal and pre-decimal NZ coins and \$20 million in old bank notes unaccounted for. Lions Clubs of New Zealand are hoping to collect \$1 million.

For Tawa residents old money can be deposited in the stand at Tawa New World and at the Lions Saturday Market at Outlet City.

Heads Up for Kids is supported by Resene Paints, Fastway Couriers and New World.



CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS!

If your dog is interested in having a run around with a few other dogs at Grasslees Reserve - in the dog exercise area adjoining the Main Road - this coming Saturday afternoon, 13 September at 4pm, then feel free to pop along. There were about half a dozen of us there on a recent Saturday afternoon, with almost as many dogs.

The photo features just three of the dogs. Getting them to pose is almost as difficult as herding cats!

Don't forget your doggie-doo bag!



Elections 2014

Make your vote an informed vote.

Meet the major candidates for the Mana and Ohariu electorates at a public meeting at Tawa Union Church, 6 Elena Place, Tawa on Wednesday September 10th @ 7pm.

Hear the candidates talk about their background and about some of their party's social policy.

Talk with candidates informally over supper afterwards.

Organised by the Tawa Union Church Men's Group

THANKS TO NEW WORLD TAWA

The co-owner of New World Tawa, Robyn Hogg, is shown receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Irene Corpuz, Past President of the Tawa Rotary Club.

Shown in the photo are from left: Irene, New World staff members Mirusia and Mary, and New World co-owner Robyn Hogg.

Irene said “New World Tawa provided their van for use in last December’s Toot 4 Tucker collection, where we collected food gifts and donations from Tawa residents for the Salvation Army’s food bank.”

The supermarket also provided premises for this year’s Tawa Rotary Book Fair, and donates the raffle prizes at the Club’s weekly meetings, with funds raised going to charities. “Our Club really appreciates the help given by New World Tawa”, said Irene, “so that we are able to jointly bring benefits to the residents of Tawa.”

For more information go to www.tawarotary.org.nz



WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP

Northern Women is an informal business network group for women who are in business, are self-employed, or are thinking of becoming self-employed. We have monthly meetings in Porirua on the third Friday of the month from 9.00-11.00am where you can let others know about your services, meet with like-minded women, display your flyers and products, listen to a speaker or discuss a business topic and be inspired. Also on offer are refreshments and potential new friendships.

On 19 September we are fortunate to have international speaker author, and entrepreneurial trainer Sandy Geyer address the group. Her talk is titled “Path of the Lion, Build your EnQ, Build your Business”. Sandy takes her audiences on an insightful and entertaining journey to clear all the complexity out of the entrepreneurial world and present a clear path for entrepreneurs to follow, to develop their “entrepreneurial intelligence” (EnQ) and build their businesses successfully.

Just \$10 on the door, you are most welcome to join us:

9.00am in The Kiwi Room, North City Shopping Centre, Porirua (go in food court entrance, turn left and go upstairs). Bookings essential. RSVP Kim Chamberlain kim@chrysalisforwomen.com, 022 081 2586.

More details on <http://www.chrysalisforwomen.com/northern-women.html>



THE VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL TO LOWER THE CBD SPEED LIMIT

- by Malcolm Sparrow, Tawa-based Wellington City Councillor

Thank you to the 96 Tawa residents who supplied me with feedback on the Council’s proposal to lower the speed limit from 50km/h to 30km/h in more than 60 streets in Wellington’s CBD. Precisely two-thirds opposed the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 30km/h in the CBD.

The vote was taken at Council on Wednesday 27 August, with the proposal failing by 7 votes to 8.

The following sums up a common theme: “During the day when traffic is heavier and pedestrians are most ‘at risk’, 30-35km/h is often as fast as you can go anyway. This means the proposed speed reduction, from 50 to 30, would really only be effective at a time when traffic is flowing freely and when there are very few pedestrians about. At that time a reduced speed would be pointless and simply frustrate motorists. So any change is quite unnecessary.”

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PROPOSAL TO LOWER CBD SPEED LIMIT contd

I can see both sides of the argument. However I agree with the above sentiment and that is how I cast my vote.

I do suspect it's only a matter of time before the CBD speed limit does see some sort of reduction. The key will be to strike a limit with which the majority of motorists will comply.

Had the recently defeated proposal been to reduce the speed limit to 40km/h, the chances are that it would have been approved as a more sensible option, catering for both pedestrian safety and the motoring public. Perhaps a middle-of-the-road approach (no pun intended) can yet be worked through.

TAWA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY (INC) ANNUAL EXPO

The annual Expo will be held on Saturday 18 October 2014 at Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge St, 9am-3pm. Paintings, Pottery, Woodcraft, etc.

We have tables available. Contact Aileen - email aileenwood@hotmail.com or text 027 212 6024.

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.

TAKE YOUR FAMILY ON THE TAWA TRIVIA TRACK

The Tawa Trivia Trail is back this year at the Spring into Tawa Market Day, Saturday 13 September from 9am-12.30pm.

This is a fun event for the whole family, and should take no longer than 45 minutes to complete. Worksheets can be completed on the day or beforehand from the Community Centre, Library, Pool or Recreation Centre.

Remember to visit the Tawa Recreation Centre stand and Community Centre on the day for your final activities and prize giving. Easy.

FRIDAY 5 TO SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
A SPRING INTO TAWA FESTIVAL EVENT

For more information, phone Tawa Community Centre on 232 1682 or Mervyn Kemp Library on 232 1690.



Take your family on the Tawa trivia track

Friday 5 to Saturday 13 September
A spring into Tawa festival event

Travel the Tawa Trivia Track to go in the draw to win fantastic prizes. Get the whole family involved and pick up a worksheet from a Wellington City Council building - the library, community centre, recreation centre or pool. Follow the map and answer the questions along the way. Easy!

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Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

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



“To the world you’re just one person. But to one person you may mean the world.”

My neighbour asked if she could use my vacuum cleaner. I said, “Sure, as long as you don’t take it out of my house.”

“An election is coming. Universal peace is declared, and the foxes have a sincere interest in prolonging the lives of the poultry.” – George Eliot

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.

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