

TAWA COMMUNITY NEWS

October 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 760 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for daily updates or weekly updates from that site.

TAWA WENT TO TOWN

"It is 10.30 on a Tuesday evening in September, and the cars on the motorway heading away from Wellington are stretched out for several kilometres. South of the Tawa turn-off they are bumper-to-bumper, then one by one, their lights disappear off to the left, over the railway line, past the floral 'Tawa sign' and into that distinctive valley suburb which is Tawa.

Every car is bulging with children, parents, grandparents and neighbours, many past their bedtime but hey, who cares - it's been the GREAT NIGHT OUT and Tawa has strutted its stuff with a cast of around 700-800 on the Michael Fowler Centre's stage for the biennial Tawa Community Music Festival."

The above quote was adapted from "Doing Justly - Tawa College, the First Forty Years" by Ken Edgecombe, written in 2001.

And so it was once again on Tuesday evening, 23 September 2014, for the 23rd festival. It was a great show and the feedback we've received is that those who were there were very pleased they were.

It was a credit to all 750 singers and dancers, etc, from Tawa's eight schools (including the College and Intermediate), plus ex-pupils, the adult choir and various others.

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TAWA WENT TO TOWN contd

A special thank you to, from L to R in the photo at bottom right on the front page, Jean Hollier (producer), Martin Burdan (piano man), Sara Scott (choreographer), and Murray Cameron (musical director), who all put in numerous hours to make the occasion the success that it was. And thank you to all those who played a part behind the scenes. It truly was Tawa's GREAT NIGHT OUT!

Thanks to Gary Hollier for supplying the photos.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF TAWA

The Wellington City Council is currently consulting on its Urban Growth Plan, which will inform how Wellington grows until 2040.

Part of this plan includes medium density housing in Tawa. This means that dwellings up to four levels high could be constructed in the centre of Tawa.

This plan may affect the culture and character of central Tawa.

Stebbing's Valley (north of Churton Park and over the hill from Redwood, Tawa) is an area for future urban growth, and will contain many new dwellings. However the interaction with Tawa has not yet been formally planned but could include a link road to Tawa. This road could affect Tawa, in that it will likely proceed down a suburban back street in order to reach southern Tawa.

Tawa residents are encouraged to have their say on this plan. To find out more and to make a submission before October 13th (you can make a short and simple one online), visit:

<http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/feedback/open/wellington-urban-growth-plan>



CONNECTING WITH TAWA ON 'NEIGHBOURLY'

Coming Events in Tawa (as posted on Neighbourly):

Thursday 9 Oct	- School Holiday Fun - Hop-In
Thursday 9 Oct	- Special Toastmasters Meeting
Saturday 11 Oct	- Awakening the Spirit
Sunday 12 Oct	- Start of Week of Prayer for World Peace
Wednesday 15 Oct	- Tawa RSA Community Bowls Evenings commence
Saturday 18 Oct	- Art & Craft Expo
Saturday 25 Oct	- Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade Open Day
Saturday 25 Oct	- Tawa RSA Karaoke Night
Friday 31 Oct	- Tawa Community Light Party
Sunday 2 Nov	- 'Neighbourly' Barbecue
Saturday 15 Nov	- Redwood School Gala
Sunday 16 Nov	- St Francis Xavier School Fair
Saturday 22 Nov	- Tawa School Fair

'Neighbourly' enables Tawa 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?

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

A Week of Prayer for World Peace began in 1974 in England. Since then it has spread around the world. A leaflet of prayers, readings and affirmations from many different faiths, has been produced by the New Zealand organising committee, based on the themes developed by the Week of Prayer for World Peace multi-faith committee in Great Britain.

Religious communities throughout New Zealand are encouraged to celebrate the Week both in their own observances and together with people of different faiths.

You are invited to join together at the Tawa Community Centre every morning at 7.00 till 7.30 am from 12th to 19th October to Pray for World Peace. Additional leaflets for use in your own services may be ordered by contacting Paddy Payne 021 505 215 or email WeekOfPrayer@outlook.com

INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY GARDENS?

If you're interested in finding out what a community garden is all about, along with other associated options like "fruit tree guardians", there's a meeting for an hour or so, being organised for Monday 13 October at 7pm in the Doris Mills Lounge (part of the Linden Social Centre in Linden Ave).

Sarah Adams, Community & Neighbourhood Advisor with the WCC, will be sharing ideas. You're welcome along.



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.

For more details contact Aileen - email aileenwood@hotmail.com or text 027 212 6024.

TAWA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE OPEN DAY

The Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade is celebrating its 70th anniversary by holding an open day on Saturday 25 October from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Vehicles and personnel from NZ Fire Service, Wellington Free Ambulance, NZ Police and NZ Army will be present and on display! Advice on Home Fire Safety will be available from our helpful volunteers.



MANA ARTS SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Mana Arts Society are holding their annual Labour Weekend exhibition from Saturday 25th to Monday 27th October 2014 at their clubrooms in Plimmerton Domain (take the Palmers roundabout exit on SH1 and turn right at the bridge just before the Palmers car park and we are on the left hand side as you drive into the Domain).

The exhibition is open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and all work will be for sale. This will include paintings from a number of Tawa artists including Eileen Gray, Lynette Buchanan and Jill Sutton. There will also be a raffle for two works of art donated by Margaret Brown (2014 winner of the Gordon Harris award at the Watercolour NZ exhibition) and Jill Sutton (2014 winner of the People's Choice award at the Friends of Pataka Arts Awards). We look forward to seeing you there!

REDWOOD SCHOOL GALA

Come join us for a great family day out at the Redwood School Gala on Saturday 15 November from 11.00am - 3.00pm.

There will be many fun games and stalls for everyone. Loads of international food stalls, sweets and entertainment.

The kids will love the many activities we have planned. Bouncy castles, coconut shy, mini golf, craft and plant stalls and so much more. Lots for the grown-ups as well with spin-the-wheel quick-fire raffles, white elephant and silent auctions to name a few.

We look forward to seeing you at the Redwood School Gala.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL FAIR

Sunday 16 November, 10am to 2pm. Come along and join in the fun of our school fair. Great stalls, great food, cakes, sweets, candy floss, plus cherry picker rides, bouncy castle, horse rides, hot rods and much much more. Bring the whole family for a fantastic day out.

TAWA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday 6 December 2014 at 2pm.

Organising the parade this year is currently under way and community groups are invited to join in by contacting either Ken Coad on 232 2475, kccoad@xtra.co.nz or Ron Baker on 232 7309, rwmg.baker@xtra.co.nz.

Discussions are being held with Wellington City Council regarding the use of their large flat deck trailers (as used for the Rugby 7s and Chinese New Year parades). If your group would be interested in using a trailer please contact Ken.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME FOR INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS

An after school programme is being developed specifically for Intermediate aged students (Years 7/8), which could be located in central Tawa. The developers would like to ensure that such a programme meets the needs of students and parents in the Tawa community. If you are the parent/caregiver of a student who will be in Years 7/8 next year, please complete a short survey to help with the development phase.

Click the link below to be taken straight to the survey. Your input is most appreciated, thanks.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CPwiof9DgLCMLkmJKDHZuddn_OXeFJJ47-Npx8CaCIU/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

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 at hassed@xtra.co.nz if you 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.



BUSINESS HOUSE SQUASH

28 Oct – 2 Dec

6 weeks (including finals) 4 players per team

Start times 6:20 pm or 8:00pm (alternating weekly)

Choice of Tue or Wed 1 x 20 minute game each

MIN 1 FEMALE/TEAM & 1 INEXPERIENCED PLAYER/TEAM

Have a great workout while having fun.

Only \$30 each or \$120 a team.

Beginners/non members especially welcome.

Email info@tawasquash.co.nz for an entry form. Entries close 21st Oct, 2014

Tawa Squash, 67 Main Road, Tawa. Ph. 232 8200
Great while snagging rights at Park. 6 Oct – 2 Dec



Retired from work? Wanting to give back to Tawa?

Volunteer for the Tawa Community Patrol as a Day Patrol member.

You will be part of a team that, for a few hours a month, will act as the eyes and ears of the Police on weekdays across the Tawa Community. Full training is given.

This is a great opportunity to meet like minded residents who want to prevent crime and make a real difference in Tawa.



For more information, contact Mal on 232 4644 or email tawacp@hotmail.co.nz or visit www.tawacp.org.nz

Like the Tawa Community Patrol on Facebook

PLAY FLOORBALL IN TAWA

Floorball is coming to Tawa, with a new Junior Floorball League starting at Tawa Recreation Centre in Term 4. The league is for primary aged school children with a minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 players per team.



It will run on Monday evenings between 4-7pm, from 20 October until 15 December. Cost is \$210 per team. Register by Wednesday 15 October.

For more information, contact Tawa Recreation Centre on 232 2260.

Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tawa-Pool-and-Recreation-Centre/439253612786981>

Eventfinder: <http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2014/junior-floorball-league/wellington-region>

Website: <http://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/recreation-centres/tawa-recreation-centre>

Tawa Neighbourly members are all invited to a (free) Neighbourly barbecue*

Sunday 2 November from 4.30pm onwards

Food and soft drink will be available from 5.00pm
(Please tell us if you'd like the vegetarian option)*



At Duncan Park, Linden Ave, OR
Inside the Linden Social Centre, Linden Ave, if the weather's not flash



An opportunity to meet other locals of all ages and to celebrate Tawa's hitting no. 2 spot in NZ

(the suburb with the second highest number of Neighbourly members)

For catering purposes, please RSVP by 28 October

• BYO seating



Enquiries to info@tawalink.com

TAWA COMMUNITY LIGHT PARTY

• MUSIC • FOOD • TALENT QUEST • SAUSAGE SIZZLE • FACE PAINTING

Children aged 5 - 12, come join the fun.

At Tawa New Life Church, 236 Main Road, Tawa, on Friday 31st October 2014 6 - 8 PM (sausage sizzle for tea).

Dress-up for fun but NO Halloween costumes please!

This event is FREE! But tickets essential for entry. Get your tickets from Take Note Tawa (Postshop), Main Road, or New Life or Baptist Church, Main Road, Tawa.

Any enquiries, call Michele McDonald on 232 4924.

GOATS' MILK AVAILABLE

Fresh Raw Goats' milk is now available"

- Great for lactose-sensitive people
- Cheese making
- More vitamins and minerals than normal milk
- Locally grown (Takapu Valley) and milked daily
- Pre-orders essential

\$3.50 per litre. Call or text Angela 027 490 4826.

Free your Back & Neck



Free Introductory Session

- Make sitting at your desk SO much more comfortable!
- Be prepared to put your elbows on the table and feel some movement begin to happen between your shoulder blades.
- Space is limited so be sure to register by contacting me.

When? 6.30pm Tue 7 Oct
Where? Tawa Community Centre

Book now
Janine@janinearcher.co.nz

Janine Archer
FELDENKRAIS® PRACTITIONER

Group classes Individual sessions
Workshops



FOOD DRIVE

October 2014

Let's help stock the KCA Foodbank. If every person who reads this could donate just one item listed below during October we could contribute nearly 2,000 items to those who need it most.

Please buy one of the much needed items below and deliver to either Churton Park Community Centre (10am-2pm), Tawa Community Centre (9am-1), or PGG Wrightson Porirua where your donated goods will be picked up by a KCA volunteer.

FOOD DRIVE

KCA Need:

- Muesli Bars
- Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Baked Beans
- Tinned Fish
- Pasta
- Soap



Kiwi Community Assistance
Kiwis working together to reduce poverty in our communities



PLEASE NOTE: the above shot was sourced from the 'web' and has no relevance whatsoever to the item featured on the left of this page, other than that it's a slightly amusing picture of a goat.

60 SECONDS WITH Councillor Malcolm Sparrow

Malcolm is the other of the two Northern Ward Councillors serving on the Tawa Community Board, additional to the six elected members.

Early life

Born and grew up in Christchurch.

Lived in Tawa since

October 1996 when we moved to Wellington "for a bit of a change". Looked at various suburbs in deciding where to live - decided on Tawa because it was affordable, within easy commuting distance of the CBD, and looked like a good community.

Family

Married to Karen with two adult daughters, Becca (teacher at Tawa School) and Nicola (works at MPI, Wellington).



Work Experience over the years

Worked in the insurance field for a number of years, mostly Christchurch and a short stint in the UK. Subsequently ran my own small publishing business through the 1990s and early 2000s. Coordinator of the newly-established Tawa Community Centre from 2007-09. Chair of the Tawa Community Board 2010-13. Elected as a Wellington City Councillor in October 2013.

Interests and hobbies

Community life including maintaining "community connections" which is why I'm an avid 'Neighbourly' supporter; amateur photography; local church life; armchair sports fan - mostly rugby and football (enjoyed playing football in my earlier years). Enjoy travelling, mostly USA and UK, and exploring New Zealand. We hear it often, but it's true that this is a beautiful country with superb scenery and a great outdoors. Also enjoy walking (a daily event with the dog through the Redwood Bush) and occasional cycling (ticked the Otago Central Rail Trail off my bucket list last year).

Which sports team(s)?

The head supports the Hurricanes, the heart supports the Crusaders (blame my heritage), and definitely the All Blacks. And, to a lesser extent, Tottenham Hotspur, having been at Wembley to see them win the FA Cup in the early 1980s. Nothing like being in a crowd of around 92,000 revved-up football fans!

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Queenstown/Central Otago. We try to get there each April for the autumn colours and great outdoors. Walking the river trail at Arrowtown in autumn is magic, IMHO.

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

I was first voted on to the board in a by-election in 2005. Served as chair in the past triennium. Have played a role in the biennial Tawa Community Civic Awards since they were first initiated in 2006, also in the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards since 2011, and Neighbours' Day in Tawa since 2012. The community board is important for Tawa in ensuring this suburb is kept on the WCC radar.

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

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



"A good friend knows all your best stories. A best friend has lived them with you."

"The most successful people in the world are those who are good at plan B." – James Yorke

"It's your road and yours alone others may walk it with you, but no-one can walk it for you."

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.



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.