



# COMMUNITY NEWS

April 2016

*This community newsletter is sent out monthly on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002. More regular community updates are available if you join more than 2400 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for daily updates or weekly updates from that site.*

## **TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS NEXT MONTH!**

The Tawa Community Civic Awards give us the chance to publicly thank those in the Tawa community who volunteer in some way or another to improve the quality of life for the rest of us.

Most of us know people who assist in sports clubs, schools, churches, or perhaps a community group. All you need to do is to forward their name and a few details of the community service they provide. In return

the Tawa community will show its appreciation with a certificate which will be presented to them by the Mayor of Wellington at a special ceremony next month. The Tawa Community Board has run these awards every second year since 2006. Also included is the Tawa



Rotary Young Employee Award.

*2014 nominees*

Within the next few days you should receive the Tawa Community Board's printed newsletter in your letterbox. That newsletter will provide more information about the awards. It will also include a nomination form. You have the option of completing that form or going online to [www.wellington.govt.nz/rd/tawa](http://www.wellington.govt.nz/rd/tawa) to nominate someone.

Now's the time to put on your thinking cap and figure out who to nominate! There are seven categories:

### **ARTS AND CULTURE**

Enhancing and increasing participation in arts, including music, and creative leisure activities

### **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Providing services which enhance the wellbeing of people

### **HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT**

Improving or revitalising the environment, culture or heritage

### **SPORT & LEISURE**

Enhancing and increasing participation in physical sport, leisure activities and recreational pursuits

### **EDUCATIONAL AND CHILD/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Improving and enhancing the development of young people and children

### **YOUTH (15-24 YEARS)**

Celebrating and recognising young people who provide outstanding service within the community of Tawa

### **TAWA ROTARY YOUNG EMPLOYEE AWARD (17-24 YEARS)**

Displaying energy and enthusiasm in undertaking workforce responsibilities

## CONNECTING WITH TAWA ON NEIGHBOURLY

### Coming Up in Tawa or nearby:

- Fri 15 April – Women’s Business Network meeting
- Sun 17 April – Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves weekend working bee
- Wed 20 April – School Holiday Zendoodle and Colouring Workshop for Children
- Thu 21 April – HOP In = Holiday Drop In for Preschoolers and Caregivers
- Tue 26 April – Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves mid-week working bee
- Thu 28 April – HOP In = Holiday Drop In for Preschoolers and Caregivers
- Fri 29 April – Deadline for Annual Plan submissions
- Mon 2 May – Closeoff date for submissions on both Animal Bylaw and Dog Policy

Neighbourly enables local people to share information with each other and to become a more “connected” community – see [www.neighbourly.co.nz](http://www.neighbourly.co.nz)



**ARE YOU KEEPING UP WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING IN TAWA?**

## TAWA RETURNED AND SERVICES ASSN ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

This year’s Tawa Community ANZAC Day observance will commence with a parade which will assemble at the New World car park on Monday 25 April at 9.30am and march off to the Tawa RSA at 9.45am. The Civic Service will be held in the Tawa RSA Hall, 89 Oxford Street, at the completion of the parade (approximately 10am).



This is a Tawa Community commemoration and the public are most welcome to march in the parade, attend the service and pay tribute on this special day of remembrance.

## PLEASE CLICK ‘LIKE’ OR ‘THANK’ ON NEIGHBOURLY

The following is the exact posting by the “Neighbourly Team” currently showing on neighbourly.co.nz: “Put your neighbourhood in the draw to win a Neighbourly gathering!! Simply thank or like this message before 5pm Friday 29 April and your neighbourhood could win support from the Neighbourly team to host a local meet and greet. It could be a coffee catch-up – or dinner at a local restaurant for a group of lucky neighbours. The three neighbourhoods with the greatest number of likes and thanks based on Neighbourly member numbers will win! What sort of gathering would you attend? Once you’ve liked or thanked this message, share your ideas below! T&Cs apply.”

Response from the Ed (of this newsletter):

“We had our first Neighbourly get-together at the Linden Social Centre in November 2014 (after Tawa hit the no. 2 spot in New Zealand), and another in August 2015. Great idea to get together again some time, especially if Neighbourly is likely to fund us up to \$500! With more than 2400 members now, we should be able to get more likes or thanks than any other neighbourhood!”

So **PLEASE** either like or thank that posting on neighbourly.co.nz

**YOUR DOING SO WILL HELP TAWA WIN THE \$500 VOUCHER!!!**



## A MONTH (AND MORE) OF STREET GATHERINGS

Around 35 street gatherings – barbecues, afternoon teas or similar – have taken place in Tawa over the past few weeks. Some were in February, the majority were in March, and a small number were scheduled for this month.

Quoting a report from Tawa St which held a Neighbours' Day barbecue for the first time this year: *".... the event went really well, given most did not know each other at the start. Such a diverse group – representing "modern New Zealand community."*

Wherever they've met, at a barbecue or over an afternoon tea, people have enjoyed the opportunity to get together socially with their neighbours. Many streets now have lists of those in their neighbourhood to enable local residents to "better look out" for each other.

Neighbours' Day in Tawa has been supported by the Tawa Community Board, WCC and New World Tawa.

These photos show various Neighbours' Day events in Tawa.



Brasenose Place



St Edmund Cres



Tawa Street



Greyfriars Cres (top)



Bede Grove



Sunrise Boulevard (mid)



Mexted Tce East

## TAWA HISTORIC WALK

110-120 locals (and maybe one or two non-locals) took part in a recent community walk hosted by Tawa Rotary, with Tawa Historical Society chair Bruce Murray using his vast wealth of local knowledge to describe historical points of interest at three locations along the way. The walk paused at Tawa School (more than 160 years old), then followed the Southern Trail along the Main Road to Willowbank Park for another break.



The return leg was via the Tawa Valley Pathway - Ara Tawa to the Tawa Community Centre with the final "Murray fireside chat" at Taylor Park.



## BIKES IN SCHOOLS AT HAMPTON HILL SCHOOL



In mid-March the first sod was turned on Hampton Hill School's purpose-built bike track project. "Bikes in Schools" allows children to learn how to ride in their school grounds.

Considerable funding for the track, including provision for a number of new

bicycles, has been provided by Wellington City Council, along with some from the Tawa Community Board. The plan is for the track to be completed by late May. The photo records progress to date.



## OPENING OF NEW TAWA-LINDEN PLUNKET BUILDING

Tawa-Linden Plunket celebrated the opening of its new building late last month. It replaced an old one on the same site in Linden Ave. The new rooms were built by Whitireia building students last year and moved to the Tawa site in December.

A huge amount of community effort has gone into seeing the project completed, mostly by the Tawa-Linden Plunket Committee. At the risk of

leaving out the names

of some key players, special credit needs to go to committee members Miranda Denton-Smith, Tina Eldson, Stacey Richardson, and project manager, local GP Ross Denton.



Hon Peter Dunne MP and former Wellington Mayor Kerry Prendergast, a life member of Tawa-Linden Plunket, officially opened the building (see photo above).

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF WELLINGTON



Help shape the future of Wellington by letting Council know your views on its proposed 2016-17 Annual Plan.

Consultation is now open and there are proposals that will impact the Northern Suburbs including one to add more tarmac at the side of Middleton Road to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians. The flow-on effect will be that there's also more room for car drivers to pass!

The following link takes you to the summary of the Annual Plan:

<http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/annual-plan-2016-17>

The following link takes you to the detailed "Consultation Document":

<http://wellington.govt.nz/~media/have-your-say/public-input/files/consultations/2016/03-annual-plan/ap2016-17-consultation-document.pdf?la=en>

The deadline for submissions is 5pm on 29 April 2016.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DOG POLICY



Wellington City Council is currently reviewing its Dog Policy. We all have the opportunity to find out what Council is proposing, including changes at a number of existing dog exercise areas including Arthur Carman Park and Willowbank Park in Tawa. You have the option to respond positively or otherwise! Additional suggestions are also welcome. See <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/dog-policy>

In the most recent LTP (10 Year Plan), we got funding approved for three dog exercise areas over a three year period. The first was Ian Galloway Park (Karori/Wilton) in the 2015-16 financial year, now completed. There has been lots of positive feedback about this one. Next year it will be the turn of part of Sinclair Park in Houghton Bay, then Taylor Park here in Tawa the following year. Beyond that, who knows? It would be good to have a further two or three fenced in different parts of the city, but they come at considerable cost. \$200,000 has been set aside for the first three!

The closeoff date for letting Council know your views about any dog-related matters is 2 May 2016!

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE ANIMAL BYLAW



Wellington City Council is currently reviewing its Animal Bylaw.

Some of the proposals are:

- the microchipping of cats
- a limit on the number of cats kept at a private residence
- a limit on the number of chickens (or other poultry) kept in residential neighbourhoods
- a prohibition on roosters in urban areas
- restrictions on feeding animals in public places

We all have the opportunity to find out what Council is proposing and to respond positively or otherwise! See <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/animal-bylaw>

The closeoff date for letting Council know your views about animal-related matters is 2 May 2016!

## CYCLE FOR GIRLS 2016

On December 19 2011 the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 to help alleviate gender inequality and to empower women and girls in line with Millennium Development Goals.

The UN International Day of the Girl Child will be celebrated on 11th October. I, Phil Castelov, will be cycling in "Cambodia for Girls 2016" – a challenging ride from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. Inspired Adventures and Plan International (a well respected NGO and Aid agency) is staging this event.

Our group of 15 is trying to raise \$50,000. Each participant is committed to raising \$3500 in their own community – I am a resident of Tawa. Money collected goes directly to programmes that empower girls to change the world.

All expenses including travel costs will be my responsibility. All donations are sent through a secure website, all donations are tax deductible, receipts are issued and confirmation is sent back to donors.

If you would like to help, contact me, Phil Castelov on philcastelov@gmail.com or 021 121 8200. The donor link is <http://cycleforgirlscambodia.gofundraise.com.au/page/nzpage2016>



## KNITTERS GET-TOGETHER

If you're interested in a social knit and meet, you're welcome to join us at the Doris Mills lounge, Linden Social Centre on Wednesdays 13 April and 11 May from 7pm. For more info, contact Nicola at nicellen55@gmail.com

## FIRST AID TRAINING



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See how easy our new Defibrillator is to use plus much more  
Course Costs: **\$10.00** per person for Tawa Squash or Vibrant Tawa\* members  
**\$15.00** per person for all other participants  
Tuesday 3rd May 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
Register now by phoning 232 8200 or E-Mail... [info@tawasquash.co.nz](mailto:info@tawasquash.co.nz)  
All courses will be held at the Tawa Squash Club – 67 Main Road – Tawa

### WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE STOPPED BREATHING?



\*Vibrant TAWA is the new operating name of the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers Assn Inc

## Get your yoga fix!

Come relax & work out,  
Leave energised.



## POWER YOGA

TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

From Wed 6th of April  
9:00 to 9:45am

all levels welcomed

\$10/class

introductory rate (first two classes)  
then \$12/class or  
\$110 for 10 trip card  
25% off on community cards

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# APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES

At the Tawa Community Centre:

Wednesday 20 April

Zendoodle & Colouring Workshop 10am-12pm \$15/child

Kids have fun and are creative with this colouring workshop. Price includes workbook, all materials, framed artwork and a healthy snack and drink. For children aged 7+. Bookings: 021 134 7541 or [monique@easynowmindfulness.com](mailto:monique@easynowmindfulness.com)

Wednesday 27 April

First Aid with St Johns 10am Free

Emergency Aware/Smart for 5-7 year olds

This covers recognising each emergency service, and understanding their roles including a game where we decide which emergency service we need in different circumstances. Identifying the different vehicles, looking at some ambulance equipment, discussion around calling 111, and a nice big story book. It takes around 30-45 minutes.

Emergency Ready for 7-9 year olds

This covers most of the above, plus more detailed practice in pairs calling 111. We will also cover some basic first aid in this group. We find they often enjoy practising putting on a bandage, and we can talk a bit about oxygen, and blood! This takes around 45-60 minutes.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT TAWA RECREATION CENTRE

Registrations are open for our school holiday programme.

We have a lot of exciting things going on with Learn to Swim in the first week as well as some new activities such as Parkour, Aviation School, Carnival, just to name a few.

You will now find it easier to register your children. Go to our website <http://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/get-active-indoors/recreation-centres/tawa-recreation-centre> and select "Book Now".

You will be able to make a registration request by entering all your details once, then selecting the days you require. Our staff will contact you to confirm and make payment arrangements.

Contact us if you are new to our programme and we will check if you have an account with us. If not, we will set one up for you.

Please pack a big, healthy lunch and provide a plastic water bottle every day. Togs, towel, goggles and warm clothing will be required for the swimming lessons.

We'd love to see our regulars and some new faces. Numbers are limited, so get in quickly.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY DROP IN

Come along in the holidays between 10am - 1pm for some fun. We will have table tennis tables set up, puzzles, board games, a craft table, and a toy basket for younger kids. All children need an **adult** with them as this is **not supervised**. Please note that this is not a holiday programme, it is a casual drop in.

**Every week day in the holidays at Tawa Community Centre**

For more info call Mandy on 2321682 or email [mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz)





# Help us keep the harbour clean

## Te tauturu ia tatou i te whanga ma

80,000 people live in the Porirua Harbour catchment. And we need your HELP

The Councils and Iwi are working on:

- Reducing pollutants entering the harbour and streams from sewer and stormwater pipes
- Improving controls on earthworks associated with development
- Investing in school and community environmental education
- Encouraging more sustainable land uses, particularly in rural areas
- Reducing litter in our streets and drains

But THIS WONT BE ENOUGH—WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO

Here are WAYS YOU CAN HELP clean up the harbour:

- WASH YOUR CAR ON GRASS or make sure the waste water washes to lawn or garden, not drains
- DISPOSE SMALL AMOUNTS of left over paint, solvents, oil and other chemicals to your sink or garden
- TAKE LARGER AMOUNTS OF paint, solvents to the recycling depot or to the landfill
- PICK UP LITTER AND AVOID LITTERING — use bins, rubbish bags or the landfill
- PACK YOUR RECYCLING CRATE AND RUBBISH BIN so that the rubbish doesn't blow away
- USE THE 24 HR ENVIRONMENT HOTLINE 0800 496 734 TO immediately report pollution or sediment incidents



Absolutely Positively  
**Wellington City Council**  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke



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Te Awarua - o -  
**Porirua Harbour**

## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Daniel Wrench

Daniel is this year's head boy at Tawa College.

*Where were you born?* Wellington (on Christmas Day!)

*Where did you grow up?* Whitby.

*What schools have you been at since you first started school?*

Before Tawa College I went to Discovery School in Whitby, which was a full primary.

*What subjects are you doing this year at college?*

Calculus, statistics, chemistry, physics, and history.

*What are you hoping to do when you leave school?*

Study science at university, something like geology, astronomy, physics, or statistics. Considering doing a minor in history or international relations.

*What does being a head student actually involve, any particular responsibilities?*

It involves commitments such as meetings with the principal, attending and speaking at assemblies, welcoming visitors, and otherwise involving yourself in school life and being a good, friendly role model for other students at the school. My co-curricular activities include singing in three choirs, playing in two instrumental groups and helping run the Relay for Life team.

*What are your interests/hobbies?*

I'm an avid cricket fan (thrilling sport), as is my family, and will always follow the Black Caps when they're playing, and play a bit of backyard cricket with my little brother. I also enjoy playing football which I've done for a few years now. I'm also into astronomy, reading, and playing the piano and trombone.

*What do you like about Tawa College?*

I really like the teachers at Tawa and how they're all very friendly and supportive of students, and also the music department, which has a great culture of inclusiveness and enjoyment.

*Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?*

The Black Caps, Brendon McCullum and Lionel Messi.

*Favourite musical group and/or style of music?*

I enjoy a bit of pop and rock, such as Tame Impala, Katy Perry, and Green Day.

*Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?*

Toss-up between Whangamata and the lower South Island.

*Any accomplishments/achievements in your life (to date) that give you much satisfaction/pride?*

My academic success, doing well in speech contests, debating success, but most of all being honoured with the role of head boy at a school that I owe so much to for making me the person I'm proud to be today.



### 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](mailto:mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz) and put 'Join' as the subject to receive regular updates.

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Make your good marriage great

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Learn new communication skills

Starts **7pm Wednesday 18 May**

Emmaus Centre, St Christopher's Church

(course runs each Wednesday evening for 7 weeks)

For more information contact

Terry McIvor 021 242 1822

or church office 232 8448

Registrations close Thursday 12 May.

Cost

\$75 per couple

Includes course book and dinner or dessert each night



## OPENING OF NEW SHARED PATHWAY

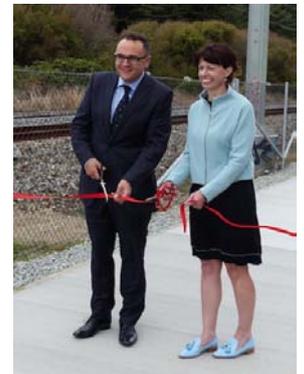
The official opening of Porirua City Council's "Te Ara Tawa" shared cycleway/walkway took place last week, connecting Kenepuru, the northernmost point of WCC's Tawa Valley Pathway (Ara Tawa), with the Porirua CBD. The Tawa shared pathway from Willowbank Park in the south to Kenepuru Station in the north was completed two years ago.

Porirua Mayor Nick Leggett, Wellington Mayor Celia Wade-Brown, and NZTA's Raewyn Bleakley each spoke at the occasion. The total distance of the shared cycleway/walkway (from Willowbank to the Porirua CBD) is now approximately 6.5 kilometres.



Adios

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*"Little things don't mean a lot, they mean everything."*

*"When you're run down the best thing to take is the license plate number."*

*"Losing eyesight is not the worse thing in the world, losing your vision is." – Helen Keller*

This newsletter is emailed to around 1250 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa), usually in the first week 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.

Back issues of the newsletter are available at [www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html](http://www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html).

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