August 2021

TAWA Wellington COMMUNITY NEWS

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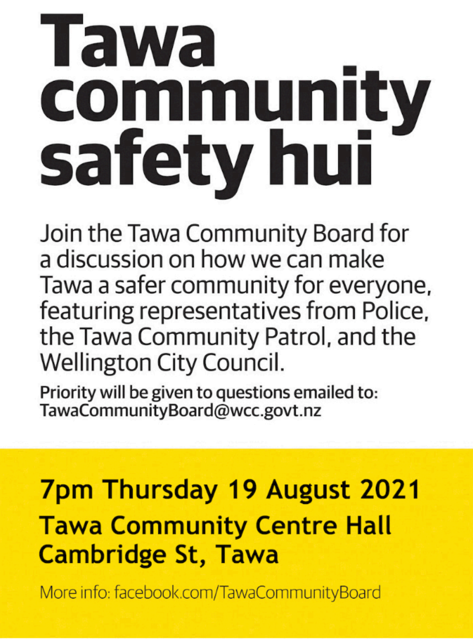
TAWA COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING



Tawa community safety hui

Join the Tawa Community Board for a discussion on how we can make Tawa a safer community for everyone, featuring representatives from Police, the Tawa Community Patrol, and the Wellington City Council.

Priority will be given to questions emailed to:
TawaCommunityBoard@wcc.govt.nz

7pm Thursday 19 August 2021
Tawa Community Centre Hall
Cambridge St, Tawa

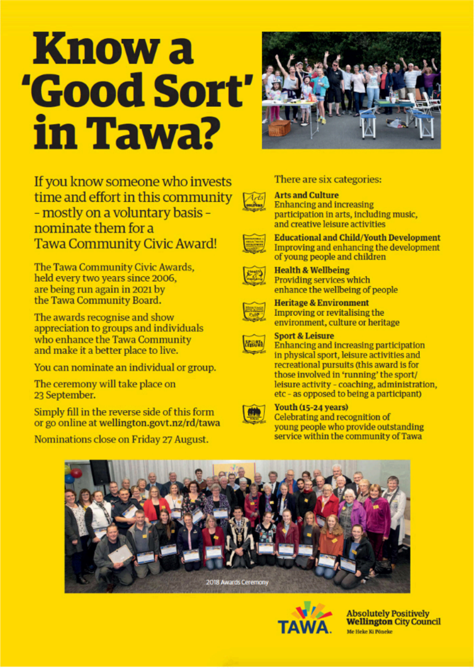
More info: facebook.com/TawaCommunityBoard

TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS

PLEASE take a moment to nominate an individual or a group who you think is worthy of recognition for providing a community service in Tawa. Nominations close on Friday 27 August.

It may be a person who helps in the local school, sports club, church, or in some other capacity. An awards ceremony to thank such volunteers and voluntary groups will be held on Thursday 23 September.

Please make your nomination at wellington.govt.nz/rd/tawa or pick up a nomination form from the library or community centre.



Know a 'Good Sort' in Tawa?

If you know someone who invests time and effort in this community – mostly on a voluntary basis – nominate them for a Tawa Community Civic Award!

The Tawa Community Civic Awards, held every two years since 2006, are being run again in 2021 by the Tawa Community Board.

The awards recognise and show appreciation to groups and individuals who enhance the Tawa Community and make it a better place to live.

You can nominate an individual or group.

The ceremony will take place on 23 September.

Simply fill in the reverse side of this form or go online at wellington.govt.nz/rd/tawa

Nominations close on Friday 27 August.

There are six categories:

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

Educational and Child/Youth Development
Improving and enhancing the development of young people and children

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 (this award is for those involved in 'running' the sport/leisure activity – coaching, administration, etc – as opposed to being a participant)

Youth (15-24 years)
Celebrating and recognition of young people who provide outstanding service within the community of Tawa

2018 Awards Ceremony

TAWA.

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

RAIL SAFETY WEEK 9-15 AUGUST

People and mornings have always had a love-hate relationship. So it might not come as a surprise that the majority of train incidents occur in the morning. Well, consider this your wake-up call. We figure you'd prefer this to a close call with a 3000-tonne train. Always cross with care at rail crossings.

Rail Safety Week is 9 to 15 August and for Tawa, with its multiple level crossings, that means that members of various service organisations and representatives from Tracksafe, Kiwirail, WCC, GRWC and police will be out on level crossings promoting the message of safe crossings for pedestrians and vehicles.

If you see us, say ‘hi’ and grab a Rail Safety reusable bag.

You can visit Tracksafe or Kiwirail’s Facebook page to answer a few questions and enter the draw for a return Great Journeys of NZ rail trip or a UE boom speaker for our students. So encourage everyone in your household to take part.

Rail Safety Week
9-15 AUGUST 2021

RAILWAY CROSSING
KiwiRail
9659

GREAT DAY FOR TAWA RUGBY CLUB

As seen on Facebook:

🏆JUBILEE CUP🏆
Congratulations to the 2021 Jubilee Cup Champions🇷🇴🤙🏽🥳🔥🔵🔴🟡

Tawa are the 2021 Jubilee Cup champions! They won their third Jubilee Cup title and first since 2016 with an emphatic 36-7 win over Marist St Pat’s in the final at Hutt Recreation Ground on Saturday 31 July.

In the Ed Chaney Cup Final (Premier 2), also played at Hutt Rec on the same afternoon, Tawa came away winners by beating Hutt Old Boys Marist 45-26.

Congratulations to both championship-winning teams!

CONGRATULATIONS TO NADA BAKERY

As seen on Stuff last week:

“A Tawa bakery badly hit by flooding this month [July] has claimed the gold for the best potato-top pie in the country.

Wellington’s Nada Bakery owner Michael Gray remembers standing outside the store after a day of cleanup, with marks from the water half a metre up the walls, thinking he might give the awards a miss this year.

It is a good thing he didn’t, as his entry into the Bakels New Zealand Supreme Pie Awards has made Nada the only Wellington bakery to score a win.

“You want a reasonably golden pastry,” Gray said. “Not too crusty or hard, but not too soft, to contain the filling. It oozes.”

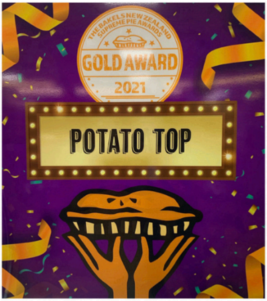
The pie has a layer of crisped mashed potato over a filling of mince, the dryness of the potato countered by the gravy.

Gray’s father, from whom he had taken over the bakery business, had been the chief judge for a number of years and Gray had spent a couple of years as a judge himself. So he knew what the judges would be looking for.

According to Gray, the importance of trusting your ingredients and suppliers was paramount, he said. Nada had used the same butcher for the past 25 years – Creative Meats in Wainuiomata. “You have got to trust your butcher.”

The bakery had a history of doing well, an “award-winner” sticker permanently displayed on their window. In 2018, Gray won silver for his chicken and vegetable pie, and the gold for steak and cheese in 2019. There was no competition held in 2020 due to Covid-19.

For the winners of the awards, the title guaranteed an increase in business as word got out. Gray had planned for anywhere up to a 700 per cent increase in sales. As the store normally sold up to 400 potato-top pies each week, this meant just over 3000 little potato-topped beauties should be sailing out the door this week alone.”


THE BAKELS NEW ZEALAND SUPREME PIE AWARDS
GOLD AWARD
2021
POTATO TOP

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAURIE WINTER

Tawa local Laurie Winter has taken out the top prize in the Landscape category in the 2021 Sony Alpha Awards photography competition, which drew entries from across Australia and New Zealand.

Laurie said was in the right place at the right time when she snapped her winning photo (as shown below) of Lake Wairarapa while on a solo camping trip. She woke up early to a calm morning and headed out to the lake with her camera, hoping to capture some nice reflections on the lake.

She got lucky with a beautiful combination of lilacs and warm colours softened by the morning fog. “Nature does most of the work for you with landscape photography and on this occasion, the scene really presented itself,” Laurie said. “The light was particularly nice with pink tones and the low cloud, it made the lake look really magic. The photo didn’t need much editing at all.”

A line up of 26 acclaimed judges selected the category winners from more than 4,900 submissions this year. Judges were looking for unique and powerful framings, and the photographer’s use of colour and composition to complement the scene.

Laurie was at work when she received the news that she had won the competition, taking out the landscape category. Sony has awarded each category winner $2000 to spend towards camera gear. “It’s an honour to have my photo selected as a winner, it was quite a surprise! I’m also in need of a new lens for my favourite Alpha camera so it’s great to have the prize money to put towards that.”

Photography is a creative outlet and passion for Laurie, who works full-time at a bank when she’s not behind the lens most weekends. She’s entirely self-taught, and discovered her love for landscape photography six years ago while exploring the country on tramping trips.

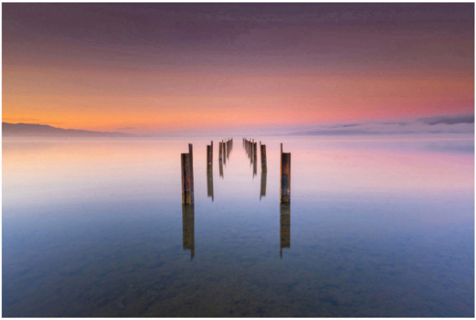
“It’s definitely a form of mindfulness for me. It allows me to get away and see more of the stunning landscape we have here in New Zealand. I feel really lucky to have captured some beautiful moments.”

While she’s a self-described hobbyist, Laurie does have a professional website where people can buy her stunning pictures.

Encouraged by her work to use up some annual leave, Laurie has recently headed off on a trip to explore Doubtful Sound in Fiordland and plans to take some photos of the natural landscape while she’s away.

Website: www.lauriewinterphotography.com

Instagram: @laurie_winter



NEW TAWA BUSINESS GROUP MANAGER

Adapted from the Tawa Business Group's August 2021 newsletter:

Welcome to Bernadette Palliser, our new BID [Tawa Business Improvement District] manager. Bernadette started in the role on Monday 12 July and "hit the ground running". As a self-confessed 'doer', she has considerable administration and events experience both in New Zealand and the UK, from where she returned in October last year.

As the director of two small businesses and a mother of three teenage children, Bernadette enjoys a quiet spot of yoga in her spare time. She is keen to get stuck into the many projects that Tawa Business Group is working on. Her office base is 220B Main Road, Tawa.

NEW FACES IN PHOTO & LOTTO SHOP

The newest faces to the Main Road of Tawa are Jamie and Jennifer Nicholas who have recently taken over Mac's Photo and Lotto. Jamie and Jennifer are long time Tawa residents, purchasing their first home here 13 years ago – Jamie also went to Tawa College and their young children are at kindergarten and school here too.

The shop will continue to sell lotto, train tickets, print photos, etc but you will soon notice a few changes – including a rebrand to Gorgeous Goose Cakes – a venture which Jennifer started from their home kitchen two years ago. You can now purchase cake supplies, cupcakes and pre-order a customised cake for an upcoming celebration.

Jamie and Jennifer are excited by their new adventure and are grateful to the Tawa Community for the wonderful support they've received so far. They know they have some big shoes to fill following 26 years of service by Margaret McLeod and her late husband Wain. It is through Margaret's rapport with her customers that Jennifer and Jamie developed a relationship with her and knew it was the right thing to do when Margaret started talking about retirement.

You'll continue to feel the family vibe in store too – with Jennifer's Mum, Christine, providing a friendly face behind the counter.

The Nicholas Family look forward to seeing you in store soon!

Easy Play Options

TAWA INTERMEDIATE OPEN SESSIONS

TAWA
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL
engage | grow | inspire

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5 August 2021
6.00pm – 8.00pm
Presentations at 6.00pm and 6.45pm

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 10 August 2021
9.00am – 10.20am

All Welcome

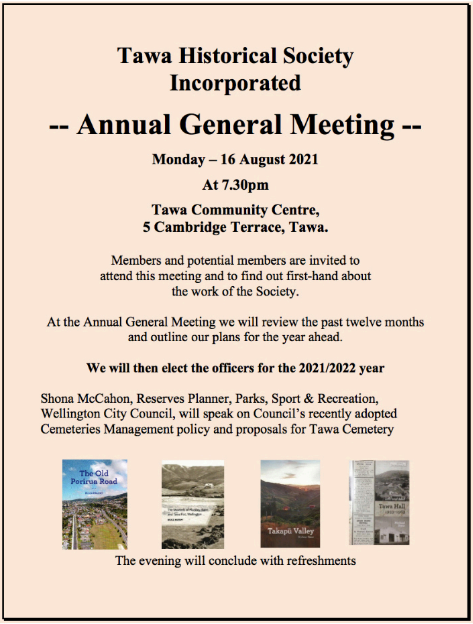
Limited places available for
out of zone Year 7 in 2022

Enrolments close 20 August 2021

Prospectuses available at the school office

Telephone 04 232 5201 www.tawaint.school.nz

TAWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM



Tawa Historical Society
Incorporated

-- Annual General Meeting --

Monday – 16 August 2021

At 7.30pm

Tawa Community Centre,
5 Cambridge Terrace, Tawa.

Members and potential members are invited to attend this meeting and to find out first-hand about the work of the Society.

At the Annual General Meeting we will review the past twelve months and outline our plans for the year ahead.

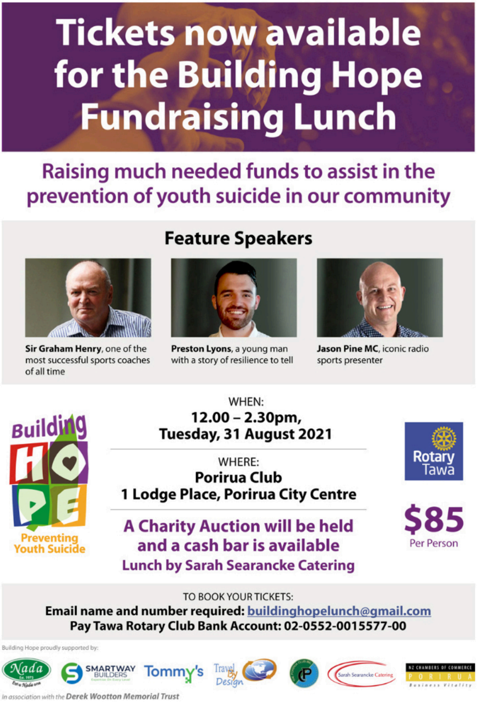
We will then elect the officers for the 2021/2022 year

Shona McCahon, Reserves Planner, Parks, Sport & Recreation, Wellington City Council, will speak on Council's recently adopted Cemeteries Management policy and proposals for Tawa Cemetery

The evening will conclude with refreshments

BUILDING HOPE FUNDRAISING LUNCH

This very worthwhile fundraising lunch will be held at the Porirua Club from 12 to 2.30pm on Tuesday 31 August. Contact buildinghopelunch@gmail.com to book your ticket.



Tickets now available for the Building Hope Fundraising Lunch

Raising much needed funds to assist in the prevention of youth suicide in our community

Feature Speakers

Sir Graham Henry, one of the most successful sports coaches of all time

Preston Lyons, a young man with a story of resilience to tell

Jason Pine MC, iconic radio sports presenter

WHEN:
12.00 – 2.30pm,
Tuesday, 31 August 2021

WHERE:
Porirua Club
1 Lodge Place, Porirua City Centre

A Charity Auction will be held and a cash bar is available

Lunch by Sarah Searancke Catering

$85
Per Person

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS:
Email name and number required: buildinghopelunch@gmail.com
Pay Tawa Rotary Club Bank Account: 02-0552-0015577-00

Building Hope proudly supported by:

In association with the ***Derek Wootton Memorial Trust***

INNER WHEEL QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 9 September 2021 at The Borough at 7.00pm. $12.00 pp for teams of 6 to 8.
Get your team together!

Bring cash. Raffles $2 per ticket or 3 for $5.

Email tawaiwsecretary@gmail.com to book your team in. The first three teams to book and pay, each receive a $25.00 Borough voucher to spend on the night.

For more info phone Carolyn on 021 369 115

EVENING OF CÉILIDH DANCING

An Evening of Céilidh Dancing

with live Irish Band : The Jimmies

Saturday 25 September
7:30pm - 11pm
RSA Hall, 89 Oxford Street, Tawa

Supper & non alcoholic drinks provided
BYO beer and wine

No experience needed
Flat shoes recommended

Tickets
$30 adults
$35 door sales
$15 up to 12 years

For tickets or more info contact:
Mary Clare 021973129

Fundraising for Tawa Anglican Church Building Redevelopment

Part 2 of the August 2021 newsletter is on a separate PDF