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www.neighbourly.co.nz • www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa • www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard

TAWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards ceremony took place recently at the Tawa Community Centre – for the ninth successive year.

All six local primary schools plus the Intermediate were represented, with six Year 6 students and three Year 8 students being presented with awards by the Mayor of Wellington for displaying “true leadership, citizenship, contribution to school life, etc”. The presenters were Cr Malcolm Sparrow and Tawa Community Board chair Robyn Parkinson, with



assistance from Cr Jill Day.

Thanks to the Tawa Community Board for sponsoring the awards, and to Take Note Tawa for sponsoring the book vouchers.

The ceremony was attended by all the principals, and many of the class teachers and whanau members of the winning students, and included short speeches by Mayor Andy Foster and Tawa



College head boy Tayne McMahon who, five years ago, was the winner of this very award when he was in Year 8 at Tawa Intermediate.

Well done to all of this year's winning students: Natalie Raven (Greenacres School), Mosese Valu (Hampton Hill School), Kathryn Jarvis (Linden School), Jessica Tikao (Redwood School), Stephanie Alatua (St Francis Xavier School), Nevaeh Hickey (Tawa School – Year 6), Jared Garcia (Tawa School – Year 8), Toby Tomkies and Ava Conroy (Tawa Intermediate).

NEIGHBOURS' DAY IN TAWA

Neighbours' Day will take place again in March 2020. The aim is to see neighbours getting together any weekend that month – having fish & chips together, sharing brunch, or rolling out a few barbecues to cook and eat together.

We'll give you another reminder early next year!



A JOLLY GOOD MEAL AT THE RSA

Tawa RSA offers a Sunday Roast on the last Sunday of each month, starting again in January 2020. Members of the community are welcome to take part. You do not need to be Service or Returned Service Personnel to become a member of the RSA. The cost of the meal is \$25. To book, email John on jfgplunkett@gmail.com



The photos are from the end-of-year Sunday Roast which was enjoyed (very much) by the Editor of this newsletter.

HANGING BASKETS TO BE 'REPLACED'

As you probably already know, the flowers in the hanging baskets in the central Tawa shopping district are replaced every six months or so. The intention is to hang the next lot of baskets on Saturday 21 December.

The Tawa Potted Colour Committee is responsible for maintenance of the hanging baskets. It costs \$3000+ each year to keep them in place. Thanks to the Tawa Business Group, the Tawa Community Board and various private and commercial sponsors for their financial assistance.



If you would like to sponsor a hanging basket at \$60 for one year, please email info@tawalink.com

**Celebrating Christmas 2019
with
Tawa Churches**

Community Christmas Service
Hosted by
Tawa Baptist and Salvation Army Churches
Tawa College Hall (Duncan St)
9:30 am Christmas Day

Anglican Church
St Christopher's: cnr Main & Lyndhurst Rds, Tawa
Christmas Eve, 6pm Christingle Family Service
Christmas Eve, 11pm Carols and Communion
Christmas Day, 9:30am Family Worship & Communion

Baptist Church
227 Main Rd, Tawa
Christmas Eve, 8pm "Carols, Candles and Cake"
(coffee and cake served from 7:30pm)

Catholic Parish (Our Lady of Fatima Church)
169 Main Rd, Tawa
Christmas Eve, 7:00pm Family Mass
Christmas Eve, 11:30pm Carols and Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, 10:30am Christmas Day Mass

Catholic Parish (St Pius X Church)
Te Pene Ave, Titahi Bay
Christmas Day 9:30am Christmas Day Mass

Union Church
6 Elena Pl, Tawa
Christmas Eve, 11:30pm Candlelight Carol Service
Christmas Day, 9am Christmas Day Service

LINDEN

HOLIDAY PROGRAM...

10AM
2PM

VIDEO GAMES, ART & MORE FUN

10 LINDEN AVENUE, TAWA

JAN

WED	08
WED	15
WED	22
MON	27
WED	29

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

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PROGRESS WITH TRANSMISSION GULLY

If you're interested in progress with Transmission Gully, their latest (summer) newsletter is now available at <https://transmissiongullyproject.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/t/D90BCD6A7B176FFF2540EF23F30FEDED/BBE4B35E6A2A5F63025DA65DC0D0F53A>



Aerial view of the northbound TG motorway onramp near Linden



A video featuring their mobile visitor centre at Spring into Tawa (and a few familiar faces) can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=29&v=p0iFNZvYak&feature=emb_logo

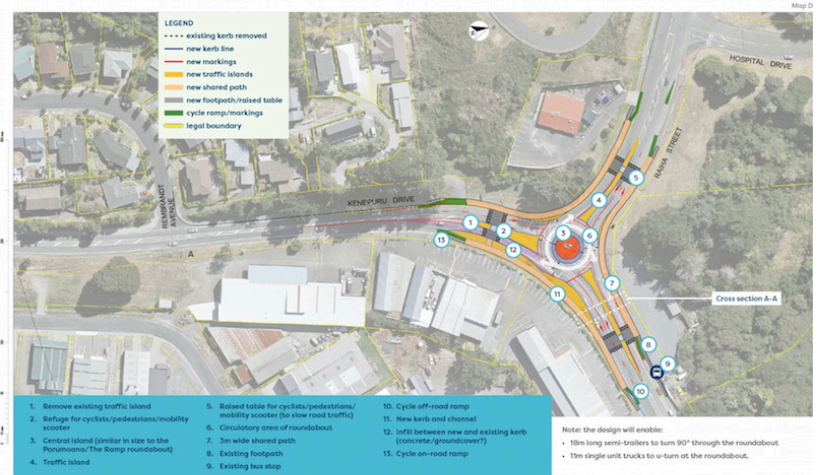
KENEPURU ROADING IMPROVEMENTS

Porirua City Council recently held an information session on the Kenepuru Corridor project with focus on the Kenepuru Drive/Wall Place, Raiha St/Broken Hill Road and Raiha St/Prosser St intersections. PCC is looking at making improvements at each of these intersections.

Kenepuru Drive is the main route for people heading north out of Tawa. More information is available at the following website, and you are welcome to contribute your feedback.

Kenepuru/Raiha intersection

June 2019



porirua.govt.nz

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See <https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/city-projects/kenepuru-corridor/kenepuru-corridor-project-updates/?fbclid=IwAR2upA0Tst9imHVho7m5ETgg-sET840nEAXo5gUMmbBtaR5qI9gzQoFX1rc>

TAWA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

The Tawa Community Liaison Group meets together at the Tawa Community Centre every 4-6 weeks. A variety of community groups, organisations and businesses “connect and network, share ideas, knowledge and resources, highlight any issues or opportunities, and keep each other ‘in the loop’ about things happening in their organisation”.

The 21 individuals attending the most recent meeting (pictured) included MPs, councillors, community board members, WCC officers, school principals, and representatives from Lions, Rotary, RSA, U3A, community garden, community patrol, residents association, business group and more.



TAWA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD TO PAUL McGOLDRICK

From the Tawa Community Board's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard>

Congratulations to Paul McGoldrick, recipient of the Tawa Community Service Award at December's Tawa Community Board meeting. The following was received with Paul's nomination, which shows how well deserved this was.

"Paul has been part of the property team at Tawa College since 1990. Since that time he has proactively and faithfully served the College doing a variety of tasks to ensure that Tawa College is always well presented. He is a quality painter, an expert in turf management and has a good understanding of the preparation of sports fields for various sporting codes.

As Tawa College facilities are often used by members of the greater Tawa Community, the work that Paul undertakes in his role at the College has benefits to the community in general.

On the evening of October 31st he demonstrated his loyalty for the College in a very impressive way. A number of students both from Tawa College and outside of the school came onto the College grounds around midnight and then proceeded to commit acts of vandalism which caused considerable damage to College property. The school was unable to secure professional security guards to be on site on the night of the 31st. However, Paul readily volunteered to remain on site during the evening hours to try to mitigate any damage that we anticipated might occur.

Paul did not confront the students but instead immediately rang the Police who responded promptly resulting in at least 14 arrests. The Police were very complimentary in respect of Paul's presence of mind and calm approach to a difficult situation. After the Police left and had photographed the scene, Paul worked throughout the night (midnight to 7am) to remove graffiti, clean windows and ensure that there was little evidence of the damage present when the students arrived the next morning. Paul never flagged in this effort, and the school and community are very grateful to him."



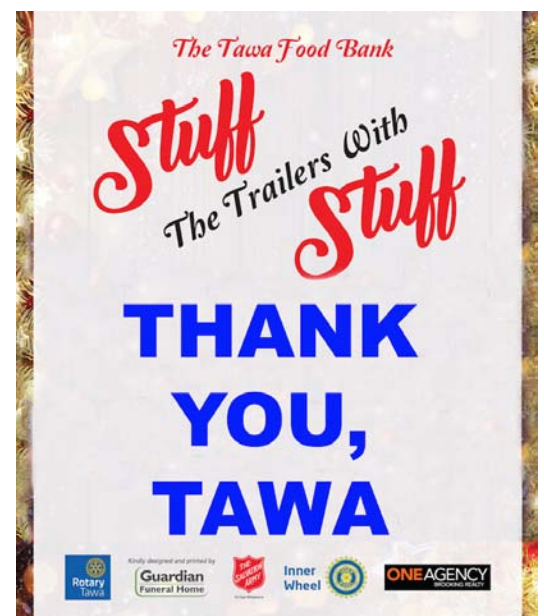
Paul McGoldrick with Tawa Community Board chair Robyn Parkinson

"STUFF THE TRAILER" FOOD COLLECTION IN LATE NOVEMBER

From the Rotary Club of Tawa Facebook page:

Thank you, Tawa, for your generosity and support for the Tawa Food Bank. The Food Bank has been replenished for Christmas and more than \$1,300 in cash donations will be used to purchase perishables.

Also thank you to members of Tawa Rotary Club, Tawa Inner Wheel, Tawa Lions, Tawa Rangers, Tawa Scouts, and the Salvation Army, Tamsin and Malcolm from One Agency, Making Faces NZ, Tawa Fire Brigade, Guardian Funeral Home, and the fantastic New World Tawa and Countdown Tawa supermarkets.



2 MINUTES WITH Digby Wilkinson

We are fast approaching Christmas, one of the most important occasions on the Christian calendar. Tawa, as you may be aware, is known for a significant number of Christian churches on its Main Road. One of those is St Christopher's, and leading that flock (the Tawa-Linden Anglican Parish) is the vicar, Rev Digby Wilkinson. He has been in that role for almost two years, having previously served as Dean of the Wellington Cathedral. Read on for more about Tawa's vicar.



Where were you born?

I was born in the East End of London at St Andrews Hospital. I am indeed a true Cockney.

Where did you grow up?

I spent the first seven years on my life in London before emigrating with my family to Wellington. We first lived in Newtown before finally settling in Wadestown, where I lived until I was eighteen years old.

Where were you educated?

My first school in Wellington was Clifton Terrace School before attending Wadestown Primary and then Wellington College. School and I rarely agreed, so I left and trained as a Mechanical Fitter with the New Zealand Railways. After completing my apprenticeship, Jane and I attended two theological colleges in Auckland before being ordained into Christian ministry. I seem to have been studying ever since.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

We moved to Tawa in January 2018.

What do you like about Tawa?

It's hard to ignore the sense of community that Tawa enjoys. It is not something found in many suburban areas. Obviously the schools, churches, active community groups and the length of time people stay in Tawa all contribute to that community feel.

What about family?

I have been married to Jane for 34 years. Jane trained as a nurse, and then retrained as a Spiritual Director and Supervisor for those in social services and people-related occupations. We have two grown boys, Mitchell and Elliot, and daughter Lucy. The eldest lives in Shanghai with his wife, and our middle son, Elliot lives in Christchurch with his fiancé. Lucy is still at home and looking to study nursing.

Work experience over the years

I trained as a Locomotive Maintainer (Mechanical Fitter) with the New Zealand Railways. I have worked as a Pastor/Priest for nearly thirty years in Taranaki, Tauranga, Palmerston North and now here in Wellington where I was the Dean of the Wellington Cathedral of Saint Paul before coming to the Tawa-Linden Anglican Church.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I am currently a keen motorcyclist. My BMW Adventure Bike is great, taking me all round the country's dodgy gravel back roads. In my early years I was a competitive sailor with a sideline interest in soccer. I also enjoy technology and problem solving.

Favourite sports team?

Arsenal soccer team.

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Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

Genesis, Eric Clapton, James Taylor, and classical music.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Algies Bay, Warkworth – great friends and fab part of the country.

What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you the most satisfaction/pride?

Raising very cool children, participating in people's lives, helping churches adapt to changing times, and my own continuing education.

What are two or three interesting things about you that local people may not know?

I have walked 800k across Spain via the Camino de Santiago with Jane.

I'm completing a doctorate, which I hope to finish in early 2021.

I have terrible fashion sense and can't put the right colours together – I suspect the two problems are related.

What are two or three things you would like to do before you die?

Motorcycle across Europe

Enjoy grandchildren

Visit Russia

CHRISTMAS FUNDAY AT ST CHRISTOPHERS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Christmas Crafts, lego, games, dvd and stories for children ages 5 to 11.

10am - 2pm Friday 20 December 2019.

Cost: \$15. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

Contact Hayley.Balmer@xtra.co.nz 027 232 9433

WAITOMO SERVICE STATION IN TAWA?

At the end of November we were advised: "A resource consent application has been lodged with Council to construct and operate a Waitomo Service Station at 26-28 Main Road Tawa [by the Redwood Ave roundabout]. The application is currently being considered by officers and further information will be requested in order to understand the environmental effects of the proposal."

We (local elected representatives) have asked Council, when considering this request, to take up the opportunity at the same time to make improvements to the Main Road intersection with Outlet City.

Council has responded: "These comments have and will be considered in the processing of the application."

Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm and 2-4.30pm 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>
and sign up to our newsletter by clicking the email signup button.

Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | January 2020

Duncan Street, Tawa | For ages 5-12 years | To book phone 04 232 2260 or visit wellington.govt.nz/holidayprogrammes

Monday 6th January	Tuesday 7th January	Wednesday 8th January	Thursday 9th January	Friday 10th January
Dodgeball Mania You love it! We love it! So let's play it! It's going to be a dodgeball crazy day. Games like Leaders Dodgeball, Bench Dodgeball, Mayhem and our newest game - King Dodgeball!	Wizard's school and talent show Raise your wands and open the book of spells, because you're going to wizard's school! We'll learn some tricks and you can bring whatever you need to showcase your tricks and talent at the Tawa Rec Centre talent show! May the best talent win...	Bubble bath & YOUR choice It's International Bubble Bath Day! You are going to have suds of fun making your own bubble bath. In the afternoon YOU get to choose what we all play next.	Sporty fun day It's a sporty day where we will be playing lots of different sports indoors and outdoors. There will be team sports and individual sports such as badminton, basketball, outdoor cricket and relays..	Trip Day - Tawa Pool & Park We are heading over to Tawa Pool for a swim before we play at Grasslees Reserve and have a sausage sizzle. You will take part in the obstacle course and play half-court basketball. Don't forget your togs - and a towel!
Monday 13th January	Tuesday 14th January	Wednesday 15th January	Thursday 16th January	Friday 17th January
Minecraft day You will be playing real-life Minecraft at the Tawa Rec Centre! Take part in our building battles, PvP and survival games. Go head to head with other players and always watch out for creepers!	Chocolate Day & Inflatables Play chocolate party games, go on a chocolate treasure hunt and test your chocolate knowledge to celebrate National Chocolate Day. Then bounce away on our inflatables and play floorball.	Outdoor wheels & street art Bring your own set of wheels and helmet and take part in our outdoor wheels challenge. Let your artistic skills out in the afternoon and create a mural using chalk. Are you the next Banksy?	Woodwork challenge & dodgeball Get your creative caps on as you build fortresses out of sticks, string and clay. Then help us build barriers for our crazy dodgeball battleship. Which team are you on?	Cool off in summer Slip, slop and slide! Bring your togs and a towel as we play some fun water-based games and slide down our water slide! Let's make some lemonade in the afternoon and drink it in the shade.
Monday 20th January	Tuesday 21st January	Wednesday 22nd January	Thursday 23rd January	Friday 24th January
Wellington Anniversary Closed due to Wellington Anniversary Day.	Rainbow science & games Ever seen walking water? Watch as water moves from one point to another without being touched and be mesmerized by the colours! We will also make some rock candy. A cool science experiment that is edible. Yummo! We'll burn off our energy playing rainbow-themed games.	Tawa Rec Jamboree It's Tawa Rec's Jamboree! A jam-packed day where you will be taking part in a range of activities from craft, wheels, music to inflatables and outdoor games. Bring a change of clothes.	Flying kites & basketball skills The best thing about living in windy Wellington is that there is always a breeze. Why do we need a breeze? To fly our amazing kites of course! We are making our very own kites and a GIANT pinwheel before heading outside to try them out. In the afternoon we will have a game of basketball.	Trip Day - Splash, dash and relax Back to Tawa Pool for fun activities such as tag, diving, relays and free play. Bring your togs and a towel. We will spend the last part of the holidays by relaxing with board games and a movie.

Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and sunhat every day.

 Follow us on Facebook

School holiday programmes also available at:

ASB Sports Centre
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie
For ages 5-14 years
To book phone
04 830 0500

Karori Recreation Centre
251 Karori Road, Karori
For ages 5-12 years
To book phone 04 476 8090

Nairnville Recreation Centre
Cnr Cockayne Road and Lucknow Terrace,
Khandallah
For ages 5-12 years
To book phone 04 479 2022

Bookings open 20 November 2019
All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

Cost per day	Time	Recreation Centres	ASB Sports Centre
Before care	7.45am-8.30am	8.50	-
On-site day	8.30am-3.30pm	\$35	\$38
Trip days	8.30am-3.30pm	\$45	\$48
Aftercare	3.30pm-5.30pm	\$14	\$14

KAI AT WALL PARK

There will be a break in January from the free lunches that are hosted each Friday from 12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Linden Social Centre. There will instead be Kai at Wall Park (top end of Bell and Tremewan Sts in north Linden) – that is, a lunch-time picnic on Fridays 17th, 24th & 31st January.

Ngā mihi

Malcolm Sparrow
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“There’s no happier moment in life than to awake Christmas morning and be a child.”

“My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?” – Bob Hope

“I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world.” – Norman Vincent Peale

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