



COMMUNITY NEWS

July 2017

This community newsletter is sent out monthly on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002.

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

OPENING OF NEWLY-FENCED DOG EXERCISE AREA



You're welcome to join us at the 'opening' of the newly-fenced dog exercise area at Taylor Park on Saturday 15 July at 1pm.

Friendly Animal Services people will be there to register your dog (eftpos available) and to hand out free treats and poo bags.

The 'opening' is being organised by Northern Ward councillors Malcolm Sparrow, Jill Day and Peter Gilbert at 1pm. Bring along your canine companion to enjoy some freebies and a run around the dog park.

Wellington City Council fenced the dog exercise area at Ian Galloway Park in Wilton last year. This year's project, Taylor Park, has just about been completed. Next year will be the turn of a dog park in the southern suburbs.

Drive through the car park for Redwood Station (south) and park outside the badminton hall which is alongside Taylor Park. See you there!



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT TAKAPU ISLAND (SOUTHERN END)

There have been questions asked about what's currently happening up at Takapu Island.

There are two pieces of land being developed. The first is between William Earp Place and the railway line, west of Countdown, where a substantial number of residential units are being constructed, 24 in the first round (see the upper photo below).

That's quite separate from the area where development has started south of Countdown (lower photo below). Council has granted a resource consent "for earthworks and a new commercial retail development which will have a gross floor area of 8473 sqm, comprising 7000 sqm of retail space, 1066 sqm of commercial space (offices), 274 sqm for a fast food outlet, and 133 sqm for a café. The development will be served by 243 car parks and three loading bays."

Update: Apparently earthworks were started before the required environmental plans were submitted to Council. The work has been stopped until the correct procedure is followed.



PAXSTERS IN TAWA?

NZ Post is hoping to have two of its 'Paxsters' – an electric delivery vehicle – operating in Tawa some time soon. Members of the Tawa Community Board were able to see the Paxster in action on a recent Saturday afternoon in Brasenose Place.

Three NZ Post representatives, including driver "Postman Pax", were there to answer questions.

See a video clip of the Paxster on this page: <https://www.facebook.com/WCCNorthernCouncillors>



Photo: Neighbour Helen Challands (left); TCB member Margaret Lucas (4th from left); TCB member Liz Langham (5th from left); WCC Cr Jill Day (8th from left); WCC Cr Peter Gilbert (9th from left); TCB chair Richard Herbert (4th from right); TCB member Graeme Hansen (3rd from right); TCB member Jack Marshall (2nd from right); WCC Cr Malcolm Sparrow (right).

REPLACING THE HANGING BASKETS

The hanging baskets in Tawa's central shopping area, all 50 or so baskets, were replaced by a team from Tawa Rotary earlier in June. The flowers are 'updated' every six months. They are currently financed primarily by the Tawa Community Board, with the hands-on work being carried out by Tawa Rotary.



At left: Doug Burrus, Robert Tredger, Paul Drummond. Middle: Liz Sutton, Tony Heyward, Peter Lockery. Above: Robert Tredger (again). Truck driver: Brian Frampton
Photographer: Malcolm Sparrow

50th ANNIVERSARY OF DR BRIAN WEBB'S DEATH



It's been brought to our attention that June 2017 was the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr Brian Webb. The following article was placed online in 2003 at www.tawalink.com/brian_webb_rose_garden.html under the heading *Brian Webb Memorial Rose Garden*:

"In 1970 the Tawa Borough Council in association with local service organisations constructed a rose garden in Grasslees Park as a memorial to Dr Brian Webb, a member of the Borough Council who had first been elected in 1956. He was also a popular local medical practitioner and a member of several organisations – kindergarten, horticultural society (being a rose lover), Rotary, etc. He became Deputy Mayor in 1962 and held this office when he died suddenly in June 1967 at the early age of 42 years. The Brian Webb Kindergarten, which opened in Victory Crescent in 1969, was named in his honour."



Brian Webb Memorial Rose Garden at Grasslees Reserve – 2002 photo.

KIDS' CROSS COUNTRY SERIES

The next event in the Brendan Foot Supersite Kids' Cross Country Series is at Grenada North Park. The Olympic Harrier & Athletic Club is hosting this next event in partnership with Athletics Wellington. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 4 to 13. You can enter right up till the event and even on the day. You don't need to be a club member to take part, so bring all your friends along and give it a go. Only \$8 to enter. More info or to enter go to athleticshub.co.nz

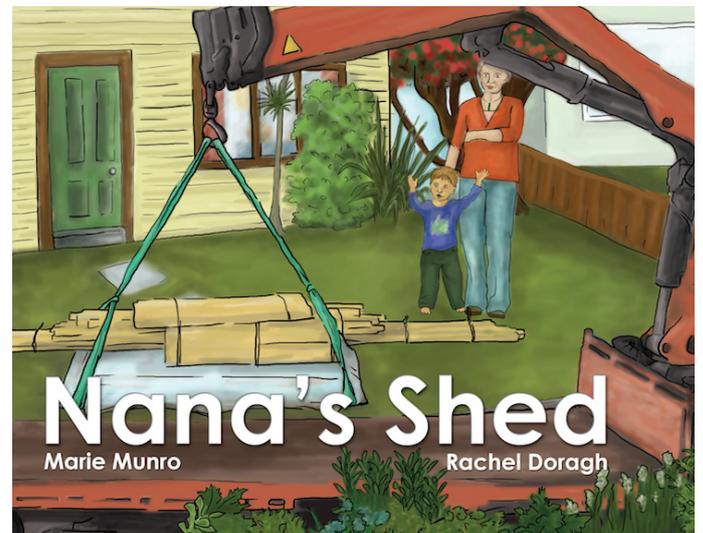


The Kids' Cross Country Series was recently named as a finalist in the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards. The series is now into its fifth year, and the Olympic Club in Tawa has been involved since the beginning. Come along and support this event on Sunday 9th July.

NEW LOCAL BOOK RELEASE

Nana's Shed, a book for younger children written by Marie Munro (of Tawa) and beautifully illustrated by Rachel Doragh (also a local), will be launched at a Saturday afternoon event in Tawa Library in the near future. Watch for the date on *Neighbourly* and in the library's newsletter.

Nana's Shed will be loved by children who enjoy building things, creativity, NZ plants and animals, searching for hidden objects, counting in English and Māori or snuggling up and reading with their grandparents.



BABYSITTING & FIRST AID SKILLS

Tawa College Community Education course on Monday 10 July from 9am-4pm
Tutor/Facilitator: Robyn Peterson

Gain a useful certificate to help you become a skilled babysitter. Basic skills such as feeding, nappy changing and emergency procedures will be covered as well as first aid skill such as bandaging, what to do in the case of cuts, choking, burns, etc, and CPR. The course is suitable for Intermediate and College-aged students.

Enrol through the web site <http://www.tawacommed.co.nz/HolidayCourses> Fee \$55



TAWA POP-UP MARKET

Tawa Pop Up Market showcases a variety of stallholders selling beautiful handmade crafts and quality sourced products. Come and check out what our vendors will have on offer and support this new venture in Tawa.



The Market opens at 10am and is held in New World supermarket's atrium. The next Market will be held on Saturday 29 July. There is lots of free parking and ATMs close by. Plus the bonus of an onsite café at New World supermarket too.

CYCLING INSTRUCTION AT HAMPTON HILL SCHOOL

In recent times Pedal Ready instructors have been giving cycle riding advice to senior students at Hampton Hill School, one of two schools in the Northern Suburbs with a WCC-supported "Bikes in Schools" programme and cycle track in place.

Instruction includes checking the bike before riding, learning road rules and practising riding in schoolgrounds before venturing out onto the street.



BROWN PINE TREES AROUND TAWA

– from the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves Facebook page

A few people have been asking about the brown pine trees around Tawa presently.

According to one of our members this is due to Dothistroma needle blight – a fungus disease. While it does stunt pine tree growth, it will rarely kill them and they will usually bounce back when conditions are less suited to the disease – cooler and drier conditions.

Common symptoms are the red banding on the needles and browning particularly around the lower limbs as water washes the spores down. It is a problem only to pines.

At the moment the disease is common where pines are growing throughout Wellington. Generally pine blight diseases have been uncommon in the Greater Wellington region but have probably been aggravated by the generally warmer and wetter autumn season we've had this year.

TE KOHANGA REO INVITATION

Full details in the display advt at right

*The Inaugural
Tawa Rotary
Business
Breakfast*



Cost \$25/ head. Hot Buffet Breakfast with Tea and Coffee will be served.
RSVP by July 20th
Please register by emailing tawarotaryclub@gmail.com with number attending.
Payment via internet banking in advance to 02-0552-0037039-00
Code: Rotary Bfast, Ref: Your name



Date:
Wednesday 26th July
7.00 - 8.30am

Venue:
The Borough,
Main Road, Tawa

Guest Speaker:
Jacinda Ardern
Deputy Leader
NZ Labour Party



NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

TE KOHANGA REO O NGAHAURANGA



OPEN FOR ENROLMENTS

We are a Kohanga Reo based in Tawa which teaches in the Maori language in a home away from home.

Our Kohanga Reo is open to ALL ethnicity wanting to be surrounded within our Kaupapa of:

- Whanaungatanga – Family
- Aroha – Love
- Tikanga – Values
- Manaakitanga – Looking after each other
- Kotahitanga – Unity
- Whakamana - Empowerment

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- ★ Full time hours are from Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 3pm.
- ★ We offer 20hrs Free from Tuesday to Thursday.
- ★ Fees for paying parents are \$75.00 per week per child.
- ★ Childcare subsidies are available through Work & Income.
- ★ Transport services will be available in August at \$20.00 per week.

We have spaces available for ALL ages, as we are licensed for 8 babies and 12 over 2yr olds.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR JEMIMA SCOTT

Tawa girl Jemima Scott was recently awarded the Dame Margot Fonteyn Bursary, to attend the Royal Academy of Dance Genée International Ballet Competition in Lisbon, Portugal! Jemima will head to Lisbon in September for a week of coaching at the studios of Companhia Nacional de Bailado before the competition at the Tivoli Theatre. Judges include Dame Monica Mason, former Director of The Royal Ballet, and Christopher Hampson, Artistic Director of Scottish Ballet.

To assist with costs, a concert will be held at Tawa College on Sunday August 6th at 5pm (approximate running time will be 1.5 hrs).

Jemima will be dancing a solo she has choreographed for Portugal, plus two other dances.

Performances will also include dancers from Wellington Dance and Performing Arts Academy, the Tracey Odell School of Dance, Extreme Dance, plus choir "Embellished" who recently performed on TVNZ's "The Naked Choir" and, coming out of retirement, the "Shake the Fat" dance ladies.

Entry is by donation. Please come along for a great afternoon of entertainment.



Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | July 2017

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

Monday 10 July	Tuesday 11 July	Wednesday 12 July	Thursday 13 July	Friday 14 July
Trip Day Cinemas & Te Papa Let's head on down to see the latest fun flick at the movies then explore the exhibitions at our world famous museum	Fear Factor & Crazy Free Play Face your fears in our icky, sticky, gooey, fun Fear Factor challenge and come out on top. How much fun can you have in one afternoon? Go crazy on our inflatable, cars, trikes and more!	Pokémon & Inflatable Fun Create your own Pokéballs and join in on a scavenger hunt for prizes – can you collect them all? Burn off your energy by hopping, skipping and jumping away on the inflatables	Ninja Skills & Amazing Race Test your ninja skills in our fun spy courses and complete some top secret missions as well as entering the Tawa Rec Amazing Race. You have to solve each puzzle as fast as you can in a race to the finish line to win!	Party Time & Sports Bake and decorate some delicious party cupcakes, play some fun party games at the biggest Tawa Rec party ever! Then enjoy the rest of the day playing nukemball, floorball and dodgeball
Monday 17 July	Tuesday 18 July	Wednesday 19 July	Thursday 20 July	Friday 21 July
Trip Day Lotsa Follies Zoo Spend the day at Lotsa Follies Petting Zoo with all the farm animals and take part in the interactive activities. Bring your togs for river boating and a spare pair of clothes, then finish the day with your favorite - multisport	Dodgeball & Wheels You have to be in to win in the Tawa Rec dodgeball tournament. You will also need your skills for other dodgeball favorites like Mayhem and Leaders Dodgeball, then spend the afternoon riding around on our wheels or bring your own	Mad Science & Kids' Choice Make an awesome lava lamp for your bedroom; learn how to make an erupting volcano and gooey slime. Then it's 'Kids' Choice' games afternoon – what games will we play? You choose!	Mission Inflatable Makes sure you bring your bouncing beans because you will be jumping around in a sports hall full of inflatables, there will also be relays and other team challenges	Travel to Japan You will be making some sushi and drinking green tea, paint your name in Japanese script, learn a bit of their language and play exciting Japanese games

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 Monday 22 May.
All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

Cost per day	Time	Recreation Centres	ASB Sports Centre
Before care	7.45am-8.30am	\$8.50	\$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

INNER WHEEL TAWA

Inner Wheel Club of Tawa recently held its changeover which marks the start of a new Inner Wheel year. At the meeting President Frances Burrus (second from right in photo) presented local organisations with cheques from our fundraising efforts throughout the year. The grateful recipients were Linden School, Redwood Club, Tawa Community Patrol and the Tawa Family and Youth Trust. We also donated funds to the Wellington Free Ambulance.



At the recent Inner Wheel changeover

Inner Wheel is an international service organisation promoting friendship, service and understanding, and supports charitable endeavours in the community. We welcome new members to our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from 6pm. For more information, please contact Carolyn Crutch on 021 369 115 or carolynjcrutch@gmail.com

An informal coffee morning will be held on Saturday 22 July at the café at New World Tawa at 10.30am. If you're interested, come along to meet current members and hear about what we do.

NORTH LINDEN WINTER FESTIVAL

Note your diary. This is scheduled for Sunday 30 July, 1pm to 3pm at Tui Park. There will be a free barbecue, entertainment and a treasure hunt for the kids. More details to come.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS
EVENT HAS NOW BEEN
CANCELLED – 15.7.17**

SPRING INTO TAWA IN LATE OCTOBER

"We've just sent our first email out to potential stallholders for #SpringintoTawa2017. If you've had a stall in the past, or expressed interest in a stall, you should have received the email. We've also emailed a range of great people and groups that we've come across at markets and fairs over the past eight months. We can't wait to bring some new exciting people to Spring into Tawa this year!

If you want to go on the list to receive information on how to register for a stall, please email spring.into.tawa@gmail.com"



SOME TAWA COLLEGE HISTORY – *courtesy of Shona Murray*

Shona Murray, at left of photo, (former HOD Music at Tawa College, and a teacher there for a total of 34 years), taught Craig Utting (3rd from left) Murray Cameron (5th from left), Isaac Stone (2nd from right) and Charlotte Murray (right of photo) – now those ex-students teach Craig and Liz Sneyd-Utting's children Benny, Kitty, Danny, and one day Teddy (in front of Shona).



2 MINUTES WITH Michael Johnson



One of the 'kingpins' in the Tawa Community Patrol – who assist as eyes and ears for the Police in the local community – is Michael Johnson. He is often seen representing the patrol at local school fairs and at the annual "Safer Plates" event. In his mid-twenties, another of Michael's passions is indoor bowls. When he started umpiring in his teens he was the youngest umpire in the world and possibly still is today.



Where were you born? Wellington.

Where did you grow up?

I have spent most of my life living in Tawa, here since I was two years old. I am currently looking to build or buy in Tawa with my partner.

Where were you educated?

I went to Redwood School, Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College and loved every moment. I then studied Criminology and Public Policy (Bachelors & Honours) at Victoria University.

What about family?

I live with my partner Kelsi. My parents (Allan & Sharon), brother (Scott) and Nana and Poppa (Pauline & Keith) all live in Tawa. Tawa is certainly our family home.

Work experience over the years

During university I worked at Bunnings Porirua in the nightfill team. Once I graduated, I worked at the NZ Customs Service for a short time before starting my career at NZ Police. I've been there for 4 years now and love every minute.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I am the Coordinator of the Tawa Community Patrol and love getting out in the community with this volunteer group. I've been community patrolling for 8 years now. I have also played lawn bowls at the Tawa Bowling Club for the last 12 years. I have been an International Umpire for the same time and love being involved in that side of the sport. I enjoy watching powerboat racing when I can.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

I really enjoy watching the national lawn bowls team – the Blackjacks, and always have time for the All Blacks. After last week though, Team New Zealand is my new favourite!

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

I recently went to Adele and loved it. I listen to anything really – Elton John, Michael Jackson, Michael Buble and give a rough attempt to sing along to anything on the radio.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

For the last few years, I have loved camping on Lake Karapiro with my partner and family watching powerboat races. Up around Whangarei and the Bay of Islands is another favourite spot!

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

I hold a real sense of pride in the way the Tawa Community Patrol has developed in the last few years to become a key part of the community. We have a really good team of day and night volunteers who really do want to make a difference in Tawa.

With my international bowls umpiring, I have recently been selected to officiate at next year's Commonwealth Games in Brisbane. I have previously umpired at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa which was also very special. I also umpired at the World Bowls Championships last year which was certainly an experience.

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

I would really like to learn how to fly a glider, visit as many countries as I can, and re-visit the many cool spots around New Zealand that I visited as a child.

TAWA PEOPLE

There are lots of interesting people in Tawa, some well-known, others not known well at all.

“2 Minutes with ” profiles of various Tawa people have featured in this newsletter over the months and years. Their purpose is to give us the opportunity to find out a little more about some of them – so that we as a community have a slightly better understanding of who other locals are and what makes them tick (so to speak).

Those profiles, 40 to date, are available at www.tawalink.com/tawa_people.html



WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT



Most of us think that Tawa is a wonderful community, perhaps one of the best suburbs in the whole country. Here's my list of 25 reasons (in no particular order) why I think Tawa is a great place to live. This is the exact 'presentation' I gave at Tawa Rotary recently.

– *Malcolm Sparrow*

1. I like the community spirit evident in Tawa, and we hear repeatedly that other locals do too. Which leads on to
2. Neighbours' Day in Tawa. Every March anywhere between 30 to 50 streets are involved in neighbourhood barbecues or afternoon teas. Is there any other suburb with that kind of number?
3. Neighbourly. It's very pleasing that more than 3600 people in Tawa are part of the Neighbourly website, more evidence of a connected community.
4. I like the fact that Tawa's six primary schools, intermediate and college all work together well, and more than 90% of kids who grow up here go from primary school to the intermediate and on to college in Tawa.
5. Tawa College Community Education. Tawa College is one of only two colleges still offering night school classes in the whole Wellington region. That's impressive!
6. I like the fact that we have the Tawa Music Centre. It's been operating every Saturday morning for many years, teaching primary and intermediate students to play musical instruments.
7. The Tawa Schools' & Community Music Festival. I'm not aware of any other single suburb in the country that runs a music festival involving 600-700 participants every two years like we do. It's a brilliant Tawa event.
8. We have 12 churches on or near the Main Road, and another six or so mostly ethnic church groupings. That's a total of around 18. I like the significant contribution they make to this community.

9. The Tawa Community Board does a great job, especially with the Tawa Community Civic Awards held every two years to acknowledge the work of local volunteers and, at the end of each year, the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards involving seven local schools.
10. Vibrant Tawa – both a proactive residents association and a proactive business group operate under the Vibrant Tawa umbrella.
11. Sports facilities and clubs – Tawa has most of the usual sports clubs, plus badminton and squash facilities. As for Tawa Bowling Club, I believe it is the biggest in the whole of Wellington, when all too many are actually declining in numbers.
12. I like the fact that Tawa has a huge number of community groups and organisations, including sizeable Probus and U3A groups for older people.
13. We have strong Rotary and Lions clubs. I'm glad that we have the annual book fair, Toot for Tucker each December, and the Lions Saturday Market at Outlet City.
14. The Tawa Historical Society, which is very effective and produces a new book on some aspect of Tawa history every year.
15. Parks and reserves. Tawa is very blessed in having a big number of parks and playgrounds. Willowbank and Grasslees, amongst others, are superb specimens with the Porirua Stream running through them.
16. It's great that we now have our own community garden. The Tawa Community Garden has been operating for around 20 months at Coronation Park in Oxford St with a team of dedicated volunteers.
17. Bush walks. We have several superb bush walks on both sides of the valley, and we now have our own forest, the Forest of Tane. I walk my dog in Redwood Bush almost every day.
18. The Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves, which does a great job in looking after our reserves. We're very fortunate to have them.
19. Hanging baskets. Local people very much appreciate these. The most recent evidence of that was the number of 'likes' on Vibrant Tawa's Facebook page showing Rotary members hanging the new baskets last month.
20. Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade. We're privileged to have them serving us so well. And I like hearing the station siren. It reminds us that Tawa is like a small town in many respects.
21. Tawa Community Patrol. We're also privileged to have such a strong patrol. Some other suburbs have lost their patrol, some have fewer than 10 members. We have more than 35 volunteers serving Tawa.
22. Tawa Valley Pathway – Ara Tawa. It's great to have the shared walkway/ cycleway from Willowbank in the south to Kenepuru (and beyond) in the north.
23. Spring into Tawa, a yearly event which gets very good community support. Likewise with
24. The Tawa Christmas Parade. We're one of just two Wellington suburbs which has its own Christmas parade. There's a saying that everyone loves a good parade. Long may it last!
25. Floral sign at the entrance to Tawa. I very much like our distinctive floral sign. It was an initiative of Doris Mills, the Mayor of Tawa in 1986-87. Our floral sign is 30 years old and going strong!

To sum up, Tawa is a very special place! We are indeed privileged to live here.

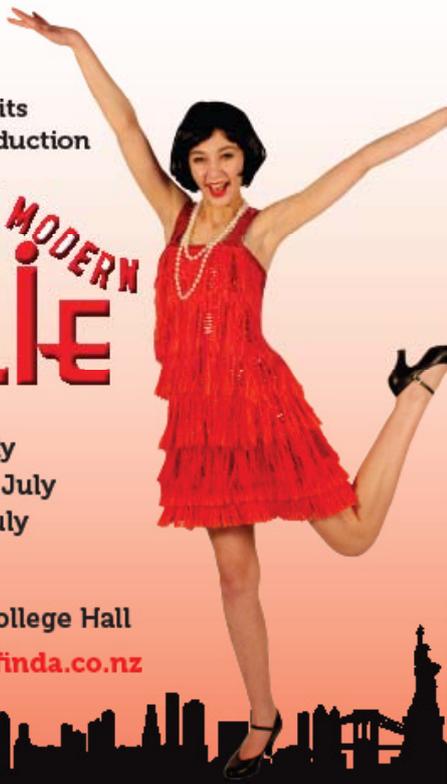
Tawa College proudly presents its 2017 musical production

THOROUGHLY MODERN millie

Tuesday 25th July
 Wednesday 26th July
 Thursday 27th July
 Friday 28th July

7.30pm • Tawa College Hall
 Tickets at Eventfinda.co.nz

Directed & choreographed by Brigid Costello
 Musically directed by Isaac Stone
 Additional choreography by Rebecca Ryder
 Produced by Murray Cameron



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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres>
 or email mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz
 and put 'Join' as the subject to receive regular updates.

STOP PRESS: IMPROVED WALK UP THROUGH FOREST OF TANE

A Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves working party has recently cleared obstacles, long grass and weeds from the track from 58 Kiwi Cres up to the Meridian road. It is now easier to walk this route. Enjoy!

Adios

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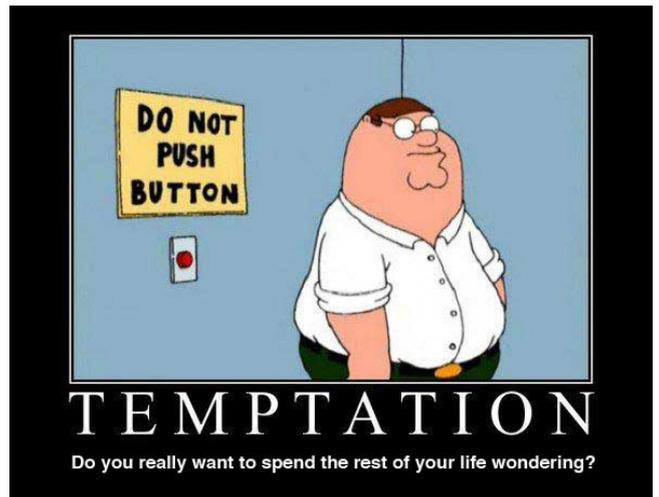


"If 'Plan A' doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters! Stay cool."

"A well-developed sense of humour is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life."

– William Arthur Ward

"Live with the three E's ... Energy, Enthusiasm, Empathy; and the three F's ... Faith, Family, Friends."



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

Some 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.

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