

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

Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

[www.neighbourly.co.nz](http://www.neighbourly.co.nz) • [www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa](http://www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa) • [www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard](http://www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard)

## ROTARY TAWA BOOK FAIR

The Rotary Club of Tawa's annual book fair is coming up soon. Whilst there are heaps of books ready for sale, there is still room for more. If you have books, CDs or DVDs to donate, please drop them in the donation bin at Tawa New World.

Make sure you head along to the sale itself and get yourself lots of bargains.



As before, the proceeds of the book fair will fund charitable work in the community, with a significant proportion given to support the North Wellington Life Education Trust's work in Tawa schools.

## TAWA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION IS A FINALIST

The Tawa Residents' Association (Vibrant Tawa) is a finalist in the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards for 2018!

The awards recognise the valuable contribution of volunteers to community groups across the Wellington Region in five categories – Art & Culture, Education & Child Youth Development, Health & Wellbeing, Heritage & Environment and Sport & Leisure, with the Rising Star award celebrating new and emerging groups.

A couple of representatives from the Tawa Residents' Association will attend the awards ceremony on 26 July.



2018 Regional  
Community  
Awards  
Wellington City  
Finalist

## LED STREETLIGHTS NEAR OUTLET CITY

An article to do with the brightness (or rather the lack thereof) of the new LED streetlights in Tawa was included in the May supplement to this newsletter. See <http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/tawanews-may2018SUPPL.pdf>

Many of the lights in Tawa have now been turned up and are operating at full capacity. But that isn't the case with all of them. One particular stretch of road where 12 consecutive streetlights have been completely out of action is the eastern side of Tawa's Main Road between Redwood Estate (formerly Redwood Village) and Outlet City. Council was informed of this some weeks ago.

Wellington Electricity, an independent company, is responsible for fixing network faults such as this. Unfortunately Wellington City Council seems to have "limited ability to direct Wellington Electricity to fix their network faults". This situation seems untenable, and this has been made very clear to Council.



The latest communication from Council advises that their new head of Transport and Infrastructure is meeting with Wellington Electricity to "establish a much better coordination and arrangement for the benefit of all Wellingtonians". One hopes this means that greater pressure will be exerted on Wellington Electricity to remedy situations like this within an acceptable time frame. In this particular instance these lights have been out of action for far too long!

As advised in the earlier article, if you have concerns about the lights in your street, please email Graeme Hansen on [graeme@stratusnz.nz](mailto:graeme@stratusnz.nz) or report the matter directly to Council on 499 4444.

## WATER TREATMENT STATION BY THE FIRE STATION

We ran an article in the April edition of this newsletter about the new community water stations currently being set up by Wellington Water in Tawa and other parts of Wellington.

12 community water stations will be located in parks, schools, and streets across Wellington city, with three of those in the Tawa area. Water stations will be used to store, treat and distribute emergency water which will be available *from* day eight after a significant earthquake event. The water distribution network across Wellington will provide 20 litres of water for each person, each day.

It is UP TO YOU to make provision for your household for the first seven days!

Work has been in progress for some time in setting up the water treatment station at the site alongside the Tawa Fire Station in Lyndhurst Road. We were recently informed that "the first of Tawa's three water treatment stations has landed at the fire station as the commissioning progresses." See the lower pic.



April 2018



July 2018



## CONGRATULATIONS TO TODD MORTON

Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian awards were presented at an event at City Gallery Wellington on a recent Wednesday evening. The 13 recipients were awarded their certificates by Mayor Justin Lester. One of that number was Tawa's Todd Morton who runs Easyswim Swim School.

His citation reads as follows:

*“Todd owns Easyswim Swim School, which has been running in the northern suburbs’ school pools for 12 years, and has taught children as young as three months through to adults how to swim.*

*The business is not about profit for Todd, he just loves seeing children progress and swim well. He supports and runs annual triathlons and swimming sports at schools, where the entry fee goes to the school.*

*Over the years Easyswim has supported local kindergartens and school fundraising efforts, which has helped hundreds of children to improve their water skills.*

*A significant amount of effort is put into the quality of school swimming lessons, and Todd works with the schools to ensure the lessons are affordable.*

*Todd goes above and beyond what is expected and is always improving his programmes to incorporate different aspects of water safety.*



*This includes running programmes at Titahi Bay beach so children can practise their skills in the ocean, and the Arctic Challenge, where children have to swim in a much colder pool to simulate ocean water. To support this, Todd has installed a water shower device over the pools to simulate sea spray.*

*Running a school pool is expensive. The rent that Easyswim pays and their pool maintenance means the schools involved can afford to keep their pools operating.”*

## NCEA – HAVE YOUR SAY

Monday 23 July, 7pm to 9.30pm at Tawa College, 38 Duncan Street, Tawa.

Come to a public workshop to Have Your Say on NCEA.

The Government is looking at ways to strengthen NCEA that will benefit all our young people. But we need your help to make it happen.

We are running workshops/hui across New Zealand that anyone can attend. Workshops will be run in English and Te Reo Māori.

Over the next few months we want to hear from thousands of people across New Zealand from a range of backgrounds. Everyone with an interest in NCEA is invited to share their experiences and ideas.

To participate in the conversation about NCEA, book online here:

<https://e.core-ed.org/registration/nceahaveyoursaywellington18#/904/4/start>

**Māu hei kōrero**

NCEA - Have your say

#NCEAHaveYourSay #EdConvo18

## TAWA COLLEGE MAJOR PRODUCTION - "OUR TOWN"

'Our Town' is a Pulitzer Prize winning drama from American playwright, Thornton Wilder. The play tells the story of the fictional American small town of Grover's Corners between 1901 and 1913 through the everyday lives of its citizens.

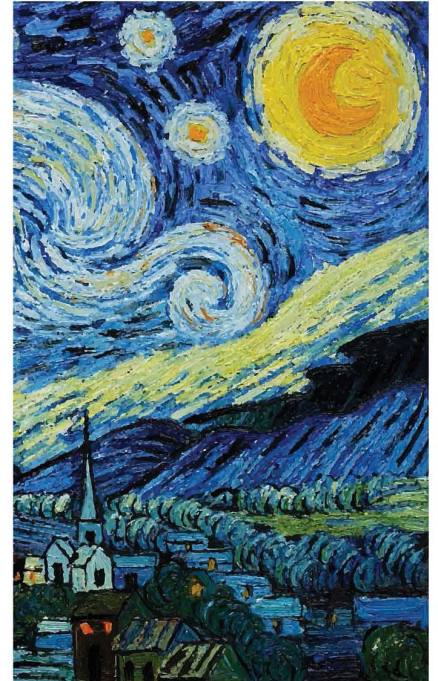
'Our Town' has a unique, *play within a play* style, and transcends the constraints of time and space to confront its audiences with the big questions of our purpose and immortality. Do we, the living, truly know what it means to live? Come and find out when you visit us in 'Our Town'.

In the Tawa College Hall at 7.30pm:

- Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 August
- Friday 10 & Saturday 11 August

Tickets available from the College office or Drummond's Pharmacy.

Tawa College Presents



### Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN

CPR/First Aid for Infants – 26 July  
1:00-3:00pm

For more information and to book,  
see [https://www.facebook.com/  
events/168193373857628/](https://www.facebook.com/events/168193373857628/)

Organised by the Tawa Linden Plunket  
Committee.

## FIRST AID & CPR Training for parents

Presented by NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS

**\$5** per person

## Tawa Women's Social Netball League - Mondays

**Get your mates together and get involved**

Tawa Recreation Centre

Mondays 6pm-9pm

23 July – 24 September 2018

Cost: \$550 per team

Registrations close Monday 16 July 2018

Register at Tawa Recreation Centre

For more information

email: [tawa.rec@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:tawa.rec@wcc.govt.nz) or call 04 232 2260



Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke



## **KIM'S KITCHEN** – article supplied by Kim

Kim's Kitchen Gluten Free, 3/182 Main Rd, Tawa: behind the Lotto Shop, Kim 021 183 6602.

Kim's Kitchen is the newest gluten-free kitchen in Wellington. It happens that I chose Tawa to start my new venture. I also made Kim's Kitchen to be free from egg, dairy and nuts. This is to ensure people with these allergies can be confident in consuming all products produced by me.

Over the years, the culinary adventurer in me had been exploring and finally found the magical combination of taste and texture in wheat-based specialty range. I then set myself the goal to re-create them in gluten-free so to tempt all taste buds, starting with premium gluten-free dumplings, Chilli Oil and Tangy Lemon sauce.

My dumplings are individually hand crafted with the best quality produce. I use locally sourced free-range and grass-fed meat, and locally grown vegetables where possible. The pastries are coloured with vegetable. Each of these little parcels of delight is full of authentic flavours, texture and nutritional goodness. Some of the flavours are FODMAP friendly.

Check Kim's Kitchen on Facebook and Instagram @kimskitchen.nz for the latest available products. Check [www.kimskitchen.co.nz](http://www.kimskitchen.co.nz) for more information. Pop in to say or call Kim.



**THE BOROUGH**  
MORNING NOON & NIGHT

# 80's NIGHT

FRIDAY  
20TH  
JULY  
9PM

80's dress up  
\$50 bar tab for  
best dressed

DJ playing  
80's classics

## **FUNDRAISING FOR TAWA LINDEN PLUNKET**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**FEATURING A SCREENING OF**



**RATING TO BE CONFIRMED  
3 PAKAKARIKI HALL ROAD**

**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY AT 8:00 PM**

**TREATS & SPOT PRIZES | TICKET \$20**

**To Book follow this link**

<https://bookwhen.com/wellingtonnorthplunket>



## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Judith Havill

Judith Havill was presented with a Tawa Community Service Award at a Tawa Community Board meeting earlier this year. That was reported in the April edition of this newsletter. The following is part of the wording that was received with Judith's nomination.

"Judith has organised the Adult Community Education programme for almost 30 years. Countless adults have had the opportunity to learn subjects as varied as NZ Sign Language to Defensive Driving. Despite new Government regulations, Judith has managed to maintain and even grow the Community Education programme based at Tawa College."



*Where were you born?* Pukekohe

*Where did you grow up?* On a farm in Buckland (between Pukekohe and Tuakau).

*Where were you educated?*

Buckland Primary School, Onehunga High School, Massey University.

*How long have you lived in Tawa?*

Over 40 years and have lived in five different houses here. I came to Tawa for a teaching job at Tawa College.

*What about family?*

Both my husband and I taught at Tawa College (where we first met).

I have three grown-up children who went to Tawa Primary, Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College and now live in Palmerston North, Dunedin and Germany.

*Work experience over the years .....*

Teacher at Tawa College; Coordinator of Tawa College Community Education for 28 years. I took on the job which I could do from home when I had my first child; Relief Coordinator at Tawa College – I look after the staff at college and employ teachers to do relief work when staff are sick or on courses or taking students on trips, etc.

*What are your interests and hobbies?* Sewing, quilting, travel.

*Favourite sports team and/or sports person?* All Blacks.

*Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?*

Adele (I was gutted I missed seeing her in Auckland);

Musical Island Boys.

*What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?*

Golden Bay (because I had a really enjoyable holiday with my daughter there);

Dunedin (because my son lives there).

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

Being able to work to make the world a better place, help and support other people achieve their goals. Education for myself and others is extremely important.

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

Continue travel overseas as we can learn so much from other people and other cultures.

Finish all my quilting tasks.



Tawa Community Service award  
winner in March 2018



# TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION TERM 3

## New courses Term 3

Term 3 programme has now been uploaded to the website and enrolments are now being accepted. See [www.tawacommed.co.nz](http://www.tawacommed.co.nz)

Here are some of the new classes for term 3:

Singapore and Malaysian Food, Hatha Yoga, Life Stories, Sleep Workshop, Collage Art, Metal Jewellery, Online Shopping, Cake Decorating Drip Cake, A Day of Crochet Relaxation, Computer Basics, and Recycle & Produce Bags.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Marie and Kura who started at Tawa Community Education beginner flax weaving night classes a number of years ago and then both went on to gain a Certificate (L4 and a Diploma L5) in Maori Visual Arts at Te Wananga O Aotearoa last year. The classes at Tawa and the tutors (Claire Butler and Nina Paaka) gave them support and the confidence to try during the journey. Community Education can open pathways for the future and give confidence to go on to further education. Flax Weaving classes are held on Mondays for beginners and Tuesdays for intermediate.



## Seminars

One night seminars in term 3 include Overcoming Anxiety, Stress & Depression; Family Trusts, Wills & Powers of Attorney; Change your thinking change your life; Parents as Driving Coaches; and Sleep Workshop.

## Seniors Driving Course

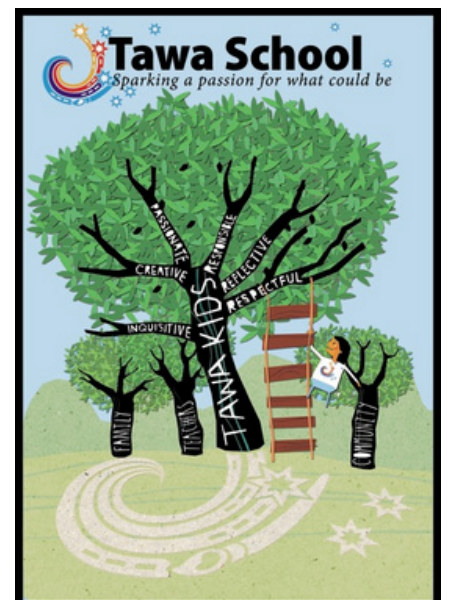
Plans are underway to run the NZTA “Staying Safe Driving Course for Seniors”. This should hopefully be run in September in the mornings. Details will be available on the website [www.comed.co.nz](http://www.comed.co.nz) or contact Judith on [comed@tawacollege.school.nz](mailto:comed@tawacollege.school.nz) and register your interest.

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT TAWA SCHOOL

Ian Dewar is/was Tawa’s longest-serving primary school principal after very capably leading Tawa’s oldest school (it opened in 1855) since 2007. He officially stepped down from the role at the end of term 2, this past Friday, and into retirement.

On behalf of the local community I (the Ed.) would like to thank Ian for his interest in the wider Tawa community over the years and, in particular, his support for the Tawa Primary Schools’ Citizenship Awards since their inception in 2011 and his presence and contribution at every end-of-year awards ceremony since then. Enjoy many years of happy retirement, Ian!

Welcome to the new principal at Tawa School, Barri Dullabh, who has been Associate Principal at Discovery School in Whitby.



## PASSING OF RON BAKER

We have sad news to report in the passing of Ron Baker "on July 3, 2018, at Wairarapa Hospital, unexpectedly but peacefully".

Ron played a prominent role in both the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association and Lions Club of Tawa for many years.

In 2012 he received a Tawa Community Civic Award for his service to the community. The citation read: "Ron has been secretary of the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association for 20 years, providing an excellent service to the ratepayers of Tawa. He has also been active with Spring into Tawa Market Day and Tawa Lions with Christmas parades and youth projects. He has been the liaison person with other suburbs, and pursuing community grants for the Lions Club and Ratepayers Association."

After living in Nathan St, Ron and his wife moved to Masterton around three years ago.



Ngā mihi

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*"When real people fall down in life, they get right back up and keep on walking."* – Michael Patrick King

*"You can't keep people from having bad opinions about you, but you can keep them from being true."*

*"Whether one believes in a religion or not, and whether one believes in rebirth or not, there isn't anyone who doesn't appreciate kindness and compassion."* – Dalai Lama

*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.*

*If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting that your name be deleted from our list.*

*See [www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html](http://www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html) for back issues of the newsletter.*

## Easy Mover Fitness Class

Are you returning or new to exercise?  
Do you want to re-start your exercise routine?  
Then Easy Movers is for you!

Easy Mover Exercise classes are exercise classes for people who want to get moving, stay healthy, increase their flexibility, re-gain stamina. If this sounds like you, then join us on Wednesdays at 10.30 at Athletes Village, Tawa Junction. Your first class is free, thereafter classes are just \$5 a class or \$30 for the term.

Book your place or call to discuss your interest with Julia on 0272445185 or email at [fitnessheavenly@gmail.com](mailto:fitnessheavenly@gmail.com).



## 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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TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres](https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres)