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Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

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

INVITATION TO HELP WITH PLANTING AT THE “FOREST OF TAWA”

Wellington City Council recently cleared pine trees from the lower part of Te Ngahere o Tawa / Forest of Tawa next to Duval Grove.

On the now bare land the Council will be planting 3,000 native trees on Tuesday 13 August. Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves will be helping the Council and would really value the Tawa community to join them.

The entrance is at 58 Kiwi Crescent. Spades will be available but if you have one, please bring it.



In early 2017, following the strong support from the Tawa community and the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves, Wellington City Council purchased the 32-hectare block of bush, then known as the “Forest of Tane”. More recently it was renamed Te Ngahere o Tawa, or Forest of Tawa.

Contact for FOTBR: secretary@tawabush.org.nz

Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves Inc.



Please come any time between 9am and 3pm on Tuesday 13 August to assist with the native tree planting.

HANGING BASKETS UPDATED

The flowers in the hanging baskets in our Main Road shopping centre were updated at the end of last month. Thanks to the small team from Rotary using the ITM truck, for their expertise in changing all 50 baskets. Thanks to the Tawa Community Board, the Tawa Business Group and various individuals for their sponsorship of the baskets.

The “Tawa Potted Colour Committee” under the leadership of Doug Miller will now be keeping tabs on the baskets.



PASSING OF DOUG BURRUS

Doug Burrus was an active and much-appreciated volunteer in the Tawa community for many years. He died suddenly last week.

Doug's service to the community was recognised with a Tawa Community Civic Award in June 2018 and earlier in 2012.

His citation at last year's awards ceremony reads:

"Doug is part of a group that has established the Tawa MenzShed organisation and over the past 18 months has efficiently held the position of Secretary.

For 29 years Doug has also been a strong supporter of Tawa Rotary which undertakes projects for the local community, and for the past 10 years has been actively involved in the organisation of the Tawa Rotary Book Fair, a massive undertaking which culminates in the biggest oneoff fundraiser on Tawa Rotary's annual calendar."

His 2012 citation included the wording:

"He has been a committed coordinator of working bees around the Tawa lookout. He also played a substantial part earlier this year in coordinating a neighbourhood barbecue in his street in conjunction with Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa."

Ed.: Doug helped organise his Neighbours' Day street get-together for several years. And he was sending out emails for MenzShed Tawa up until the day before he died.

Our condolences to Frances. He will be missed!



EVENTS AT OUR LOCAL LIBRARY

"Beyond the Page" is New Zealand's biggest literary festival for tamariki and their whānau! It's taking place 6 – 21 July 2019 across the Wellington Region. See <https://beyondthepage.nz/>



The following events are at the Mervyn Kemp Library in Tawa:

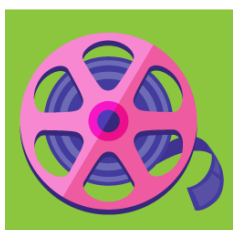
Thursday, July 11 | 3.30pm – 4.30pm • Lego Club

Calling all Lego fans! We supply the Lego, you supply the ideas. Put your creative skills to the test to build and design your own masterpiece! Suitable for children aged 5+ with their caregivers.



Wednesday, July 17 | 10 – 11am • Royal New Zealand Ballet Dance Storytime

Join story teller Bea Lee-Smith on a magical journey into the world of Hansel and Gretel. Through music and mime, children will learn simple ballet steps and positions. This interactive telling of an old favourite tale will be a great appetiser for you and your family in advance of the RNZB's exciting new production of Hansel and Gretel later in the year. Suitable for pre-schoolers and primary school-aged children.



Thursday, July 18 | 4 – 5:30pm & 6 – 7:30pm

Family Movie – Moana in te reo Māori

Come and watch an animated movie about an adventurous teenager who sets out on a daring mission to save her people. Limited seating available, check with event venue. Suitable for children of all ages with their caregivers.

TAWA BOWLING CLUB AUGUST INVITATION

Tawa Bowling Club, located in Davies St near Tawa Pool, invites you to have a go at Lawn Bowls every Sunday in August, 10am to noon.

TAWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1 August 6pm-8pm
Presentations at 6pm and 6.45pm

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 6 August 9am-10.20am

All welcome.

Limited places available for out-of-zone Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2020. Enrolments close 15 August 2019. Prospectuses available at the school office.

Phone 232 5201 www.tawaint.school.nz

TAWA COLLEGE presents

ANYTHING GOES!



Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter
Original Book by P.G. Wodehouse & Guy Bolton and Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse
New Book by Timothy Crouse & John Weidman
"Anything Goes" is presented by permission of ORIGIN™ Theatrical on behalf of Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

JULY 26, 27, 28 **AUGUST 1, 2, 3**
7.30PM 7.30PM 3.00PM ALL 7.30PM

Tickets: eventfinda.co.nz



Are you a job seeker? Join our free workshop...

organised by Tawa Toastmasters Club

*Recent graduates, school leavers, new migrants,
are you ready to face the challenges
in the Wellington workforce?*

You can receive tips to make success of your job search

We guarantee you will be well prepared !

We are looking forward to seeing you !

Date And Time
Sat, 10 August 2019
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM NZST

Location
Tawa Community Centre
5 Cambridge Street
Tawa
Wellington 5028



Scan the QR code
or visit
<http://jobsearch.eventbrite.com>



DOG REGISTRATION IN TAWA

A pop-up dog registration stall was set up at the Taylor Park dog park, Tawa on Saturday 29 June.

Animal Control people offered dog owners the chance to register their dog(s) for the next 12 months, with poo bags and small packets of dog biscuits being dished out at the same time. There appeared to be a good number of locals availing themselves of the service on the day.

The photo features Deputy Mayor Jill Day and Councillor Malcolm Sparrow registering their canine companions, with happy Animal Control officers in the background.



A CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE 21st CENTURY – *article supplied by U3A Tawa*

Presenter: Jim Cunningham

Co-ordinator: Karen Harris 232 3436

If Christians are to have a robust and meaningful faith in the 21st Century they must begin by having a radically new way of approaching the Bible. It cannot be “dismissed” as irrelevant nor can it continue to be seen as some “mystical, ‘magical’ word of God”.

Firstly, the Bible is important as a source book of Christian faith – it shows us how our predecessors tried to understand and live their faith. We must remember that the scriptures of the Hebrew Bible are shared by Christians and Jews and that it contains themes common to Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths.

Secondly, the Christian Bible is a very human set of documents. We need to be more aware of its development and the wide variety of literature it contains. We need to appreciate that these documents were written by a variety of people over a long period of time and give us an insight into the development of an understanding of faith.

Thirdly, it is one source of information about how Jesus was perceived. It gives a starting point in trying to discover more about this important figure who has made such an impact on history. But there are other sources to help us do that too – both ancient and modern.

Fourthly, we discover in these documents the development of the concept of a community of faith – and how important that is.

These lectures are intended to help us to:

- Read the Bible intelligently
- Find a Jesus who speaks to the 21st Century
- Discover the importance of “communities of faith and compassion”.

Three Sessions: Tuesdays 13th, 20th, and 27th August @ 10.30am to 11.30am

Starts: Tuesday 13th August

Venue: Tawa Union Church

Tea/coffee will be available from 10am, and also after each talk to enable discussion with Jim and others present. For details contact Coordinator.

FREE LINDEN LUNCHES

As on the WCC Facebook page:

“Last week we were lucky enough to enjoy a bowl of hot soup on a freezing cold day at the Linden Social Centre as part of their Kai Kitchen initiative – free hot meals to all Linden locals, friends and whanau every Friday from 12.30pm.

The weekly event needs volunteers, so if you’ve got an hour or two to help out with cooking, cleaning, and a bit of a chat, the team would love to hear from you.

Email denise.byarugaba@wcc.govt.nz for more info about lending a hand, or how to take part and get to know your community.”

For more about the Linden Social Centre, see <https://wellington.govt.nz/services/community-and-culture/community-centres/locations/linden-social-centre>



Denise at work

COGNITIVE STIMULATION THERAPY IN TAWA

Cognitive ConnectionNZ Rehabilitation Programme is running Cognitive Stimulation Therapy in Tawa. Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) is:

- For people with mild cognitive impairment or dementia
- Internationally recognised and research-based
- A group designed to stimulate the working mind
- As effective as medications designed for this purpose
- Set in a relaxed environment where people have fun

We will be running a seven week programme, for one hour, twice a week at the Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge St, Tawa, starting Monday 29 July on Mondays and Thursdays, 10am to 11am, ending Thursday 12 September.

Cost: \$30 per session (partial funding may be available – talk to us).

Bookings close 14 July. Phone Liz or Claire 027 266 3287 or email cogconnectionz@gmail.com
www.cognitiveconnectionz.co.nz

APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING INTO TAWA NOW OPEN

We’re counting down to Spring into Tawa 2019 which will be held on Saturday 19 October, 10am to 3pm.

Applications for stalls are now open. We’ve had a massive response already so if you’re wanting a stall at this year’s event, please register now. The first round of applications will close on 17 July, and applications will be taken after that date only if we have space and if there aren’t already stalls offering the same product or service. Visit our website to apply: <https://springintotawa.nz/stallholder%20information?src=nav>



Entertainers wanted – this year we’re going to have two stages with entertainment, plus a busking space. If you’re keen to perform or busk at Spring into Tawa, please email spring.into.tawa@gmail.com with your details.

Help on the day – we need a small army to help run the event on the day. If you think you might be able to give some time on the day to help with marshalling, crowd and event support, entertainment support and a range of other duties, please email spring.into.tawa@gmail.com

LINDEN STREAM COMMUNITY WORKING BEE

As on the "Linden appreciation society!" Facebook page:

Some of us are planning to tidy up the stream area by the bridge in Linden (cnr Linden Ave & Beauchamp St) and make the area more attractive and usable for locals and visitors. We have council support to go ahead with the plans.

We're looking at Sunday 21 July, starting with a working bee to do some gardening/pruning of the area by the stream, and maybe planting some natives if we have time. First priority is to weed and clear away the rubbish.

We also want to add a picnic table, bike fix-it station, drinking fountain and information sign (outlining local 'attractions' such as the park, shops, lookout, toilets, etc for users of the Ara Tawa shared walk/cycle way) next to the bridge on Beauchamp St.

Ultimately this will make the stream area a key local resource for our schools to study in situ our native ecology. For example, did you know there are native eels in our stream?

What do you need to bring?

- gardening tools – secateurs, pruning equipment, rakes, forks, handtools, etc
- gardening gloves
- friends and family
- cash to purchase fish & chips from the local shops afterwards, lol

Come for as long as you'd like. We'll be there between 1 pm and 4 pm.

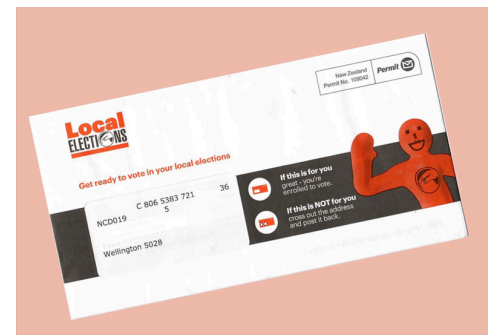


ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

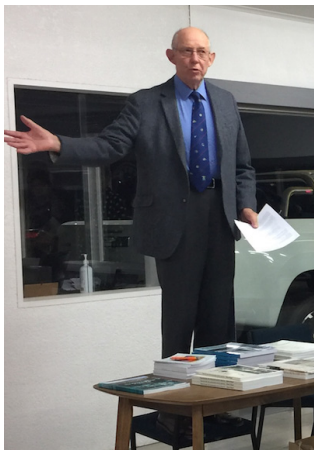
Local body elections (councils, community boards, etc) take place in early October.

If you're not sure whether you're on the electoral roll, see here:
<https://www.vote.nz/enrol-to-vote/enrol-check-or-update/>

"If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain."
– George Carlin



TAWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LATEST BOOK



Around 20 members of the wider Mexted family came from different parts of the country, and as far afield as Australia, joining a number of local residents for the launch of the Tawa Historical Society's book "The Mexteds of Pluckley, Kent and Tawa Flat, Wellington".

Local historian Bruce Murray, the book's author, gave a short speech



recognising the family which played such a significant role in the early settlement of Tawa.

This is the 19th book about Tawa published by the Tawa Historical Society since its inception in 2001. Copies are available from the library for \$25.

2 MINUTES WITH Judith Gray



Judith Gray's name is synonymous with Nada Bakery, long-established in Johnsonville, and in Tawa for almost a decade. As a local business operator she also plays a prominent role on the very active Tawa Business Group.

For a number of years Judith served on the Scots College Board of Governors, including a term as deputy chair.

She has been a member of the Rotary Club of Tawa since 2016, and the primary organiser of the Rotary Business breakfasts which take place once or twice a year. Last week Judith was inducted as President of Tawa Rotary, a 12-month commitment. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Where were you born?

In Wellington, the new (at the time) St Helens Hospital, Newtown.

Where did you grow up? Island Bay.

Where were you educated?

Went to Island Bay Primary School, South Wellington Intermediate, Wellington East Girls College, Wellington Hospital School of Nursing.

How long have you lived in Tawa? Since 1982.

What do you like about Tawa?

I like Tawa because it is a very family orientated suburb, I have a business here and in Johnsonville, so close to those and it's very quick and easy to get into the CBD where I have business interests also. Tawa always feels like a warm, friendly place to live where people really care about each other.

In what ways could Tawa be improved?

I'd like to see improvement of traffic flow along the Main Road, especially at peak times, better parking arrangements, improved street lighting (it's very dark around Davies Street at 8pm in the winter when the Rotary Club finishes).

What about family?

My late husband Peter Gray died in 2005. I have three children: Michael aged 35, lives in Tawa and married to Marissa – they have two children, Daniel and Jonathan; Rebecca aged 31, lives in Auckland; Ben aged 25, lives in Tawa.

Work experience over the years

I trained as a Registered Nurse, one of the last classes to go through hospital training as opposed to polytech training. When I graduated I worked at Wellington Hospital specialising in surgical nursing and eye surgery. I then worked as a district nurse specialising in Urology and Spina Bifida nursing for the whole of Wellington and the Hutt District. Following that I spent several years working at Bowen Hospital.

I then worked part-time for our family business Nada Bakery while raising the family. I now run this business along with my oldest son, Michael. Over the years I have also spent time working as a Conference Coordinator for the Baking Industry Association of NZ and for a couple of years in a recruitment company.



Rotary changeover – farewell to the “old president”, and welcome to incoming President Judith Gray.

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What are your interests and hobbies?

I enjoy watching sport, especially tennis, rugby and cricket. When I have time I play Mah Jong and I enjoy reading and cooking.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

All Blacks, Hurricanes, Roger Federer, Ash Barty [in case you need to be reminded, Ash Barty is an Australian professional tennis player and former cricketer. She is ranked No. 1 in the world in singles by the Women's Tennis Association – Ed.]

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

My family tell me I have “an eclectic taste in music”, ranging from The Rolling Stones, Jethro Tull, The Beatles to Lady Gaga, Pink and Six60.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Lots of superb family holidays in Two Mile Bay, Taupo.

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

No. 1 is my children of course;

No. 2 is being the first female recipient of a Life Membership of the Baking Industry Association of New Zealand;

No. 3 is breaking through the ‘glass ceiling’ and becoming the first female Vice Chair of the Scots College Board of Governors;

No. 4 is being selected to be President of the Tawa Rotary Club.

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

Attend Wimbledon Tennis Championship;
Revisit Japan;
Go to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Edinburgh (tick – did this in 2016).



Be Prepared... to rediscover adventure!

We are looking for suitable and interested people aged 18 years of age and older who are interested in becoming a Kea or Cub Leader at our Tawa Scout Group.

- Keas are aged 6 & 7 years
- Cubs are aged from 8 to 10 years

Being a Leader has many benefits and provides many opportunities. Leaders come from all walks of life, from parents of Scouts, to childhood Scouts, to people with no Scouting experience at all! Getting involved in your community and it looks great on your CV also.

A Leader needs to be a motivated individual with a commitment to supporting our varied, exciting and dynamic programs. Scouts NZ helps us deliver this by providing training and support in all aspects of Scouting, youth leadership, programming and safety.

Leader training is provided and normally, Leaders need to commit to Group meetings one night per week during school term, a programme meeting each term, and perhaps a few weekends a year for outdoor activities such as hiking and camping trips.

More information is available here

https://members.scouts.org.nz/Resources?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=792

If you are interested or have questions please contact our Group Leader, Michael Corcoran on 0272758091 - email tawa@group.scouts.nz

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.

Ngā mihi

Malcolm Sparrow
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Jesus said "I'll be back" way before Arnold did.

"The only thing flat-earthers have to fear is sphere itself."

"If life shuts a door, open it again. That's how they work."

"Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you happiness and bad days give you experience."

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).

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