



COMMUNITY NEWS

June 2015

This community newsletter is sent out early each month on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website which has been supported by the Tawa Residents' Association since 2002.

More regular community updates are available if you join more than 1660 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for daily updates or weekly updates from that site.

ANOTHER LIQUOR OUTLET IN TAWA?

You may already be aware of the proposal to set up a new liquor store where the fruit & vege shop used to be at 172 Main Road, Tawa. The applicant is wishing to sell liquor under the business name Tawa Liquor Centre every day from 9am to 11pm.

For some people a further liquor outlet is not necessarily a big deal, and gaining a tenant for an otherwise empty shop is a distinct benefit.

On the other hand, there have been various concerns raised on Neighbourly. Anyone is entitled to lodge a written objection if they have solid grounds for doing so. More information in this regard is set out on the WCC website at <http://wellington.govt.nz/services/consents-and-licences/alcohol-licensing/have-your-say-on-licence-applications/object-to-an-application>

You will need to give valid reasons for opposing the granting of a liquor license to this business. These may include:

- the number of outlets already selling alcohol in Tawa
- the proposed opening hours of the outlet
- the location directly opposite the Salvation Army Centre which ministers to people with alcohol addictions

If you do intend to lodge an objection, it should be sent to the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at secretarydlc@wcc.govt.nz by 5pm on Wednesday 24 June.

NZTA'S PROPOSALS FOR TAWA

NZTA (New Zealand Transport Agency) representatives Raewyn Bleakley and Selwyn Blackmore, and WCC Councillor Andy Foster spoke to the 85 or so people at a local meeting last week, the purpose of which was to bring Tawa people up-to-date on where things are currently at with their proposals. Andy Foster told us that six out of the ten votes at the Regional Transport Forum favoured widening SH1 through Tawa as a means of avoiding a bottleneck once the Transmission Gully and Petone to Grenada highways are completed. However it is NZTA who will make the final decision.

NZTA reiterated they have no favoured option at this point. There are three alternatives they are considering: widening SH1 through Tawa or constructing a new highway through Takapu Valley or taking a "wait and see" approach. Their final decision will be released before the end of the year.



Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 Section 101

INDE LEGACY LIMITED, 172 Main Road, Tawa, Wellington, 5028 has applied to the District Licensing Committee in Wellington for the issue of conditions of an OFF LICENCE for the premises situated at 172 Main Road, Tawa, Wellington 5028, NZ and known as Tawa Liquor Centre.

The general nature of the business to be conducted (or to be conducted) under the licence is BOTTLE STORE.

The days on which and the hours during which liquor is (or is intended to be) sold under the licence are:

Monday to Sunday
from 9.00 am to 11.00 pm

CONNECTING WITH TAWA ON NEIGHBOURLY

Coming Events in Tawa (as listed on Neighbourly):

Tue 23 June	– New Business Networking Group
Wed 24 June	– Spicer Landfill meeting
Fri 26 June	– Hampton Hill School Quiz Night
Sat 27 & Sun 28 June	– Tawa Rotary Monster Book Fair
Mon 29 June	– Tawa Community Garden meeting
Sat 4 & Sun 5 July	– Tawa Rotary Monster Book Fair
Tue 7 July	– Charity Knit for KCA

Neighbourly enables local people to share information with each other and to become a more “connected” community. See www.neighbourly.co.nz

Organisations & Groups:

- there’s a separate section on Neighbourly which currently lists details of 50+ Organisations & Groups



ARE YOU KEEPING UP WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING IN TAWA?

LONG-SERVING GREENACRES STAFF MEMBER RETIRES

Greenacres School’s Deputy Principal and New Entrant Teacher Ann Farrand will be retiring at the end of this term. Ann has been at Greenacres School for 34 years having joined a very small staff in 1981 as part-time teacher aide and administration support. In 1986 Ann became a full-time New Entrant Teacher making her home in Room 1 where over 28 years she has taught many hundreds of students. She was appointed Deputy Principal in 1989, working alongside Graeme Schofield as Principal at the time.

Ann is best known for her caring and comforting demeanour especially towards apprehensive new entrants and parents – some of whom were also taught by Ann! She has always been highly committed to giving our new entrants the best possible start at school, with many of them becoming very successful as adults. There are many in the Tawa community who look back fondly on their days spent in Room 1 with Ann.

As Deputy Principal and staff representative on the Board of Trustees Ann has seen many changes to the education curriculum, namely the implementation of Tomorrow’s Schools and the introduction of National Standards. Over the years she has been a valued colleague and friend to many teachers, providing ongoing support and development.

Ann’s involvement has always gone far beyond the classroom. She has helped produce many school productions, from organising props and costumes to lighting and sound. Co-ordinating a class of five year olds on stage to all do the same thing at the same time is no mean feat!

Ann is looking forward to an active retirement enjoying her favourite hobbies and beautiful garden. We wish her all the best.

Greenacres School is holding a community farewell on Thursday, 25 June at 6.30pm in the school hall. All welcome, please RSVP to the office at office@greenacres.school.nz by 19 June.



CONCERNED ABOUT THE SMELLS?

If you're concerned about ongoing smells attributable to the landfill, here's your opportunity to find out how the problem is being addressed. The landfill's annual Community Liaison Group meeting will be held in the Porirua City Council chambers, cnr Hagley St & Cobham Court, Porirua on 24 June at 7pm (sharp!).

DRAFT AGENDA:

- Tabling of Landfill Operational Management Plan (this action is required by the consent)
- Powerpoint presentation, what's happened recently and what's planned at the landfill



- Update on odour control initiatives
- Questions from the floor

A great chance to have your say!



Landfill Smells Action Group

Tawa Smells?

Sick of the landfill smells wafting over Tawa? Keen to do something about it?

- Come to the landfill's annual Community Liaison Group meeting on Wednesday 24 June from 7pm in the Porirua City Council Chambers, Cnr Hagley St & Cobham Court.
- Join the group on Neighbourly so that we can stay in touch on this issue - www.neighbourly.co.nz/group/landfill-smells-0800-496-734
- Log a call with Greater Wellington Regional Council on **0800 496 734**. Every time you smell it. The only way things will change is if we raise awareness of the impact it has on the community.



DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEETING ON 24 JUNE:

 MANAGEMENT PLAN Tabling of Landfill Operational Management Plan.	 CONTROL INITIATIVES Update on odour control initiatives.
 PRESENTATION What has happened recently and is planned at the landfill.	 Q&A Questions from the floor.

This issue is serious! Apart from the ghastly smell, it may be a hazard to your health. Regional Public Health have said the following:
"The health effects of emissions (odours/particles) from landfill sites could, potentially, be harmful to health. Both odours and particles can be breathed into the lungs or ingested causing potential respiratory symptoms."

In addition, both particles and odours can have a detrimental effect on a person's health and wellbeing resulting from the stress of not being able to enjoy the environment where you live.....

Together we can get this sorted!

KIDS' CROSS COUNTRY EVENT COMES TO TAWA IN AUGUST

Athletics Wellington is running the Kids' Cross Country Series over the winter months at various venues around the Wellington region. The next event is on Sunday 26 July at Petone, and then the event moves to Tawa on Sunday 16 August where it's being hosted by our local Olympic Harrier and Athletic Club at Grenada North Park.

There are races for pre schoolers though to year 8s. This event has grown in the past couple of years with close to 600 kids at the last event, so come along and have some fun. Sign up at least 7 days before any event and your child will receive a personalised race bib on the day.

For more information or to enter go to www.athleticshub.co.nz



PARENTS AS DRIVING COACHES

This course will be held at Tawa College on Wednesday 24 June from 7-9pm. The fee is \$20.

Development of the adolescent brain is critical when it comes to learning to drive. International research confirms parents can play a significant role in shaping and influencing the executive functions required of adolescents when learning to drive a motor vehicle. This two hour session provides tips on the learning to drive process and driving techniques to ensure their family members commence on a path of lifelong safe driving. Copies of Going Solo resource for parents and restricted drivers will be available.

Tawa College has had input into the preparation of the Going Solo resource that is now being offered nationwide. To enrol please follow the link <http://www.tawacommed.co.nz/node/58>

TAWA ROTARY HELPS NEPAL

Tawa Rotary Club recently held a Nepal Appeal night and raised \$300 for the relief effort following their devastating earthquakes. Together with an additional \$1200 from its Charitable Trust, this was enough to fund a Shelter Box to help the Nepalese people.

Tawa Rotary President Martin Garcia is shown with a Shelter Box ready for delivery.

Martin said “The Boxes provide emergency shelter for families, together with essential supplies such as blankets, tools, water purification kits, etc. The ShelterBox organisation also provides medical staff with emergency shelter where patients can be treated in privacy.”

“Rotary International’s involvement with Shelter Box delivery means that life-saving support can be delivered speedily to those that really need it.”

Martin said “We know that we have helped make a real difference to the devastated people of Nepal.”



STREAMS THROUGH PRIVATE PROPERTY

It’s somewhat surprising how many streams (of whatever size) there are in various parts of Tawa. They all end up in the Porirua Stream itself.

We’re all aware of the flooding in mid-May that affected a number of Main Road shops, both in the central shopping area and further south, but there were also a number of private residences affected.

Within the past week your local WCC councillor has visited three residential properties in quite different parts of Tawa to have a look at streams flowing through or alongside those properties. When in flood, the currently placid flows turn into raging torrents. The downside of a picturesque stream through a residential property is that, per the WCC ruling: “It is the property owner’s responsibility for fencing or retaining any watercourse or stream as well as preventing erosion on their property. Council maintains the streams on Council land [but not on private property].”



Flooding in The Drive, Tawa

ROTARY BOOK FAIR

This year’s Tawa Rotary Book Fair will be held on the weekend 27-28 June and the following weekend 4-5 July inside the mall, next to New World Tawa.

Tawa Rotary is still collecting donations of books, DVDs and CDs, which can be dropped off into the box in the New World Tawa complex. Other drop-off points are Mexted Motors, Harcourts and ITM Tawa.



RAISING CHILDREN OF CHARACTER



Develop a strategic plan to train your children. Parents come to be resourced for your most important role. Presenter: Hayley Balmer

7.30-9.30pm Wednesday 24 June at Tawa Anglican Church. Bookings essential. Phone church office on 232 8448 or email admin@tac.org.nz. Cost \$10.

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES

BNI (Business Network International) is a business and professional referral organisation whose primary purpose is to exchange qualified business referrals and develop word-of-mouth marketing techniques.

Unlike other networking groups, BNI provides its members with a structure and a plan to enable them to network in a deliberate and professional manner. As an organisation BNI keeps track of the number of referrals passed by each chapter and encourages the members to record the dollar value of the business they receive.



Rapid growth has seen BNI become the world's largest business referral organisation with currently over 160,000 members in more than 6,500 chapters in 55 countries including Canada, USA, United Kingdom, Sweden, South Africa, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, India and most recently South Korea.

A new BNI chapter is being set up in Churton Park, meeting at the Community Centre each week on a Tuesday and is available for all businesses in the Wellington region. Start time is 7.00am, includes breakfast, and the meetings conclude by 8.30am. The number of members required to form a Chapter is 20 and there can only be one person from each profession within each chapter.

The current members are holding a visitors meeting at 5.00pm on June 23rd at the 1841 Bar upstairs for those who want to meet other members and find out more about the organisation. Some professions we don't have currently are Builder, Motor mechanic, Plumber, Valuer, Travel Agent/Broker, Photographer, Lawn mowing/Garden Services, Cleaning Services, Printing, Signwriting, Dentist, Funeral director, Roofing, House Inspections, Hairdresser, Windows/Glazing, Design.

For further details please contact Murray Thompson on 472 5362 or 027 440 9493 or come along on June 23rd at 5.00pm.

TAWA RECREATION CENTRE MIXED LEAGUE NETBALL

Starting 21st July 2015. Whether you are competitive or just play for fun, start gathering your teams and enrol today.

For all enquiries please phone 232 2260.

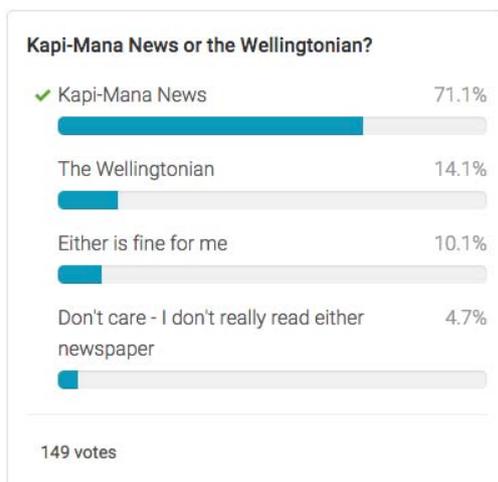


KAPI-MANA NEWS OR THE WELLINGTONIAN?

Tawa residents have been advised that ".... from 1 July the Wellingtonian will no longer be delivered to Tawa." As both the Kapi-Mana and Wellingtonian newspapers are under the same parent company (Fairfax), it is apparently "no longer economically viable" to deliver both to Tawa.

We ran a poll on Neighbourly over 72 hours last week to ascertain – if Tawa residents had a choice of one or the other (although that choice wasn't given) – which they would prefer.

149 votes were cast and the result was reasonably conclusive, with 71.1% opting for Kapi-Mana News and 14.1% for the Wellingtonian. The die is cast, as they say.



50th BIRTHDAY

Redwood School will be 50 years old in 2016. Are you interested in being part of a committee to organise some events to celebrate this milestone?

Please contact Sue Goodin on 232 7704 or email bot@redwood.school.nz.

THE OUTBACK CALLS BUDDING SCIENTIST

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Dinura Perera has been picked for an international science trip and hopes the opportunity will give him the experience he needs to follow his dream.

The Tawa College 17-year-old was selected by the Royal Society of New Zealand to attend the youth Australia New Zealand Advancement of Science in Adelaide in July. Dinura's application was one of more than 300 sent in by students from around the country. Six were chosen for the trip to Adelaide.



The five-day trip will include dealings with Adelaide, South Australia and Flinders universities, the Defence Science and Technology Organisation and the Royal Australian Air Force. "It's a great opportunity and I'm looking forward to it."

Other New Zealand students selected came from Pukekohe, Southland (2), Palmerston North and Wellington College.

They will be funded by the Talented School Students Travel Award, which is administered by the Royal Society of New Zealand and funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Dinura will leave on July 6, but not before catching up with friends he made at the National Science and Technology forum in Auckland this year.

He said he had always been interested in science. "It's just something I like. I've always seen it as a career possibility," he said.

Dinura said he was encouraged by Brian Sturman, the Tawa College head of Science.

"I wasn't expecting to be selected, but it was a good surprise and I'm looking forward to experiencing the different areas of science."

Though Dinura's dream is to be a software engineer for Google, he is also keeping the science door open. One idea is to form his own software engineering company.

NORTH WELLINGTON VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

These awards, recognising the contribution of local community volunteers, are available to those working in recognised voluntary agencies or community groups and clubs in the Northern Suburbs from Wadestown to Tawa. To be eligible, nominees must have performed a minimum of five years voluntary service for the organisation concerned and must be nominated by that organisation. Our definition of voluntary service means that no form of remuneration has been paid to the volunteer for the services for which they have been nominated.

Nominations will close on Friday 31 July. The Awards Committee will then determine the most suitable nominees – typically there are around ten awards each year – and they will be made at a presentation ceremony and dinner to be held on the evening of Saturday 26 September.

Nomination forms and information are available from Ray Good, Secretary of the Awards Committee, phone 971 3686.

60 SECONDS WITH Jess Kerr

Jess is this year's deputy head girl at Tawa College.

Where were you born? Wellington.

Where did you grow up? I have lived in Tawa my whole life.

What schools have you been at since you first started school?

Redwood School, Tawa Intermediate, Tawa College.

What subjects are you doing this year at college?

English, Statistics, Psychology, Food and Nutrition, Physical Education and Music performance.

What are you hoping to do when you leave school?

I am still unsure on what I want to do next year but I will most likely go to Victoria University and study something there.

What does being deputy head girl actually involve, any particular responsibilities?

We have weekly meetings with Mr Lucas or Mrs Nicholas to catch up on what is happening around the school. We have to attend all assemblies held every Monday where one of the head students has to say a reading. It is also good if we are involved in lots of aspects of the school.

What are your interests/hobbies?

I enjoy most sports and whenever I am bored I will just muck around on the piano or relax.

What do you like about Tawa College?

I like how it is widely involved with the Tawa Community and that the teachers really care about the students. I also like that there is a variety of things to get involved with at the school.

Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?

Since I play cricket I am always keen to see how the Black Caps and White Ferns are going and I also love watching athletics and all the top athletes around the world who do that.

Favourite musical group and/or style of music?

Sam Smith [23 year old English singer and songwriter - Wikipedia]. I recently went to his concert in Auckland.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

I love the holidays we have in Taupo and the Hawkes Bay.

Any accomplishments/achievements in your life (to date) that give you much satisfaction/pride?

Last year I was a member of the New Zealand under 20 Women's team when we came second in the World Cup. Our Tawa College girls' cricket team won Nationals in December and we get to go back again this year to try and defend our title. I am involved in Maiden Tawa, a barbershop chorus, and we have just qualified to compete in Nationals against other schools around New Zealand.



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.

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

Tawa Recreation Centre holiday programme – July 2015

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

Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July
Independence Day USA We're celebrating 4th of July today with some red, blue and white crafts.	Bestie day Make friendship bracelets and cool masks for your bestie. If they're not already coming, bring them along too!	Dodgeball Dodge, duck and dive! Who will be the champion of mayhem, dodgeball and leader's dodgeball?	Animated characters Lots of activities based on your favourite animated characters from Frozen, Despicable Me and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Come dressed up if you want to!	Time capsules Make your very own time capsule to hide your treasures.

Learn to Swim week Monday 6 – Friday 10 July

This week we'll spend the afternoons at Tawa Pool. Take part in Learn to Swim lessons, or enjoy some free play time in the pool. Don't forget togs, towel, goggles and warm clothes to put on afterwards.

Monday 13 July	Tuesday 14 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July
Super sports day It's an action packed day today with multi-sport games, athletics, wheel relays, board games, giant games, crazy cups, plus plenty more!	Worm day Make dirt cups in the morning - they're yummiier than they sound! Spend the afternoon playing worm relays and bouncing your way through the inflatables.	Games day Games and crafts based on video games Minecraft, Angry Birds and Candy Crush. Also learn how to make Loombands and play Crazy Cups.	Mid winter Christmas We're making snow, gingerbread cookies and yummy chocolate fudge to take home. Warm up in the afternoon with hot chocolates and tag games.	Favourites Finish the holidays off with your favourite games - Capture the Flag, Kill the Cone and Mayhem. Relax with a movie and popcorn.

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

School holiday programmes also available at:

ASB Sports Centre
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie
For ages 5-12 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 Tuesday 9 June. All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved. Bookings essential for before care.

Cost per day	Time	Recreation Centres	ASB Sports Centre
Before care	7.45am-8.30am	\$8	\$8
Non-trip days	8.30am-3.30pm	\$32	\$35
Trip days	8.30am-3.30pm	\$42	\$45
Aftercare	3.30pm-5.30pm	\$13	\$13

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

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“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”

“People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one.”

“All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me ... You may not realise it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you. – Walt Disney

Items for this newsletter should be sent to info@tawalink.com. Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320. Please type in email Subject Line: “Item for Tawa newsletter”.

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

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

For back issues of the newsletter see www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html.

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