



COMMUNITY NEWS

June 2016

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

More regular community updates are available if you join more than 2550 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for daily updates or weekly updates from that site.

'NEIGHBOURLY' MEAL ON SUNDAY 26 JUNE

Two successful 'Neighbourly' get-togethers have taken place in Tawa in the last couple of years and we have another coming up soon. If you're a member of Neighbourly in Tawa, YOU ARE INVITED to our pot luck meal at the Linden Social Centre on the above date. Doors will open at 5.30pm and we'll be dining by 6.00pm.

As has been the case previously, it'll be a great opportunity to meet other locals, both 'old-timers' and 'newbies'. Come along and mix with Tawa people of all ages. There will be one or two activities to ensure everyone feels welcome. Please RSVP under Events on the Neighbourly site.



Previous 'Neighbourly' get-together

Here is some of the feedback we received after an earlier occasion:

"Well done for all the organising and planning that went into this event, I'm sure everyone will agree it went without a hitch and was a really enjoyable event. Well done, Tawa people." – T.C.

"A fantastic community event. Thanks to everyone involved." – M.A.

TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS

The biennial civic awards ceremony took place at the Tawa Community Centre at the end of May with the Mayor of Wellington presenting certificates to 44 people or groups to thank them for the voluntary service they provide in this community. It was a memorable occasion with WCC councillor Malcolm Sparrow and Tawa Community Board chair Robert Tredger reading out citations for all those nominated.



There were six categories, with a winner chosen in each of those categories. They each received a Parker pen and their certificate was framed! They also receive a little more 'recognition'. The main aim of the ceremony however is to show appreciation to everyone whose name is submitted and to express gratitude for what they do to improve the quality of life for the rest of us!

The winners of the various categories (L to R above):

- Bruce Murray (Heritage and Environment)
- The Redwood Club, represented by David Allo (Health and Wellbeing)
- Tawa-Linden Plunket Society, represented by Ross Denton and Stacey Richardson (Education and Child/Youth Development – group winner)
- Mayor Celia Wade-Brown
- Josh Nightingale (Youth 17-24)
- Barbara Scott-Hill (Education and Child/Youth Development – individual winner)
- Murray Cameron (Arts & Culture).



May 2016 –
All the Tawa
Community Civic
Awards nominees

CONNECTING WITH TAWA ON NEIGHBOURLY

Coming Up in Tawa or nearby:

- Sat 18/Sun 19 June – Tawa Rotary Book Fair
- Sat 18 June – Te Rito Garden Plant Sale
- Sat 18 June – Tawa Community Garden working bee (shifting compost)
- Sun 19 June – Rehearsals commence for “Tawa Goes to Town”
- Sun 26 June – Do you make cards or do scrapbooking?
- Sun 26 June – Neighbourly get-together
- Fri 1/Sat 2 July – Redwood School 50th reunion
- Sat 2/Sun 3 July – Celebrating 150 years of Anglican Worship in Tawa

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



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

ROTARY BOOK FAIR

This year's Tawa Rotary Book Fair concludes this weekend inside the Tawa mall, next to New World Tawa. Book fair hours on Saturday 18 June are 8am to 6pm, and on Sunday 19 June from 9am to 4pm.

There are plenty of books still available and 'new' ones have been coming in on a daily basis, meaning there remain many to choose from.



TAWA COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE

It's happening at 10am this Saturday, 18 June at the Tawa Community Garden, Coronation Park, Oxford Street.

It's a matter of shifting compost from the small bins to the large raised beds. However feel free just to come and check out the garden, to chat or swap ideas – it's not all about the shovelling!

“SPRING INTO TAWA” MARKET DAY SURVEY

This year’s “Spring into Tawa” Market Day will take place on Saturday 15 October, one month later than usual.

The event is being revamped and the organising committee is looking for your feedback. “We’d love to hear from the community – this is your festival and we want to make sure it has the things you’re looking for. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out our survey!”

The survey is at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGM8VQV>



REHEARSALS FOR “TAWA GOES TO TOWN” START THIS WEEK

All groups are commencing rehearsals this week. Primary school singers started this past Wednesday afternoon, all dancers from 2-5pm on Sunday 19 June at the Tawa Intermediate School Hall and the Adult Choir from 4-5.30pm at the Tawa College Music Department. The adult choir is an ‘all comers’ group. Come and be part of our unique Tawa event. Adult choir folders will be \$15 per person.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT TAWA RECREATION CENTRE

Tawa Recreation Centre (WCC) and Scouts NZ/Adventure Plus! will be collaborating to provide your children with Scouts-themed activities for both girls and boys over the two weeks of the July school holidays.

Exciting activities are planned for both indoors and outdoors. Your children will be in to win some awesome prizes courtesy of Adventure Plus! Existing Scouts members may gain credits towards their badges.

Register your children now so they don’t miss out on learning how to:

- Build a HOBO fire and toast marshmallows
- Build a shelter in the bush
- Repair and maintain wheels
- Identify food and native plants
- Experiment with science
- Find their carbon footprint, learn navigation skills and learn basic first aid at Otari Wilton Bush
- Athletics and inflatables
- Baking and sports the list goes on

Click on <http://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays> for the full programme and bookings. We are an OSCAR approved programme.

Contact us on 232 2260 for further information or if you are new to our programme.

COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT & DEMENTIA SEMINAR

Wednesday 22 June from 7-9pm, under the auspices of Tawa College Community Education.

Concerned about a person’s memory? Want to know more about Cognitive Impairment and Dementia? Come along to this two hour seminar with Emma Fromings, the Educator from Alzheimers Wellington who will discuss healthy brain, normal brain changes as people age, and the signs of cognitive impairment and dementia (including what to do if concerned.) See www.tawacommed.co.nz

HAMPTON HILL “BIKES IN SCHOOLS” TRACK OPEN

Hampton Hill School’s new cycle track was officially opened by the Mayor last week. Wellington City Council has provided substantial funding to the Bikes in Schools programme “..... so students can become confident and competent bike riders, using purpose-built tracks on an every day basis within their own school grounds.”

It’s a great achievement for the school and the kids love it. The track and the associated skills area are available to any kids from Tawa (and beyond) after school hours and at the weekend.



Youngest and oldest current students about to cut the ribbon, with the Mayor and the acting principal watching.



All go on the cycle track!



The Mayor, Celia Wade-Brown, and others high-fiving.



L to R: Deputy Mayor Justin Lester, Cr Malcolm Sparrow, Jill Day. Front row: Hampton Hill School cycling experts.

TAKE CARE IN TAKAPU ROAD

From a concerned Takapu Road resident:

I and other residents come across people either running, walking or jogging along Takapu Road on the inside of blind corners.

People are sometimes two abreast, on the same side of the road as vehicles coming towards them, notably around blind corners.

I am particularly concerned about this issue because there is a strong possibility of a serious injury or a fatality because of people running or walking on the inside of blind corners.

When I see people doing this, I pull over and talk to them about it. After discussion, they agree with me and commence running on the outside of corners.

When I have spoken to people they say to me “Oh, we will hear a car coming and change sides of the road!” My reply to that is, well, you may not have enough time.

Another one was a person from Scotland. She said that she was brought up with the rule “One should walk into oncoming traffic”. My reply to her was, that may be correct on a straight road but most certainly not around blind corners! She conceded that she should be running on the outside of blind corners.

Two people I spoke to last year about this issue at about 7.15am on a week day after I was returning from Countdown have recommenced running on the inside of corners. Because of this, I think people need to be informed of this apparent danger.

Because Takapu Road is a two way road, residents and others are hugging the very left of the road in an attempt to miss corner-cutters coming from the opposite direction. If someone is running or walking on the inside of corners, they will be seriously injured or the worst could happen.

Unfortunately, if a fatality occurs, the driver of the vehicle has to live with that for the rest of their lives, even though they were put in the position by others.

ADDITIONAL PARKING AT TAKAPU ROAD STATION

The carpark at Takapu Road Station fills up fairly quickly on weekday mornings. In case you aren't aware, there is additional parking available at the southern end of Outlet City's carpark (as per the photo at right).

This is specifically designated as commuter parking for those catching the train into town. It's only an extra couple of minutes' walk to the station via Willowbank Reserve.



LEARN HOW TO MAKE PAPER FLOWERS

Come and learn how to make paper flowers at the Tawa Community Centre on Tuesday 12 July and Tuesday 19 July 10am to 12 noon.

Cost \$8 per person – all welcome. Children under 9 years must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential. Contact Mandy Russell at the community centre on 232 1682 or email mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz



CONGRATULATIONS TO TAWA COLLEGE BARBERSHOP SINGERS

Groups from Tawa College have been successful in being selected for the National Final of the Young Men and Women in Harmony Competition to be held later in September. The results for the recent Regionals were first for Acafellas in the Young Men in Harmony Chorus competition, and Maiden Tawa second in the Young Women in Harmony Chorus.

The boys' quartet Fortissibros were placed second in the Quartets. The following evening they performed two items at the Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony, as seen in the photo below left.



HANGING BASKETS 'UPDATED'

It costs around \$3000 each year to maintain the hanging baskets in our Main Road shopping centre. Recent funding has come from the Tawa Community Board's discretionary fund. The flowers are 'updated' every six months, most recently earlier this month when a team from Tawa Rotary – who 'administer' the hanging baskets – replaced the 50 or so baskets with new flowers as seen here.



TAWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

A talk has been given to the senior students at each of Tawa's six primary schools and the Intermediate in recent weeks, informing the kids of these awards run by the Tawa Community Board. Each school will choose one winning student to take part in a special end-of-year awards ceremony.



HONOUR FOR TAWA STUDENT

Jessica Hill, a Tawa College student and Tawa resident, was recently one of five recipients in the whole of New Zealand to receive a 2016 Youth Awards for her Giving Back to the local community through her voluntary work at Kiwi Community Assistance (KCA).

Jess is in her second year of voluntary service at Tawa-based charity Kiwi Community Assistance (KCA) where she is the food depot coordinator on a fortnightly basis.

Her role includes being the shift coordinator and training all new volunteers on the safe handling of up to 1,000kgs of fresh produce which comes in on a Sunday afternoon. Once the stock is sorted they are then required to make up to 60 banana boxes full of fresh produce for up to 10 partner agencies to collect on the Sunday evening and Monday morning.

Jess was presented her award by Hon Nikki Kaye, Minister of Youth, and also met other members of Parliament including Hon Peter Dunne, MP for Ohariu.



"A fiery sunrise over the fire station this morning" – posted on the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade's Facebook page on Thursday 19 May 2016.

On the same site –
Main Road mishap alongside Grasslees.



*2016 - A year of celebration for the
Tawa-Linden Anglican Church*

July 1866—the First Anglican service in Tawa

1956 the current St Peter's Church was commissioned

1966 the current St Christopher's Church was commissioned

To celebrate these important anniversaries

Sunday 3 July: A Service of Celebration at the Tawa Cemetery and St Peter's Church.

Sunday 22 November: A Service of Celebration at St Christopher's Church. The Bishop of Wellington will speak and officiate.

Please register your interest by contacting the church office
(details at bottom of page).

We would also love to borrow old photos to put on display.

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2 MINUTES WITH Massey Isa'ako

Massey is this year's deputy head boy at Tawa College.

Where were you born? Palmerston North (1998)

Where did you grow up?

My family moved from Palmerston North to Wellington when I was just a baby. So just under half of my life so far has been spent living in Cannons Creek (including Samoa and Stokes Valley), and the rest spent living in Whitby.

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

Windley School from Year 1 to Year 3. After we moved to Whitby I enrolled in Adventure school from Primary through to Intermediate. I have been at Tawa College since Year 9.

What subjects are you doing this year at college?

I am taking Psychology, General Mathematics, English, Computer Science (Programming) and Digital Design Information Technologies.

What are you hoping to do when you leave school?

So far my life plan is quite simple. I actually have two paths to travel down. I have contemplated attending Yoobee for part time study (web development); they specialise in hands-on learning regarding computer technologies and so forth. During this time I will also be doing voluntary work in the community as a Jehovah's Witness. Another way I could go is to get a part-time job to support my voluntary work including mum and dad.

What does being a head student actually involve, any particular responsibilities?

Providing another line of communication between students and teachers, getting involved in other areas of the college, making appearances during functions on/off campus, contributing to assembly through readings. So generally I just help whenever my circumstances allow me to.

What are your interests/hobbies?

I really love reading; from a young age my parents have really encouraged me to read books, novels, magazines, articles and many other materials. I also enjoy listening to music, no matter the time or the place. But one thing that has remained a constant favourite activity of mine is sharing in the door-to-door ministry as a Jehovah's Witness. I get great joy from sharing my faith with others.

What do you like about Tawa College?

I really enjoy the friendly atmosphere between the students and teachers, as well being encouraged to aim for personal excellence in all areas of life inside/outside of college grounds. As well as this, I enjoy the great variety of people and subjects available to help develop myself into a respectable young adult.

Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?

I personally enjoy watching rugby and boxing, however I do not have a preference or team that I support.

Favourite musical group and/or style of music?

I enjoy listening to Six60, The Script, Maroon 5, Stan Walker and old Samoan artists like Eddie Tualapini, Jamoa Jam and others. My preferred genre of music to listen to would be reggae and general Pacific Island/kiwi music. But I'm actually not restricted to any sort of genre, as long as the message is positive.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

My family has made annual trips to Auckland since I was 4 years old, usually via an 8 hour drive. If I'm not asleep (we get up at 2 am, so the struggle to stay awake is real) I like to watch the landscape change, every turn is different. I especially like Taupo at 6am, mainly because at that time I can witness the hot pools steaming, while also having enough light to eat breakfast and watch the lake brighten. Generally the trip up to Auckland has allowed me to see a lot of the North Island, so I really don't have a favourite place. But if I had to choose, it would be Taupo. Although my visit is restricted to a few minutes, the effect lasts many years after.



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Massey Isa'ako contd

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

I have been honoured throughout the years with various privileges through school and being a Jehovah's Witness. I have contributed in religious meetings/conventions as a speaker, as well as during school events. From a young age I have appreciated the support of my parents and teachers throughout my education. So to name only two, I believe that it is the privilege I have serving in the capacity of deputy head boy at Tawa College, while also being a trusted member of my faith to carry out other responsibilities.

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.

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

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"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will."

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." – Chinese proverb

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him." – Dereke Bruce

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 week of each month.

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

Back issues of the newsletter are available at www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html.

PLEASE BE AWARE that many of the items/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.

Destruction of an egg carton
in four easy steps!

