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TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS

The biennial civic awards ceremony took place in the Tawa College staffroom earlier this month with the Mayor of Wellington presenting certificates to around 45 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 Richard Herbert reading out citations for all those nominated.

There were six categories, plus the Tawa Rotary Young Employee award. A further category was added, "Excellence in Community Service", with this award presented to the Tawa Community

Patrol, Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade, Robert Tredger and Richard Herbert.



"Excellence in Community Service"



Arts and Culture



Education and/or Child/Youth Development



Health and Wellbeing



Heritage and Environment



Sport and Leisure

Youth (15-24)



Citations for all the nominees can be seen at <http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/2018TCCA.pdf>

TAWA'S AMELIA KERR SETS RECORD WITH 232 NOT OUT!

You'll be aware by now that Melie Kerr has broken the women's world record for the highest ODI score with 232 not out in the White Ferns' match against Ireland last Wednesday (Thursday NZ Time).

An appropriate scoreline considering that 232 signifies Tawa!



With dad Robbie Kerr

Melie is a Year 13 student at Tawa College when she's not engaged in cricket. Her family lives in Tawa, as do proud grandparents Bruce and Shona Murray. Bruce Murray represented New Zealand in cricket in the late 1960s and early 1970s.



Credit: Stuff

Congratulations, Melie, from all of us in Tawa!

See full details at <https://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/cricket/104701224/Amelia-Kerr-blasts-highest-score-in-womens-ODI-history?cid=app-iPhone>

COMMUNITY POT LUCK MEAL LAST WEEK

The "Winter Warmer", a pot luck meal at the Linden Social Centre, took place early Sunday evening, 10 June. It was a great opportunity to meet 'new' people from our community, as well as to catch up with some not-so-new.

The purpose of the exercise was primarily to bring Linden residents together, but people from all over Tawa attended and enjoyed the occasion.



HANGING BASKETS 'UPDATED'

The flowers in the hanging baskets in our Main Road shopping centre are 'updated' every six months, most recently earlier this month. The recently-formed "Tawa Potted Colour Committee" looks after the baskets. With the Tawa Community Board having reduced its financial support, members of the community are welcome to sponsor a basket at \$60 for a year. Email Karen at b.taylor@xtra.co.nz for details.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Cr Malcolm Sparrow has been giving a talk to the senior students at each of Tawa's six primary schools and the Intermediate in recent weeks, informing the Year 6/8 students of these awards run by the Tawa Community Board. In November each school will choose one winning student to take part in a special end-of-year awards ceremony. The Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards commenced in 2011.



BEST YEAR EVER FOR KOHEKOHE FLOWERS!

Kohekohe (*Dysoxylum spectabile*) is one of the most common large native tree species in our Tawa bush reserves. However, significantly, 2018 has proved to be the best flowering for many years. The tree is unusual in that the flowers come directly from the trunks and branches (termed 'cauliflory').

The prolific flowering this year is evident when walking in the reserves in May/early June as the white-coloured, orchid-like



Carpet of flowers in Redwood Bush, 17 June

flowers produce a sweet aroma – very evident when in the bush. Importantly the flowers produce nectar that is a key source of food at this time of year for tui and bellbirds. Later the flowers produce large green then black, golf-like fruit that enclose fleshy orange seeds that are a favourite food for kereru.



Wilf Mexted reserve, 8 June

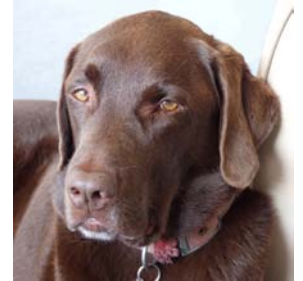
If you haven't walked in our Tawa native bush reserves recently, do it now to capture the beauty and scent of the kohekohe flowers.

Thanks to Gil Roper for this article.

REGISTER YOUR DOG LOCALLY

Wellington City Council is running a dog registration pop-up event at the Taylor Park dog park (next to the badminton club) on Saturday 23 June from 10am to noon. You'll get your new registration tag straight away. Eftpos is available.

For more information about dog registration, see <https://wellington.govt.nz/services/consents-and-licences/dogs/registration>



SPICER LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING

On 27 June 2018 from 7pm Porirua City Council will be holding a Community Liaison meeting for those who have an interest in Spicer Landfill. You are welcome to come along and listen to a presentation on what has happened at the landfill over the last year and what is planned for the future. There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and put forward ideas. The current draft of the landfill Operational Management Plan will be available.

The meeting will be held in the Linden Social Centre, Linden Ave, Tawa. Please feel free to invite friends.

PCC would like an idea as to how many people are likely to attend. For that reason please respond RSVP to Peter Keller on peter.keller@poriruacity.govt.nz on 237 1477 or email Carol Freeman on 237 3588.



Tawa College



The Tawa College PTA proudly presents:



KEVIN BRASWELL

**HEAD COACH WELLINGTON
SAINTS**

Kevin Braswell is well known to Wellington basketball fans, having coached the Wellington Saints to two National basketball titles in 2016 & 2017.

He is also the newly appointed NZ Breakers coach.

**Enjoy an evening of secrets and stories from on icon
of New Zealand basketball**

Date: Thursday 28th June 2018

Venue: Tawa College Hall Duncan Street, Tawa

Time: 7.00 – 7:30pm followed by questions

Please RSVP by Monday 25th June to

secretary@tawacollege.school.nz

or contact Tracey at 232 8184

If you have any questions that you would like to have answered at this seminar, please email it in advance to secretary@tawacollege.school.nz.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.



TAWA ROTARY BOOK FAIR

This year's book fair will take place on 14-15 & 21-22 July. The donation bin is now in place in Tawa New World Mall to receive books, CDs and DVDs. Thanking you in anticipation.

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.

Winter Workshops for parents – Term 2, 2018

Presenter: Hayley Balmer - Early Childhood Educator with over 20 years experience

Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. E-mail hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz for further info or to book.

EARLY LITERACY

Raising a reader - the preschool years (For parents of children aged 2 - 5)

Goal: To inspire, encourage and equip you as parents to give your child a solid foundation for reading.

DATE: Wednesday 20 June **TIME:** 7.30 - 9.30p.m.

OR DATE: Thursday 21 June **TIME:** 9.15 - 11.15a.m.



Raising a Reader - the early school years (For parents of children aged 5 -8)

Goal: To inspire and equip you as parents to give your child the boost they need in their first few years at school - especially helpful for those whose children are struggling.

DATE: Monday 25 June **TIME:** 7.30 - 9.30p.m. **OR DATE:** Thursday 28 June **TIME:** 9.15 - 11.15a.m.

MONEY AND KIDS

Aimed at parents of children aged 4 - 15

Raising financially savvy children who know the value of a dollar in a world of credit.

Strategies and tips to prepare your children for lifelong financial stability.

DATE: Thursday 28 June **TIME:** 7.30 - 9.30p.m.



2 MINUTES WITH Dean Tutton



Dean has been Tawa's Chief Fire Officer since July 2017, having served with the NZ Fire Service for 28 years. He was presented with his Gold Star (for 25 years' service) in 2015. He has been part of the Newlands Brigade, the Wellington Operational Support unit, and for the last 17 years with Tawa.

At the recent Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade received an Excellence in Community Service award, and it was only fitting that Dean was there to collect it on the brigade's behalf.

Where were you born? Wellington

Where did you grow up?

Mostly lived in Tawa, but had a time in the Newlands/Johnsonville area.

Where were you educated?

Newlands Intermediate, then Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College. Attended Wellington Polytech as part of an automotive apprenticeship.

How long have you lived in Tawa? Over 30 years.

What about family?

My wife is Karen and we have two kids. They're adults now – Jordan and Sarah.

Work experience over the years

I have always worked in the automotive industry, currently working as a Diagnostic Technician for Mercedes-Benz. I am also serving as Chief Fire Officer to the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Most of my time out of paid employment is spent with the Tawa Fire Brigade, but I also like working on older cars, 50s & 60s era. I'm currently working on a 1955 GMC pick-up truck of a mate's.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

Tawa Fire Brigade combat challenge team. The combat challenge is a firefighter iron man type event run by the UFBA. The Tawa team has competed for the last two years at regional and national events. See http://www.ufba.org.nz/events/list/category/firefighter_combat_challenge

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

Would have to be Dire Straits and Cold Chisel (yep, from a while ago).

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Ohope Beach Top 10 Holiday Park.

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

Definitely my wife and kids. Also the people I have worked with in FENZ at Tawa and other brigades.

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

Leave the brigade in a better place than when I took over (although that's almost impossible as it has always had very good chiefs).

Do my OE again before I retire. My previous OE included a year's working holiday in the UK.

Get a classic car of my own.



"Excellence in Community Service" award presented to the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade at the recent Tawa Community Civic Awards.

Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | July 2018

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

Monday 9 July	Tuesday 10 July	Wednesday 11 July	Thursday 12 July	Friday 13 July
National Cookie Day & Favourites Mmmmmmm COOKIES! Put on your chefs apron and bake some delicious cookies for National Cookie Day to munch on after lunch like the Cookie Monster, then hit the gym floor to play all your favourite games	Fear Factor & Mad 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! Bring a spare change of clothes	Crazy Cups & Football Mania How quickly can you master the cup challenge, learn the cup song from Pitch Perfect and how fast are you at stacking cups? Then you will be taught some awesome football skills and be put into teams to represent a country of your choice in our Football Tournament	Super Sports Day Have your say and vote on a selection of the sports you love to play. We will have nukemball, floorball, 5-bat, K.O, stuck in the mud, non-stop cricket to name a few. What will you choose? Finish the day with team relays and race against the leader	Super Hero Day Come dressed up as your favourite super hero or invent your own. Become any super hero you desire for the day. What super hero powers do you have? Let your imagination run wild. Be prepared to use your power during our super hero games
Monday 16 July	Tuesday 17 July	Wednesday 18 July	Thursday 19 July	Friday 20 July
Delayed National Chocolate Day Who has made this chocolate? Play 'guess the brand' game and the ultimate winner receives a sweet prize. Take the toffee pop challenge then play in our chocolate themed relays to burn off the sugar. Make some yummy hot chocolate and finish the day watching Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	World Emoji Day & Inflatables Yes it is World Emoji Day today! We use them everyday so lets celebrate. You will learn the World Emoji Day Anthem and can have your face painted with your favourite emoji. There will be an emoji quiz and 'find the emoji' hunt then bounce the afternoon away on our inflatables	Dodgeball & Badminton 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 challenging the leaders to a game of badminton	Sneaky Spies & Wheels Calling all Tawa Rec spies, we have some missions for you! Can you make it through the laser beam course? Are you able to crack the code? Who will be Tawa Rec's best sneaky spy? Then play on our wheels or bring your own	PJ & Chillax Day Come in your PJ's and let's chill out before school starts. It's going to be a stress free day filled with crafts and fun games like midnight and sleeping lions then wake up with DODGEBALL

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 14 May.
All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

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

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.

Ngā mihi

Malcolm Sparrow
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"Drive towards others as you would have them drive towards you."

"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day."

"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognising and appreciating what we do have." – Frederick Keonig

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 for back issues of the newsletter.

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NOISE?



The following is from Neighbourly this morning (Monday), posted by the Chief Fire Officer from the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade.

See <https://www.neighbourly.co.nz/message/view/47964884>

Many of you will have been awakened by our siren sounding a number of times between Saturday and this morning (Monday), and will be wondering what's going on.

To give you some background, the siren has been out of commission for many months after the tower on which it was mounted was surveyed and found to be a risk. The replacement pole and siren has finally been installed and was up and running as of Friday evening.

When we receive a call at night, up to 7.00am, a radio signal is sent to the station at the same time a message is sent to our firefighters' pagers via another network. At the station a timer starts and if the pager message is not received within 30 seconds the siren sounds as a back-up alert. These pager messages are expected to be received within 15 to 20 seconds.

At 4.20am on Saturday morning the pager message was delayed by just over 30 seconds and at 5.10am this morning the delay was closer to a minute.

To make matters worse, there was another delay for the call at 6.40am this morning and at the same time there was an issue with the systems running our Communications Centre in Wellington. The fixing of these issues inadvertently caused the activation of the sirens of a half dozen volunteer fire brigades around the lower North Island, including us and causing ours to sound twice for this call. Fortunately we were able to silence it before two more potential activations occurred due to the faults.

Please bear with us while we work through the pager delays with our organisation, and we hope not to wake you too often from here on.

