

This newsletter has been sent out monthly since 2005. See www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html for back issues.

Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

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

WELL DONE CAROL BRIESEMANN!

Congratulations to Carol Brieseman of Tawa and to Hampton Hill School! Carol has been acclaimed “the Prime Minister’s Science Teacher of the Year (2018)”!

Below is the actual wording at <https://www.pmscienceprizes.org.nz/previous-winners/2018-prime-ministers-science-teacher-winner/>

“The winner of the Prime Minister’s Science Teacher Prize is Carol Brieseman, a primary school teacher at Hampton Hill School, Tawa, Wellington. The panel believe that Carol is an exemplary primary school teacher of science. She is committed to her students and has an uncompromising approach to bringing out the best in each of them. By developing creative and science programmes Carol develops enthusiastic student scientists – opening students’ eyes to the possibilities of science.”

Read more at the website mentioned above.

CELEBRATING THE UPGRADE OF TAWA PLAZA

The Tawa Neighbourhood Block party is happening this Friday afternoon to celebrate the newly upgraded plaza area.

Come down from 4.30pm to 6.30pm for entertainment from Tawa College Year 12 & 13 Band and Tracey Odell School of Modern Dance, FREE face painting from Making Faces NZ and a nail and hair salon, and FREE food from Fryday Donuts, Zelati Gelato & Sorbet, plus a FREE sausage sizzle and popcorn. Come and check it out!

The formal opening and speeches take place at 5.30pm.



Tawa Neighbourhood Block Party

Come celebrate the festive fun at the newly refurbished public space in Tawa 206 Main Road. We'll have local performers, music and food as well as a formal opening by Mayor Justin Lester to celebrate the completion of the recent upgrade works.

Friday 15th March
Start: 4:30pm
Formal opening & Speeches: 5:30pm
Finish: 6:30pm

All are welcome.
Visit: Wellington.govt.nz/your-council/projects/tawa-town-centre-improvement-project

PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR BBQ

If you're organising a BBQ or afternoon tea (or similar event) in your neighbourhood/street some time this month, or have already held one within the past few weeks, please let us know if you haven't done so already – simply so that we have a tally of how many are being held in Tawa. Please email Malcolm Sparrow on info@tawalink.com

If you're still considering organising one in your street, we can help with an advertising sign, some name labels and a few balloons.

Here's a very simple formula for organising an event in your street: Agree with one (or two) of your neighbours to have a barbecue/afternoon tea in your front yard or at the end of the cul-de-sac or on the grass verge on a given day. Then invite another 6-15 nearby neighbours in person or by means of a flyer. Everyone brings and cooks their own food. Easy really. If no-one else turns up, at least you'll enjoy your neighbour's company!



HELPING AT WILLOWBANK

The Willowbank Reserve Care Group would like your help to remove invasive weeds from Willowbank Reserve off Boscobel Lane. This group has been working in the area over the last few months removing tradescantia, convolvulus and onion weed.

The group is planning to run monthly working bees on the first Thursday of each month between 10.00am and 12.00 noon, the first of which took place last week. Meet in the car parking area by the toilets at 10.00am.

They would be grateful for any time you are able to give.

See the flyer at right.

Willowbank Reserve Care Group

Our group has been working in the Willowbank Reserve near the Takapu Rd railway station over the last few months.

We invite people who use the Reserve whether cycling, running, walking your dog/s etc or passing through on the way to the railway station

to join us on the

First Thursday of every Month

From 10.00 am to 12 Noon

Meet at the Boscobel Lane Car Park

Weather permitting

Our aim is to make the Reserve more aesthetically pleasing and to improve the indigenous biodiversity and stream ecosystem while connecting people to the natural environment.

To achieve this we are working on the removal of invasive weeds such as tradescantia, convolvulus and blackberry and replanting with appropriate plants for the area.

For further information refer to

www.naturespace.org.nz

HOMESTAY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – TAWA INTERMEDIATE

Following our successful visit from the Chinese students last month, we (Tawa Intermediate School) have had more expressions of interest for study groups to visit NZ. We are seeking families who may be interested in hosting students in their homes. If you are interested (your child does not need to attend our school) or would like further information, please contact Coralee in the office – office@tawaint.school.nz or 232 5201.

TAWALIN INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Come along to our sociable club and enjoy playing indoor bowls. No experience is needed as coaching is available. We would welcome those who have played at some time and are looking to start again. Join us on a Monday night at Redwood School Hall. Starting time is 7.15pm. Opening night was early March, and the season goes through to September 23rd. Transport for those needing it can be arranged. For more information, phone Graeme Munro on 232 5407, or Terry Roche on 232 5263.

GREENACRES SCHOOL MAD HATTER'S GALA

Greenacres School's much-loved annual Mad Hatter's Gala offers loads of entertainment, games, stalls, food and baking, garage sale, and much more!

This year it's on Saturday 23 March from 11am to 2pm at the school, 60 Raroa Tce, Tawa.



The Inner Wheel Club of Tawa presents

Health & Beauty Expo

Wednesday 20 March

In association with Unichem Simon's Pharmacy
Proceeds to **Look Good Feel Better**

Fun night of information, demonstrations & raffles

Cash out facilities available

6pm to 9pm

**Tawa Bowling Club,
Davis Street, Tawa**

\$20.00 per ticket
(includes a drink & nibbles)

Tickets available - email lgfbexpo@gmail.com or from
KD One Skin Care & Cosmetics, Main Road, Tawa.

More information on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/innerwheeltawa/>



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**THE
TAWA SQUASH CLUB**
Presents...
**BOHEMIAN
RHAPOSODY**
DRIVE IN CINEMA
**OUTLET CITY CARPARK
TAWA**
SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
Gates Open @ 6.00pm
Movie Starts @ 7.30pm
\$40.00 PER CAR
PROCEEDS TO CLUB EXPANSION

Book now at...

www.firefly.nz

[see above for link]

or purchase at the club
67 Main Road, Tawa
04 232 8200

info@tawasquash.co.nz



Steady As You Go[©]

Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge St, Tawa
Thursdays at 1.00pm



Serving the needs of older people



- Falls are the most common cause of injury in older people
- Falls can lead to a significant loss of mobility and quality of life
- One third of people over the age of 65 fall each year
- Half of people over 80 fall each year
- Falls in older people are almost always associated with weakened leg muscles and poor balance
- Falls are not a natural part of ageing
- Falls ARE preventable!
- Joining a SAYGo class and improving your strength and balance can reduce falls & injuries

SAYGo improves:

- Balance and leg strength
- Flexibility
- General fitness and wellbeing
- And is a great way to meet new people

Three simple tests carried out in the first week and at 10 weeks check improved strength and balance

SAYGo has been shown to provide continuous improvements in strength and balance over time in 56 much-loved community based, ongoing peer-led classes

Classes are one hour each week, \$3 per class

Please Join Us!

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

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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.

OUTER GREEN BELT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation is under way on the Draft Outer Green Belt Management Plan 2019. The deadline for feedback is 5pm on Monday 25 March.

On the WCC website: "The Outer Green Belt is a series of reserves on the edge of the city that stretch from the Porirua City boundary to the south coast [of Wellington]. It covers more than 3,000 hectares and comprises over half of the City's public reserves network." This includes Spicer Forest and Te Ngahere-o-Tawa (formerly Forest of Tane) on Tawa's western hills.

For more information and to provide feedback to Council, go to <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/outer-green-belt-management-plan-review>



View from near Chastudon Place over Tawa's western hills

BRIDGE LESSONS

Free bridge lessons are available at the Kapi-Mana Bridge Club, Linden Ave, Tawa on Mondays at 7.30pm, starting Monday 29 April. For more information call Margaret on 232 8676.

A VOTE FOR TAWA INTERMEDIATE

There are six Community Project applicants who are finalists in Round One of the 2019 AMI Community Grants. One of these is the Tawa Intermediate Gardening Group.

Read about them here and feel free to cast your vote: <https://www.neighbourly.co.nz/message/view/56237261>

Voting closes Wednesday 20 March.



SH1 PORIRUA - LINDEN CLOSURES DIVERSION THROUGH TAWA

Throughout March and April, the Transmission Gully team are lifting and placing bridge beams onto the new bridges over SH1 between Porirua and Linden.

During this time, we will also occasionally need to close one direction of SH1 between Tawa and Porirua for night time traffic. When this happens we will implement a diversion through Tawa.

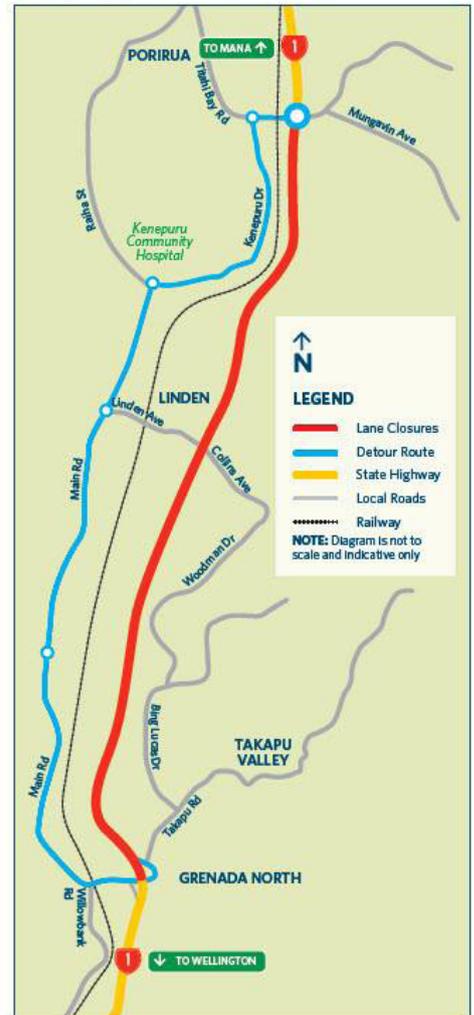
When a diversion through Tawa is in place, you may notice an increase in traffic and slightly more noise than you are used to. To minimise impact on residents, any diversion through Tawa and Porirua will be between 11pm and 3am when traffic flows are very low. The first diversion will be on the night of Wednesday 13 March.

We appreciate your patience while this critical stage of work is completed for the Transmission Gully Motorway.

More information including the timeline for the works and traffic management will be available on our Traffic Notices page at www.tg.co.nz.

Head to www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz to plan your trip.

Tune into your local radio station or follow @NZAAG on Facebook and Twitter for regular real-time updates.



Ngā mihi

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“Two wrongs don’t make a right, but three lefts do.”

“Frogs have it easy; they can eat what bugs them.”

“Don’t wait. The time will never be just right.”

– Napoleon Hill

“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”

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.

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