

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

Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

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

HAVE YOU NOMINATED SOMEONE FOR OUR CIVIC AWARDS?

This is the Tawa community's chance to say thank you to the volunteers in our midst.

Each person (or group) nominated for a Tawa Community Civic Award will receive a certificate of appreciation from the Mayor of Wellington at a ceremony in Tawa on Thursday 7 June.

Most of us know people who assist in sports clubs, schools, churches, or perhaps a community group. All you need to do is to forward their name and a few details of the community service they provide.

It's easy to nominate online at www.wellington.govt.nz/rd/tawa. See more information, including the names of past nominees, at <http://www.tawalink.com/tcca.html>

Also included is the Tawa Rotary Young Employee Award. **NOTE:** Nominations close on Friday 18 May.

Know a 'Good Sort' in Tawa?





If you know someone who invests time and effort in this community – mostly on a voluntary basis – nominate them for a Tawa Community Civic Award!

The awards recognise and show appreciation to groups and individuals who enhance the Tawa Community and make it a better place to live.

You can nominate an individual or a group.

Nominations close on Friday 18 May.

Simply go online at wellington.govt.nz/rd/tawa or obtain a nomination form at the Tawa Library.

See tawalink.com/tcca.html for full criteria.



Got your
200L
water tank
yet ?



WELL, HAVE YOU GOT YOURS?

People often tell us they've been meaning for a very long time to get their own tank! If you haven't already obtained yours, don't put it off any longer!

The experts tell us we should arrange for our *own* emergency water storage of 140L per person (20L per day per person). The same 'experts' will ensure that water will be available from day 8 after a major disaster.

You can buy your own 200L water tank in Tawa for \$110 – at a time that suits you, evening or weekend. Email malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz to arrange.

TAWA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM AND ZEALANDIA UPDATE

Paul Atkins, CEO of Zealandia (aka the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary), will be making a presentation on current and future Zealandia and its importance for Wellington. This will immediately follow the Tawa Residents' Association AGM on Monday 18 June at 7.30pm at the Emmaus Centre at the back of St Christopher's Church, cnr Main & Lyndhurst Roads, Tawa.

All welcome. Note your diary now!

TAWA GOES TO TOWN IN 2018

Planning is under way for this year's show which will take place at the Michael Fowler Centre on Tuesday 25 September.

Rehearsals for primary school children will be starting on the first Wednesday in June, and for the adult choir on late Sunday afternoon 10 June.



NEW ELECTRONIC SIGNS

The Technical Operations Manager from the Wellington Transport Operations Centre in Johnsonville supplied the following information on Friday 20 April:

“The electronic sign located near Boscobel Lane [just south of the Z station] has been installed by NZ Transport Agency, as has the sign in Takapu Road [between Bing Lucas Drive and the motorway]. The signs had initial testing carried out in mid-April. The journey time information to be displayed on the signs is currently being configured, tested and, all things going well with no unforeseen issues or complications, messaging should be activated before the end of April.”

From the Ed.: As at early May, these signs are fully operating – as per the photo showing the electronic sign on the Main Road near Boscobel Lane.



The NZTA message continues: “The other locations of signs being installed currently are at the Paremata Roundabout (for road users heading towards the SH1/58 roundabout on SH58), at the Johnsonville onramp (for road users heading south down the Ngauranga Gorge), and one on Titahi Bay Road in Porirua (for road users heading towards the Mungavin Interchange).”

NEW TAWA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

The first meeting of local community representatives took place earlier this week. The purpose of the exercise is to “..... encourage a variety of community groups, organisations and businesses to connect and network, share ideas, knowledge and resources, highlight any issues or opportunities, and keep each other ‘in the loop’ about things happening in their organisation.”



Each individual had a minute or two to update the group on what was happening in their neck of the woods. The group will meet every six weeks, with the next get-together scheduled for Monday 18 June.

The meeting was organised by Tawa Community Centre advocate Mandy Russell and Steph Knight. A total of 24 people participated, including representatives from the Tawa Community Board, Tawa Residents Association, Tawa Business Group, Spring into Tawa committee, Rotary, Lions, Inner Wheel, U3A Tawa, Probus Club of Tawa, Plunket, Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves, Tawa Community Garden, Mervyn Kemp Library, MenzShed Tawa, Tawa Historical Society, Tawa Recreation Centre, Tawa College of Learning, Golden Oldies, plus a school principal, two city councillors and two MPs.

FIREFIGHTER SKY TOWER STAIR CHALLENGE

See <https://secure.leukaemia.net.nz/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=104872&langPref=en-CA&Referrer=%26Referrer%3dhttps%253a%252f%252ffirefight ersclimb.org.nz%252f#&panel1-1>

On Saturday 19 May a team from the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade (as quoted on the above web page) is “.... racing up the Sky Tower in full firefighting kit to raise vital funds and awareness for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC). Every day six children and adults in New Zealand are diagnosed with a blood cancer like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. LBC is the national charity dedicated to supporting patients and their families. This support can last months or even years.

LBC receives no government funding, so please sponsor us and help us support this great cause. Just click the ‘donate now’ button, whip out your credit card, and LBC will email you a receipt directly.”



Collecting for the cause outside Tawa New World last Saturday.
L to R: Jason, Toni, Ossie, Mark & Craig.

TAWA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Tawa Orchestra is a community orchestra that formed as part of the Tawa Community Education Programme at Tawa College and attracts players of all ages and walks of life.

This concert will be a family-friendly intro to orchestral playing and classical music, and will feature soloists Thomas Nikora (piano) and Les Eldridge (horn). More details in the ad at right.

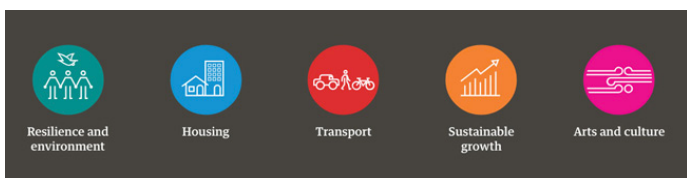
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK

You are invited to express your views to Council on its 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan).

“What kind of city do you want Wellington to be? Help us make the right choices for the capital. Read our consultation document and have your say on our plan for the decade ahead.”

For details see: <https://10yearplan.wellington.govt.nz> – feedback closes on Friday 15 May.

Tawa Community Orchestra
presents
Concerto
Piano Concerto in A minor by Schumann
Egmont Overture by Beethoven
Romance by Saint-Saëns
Symphony No. 101 "The Clock" by Haydn
Featuring soloists
Thomas Nikora (piano) & Les Eldridge (horn)
SALVATION ARMY HALL, TAWA
Sunday 27 May
2pm
Admission by koha / donation



NEW STORE - GIFT SHACK

There's a new shop in town. The official "opening day" for Gift Shack is this Thursday 10 May, 9.30am to 7pm. There will be in-store specials on the day, along with nibbles and refreshments from 4pm.

TAWA GAMING HUB

Virtual IT, an IT consulting company, has been based in Tawa since 2016, but only in March 2018 opened up an office/shop, a Gaming Hub for the community inside the shop.

..... more below



Gift Shack

decor & giftware

NOW OPEN



GRAND OPENING THURSDAY 10TH MAY

9.30AM-7PM

Stockists of...
Britto, Moana Rd, Big Bottle Co,
Wild Ferns Manuka Honey

SHOP 4, JUST OFF 210 MAIN ROAD, TAWA
www.giftshack.co.nz

Virtual IT (www.virtualit.nz) offers:

- IT Consulting • Computers and Networks • Servers and Virtualization • Home Call outs • IT Sales

Tawa Gaming Hub (<https://www.facebook.com/TawaGamingHub>) offers:

- Hosting of birthday parties • PC Gaming • PS4 and Xbox Gaming • Projector Room

Weekdays open at 1pm

Closes Mon 7pm; closes Tue, Wed, Thu 8pm; closes Fri 9pm;

Sat open 11am, closes 10pm; Sun open 12pm, closes 7pm.

TAWA COLLEGE CAREER EXPO

Tawa College's Future Pathways Career Expo 2018 will take place on Wednesday 30 May 6pm to 8pm in the Tawa College hall and Recreation Centre. Enquiries to 232 8184 or careers@tawacollege.school.nz

See the graphic at right.

ROTARY BOOK FAIR IN JULY

In just over nine weeks you'll be able to restock your reading pile. The date for the Book Fair has been pencilled in for the two weekends of July 14/15 and 21/22.

The Rotary Club of Tawa will be putting out a more general call for book donations later this month, when they'll have their usual collection box available in the New World Tawa mall atrium.



GEOTECHNICAL TESTING IN THE PLAZA

Geotechnical testing will be taking place in the Tawa Plaza area, starting on Thursday 10 May. The work is anticipated to take 1½-2 days to complete. We've been told that the rig won't be too noisy when it is operating but it is comparable to a large truck engine running. There will be intermittent hammer noises roughly every 30-60 minutes, and lasting 5-10 minutes each time.

As advised by Council: "This test is to provide further information for our engineers who are designing catenary light pole foundations. The catenary lighting consists of tensioned overhead steel cables attached to poles that will support the light fittings. The tensioned cables put more pressure on the poles and foundations compared to a normal street light, therefore have a higher level of structural specification.

Our engineers have designed the foundations to support the tensioned cables and to fit within the clearances of the underground services. This test will help our engineers finalise their design calculations. The results will also be useful for our construction team so that they have this important piece of due diligence prior to construction."

More information on catenary lighting: <https://www.ronstantensilearch.com/landscape-lighting-catenary/>



Example of catenary lighting



Quality second hand children's books,
clothes and toys
as well as maternity clothes.

Tawa New World Atrium
Saturday 19th May 2018
10.30am - 12.30pm

For further information or to book a table please email:
tawaplunketeve@gmail.com

We will also have a sausage sizzle outside the main entrance to
New World.

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](https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres)
or email

mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz
and put 'Join' as the subject
to receive regular updates.

U3A TAWA'S UPCOMING MORNING TEA

U3A Tawa are having a Morning Tea at the Tawa Bowling Club at 10.30am on Thursday 14 June. Information will be given at this meeting about seven new courses being offered during the second half of the year.

U3A Tawa offer around 40 courses and activities covering a wide variety of topics and recreational activities. All current members and prospective members are welcome to attend the morning tea to find out more about U3A Tawa. Information on all courses



The Ancestry Search Group visiting the National Library

is on our website www.u3a.gargal.net, as well as information on how to become a member of U3A Tawa.

The aim of U3A Tawa is to provide low-cost educational and recreational opportunities for adults, primarily in retirement, who wish to learn in a social environment.



The Rambling Group is a popular U3A Tawa activity

Enquiries to Mike Holland (Chairperson) 021 201 0052 or Alison Bayly (Membership) 027 437 9215.

HELP MENZSHED TAWA GET OFF THE GROUND

MenzShed Tawa is a registered charity, bringing men (and women) together in one community space to share their skills, have a laugh, and work on practical wood-working and metal-working tasks individually or as a group.

Most Sheds around New Zealand take on some community projects, examples of which include building playgrounds for pre-school centres, repairing toy library stock, repairing old bikes for distribution to poorer communities, or building planter boxes for the main street of the local business district.

The Tawa arm need our help to get things off the ground. WCC has made premises available in Tawa at the south end of the Rural Fire Building (south of Tawa Pool). However funds for the construction need to be acquired.

You can help – please see <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-tawa-menzshed-get-off-the-ground>



MenzShed committee members in the 'Shed' currently being upgraded



On a totally separate note, this is the new mural at Greenacres School

2 MINUTES WITH The Pink Pineapple team

The Pink Pineapple bakery is a Tawa institution, having been established more than 30 years ago. Quoting from the April 2014 edition of this newsletter, at the time they moved into their current premises:

“Several of the previous owners have been Cambodian and the new owners are no exception They learned their trade in New Zealand and then decided to own their own business. The owners like Tawa and say it’s a good place to do business.”



L to R: Sandapsrei Sok, Samnang Chea, Seng Hour Lim, Vannak Chea, Puthy Bundith Samath

There are five in the team and they all live in Tawa. Seng Hour Lim, a baker, is the boss. Samnang Chea is front-of-house. This interview was conducted primarily with Puthy Bundith Samath, the other baker, and to a lesser degree with Vannak Chea who is also front-of-house. The other member of staff is Sandapsrei Sok who cooks the chicken.

Where were you born? We were all born and grew up in Phnom Penh, the biggest city in Cambodia.

Why did you come to New Zealand? Samnang and Vannak’s middle sister originally came to study here. We heard that New Zealanders are nice people. Sandapsrei came here in 1997, Vannak in 2008, and the rest of us in 2011.

What about family connections?

Seng Hour Lim is married to Samnang Chea and they have three children, two at Tawa College and one at Redwood School. Puthy Bundith Samath is married to Vannak Chea who is Samnang Chea’s sister. Sandapsrei Sok is affectionately known as ‘aunty’.

When did you get into the bakery business?

Our first involvement in bakery work was here in Tawa. In 2012 we took over The Pink Pineapple from the previous owners who were family members. In early 2014 we moved to our present site from a little further north on the Main Road.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Our lives revolve around the bakery to a large extent. We start work at 4.30am and finish around 4.30pm.

In the evenings we listen to music and watch TV. Saturday night is when we spend time with family. We like walking around the city and window shopping.

Puthy enjoys football (soccer) generally, and watches the All Blacks on the TV.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Taupo, Rotorua, Hamilton and Auckland. We haven’t been to the South Island yet! We would like to go to Queenstown some time. Puthy would possibly like to go to the USA in the future.

What about overseas holidays?

Each year we go to Cambodia for three weeks just before Christmas and stay with family in “the homeland”. Our shop is closed during that time. Occasionally we visit Australia where we also have family.

Ngā mihi

Malcolm Sparrow

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“Age is no barrier. It’s a limitation you put on your mind.” – Jackie Joyner-Kersey

“You can’t go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.” – C S Lewis

“The best way to get most husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they’re too old to do it.”

– Anne Bancroft

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.



Early April update on progress with the Linden end of Transmission Gully – courtesy of David Parsons