

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

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THIS EDITION IS A SUPPLEMENTARY NEWSLETTER. THE NEXT FULL ISSUE IS SCHEDULED FOR MID-JUNE.

TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS CEREMONY COMING UP

The biennial Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony takes place on Thursday evening, 7 June.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to send in a nomination for an individual or a group serving the Tawa community in a voluntary capacity. We received a total of 48 nominations. There is an amazing number of people "doing stuff" for other people in this community. It's a privilege reading about the many acts of service – voluntary work – that local people are performing on an ongoing basis.

The purpose of these awards is to say thank you on behalf of the Tawa community to all those kind souls. We appreciate what you do for the benefit of others in our schools, our churches, our sports clubs and in our community groups. You truly are "good sorts".



WINTER WARMER - LINDEN POT LUCK MEAL

You're invited to a pot luck meal at the Linden Social Centre from 5-7pm on Sunday 10 June. Anyone living in Linden or with a connection to Linden is welcome.

Please bring dinner food to share. The Tawa Community Board will also contribute some food, dessert and drinks. Bring your friends, family and neighbours.

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 in the Emmaus Centre at the back of St Christopher's Church, cnr Main & Lyndhurst Roads, Tawa.

Community POT LUCK MEAL

Sun 10 Jun 5-7pm

LINDEN SOCIAL CENTRE

HANGING BASKETS TO BE 'REPLACED' SOON

As you probably already know, the flowers in the hanging baskets in the central Tawa shopping district are replaced every six months. The intention is to hang the latest round of baskets in place on the afternoon of Saturday 9 June.

The newly-established Tawa Potted Colour Committee has taken on responsibility for maintaining the baskets. They are also hoping to ensure there is sufficient ongoing funding to meet the \$3000+ annual cost of keeping the baskets in place.

There are already several local individuals sponsoring baskets at \$60 per basket per year. If you would like to assist in some way, please email Fiona on the [5wildies@gmail.com](mailto:the5wildies@gmail.com).



The usual suspects replacing the baskets in June 2016

LED STREETLIGHTS

There have been many concerns expressed about the dimness of the new LED streetlights in Tawa. That includes more than 100 comments on *Neighbourly*, mostly unfavourable.

Both Cr Malcolm Sparrow and Tawa Community Board member Graeme Hansen have been liaising with WCC's Team Leader Transport Infrastructure about the issue. We've been advised that "the LED lights have been installed at 50% brightness to avoid issues with glare when they are first activated. The brightness can be adjusted remotely and we have brightened some of the lights already."

We have been requested to provide details to Council on a street-by-street basis. Graeme has responded by compiling a list of around 25 'affected' Tawa streets (based on complaints received) which he has forwarded to Council. Their response: "In the next month we will engage a lighting survey specialist to measure lighting in the streets you've identified, and other similar streets. The specialist's report will provide information that will help us adjust the lighting to give better results."

Individual residents are also calling WCC's contact centre on 499 4444 with their concerns.

In a two-kilometre drive Malcolm took a few nights ago, he counted three street lights in the southern half of Oriel Ave simply not working at all, one at the bottom of Redwood Ave and another four on the Main Road near Outlet City. Others were so dim that you had to be close to them to realise they were actually switched on. These have all been reported to Council.

If you have concerns about the lights in your street, please email Graeme Hansen on graeme@stratusnz.nz or report the matter directly to Council on 499 4444.



How Findlay St, Tawa looked before and after its conversion to LED street lighting in 2014 – courtesy of Stuff.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TAWA POOL

As on the WCC website: "Tawa Pool is getting a 'makeover'. The pool will be closed from Monday 9 July until Monday 3 September for maintenance work. The work includes a refresh for the changing rooms and toddler area, new family changing rooms, and plant maintenance.

For more information, email tawa.pool@wcc.govt.nz or call 232 7041."



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUBS IN TAWA

From the WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management) website:

"Community Emergency Hubs are located at local primary schools, community centres, and other community gathering spaces. WREMO has made arrangements with these hosts to allow locals to open up the venue in times of need.

Community Emergency Hubs [formerly known as Civil Defence Centres] are equipped with an operating guide to help describe the most efficient way to run the hub, a map, a small amount of stationery, and a radio so the community can communicate with the official Emergency Operations Centre. There are NO caches of emergency supplies at Community Emergency Hubs."

There are four Community Emergency Hubs in Tawa: Greenacres School, Redwood School, Tawa School, and the one currently at the Linden Social Centre. NOTE: the Linden Community Emergency Hub is now in the process of being transferred to Linden School.

See the hub guides for each of these centres at <https://getprepared.nz/my-community/wellington/>



Venue: Emmaus Centre, St Christopher's Anglican Church, Tawa
Dates: Tuesday evenings: 29 May - 3 July
Time: 7.30 - 9.30p.m.

In six sessions the Intermediate years Toolbox will support you to develop a strong and loving bond with your child, and to stay connected as they head towards the teen years. Toolbox covers a range of topics, including the importance of love and connection, different parenting styles, understanding your child and their big feelings, discipline, boundaries, play and lots more.

Cost

\$75 per person or \$110 per couple. Please note that subsidies are available. Speak to Hayley if you need to access this.

To book or for more information contact Hayley Balmer on 232 9433 or email hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz

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