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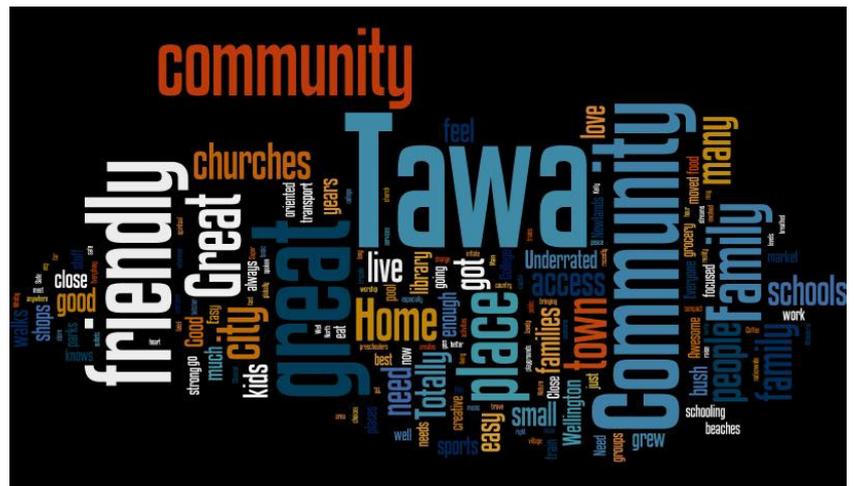
IMPROVING TAWA?

Do you love Tawa? Can you see opportunities or room for improvement? Do you have an idea or initiative you need help with?

If you are based anywhere in the Tawa area, including Linden, Grenada North or Takapu, we'd love to have your input.

The Tawa Residents' Association is involved in lots of fields including community events like Spring into Tawa; liaising with the Tawa Community Board, Tawa Business Group and Wellington City Council; connecting with local organisations; supporting the Tawa Community Garden; promoting community events through social media, and pretty much supporting the Tawa community however it can.

We'd love to hear more from the community on a face-to-face level though, so if you'd like to be involved, come along for a chat or suggest an idea or just to meet us. We'd love to see you on Monday, 13 May, 7.30pm to 9pm at the Tawa Squash Club (upstairs), 67 Main Road, Tawa.



COMMUNITY BBQ IN NORTH LINDEN

This past Sunday the annual councillor-organised neighbourhood BBQ took place at Wall Park in North Linden. Thanks to the many from the community who took part, to Tawa Community Board members who were present, and to the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade for bringing along their fire engine and squirting water with the kids!

And a big thank you to KCA (Kiwi Community Assistance) for sponsoring the food on the day. It was much appreciated!



Crs Gilbert, Day, Sparrow



LINDEN SOCIAL CENTRE OPEN

Pop in and chat about anything with Denise Byarugaba during the centre's drop-in hours of 9am–2.30pm Tuesdays–Thursdays. Even just for a cuppa and to say hello.

The centre is also used on a regular basis by many community groups for meetings and other activities.

There is off-street parking for 20 vehicles, and some further spaces around the hall.

The centre also has many hireable areas and facilities that can accommodate a range of activities including social functions and other recreation and leisure activities. It has free wifi available.

Also see <https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres>



WATER TANK MURAL

The large water tank alongside the Linden Social Centre now sports a new mural which was unveiled last Friday.

The mural is a collaboration between artist Ruth Robertson-Taylor and children from Linden and Greenacres Schools, as seen above.



CONNECTING WITH OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOURS

Around 120 people took part in an event hosted by the Tawa Muslim community at Tawa School last month, giving locals the chance to meet members of their community who have chosen to make Tawa (and other parts of Wellington) their home.

There were short speeches from the Tawa Imam, from the Ohariu MP, and from the Deputy Mayor, followed by a time to mix and mingle, and to enjoy a variety of nibbles available.



L to R: Greg O'Connor (Ohariu MP), Cr Peter Gilberd, Deputy Mayor Jill Day, Fazrul Ali, Laurie Powell, Zubair Saqafi Thotaseri (Tawa Imam), Mayor Justin Lester, Cr Malcolm Sparrow



PLANNING FOR GROWTH IN WELLINGTON

Our City
Tomorrow
**Planning
for Growth**

In the next 30 years we will have 50,000 to 80,000 more people living in Wellington. It will have a big impact on all of us. Not just about where we live but how we live.

Council has three scenarios to help us visualise some different ways we could grow, and talk to us about what aspects we like, or don't like. See <https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/projects/planning-for-growth>

Some suburban centre development will be part of this, including increased density of the Tawa Town Centre. Upper Stebbings Valley and Grenada North extensions are part of the plan too. There are also new greenfield residential areas suggested for Ohariu Valley and Takapu Valley areas.

Get your submission in by 5pm on Friday 17 May. (The deadline has been extended). Email planningforgrowth@wcc.govt.nz with any questions you may have in the meantime.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE REDWOOD CLUB

The Redwood Club needs volunteers to support our service to the older adults in our area.

We need help in either the mornings or afternoons. Duties include morning and afternoon tea service, helping with lunch/dishes and interacting with our members.

Hours 9.30 – 1pm, 2.30 – 4pm.

We need volunteers every day of the week – as we run Monday to Friday.

If you can help us, please ring the Redwood Club on 232 5521 and leave your name and contact details. I will phone and talk to you about the Redwood Club.

Nga mihi, Joan Williams – Clinical Manager

KOMBUCHA BREWERY IN TAWA

Article supplied by Paul Fantham of Tawa

Did you know there's now a kombucha brewery in Tawa? About two years ago we started up the Plimmerton Kombucha Brewery and our business philosophy was simple – make great booch!

We'd noticed even some of the best brands contained a long list of unnatural things like steviol glycosides and 'natural' flavour extracts, so decided to make a natural product out of real, locally sourced ingredients. That approach seemed to work and we soon ran out of space. Around this time our good friend John was looking to start up a home brew shop in Porirua, so we teamed up and moved into The Brewstore at unit 3/51 Kenepuru Drive. Our aim now is to get down to zero waste. We're almost there and to help with that we'll fill your own bottle with booch fresh off the tap.

We have five flavours – apple, lemon and ginger, orange and turmeric, berry, and our latest addition, jasmine. Thank you to the Tawa and Porirua communities for buying local and supporting us – Plimmerton Kombucha.



2 MINUTES WITH Yasmeen Prescott

The head girl at Tawa College in 2019 is Yasmeen Prescott.

Yasmeen has been described as a great role model at the school and “warmly regarded by her colleagues.” She is a very inclusive person who has been on form level councils and proactive in organising various initiatives at college and beyond.

Yasmeen has Egyptian heritage on her father’s side, and is the granddaughter of Marie Prescott (who has been described as an “amazing servant of Tawa”) who served on Boards of Trustees in Tawa for more than 20 years.



Where were you born? Wellington City.

Where did you grow up?

Titahi Bay, Porirua. I have lived in the same house in The Bay since I was a 1 year old.

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

Titahi Bay Kura Street School, Titahi Bay Intermediate, Tawa College.

What subjects are you doing this year at college?

I am taking English, Maths, Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

What are you hoping to do when you leave school?

I am planning on going to Victoria University of Wellington to complete a double degree in Law and Science. I am passionate about justice for people and the environment. I hope that by studying Science, I can learn about the growing concern of climate change and other critical environmental issues that the younger generations will face if means of prevention and precaution are not set in place. Through Law, I hope to learn ways to speak on behalf of, and defend that which doesn’t have a voice that is heard – our planet – as well as defending the people on it who call it home. I believe my high school subjects will lead me quite nicely onto this next step in my education. I am also super excited about having the opportunity to work more hours to save money for travelling. I have recently gone to China on a school trip, and the experience was truly incredible and overwhelmingly beautiful, spiritual and educational. I am now very keen to explore more of Asia as soon as I can!

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

This year at Tawa College, the Prefect team is made of 30 keen students who run and manage many of the events held at school. I have not been assigned any set task list or portfolio, however this is proving to work well for me as I am able to sign myself up for any roles or tasks that I like or have an interest in! I am a part of the Formal Committee, Survivor Committee (a school challenge that fundraises for World Vision). I am involved in debating, I am the captain of the Senior Premier A Tawa College team, and I coach a Junior Certificate debate team too. I have connections in the Sports Department as I play Netball for my own team as well as coaching a junior team too. I really enjoy working with the younger year levels, it gives me the opportunity to help integrate them into the buzzing social life at Tawa College. Having the opportunity to coach also allows me ensure that they thrive in the areas they’re passionate about.

What do you like about Tawa College?

Tawa College is set up in a way that caters for all students, as there is such a wide variety of not only academic, but sporting and cultural avenues. When I first came to Tawa, I was bombarded with pamphlets and signup sheets for clubs, groups and teams to join and be a part of. There is almost no way for you to escape the incredible madness of all of the brilliant opportunities available.

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All of these extracurricular activities available really add to a great overall sense of belonging and contribution within the school environment. This is something I love about Tawa College, there really is something for everyone and no one is left out

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

I can't say that I have an overall favourite team or person, but I do really enjoy watching the Wellington Pulse play netball. I think Katrina Grant and Elle Temu are pretty great players.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

I am definitely a 2000s music kind of girl. As a young girl I was exposed to a lot of music from the 60s through to the 90s. I love music from groups like Queen, The Cure, Neil Diamond, Elton John, and U2. As well as music from the powerful female artists like Kate Bush, Madonna and Sheryl Crow. I have to admit, it is a very varied mix, but it serves for a great playlist! I could never narrow it down to just one favourite!

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

I would have to say my favourite place is Rotorua, my family and I have been up there a couple of times. I love the buzzing tourist environment. We do all the fun family stuff like the Luge, Gondola rides, Wildlife Parks and beautiful scenic walks. It is definitely a place of many great family memories for me.

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

I am very fortunate to have had many opportunities and experiences available to me by the schools I have attended. I have found that the more a person puts themselves out there with a willingness to participate, the more amazing opportunities will get flung their way. Through various college life experiences, I gained the confidence and the goal to strive to be Head Girl. This is something I am proud of as I was able to fulfill a goal that I was very passionate about. This is the same situation for the scholarship I received in March 2018 to partake in, and successfully complete, a 3 week course in the South Island called Outward Bound. The course was a truly incredible experience that helped my personal development and growth so much, and I am eternally grateful to the college for the opportunity.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

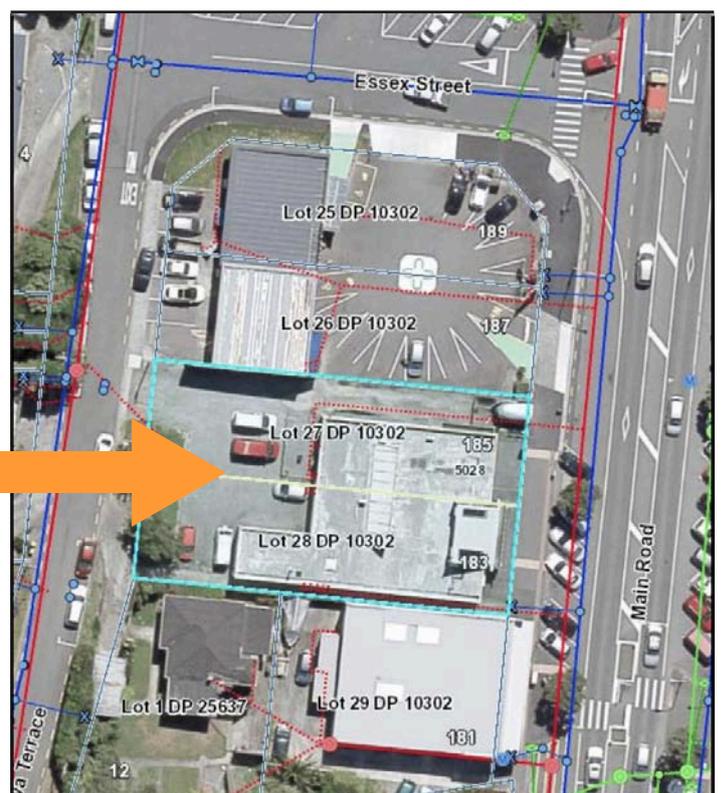
183 Main Road:

In April 2019 a resource consent was lodged for "Subdivision and land use consent for a mixed use multi-unit development, earthworks and unit title subdivision" at 183-185 Main Road, between Take Note Tawa and Simon's Pharmacy.

The proposal is for a three storey mixed use development comprising two retail units, fifteen residential units (2 x 3-bedroom units, 12 x 2-bedroom units and 1 x 1-bedroom unit), and associated carparking (16 car parks off Rewa Tce).

The application is currently "in the system".

The arrow indicates the building currently situated at 183-185 Main Road, Tawa



PORIRUA ADVENTURE PARK RESOURCE CONSENT APPROVED

Extracts from a 'Stuff' article

An adventure park in Porirua, just up the road from Tawa, is one step closer with resource consent for the \$32 million backyard playground approved very recently.

The park on the slopes of Te Rāhui o Rangituhi (Colonial Knob) will feature a gondola, a 1410 metre-long dual zip line, hiking trails, a surf simulator and two cafés. The zip line will be the longest in the Southern Hemisphere, according to Select Contracts NZ, who had applied for the resource consent last year.

Tourists from around New Zealand and the world will make Porirua a destination on their travels as a result of this, with Tawa possibly receiving some spin-off (and extra traffic?).

Public access to the park and all of the trails will be free, but facilities such as the gondola, zipline and standing surf wave will carry a fee.

FIREWOOD SALE

Winter is coming. Tawa MenzShed has a fundraiser project to sell boxes of firewood to assist with their shed development and as a service to the community.

Banana boxes of firewood sell for \$5.00 each and can be delivered within Tawa. The firewood comprises cut-up pallets.

To place your orders please contact Jim on 232 6297, or email admin@tawamenzshed.org.nz



Gym Jam

at Tawa Recreation Centre

Safe, friendly and fun indoor playland filled with soft equipment, activities and wheels for your preschooler to use, just turn up on the day. Children must be supervised at all times.

Sunday 9am - 11am
Under 2 years: \$2.50
2-4 years: \$5.00

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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.

Ngā mihi

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“The reason a dog has so many friends is that it wags its tail instead of its tongue.”

“A bird does not sing because it has an answer; it sings because it has a song.” – Chinese proverb

“True civilisation is where every man gives to every other every right that he claims for himself.” – Robert Green Ingersoll

“Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on or by imbeciles who really mean it.” – Mark Twain

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 your name be deleted from our list.

Construction

“A new shelter is coming to Redwood [Station]

We hope to have it in place by June, ahead of winter.”



And destruction

Pine trees above Duval Grove (further on from this scene) have been felled recently. Access to the site was gained via 58 Kiwi Cres, at the start of te Ngahere o Tawa (formerly Forest of Tane) track, as shown here.

Quite a lot of bush and trees have disappeared to gain access – “scorched earth” as one local described it!

From the Ed:

Central Otago – in my humble opinion there’s no better place to be in the autumn. My wife and I enjoyed a week there over Easter and Anzac Day. For me the highlight was (as stated on a certain Facebook page): “a 40 km bike ride (return) on the Clutha Gold trail from Roxburgh southwards to Miller’s Flat and back again. The trail followed the Clutha River most of the way although the terrain varied a little. The autumn colours were superb, and one of us felt the need for regular photographic stops! It was an incredibly



View from Roaring Meg site in the Kawarau Gorge



Like it says



Bendigo Historic Reserve



View from the Clutha Gold trail south of Roxburgh



The Clutha Gold trail



View from the Clutha Gold trail



Breakfast in Roxburgh



Like it says



Much-photographed historic cottages in Arrowtown



View from the gondola in Queenstown



The luge



Shotover River jetboat – we weren’t on it!