

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

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

THIS EDITION IS A SUPPLEMENTARY NEWSLETTER. THE NEXT FULL NEWSLETTER IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY DECEMBER.

THE END OF THE HANGING BASKETS – OR NOT?

It costs around \$1500 every six months (\$1.20 per basket per week) to maintain the hanging baskets in the Main Road shopping centre.

The Rotary Club of Tawa “looks after” the baskets, all 50 of them, and applies for funding from the Wellington City Council or the Tawa Community Board. However there are moves afoot to get rid of the hanging baskets because some believe the cost is too great.

The reality is that every benefit to the community costs money. If the community, i.e. local people, consider the benefit to be worthwhile, the money can be found. For instance, Wellington's Sky Show – the annual fireworks display – costs around \$150,000. That's a huge amount of money going up in smoke (pretty much literally). There are those who think that kind of money could be better spent. However there seems to be a widespread view that the fireworks display is an important event in the life of Wellington, something to be retained.



Now Tawa must decide – ARE THE HANGING BASKETS WORTH RETAINING?

There has been lots of positive feedback over time regarding how much people like our hanging baskets in the central shopping area. It was Tawa Community Board member Chris Reading and Wellington city councillor Justin Lester who in November 2012 “were instrumental in getting colourful baskets hung along Tawa's Main Road”. See http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/tawanews_20121218.pdf – and they have been there ever since.

The case isn't helped by the fact that at this very moment the flowers in the hanging baskets are all dead. Someone maliciously turned off the irrigation system and this wasn't noticed (or at least reported) until it was too late. However new flowers will be in place by the beginning of December. This may well be the last lot funded by the Tawa Community Board.

A local woman is willing to form a “working group” to take on responsibility for the baskets, ensuring they are well maintained (possibly at a lower cost) in the future. This depends, of course, whether our hanging baskets in fact have a future. If most of us aren't too bothered if they disappear, so be it.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE HANGING BASKETS RETAINED, please say so by sending a brief comment to info@tawalink.com. If there is strong community support, we'll find a way to keep them and we'll be doing our best to ensure they look even better in the future. If you don't think they should be retained, you're also entitled to say so. Their future is in the hands of the Tawa community!

TAWA ROTARY “TOOT FOR TUCKER”

Members of Tawa Rotary, Tawa Lions, Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Salvation Army will be out in the streets of Tawa on the evenings of Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 December (reserve night Tuesday 12 December) to collect donated non-perishable food items to build up Christmas stocks for the Tawa Food Bank.

So when you hear the fire engine siren in your street, you’ll know what’s happening!



OUTER GREEN BELT DROP-IN SESSION THIS SATURDAY

Council is undertaking a review of the Outer Green Belt Management Plan 2004. The Outer Green Belt comprises an almost-continuous open space network at the western edge of the city, extending all the way from Tawa to the south coast and covering 2600 hectares of public reserve land. The management plan is used to guide the management, use, and development of the Outer Green Belt reserves.

To help Council review the Outer Green Belt Management Plan and the two draft master plans, they would love to hear your initial ideas about what you value about the Outer Green Belt and any key issues with its current management and use. Please fill out the brief questionnaire found at wellington.govt.nz/outergreenbelt before 24 November.

Council is also planning a drop-in session where you can share your thoughts and ideas to help them understand more about how you value and/or use the Outer Green Belt and what should be included in any revised management plan or master plans. The session in Tawa is on Saturday 18 November, 10am - 12 noon in the Doris Mills Lounge at the Linden Social Centre, Linden Ave.

ROAD MARKINGS AT MAIN ROAD/BOSCOBEL LANE ROUNDABOUT

We received an email which reads “..... the painting of traffic markings at the roundabout [at the Main Road/Boscobel Lane intersection] has been a botch job and a danger to vehicle movements.”

Council responded on 14 November: “Because there are a number of redundant markings on the approach to this new roundabout it may sometimes be difficult to correctly interrupt the lanes. The old markings were blacked out rather than removed at the end of construction because the area is to be resurfaced. This work is planned to be carried out over the next two weeks. We are sure that once the work is complete the lanes will be clearer and make it easier for all users.”



MAINTENANCE ON THE ROUNDABOUT NEAR THE MOTORWAY

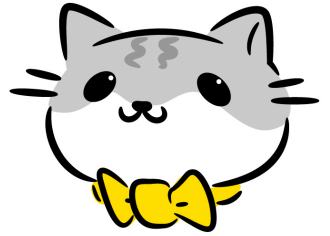
When motorists travelling north from Wellington leave the motorway and head down the ramp to turn left towards Tawa, they come to a big roundabout which is maintained by NZTA. Right now the foliage on that roundabout needs some major attention, including a substantial amount of weeding needing to be done.

We brought this to the attention of the powers-that-be. Here is the response from the contractor: “This area is programmed for maintenance in the first week of December.”



FREE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS

Keep your cat safe with a permanent method of identification. Wellington City Council is partnering with SPCA Wellington to offer free microchipping for cats on Saturday 18 November at the Churton Park Community Centre, cnr Lakewood Ave & Westchester Drive, Churton Park from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.



2017 TAWA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE



This year's parade will take place on Saturday afternoon, 2 December, departing Tawa School at 2pm and heading north on the Main Road towards Surrey St.



Bring along the family to see a range of floats including community groups, bands, clowns, MG cars, and of course Santa.

TAWA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Christmas Festival is happening this year! The Tawa School Home and School Committee and Tawa Residents' Association are putting on entertainment, Christmas Carols and Santa at Tawa School after the Lions Christmas Parade.

Follow this Facebook page for updates on the event: <https://www.facebook.com/Tawa-Christmas-Festival-2017-1932350053458790/>

Tawa Christmas Festival

Sat 2nd December	3:30pm - 6:30pm	FREE ADMISSION
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(Immediately after the Lions Club of Tawa Christmas Parade)

TAWA SCHOOL FIELD - Oxford Street, Tawa

Carol Songs

Come join us for Live Entertainment, Carol singing, Food and a meeting with Santa

Bring along money to help support Tawa School's Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale

Brought to you by *Tawa Residents Association* and *Tawa Home School Committee*

TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICE



If you're senior, disabled or genuinely need a hand with essential work that needs doing at your place, then read on.

Year 10 students will be working in the local community on Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th December. The students will be accompanied by staff members and

can garden, clean, pick up rubbish, paint fences, or any variety of labour that you might need doing. There is no cost involved – this is simply an exercise in “community service” within the Tawa basin. This will be the ninth year this project has been undertaken.



To book students to help at your place, phone Tawa College on 232 8184 or email the organiser at the College, Sam McGuire, at smcguire@tawacollege.school.nz before the end of November. Please supply your name, address, phone number, what work you need doing, and which day(s) suit best.

By joining Pippins (5 - 6yrs) your daughter will have fun developing an awareness of the world, others and the environment.

Tawa Pippins
Tawa Guide Hall,
Coronation Park, Oxford
Street, Tawa
Mondays 4 - 5pm



girlguidingnz.org.nz
0800 22 22 92



Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | Dec 17/Jan 18

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

Monday 18 December	Tuesday 19 December	Wednesday 20 December	Thursday 21 December	Friday 22 December
Net Sports & Dodgeball	Crazy Free Play & Santa Relays	It's All About YOU Day	Super Sports Day	Christmas Fiesta
Take part in some fun net sports like badminton, nukemball and volleyball! Smash through the afternoon playing your favourite types of dodgeball.	Spend the day going crazy on our inflatable, trikes, bikes, cars and more. Race through our Christmas themed relays, be prepared to wear the Santa suit.	Today's theme is all about YOU! You choose what you want to play and for how long. You could play your favourites or teach us something new.	Let's start the holidays off with a sporty day filled with multisport, nukemball, floorball and dodgeball. Then bounce the afternoon away on our inflatable and take part in inflatable races.	Make any last minute Christmas cards that are on your list to do. Sit back and relax in the afternoon with a Christmas movie. Then wake up with dodgeball!

Monday 8 January	Tuesday 9 January	Wednesday 10 January	Thursday 11 January	Friday 12 January
Favourites	Water Games & Wheels	National Chocolate Day	Dodgeball Extravaganza	Grasslees & Tawa Pool
Welcome in the New Year by playing a bunch of our all-time favourite games. You will be playing dodgeball, capture the flag, mayhem and multisport to name a few. Spend the afternoon going crazy on our inflatable, cars, bikes, trikes and more.	Bring your togs along for our annual water games day including a water fight. End the day riding on your own wheels, or borrowing one of ours for a turbo-charged afternoon.	Can this be the best day of all? Head along to play some chocolate themed games such as smartie sucker and guess the number on m'n'ns in the jar. Will you find the golden ticket in our scavenger hunt? Bounce off all your energy during outdoor games.	You get so excited when we play various forms of dodgeball, so we have to play them again. Bring your A game, for the leaders versus kids showdown!	Let's head down to Grasslees Reserve to play some fun-filled games, have lunch and play in the playground. Don't forget your togs, towel and goggles for a splashing afternoon at Tawa Pool.

Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and sunhat every day.

Bookings open Monday 6 November 2017.
All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

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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

Cost per day	Time	Recreation Centres	ASB Sports Centre
Before care	7.45am-8.30am	\$8.50	\$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

LET'S GET WELLINGTON MOVING!

Wellingtonians have a fantastic opportunity to have their say on Let's Get Wellington Moving – providing comments on the future of the city's transport options.

The four scenarios outlined by this part of the project are not the final options. They are ideas. NZTA, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Wellington City Council are working together to ascertain what Wellingtonians think.

You don't have to pick any one scenario. They're wanting your feedback on each of the possible options. This also isn't the last opportunity to have a say, but please assist with this part of the process. See www.getwellymoving.co.nz

There's also a "community information session" 4pm-7pm on Tuesday 28 November at the Johnsonville Community Centre, and 5pm-8.30pm on Thursday 30 November at the Porirua Night Market, Cobham Court, Porirua.

TAWA MENZSHED AGM

The Tawa MenzShed has made great progress in the past twelve months and has now secured premises for at least two years in the southeast corner of the Rural Fire depot building in Oxford St in Tawa.



The AGM was held there late Wednesday morning of this week with around 40 in attendance. This was immediately followed by a barbecue lunch.

If you want to know more about MenzShed in Tawa, contact Doug Burrus at xtr118911@xtra.co.nz or on 232 7894.

The photos show (at right) most of the local committee, and (below) many of the attendees. Smartway Builders are the major sponsors of Tawa MenzShed.



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