

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

LINDEN COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB EXERCISE

Saturday 24 November, 10am to 12pm at Linden School, 58 Ranui Tce, Tawa.

Come when you can, leave when you must!

Join your community and

- Learn about how your community can respond to the challenges of an emergency
- Get to know your local emergency hub
- Practise how it might unfold during a major event
- Meet your neighbours who will be a huge support when you need it most.



We look forward to seeing you there!

SPRING INTO TAWA PICS

Saturday
27 October
– a record
number of
stallholders
and a huge
turnout to
enjoy the day.



Community Workshop

How to help and not hinder a search



Date and time: Thursday 22 November 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venue: The Hall at the Tawa Community Centre

This is a proactive event for the community of Tawa and beyond to discuss/discover strategies on how to best support a search so that the best possible outcome can be achieved.

Meeting Format:

- a brief introduction/presentation of a SAR prevention option
- break into workshop groups to work through a scenario
- supper
- groups present their suggestions back to the community

Each group will have a facilitator to their scenario.

The desired outcome is to have material that can be provided to the public during a search to ensure their efforts are helpful.

Debrief Info:

To reiterate, this community meeting will NOT be a debrief about any recent searches. This workshop/community meeting is about improving the future of land search and rescue for other likeminded community members who want to help, but aren't sure how best to.

Maximum capacity for attendance is 75 people. It is important to indicate if you intend to attend this event! Please respond at <https://www.facebook.com/events/188333805384124/>

There will be some static wall displays from various organisations to mull over at supper.

This event is connecting: NZ Police SAR, Wellington City Council, Tawa Community Board, Tawa Resilience Group, Tawa Residents' Association, Tawa Community Patrol, Vibrant Tawa, WREMO, Wellington LandSAR +++ and you!

TAWA MENZSHED OPENING

The Tawa Menzshed is holding its official “Opening Day” this Saturday, 17 November. The Tawa Menzshed is the first in the Tawa/Porirua area and it is situated at the south end of the Rural Fire Depot, just beyond the Tawa Swimming Pool. Access is via Tawa Pool car park.



The Shed has been subject to a long fit-out period and the past few weeks have seen further improvements by members, which will be ongoing. While most of the membership consists of elderly men, there are also women members, and age is not an issue. The Shed already has 46 members and is looking for more from the Tawa/Porirua area. Its aims are to provide a venue where members can simply meet and socialise or make use of the extensive range of tools and skilled members who can provide their expertise to others. The Shed also aims to provide voluntary labour for community projects as its capabilities are recognised more widely.

The primary sponsors for the Tawa Menzshed have been the Wellington City Council, which has provided the building, and Smartway Builders in Tawa, who have carried out most of the fit-out. Recognising the work done by these two organisations, the actual opening will be carried out by the Mayor of Wellington, Justin Lester, and a brief report will be provided by Howard Woolston, co-owner of Smartway Builders. Our two local MPs will be present and visitors will be entertained by the U3A Choir, a quartet and the Tawa Learners’ Band while they look around the Shed and its facilities.

For further info, contact Doug Burrus on 232 7894 or the Chairman, Gary Beecroft on 232 3993.

TENTH YEAR OF 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 in early 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 tenth 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.

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 6pm to 8pm on the evenings of Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 December to collect donated non-perishable food items to build up Christmas stocks for the Tawa Food Bank.

When you hear the fire engine’s siren in your street, you’ll know what’s happening. And hopefully you’ll have your goodies ready to bring out!



TAWA BOROUGH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The college's academic prizegiving ceremony took place earlier this month with certain 'dignitaries' presenting certificates and various trophies to around 100 students in acknowledgement of academic achievements throughout the course of this year. Congratulations to all of them!

Former Tawa College principal, Bruce Murray, and the chair of the Tawa Community Board, Richard Herbert, presented the Murray Trophy and the Tawa Borough Scholarship (administered by the Tawa Community Board) to "... a student who has demonstrated all-round ability, with excellence firstly in academic endeavour, and secondly in sporting or cultural fields, and who in addition has given worthwhile service to the College and/or Tawa community".

Congratulations to this year's winner, Johniel Bocacao, pictured shaking the hand of Richard Herbert.



TAWA COLLEGE HEAD PREFECTS 2019

The names of the head prefects for 2019 were announced at the same prizegiving ceremony (as above). They are Tayne McMahon and Yasmeen Prescott (head boy and head girl) and Micah Conroy and Nina Brown (deputy head boy and deputy head girl).

As a matter of interest, Tayne McMahon was the boy winner of the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards at Tawa Intermediate School in 2014. The awards are run by the Tawa Community Board at the end of each year.



Nina Yasmeen Tayne Micah

"BELLA'S FRINGE"

Marie Munro and Rachel Doragh will be launching their latest children's picture book at the Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge St, at 11am on Saturday 24 November. Just in time for Christmas!

Remember Jacob from "Nana's Shed"? Bella is his sister and she's a bit of a rebel. Bella knows her own mind and there is one thing she knows for certain – haircuts are out!

So Bella's hair just grows and grows. This humorous story about Bella's hair chips away at the gender stereotyping of young girls and includes new search activities in te reo Māori, and counting in English and te reo up to 20.

Tea, coffee and juice will be available and there will be balloons and a colouring-in competition. And, of course, copies of "Bella's Fringe" will be available at the special launch price of \$20.00.



TAWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARDS COMING UP

The Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards were first run in 2011. An awards ceremony takes place at the Tawa Community Centre at the end of each November, with the Mayor of Wellington presenting awards to the winning students.

One year 6 student is chosen at each of Tawa's six primary schools, along with two Year 8 students at Tawa Intermediate and one Year 8 student at Tawa School, based on their displaying "true leadership, citizenship, contribution to school life, etc".

The awards are sponsored by the Tawa Community Board, and the book vouchers by Take Note Tawa.

The ceremony will be attended by most of the principals, class teachers, and whanau members of the winning students. In 2018 five boys will be presented with awards, along with four girls.



2017 awards winners

SHAKEOUT DAY IN OCTOBER

"ShakeOut", our national earthquake drill, took place throughout the whole country on the morning of Thursday 18 October. It was a practical Drop, Cover and Hold exercise. Children at most of the schools in Tawa also participated.

Tawa Resilience Group members Chris Moore from WREMO, Tawa Community Board deputy chair Marg Lucas and Councillor Malcolm Sparrow put on a small "Bert and Ernie" show in Tawa schools reinforcing the *be prepared* message and the value of community emergency hubs in Tawa.

There are four hubs (formerly Civil Defence centres) in Tawa – at each of Greenacres, Linden, Redwood and Tawa Schools.



Above: "Drop, Cover and Hold" at Redwood School

Below L & R: Bert and Ernie in front of schoolchildren



LIONS CLUB OF TAWA YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

The Lions Club of Tawa recently presented their annual young achievers awards. The awards come with a payment of \$500 together with a framed certificate of their achievement.

This year the recipients were Trulani van der Heyde, Marama Butler, Toby Gaulter and Jake Keats.

Trulani van der Heyde was awarded the Academic Achievement award. Most notably she was one of the top five students in the New Zealand Biology Olympiad and represented New Zealand in the international component of this competition. She has also taken part in the Chemistry Olympiad and many Maths competitions in which she was a high achiever.

Marama Butler was awarded the Professionals Real Estate award for Performing Arts. She has been heavily involved in the leadership of the various choirs at Tawa College, being the student leader. Many of these choirs have qualified for national choir festivals this year. She also won the Senior Vocal Scholarship at the Hutt Valley Singing Competitions.

Toby Gaulter was awarded the Sports and Recreation award. He has been successful in middle distance and cross country running. Among his achievements have been winning the Wellington Men's 10km race, the under-20 3000 metre race, and placings in the Wellington Mountain Running Championships and the under 20 Men's Wellington Cross Country championships. In addition to his running achievements he has represented Tawa Football Club at various age grade levels.

Jake Keats was awarded the Ninness Leadership and Innovation Award. Jake is Head Boy at Tawa College. In addition to his duties as Head Boy, he has organised the Tawa College Relay for Life Team for the last two years which raised \$8000 for the Cancer Society been, and has been heavily involved in raising funds for World Vision. He has encouraged students at all levels to step outside their comfort zones and achieve in areas where they would not normally be comfortable. At all times he has involved and led others to achieve.

This is the fourth year the Lions Club of Tawa has presented these awards. The Club is grateful for the sponsorship received from Ninness Funeral Homes, Professional Real Estate and North City Motors.



Jake

Trulani

Toby

SAFETY AT REDWOOD STATION

From Tracksafe NZ's Facebook page:

"It didn't happen overnight but it did happen! This morning (1 November) we joined Tawa Community Board, KiwiRail, NZTA, Transdev, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Metlink and Wellington City Council to formally open new automatic pedestrian gates at the Tawa Street level crossing, where there have been three near misses with young children in the past two years. A massive thanks to all the agencies and people who made this happen."



Tawa Community Board chair
Richard Herbert helping cut the ribbon

2018 TAWA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE



This year's Tawa Christmas Parade is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday 1 December. The Christmas Parade has been an annual event in Tawa for over 20 years. If your club, group or organisation wants more information or wishes to commit to this year's Tawa Christmas Parade, please contact Mike on 232 6406, email tawawlions@lionsclubs.org.nz or visit our website <http://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/Clubs/202M/Zone-6/Tawa>



Christmas in the Atrium

This year the Inner Wheel Club of Tawa is hosting 'Christmas in the Atrium', an opportunity for community groups to raise their profile and gain some extra \$\$ to support their community services over the Christmas period.

What: There are nine tables available for organisations to purchase for the purpose of decorating with a Christmas theme which will be voted on by the public.

The tables are available for any community group in Tawa i.e. Salvation Army, Rotary, Lions, Church groups, Youth groups etc. The cost of the table will be the responsibility of the organisations but all advertising, promotions, flyers will be covered by the Inner Wheel Club of Tawa.

'Stars' will be available for children to colour-in for a donation of \$2 and added to the Christmas tree in the Atrium.

Individuals and Families can also purchase a Tag for \$5.00 and write a remembrance message for a loved which can be hung on the tree. The proceeds will go towards the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

We are also seeking expressions of interest from community groups who may wish to provide some entertainment during the event e.g music groups, choirs, school choirs.

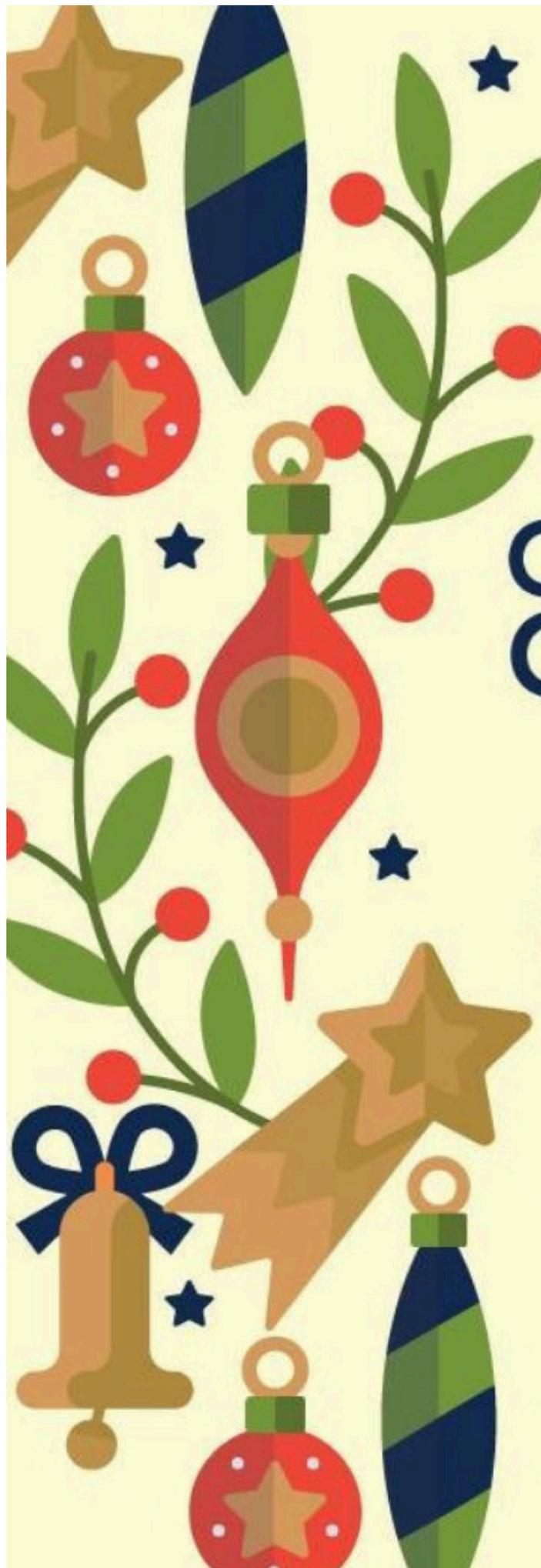
The best table decoration will be chosen by the public and all the organisations get to keep all funds donated to them.

When: *Saturday December 1st 10-4pm* to coincide with the Lions Christmas Parade and the Christmas Festival. If you are an organisation sponsoring a table, then decorating would occur in the morning so that it was completed by 10am.

Where: Atrium at New World Supermarket, Tawa

Who: For further information please contact Carolyn Crutch at carolynjcrutch@gmail.com or on 232 1259

Register your interest through Provide name of organisation and contact details.



Community Christmas Carols

Featuring:

SANTA!
Live Entertainment
& Music

Saturday
1 DEC
4:30pm - 8pm

Tawa Primary School - On the field.
Bring your singing voices.

Bring a picnic and Tawa school will be selling some food and drinks - cash only

Brought to you by the Tawa Residents Association and Tawa Home and School Committee.



ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE IN TAWA

110+ people attended a special Armistice Day Service at the Tawa Memorial on a rather warm Sunday 11 November “..... to remember those who fell during World War 1, and those who survived the conflict; and to unveil and dedicate a remembrance plaque.”



Bruce Murray, THS chair, MCing the service.



Tawa College's Blue Notes (some of them) leading the National Anthem.



Vince Kerr unveiling the rock (and new plaque) which had been moved from Willowbank Park.



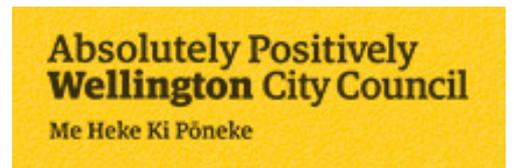
The Lament played by Pipe Sergeant Gavin Sinclair.



Crosses remembering the five servicemen from the Tawa district who lost their lives in WW1.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES IN TAWA

Wellington City Council is upgrading some of the city's play areas and equipment. Included in the list of “upgrades coming soon” are Tawa playgrounds at Larsen Park and Taylor Park Play Area.



EMBRACE DESIGN AND FELLOW ARTISTS

As seen on Facebook:

“Welcome to our new shop! Located at 180 Main Road, Tawa [between Mac's Photo & Lotto and the Red Cross shop]. We, and a few of our friends, decided to open a place for the next 3 months to give you all a chance to come and see our creations. Everything in the shop is designed and made locally, and for sale!

We would love for you to come and visit us Tuesdays to Sundays 10.00am to 5.30pm every week, November through January. With us you will also find: Shop Nikkis, Caroline Louise Jewelry, Frabella Soaps, and more to come.”



2 MINUTES WITH Misael Jr Diputado

Misael Diputado, along with family members and friends, has taken part in Spring into Tawa for the past six years, including the recently-held event, as per the photo below. He has sold plants, all from his own garden which he propagates from cuttings or from seeds.

Misael is a Tawa Pinoy, that is a Tawa Filipino. 'Pinoy' is to the Philippines what a 'Kiwi' is to New Zealand. There are quite a number of Pinoys in Tawa, some of the friendliest people around.

Where were you born? Philippines

Where did you grow up? Philippines

Where were you educated?

BS Agriculture (Ag. Botany) – Visayas State University, Philippines

MSc Horticulture – University of the Philippines in Los Banos, Philippines

PhD Horticulture – Massey University, Palmerston North, NZ



How long have you lived in Tawa?

Almost 11 years. We moved to New Zealand in 2008 and settled in Tawa.

What about family?

Wife – Maria Luisa Diputado

Two girls (29 and 28) now based in Sydney, both IT professionals.

Two boys (23 and 20), the first completed MSc in Chemistry at VUW; and the second is a student in Software Engineering at VUW.

Work experience over the years

Lecturer, Visayas State University, Philippines;
Learning Facilitator, Skills Update Training Institute (SUTI), Auckland;

Now at the Adjunct Faculty, The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand (TOPNZ). I handle distance

education courses in horticulture, both online and paper based; conduct supplementary workshops; mark assessments and assess competency; help review course materials and assessment schedules; help market the programme; participate in internal moderation of course units; liaise with horticultural enterprises/institutions for student hands-on activities.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Gardening (mostly raising container-grown landscape plants and vegetables); reading; meeting friends; travelling with family, mostly trips within NZ, but we do go home to visit family and friends in the Philippines regularly. We also went to Sydney, Melbourne and Gold Coast as a family. I and my wife went to Fiji and the US for a holiday. We went to museums, historical places, beaches, fancy places, etc.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

The All Blacks; and I follow tennis (Go Federer!)

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Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

Nothing in particular. I listen to soft, mellow music; spiritual songs.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Queenstown and Tauranga.

What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you the most satisfaction/pride?

My grown-up kids, three of whom are now young professionals (the youngest will complete his studies next year);

Seeing my former students succeed in their professional life;

Being able to give back to the community through the work that I am doing.

What are two or three things you would like to do before you die?

Just one: Being able to be reconciled with my creator.

Footnote: Misael invites all gardening enthusiasts to enroll in the free Horticulture course that he is handling. For more info, please contact him on Misael.Diputado@adjunct.openpolytechnic.ac.nz or 021 0264 9208.

NZ's FIRST MUSIC TEACHER OF THE YEAR

– excerpts from an article on Stuff

“Many may have thought it, and now it’s official: Tawa’s Liz Sneyd is the best music teacher in the country.

Since its inception about five years ago, the string orchestra she created and grew with her husband Craig Utting in Cannons Creek, Porirua, has become one of the top youth orchestras in the country.

The Virtuoso Strings Charitable Trust has run free music lessons, and provided instruments, for more than 200 pupils from 11 decile 1 and 2 schools.



Photo courtesy of Stuff

On Monday 5 November, the NZ Music Awards made her its first winner of a Tui Teacher of the Year award.

Elizabeth believes music education can transform lives and provides a tight-knit group for students to support each other, with all Virtuoso Strings music programmes provided for free to remove barriers and provides meaningful opportunities for both experienced and beginner students.”

The full Stuff article can be seen at https://www.stuff.co.nz/entertainment/music/108381420/poriruas-virtuoso-strings-founder-liz-sneyd-is-nzs-first-music-teacher-of-the-year?fbclid=IwAR2WoPqfcSdOqD3bNJe6yS7iUw3_Mh-yDdbP3hW87R7uWpUUUS4cso3dA8

HALLOWEEN IN WOODMAN DRIVE

..... where it all happened on Wednesday evening, 31 October.



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

Malcolm Sparrow
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“Never be as lazy as the person who named the fireplace.”

“Nature abhors a vacuum, but not as much as a cat does.”

“Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase .” – Martin Luther King Jr

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