



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

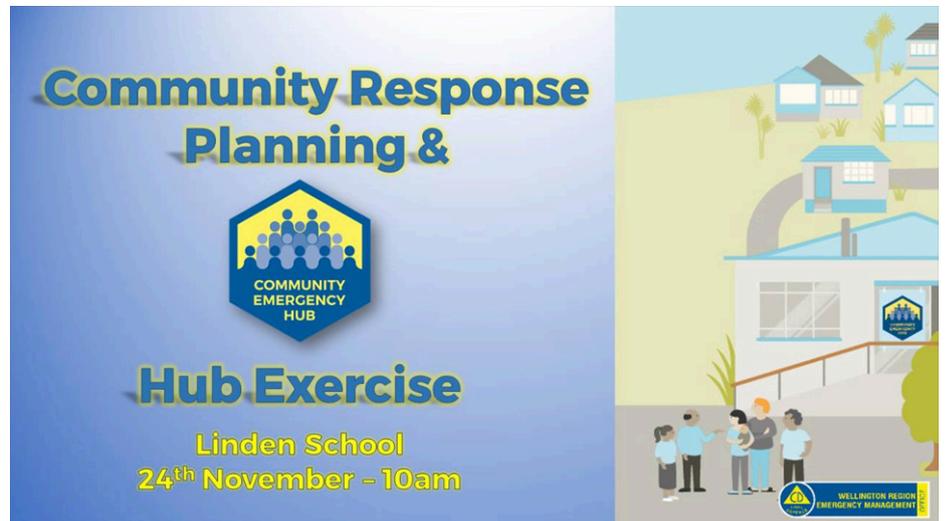
## LINDEN COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB EXERCISE

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.



## 'SCENARIOS' WHICH MAY AFFECT SOUTHWEST TAWA

As it states on the WCC website: "Upper Stebbings Valley is one of the last remaining areas in Wellington identified for new housing. We have developed high level options for how a new community could look, based on feedback from the public and interested parties in August and September 2018. We are inviting public feedback on the options."

Wellington City Council is currently asking for the views of each of us on how Stebbings Valley – over the hill from southwestern Tawa – might have an impact on Tawa. There will be a huge number of houses built on what is currently farmland north of Churton Park. As the nearest business centre and railway station, etc, will be in Tawa, a road over the hill is being proposed and is probably inevitable. That isn't necessarily a bad thing if it is designed well, connects to Tawa where it will have the fewest negative effects, and if the likely ramifications are considered in advance. One of those will be how the new road joins up with either Tawa's Main Road or to Willowbank Road (further south). Another repercussion is likely to be considerably more vehicles wishing to park at Takapu Road Station.

Tawa residents and others have the opportunity to provide their feedback to Council. IT IS IMPORTANT that we do so! The closing date for feedback is Sunday 9 December.

See: <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/feedback/open/a-new-community-for-upper-stebbing-valley---phase-2>

## **BANK RETENTION WORK ALONGSIDE THE MAIN ROAD (SOUTH)**

We asked Council what the story was with the scaffolding currently in place against the hillside on the western side of the Main Road opposite ITM Tawa, near Outlet City.

Council's response:

"The scaffolding is for urgent bank retaining. There were two significant slips happened on the slope on November 2016.

Our geotechnical assessment estimated that the slip occurred in the order of two- to five-year event. A substantial failure is likely to occur again with a major consequence to Main Road (and road users) and was considered as a high risk. The presence of shotcrete adjacent the site suggest that other failures have occurred in this area in the past. As such, it required detailed investigation, design, planning and implementation of treatment options to reduce risk to acceptable levels, hence, these slope stabilisation works."

## **SIGN THE BOOK FOR SUE GOODIN AT REDWOOD SCHOOL**

Redwood School principal Sue Goodin is moving on at the end of this year.

If you have been involved with the school during the time Sue has been there, you are invited to call in during school hours to sign the book in the office as a memory for her.

Sue has been principal at Redwood School for the past seven years, and at the school for 17 years total.



## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS ON SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER**

### **CHRISTMAS PARADE:**

This year's Tawa Christmas Parade is scheduled for 2pm, starting in Oxford St and heading north along the Main Road – through the central shopping area – to Surrey St.

### **CHRISTMAS IN THE ATRIUM:**

Stalls in the Atrium at Tawa New World supermarket, 10am to 4pm.

### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS:**

On the field at Tawa Primary School, 4.30pm to 8pm. Bring your singing voices and a picnic. Featuring Santa, live entertainment & music.

**LITTLE LIGHTS**  
PRESENTS

**THE CHRISTMAS**  
*Story*

**Free Event:**  
Performance  
Lunch  
Crafts and Games

**When:**  
Saturday 15th of December  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Age:**  
12 and under

**Where:**  
20 Cashew Street,  
Grenada North

bbcw.org.nz  
church@baptistbible.co.nz

LITTLE LIGHTS  
BAPTIST BIBLE CHURCH



Thanks to Doug Miller for this picture of the double rainbow over Tawa on Monday 19 November, using the panoramic function on his camera.

Ngā mihi

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