



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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](http://www.neighbourly.co.nz) • [www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa](https://www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa) • [www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard](https://www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard)

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

## LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER .....

From Vibrant Tawa's Facebook page, posted yesterday (Monday):

"What an amazing community we live in! Last night one of our families needed our help – and our community responded. So many people went out onto the streets searching for a young boy. The outpouring of support for the family was amazing and as light came again this morning, people were back on the streets searching! And he was found!



A massive thank you to everyone who searched and was part of bringing Xion home safely. New World Tawa have donated food to the family today for a BBQ to thank searchers and supporters. What an amazing community – we are so lucky to live in such a caring suburb. Tawa is awesome."

See <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/missing-nine-year-old-wellington-boy-found-in-bush>

## "SPRING INTO TAWA" THIS SATURDAY

Saturday 27 October, 10am to 3pm, Main Road shopping area.

There will be more than 150 stalls including a wide range of Tawa groups and organisations, some of Wellington's favourite food trucks and a wide range of amazing crafts and products; also entertainment on the main stage all day including dance groups from Tracey Odell Dance School, Hayley Johnson Dance School, AMDC and La Zumba Loca, the Tawa Intermediate Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups.

The Main Road will be closed all day on Saturday 27th between the roundabout on the corner with Cambridge Street, and the



roundabout on the corner with Surrey Street. A detour will be operating.

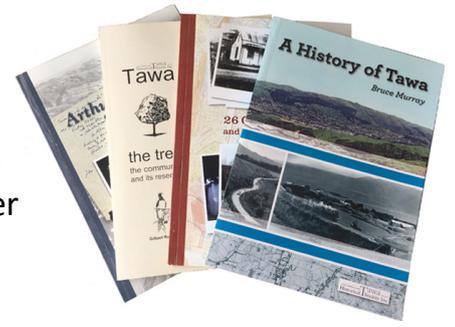


We're still looking for volunteers to help us on the day – if you can spare an hour or two, please let us know by emailing [spring.into.tawa@gmail.com](mailto:spring.into.tawa@gmail.com)

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for event updates.

## NEW BOOK BEING RELEASED BY THE TAWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Tawa Historical Society's new book, "Willowbank Reserve, Tawa, and its Environs" will be on sale for \$20, hot off the press, at the THS stall at Spring into Tawa this coming Saturday, 27 October, and thereafter at the Mervyn Kemp (Tawa) Library from 12 November.



## ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE ON 11 NOVEMBER

The Tawa Historical Society and the RSA will be responsible for a shortish Service of Remembrance at the Tawa Memorial at 10.45am on 11 November 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the conclusion of World War 1, at which a plaque will be unveiled.

## GIVE-A-LITTLE PAGE TO FIX RSA SWITCHBOARD

There was a fire in the switchboard at Tawa RSA last week and \$15,000 is required to fix this. As the club does not have the necessary funds in hand, a Give-a-Little page has been set up at <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/save-tawa-rsa#>

The wording on that page, dated 20 October, is as follows:

"Last night the switchboard at the Tawa RSA clubrooms shorted and started a fire. They need \$15,000 to fix it and will have not electricity until they do. If they can't get it fixed then they might have to close down. If this happens where will you go for your march on ANZAC day? The RSA is an icon of our village. A central meeting point for activities, meetings, celebrations, funerals. They do have insurance but apparently it doesn't cover this. In this climate it is hard for RSAs to keep going financially and this is why they don't have the funds to fix it."



## CONGRATULATIONS TO HILARY COMBES

Local Tawa resident Hilary Combes' business TMQuizzes has been named a finalist in the Wellington Region Business Excellence Awards 2018 – Best Emerging Business category.



Hilary has lived in Tawa for over five years and she creates, writes and hosts the monthly Quiz Night at The Roundabout Bar and Kitchen, as well as others around the region. She recently wrote the quiz questions for the HeartKids Wellington fundraiser that was held at The Borough.

"I really enjoy writing and hosting the quiz at The Roundabout" she says, "It's a lot of fun and there is a real sense of community about the evenings".

"My quizzes are all custom-written for the audience. My married surname is Taylor, so they are Taylor-Made!"

Hilary will be hosting a stand at Spring into Tawa, and the winners of the Business Excellence Awards will be announced at a gala evening on 30th November.



## BOOST YOUR EMPLOYABILITY

We live in a demanding and challenging environment – to get the desired employment opportunities, we need to be smart and tactful. The way to be highly employable is to firstly understand ourselves and the market around us and then prepare ourselves to take the employment opportunities head on.



Tawa Toastmasters club, with its experienced leaders and speakers, has organised this half-day workshop to share experiences of established professionals in preparing you to achieve your career aspirations.

On completion you will have better awareness and knowledge on pre-employment and post-employment activities that will help you in securing your desired job.

This workshop is designed for those who are looking for employment and planning to progress through their careers. Hence learnings from this workshop will be useful to anyone in various situations. Limit: 25 delegates.

Saturday 3 November 2018 9.00am to 12.30pm at the Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge Street. Book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/boost-your-employability-tickets-50991479889>

The Filipino Society of St Francis Xavier School Tawa invites you to a



# DANCE PARTY FUNDRAISER

WITH DANCE PARTY MISTRESS  
VINNY OF CITIFINNESS JOHNSONVILLE

A CARDIO DANCE WORKOUT FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS

**THURS 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 6.30 PM | TICKETS \$15**  
**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL HALL**

Admission is free for 13 year olds and under | Proceeds will go to the SFX School Fair  
For tickets contact: Phonam 0212379274 | Malou 02102930681



**ARTHRITIS  
NEW ZEALAND**

KAIPONAPONA AOTEAROA

## Arthritis & Emergency Preparedness

Come along to hear and discuss issues about getting prepared for an emergency. This seminar will also give you the opportunity to discuss ways to stay safe during and after an emergency event

### Presenters

Robyn Tuohy - *Arthritis Educator*  
Chris Moore – *Emergency Management Advisor*

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10.30am – 12.00 pm**

**Tawa Community Centre**  
5 Cambridge Street, Tawa

To register please call Arthritis New Zealand on 0800 663 463  
or email [robyn.tuohy@arthritis.org.nz](mailto:robyn.tuohy@arthritis.org.nz)

*There is no charge for entry but donations are welcome*

[www.facebook.com/ArthritisNewZealand](http://www.facebook.com/ArthritisNewZealand)  
[www.arthritis.org.nz](http://www.arthritis.org.nz)

## CHANGE OF VENUE FOR ARTWORK ON DISPLAY DURING “SPRING INTO TAWA”

When you're at Spring into Tawa on Saturday 27 October, make sure you pop into the Library to see the U3A/Community Centre Art Group – the “Tawa Arties” display. It's free, there won't be any for sale, but you can enjoy their talent on display!

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COLLINS AVE

Collins Ave is to be closed for a 12-hour period on an upcoming Saturday for the demolition of part of the old section of Collins Ave SH1 overbridge. Various 'issues' have meant that the closure has previously been delayed. However we've now been informed that the likely date is Saturday 3 November.

Full details of the timing and the diversion route will be published via social media channels, and letters will be delivered to nearby residents. VMS (electronic) boards will also be in place at appropriate spots to make people aware of the planned closure.

If you have any questions or concerns please call 0800 TGINFO (0800 844 636) or email the Transmission Gully team at [info@tg.co.nz](mailto:info@tg.co.nz)

## TAWA RESILIENCE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING POSTPONED

Please note that the advertised meeting for Tawa Resilience stakeholders this coming Thursday, 25 October has been postponed until early 2019. This is for those who have an interest in “emergency preparedness” matters in Tawa.

For more info, contact Tawa Community Board deputy chair Marg Lucas on [mm.lucas@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mm.lucas@xtra.co.nz)

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- FUN
- FOOD
- MUSIC
- GAMES
- TALENT QUEST

**Wednesday 31st OCT 2018**

**TAWA NEW LIFE CHURCH –236 Main Rd**

**6pm–8pm** (sausage sizzle for tea, vegetarian option)

**AGES 5-12 years**

**THEME - COME JOIN THE**

**CIRCUS**

**NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES PLEASE**

**This event is FREE But tickets are limited and essential for entry from:**

**Take Note Tawa (Postshop) Main Road Tawa**

**Or call Michele 2324924**

Absolutely  
Positively  
Wellington  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

**I DIDN'T  
MEAN  
TO GAIN  
WEIGHT.  
IT HAPPENED  
BY  
SNACCIDENT.**