



COMMUNITY NEWS

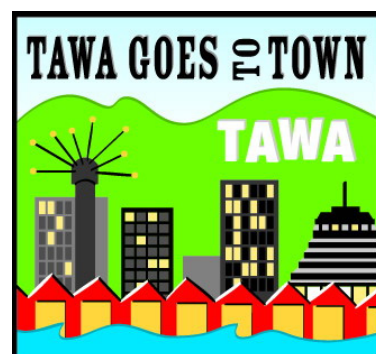
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This community newsletter is sent out monthly on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002.

More regular community updates are available if you join around 2720 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for daily updates or weekly updates from that site.

“TAWA GOES TO TOWN” – NOT LONG TO GO!

Just over ten days to go (or fewer, dependent on when you read this). It's happening on Tuesday evening, 20 September at the Michael Fowler Centre. As per the previous newsletter, the Tawa Schools' & Community Music Festival includes a choir from every school in Tawa, plus musicians and dancers from the schools and adults from the wider community. The show involves more than 700 performers, plus all the wonderful people “behind the scenes”, mostly from the Tawa community.



Tickets for “Tawa Goes To Town” are on sale at a cost of \$26 for an adult and \$10 for a child (14 years and under), available through Ticketek. If you make the effort to go, you'll be very pleased you did!

“SPRING INTO TAWA”

This year's Spring into Tawa, our annual community spring festival, will take place on Saturday 15 October. The event will be held on the Main Road between Essex Street and the Cambridge Street roundabout (outside the Library) – that portion of the Main Road will be closed so the festival can spread out.

There will be a range of amazing and interesting community and craft stalls, an entertainment zone, a food zone with some amazing Wellington food trucks and a dedicated activity zone.

Applications for stalls close on Sunday 11 September. Email spring.into.tawa@gmail.com for more information!



TAWA COMMUNITY MAYORAL FORUM

Come and meet the Wellington Mayoral candidates in Tawa at 7.30pm on Monday 26 September at the Tawa Community Centre, Cambridge St.

The eight Mayoral candidates have been invited to come and answer your questions about the issues relevant to Wellington City and Tawa voters. Each candidate will address the audience, then will take questions from the floor.

The meeting will be convened by Robert Armstrong, a former WCC Councillor and Tawa resident. The forum is organised by the Lions Club of Tawa. For more info, contact tawalions@lionsclubs.org.nz or 027 441 6944.

FROM CELIA WADE-BROWN

Dear friends in Tawa

Since I was first elected in 1994, I've served the city for 20 years starting as a Southern Ward Councillor. In that time I've met many wonderful people; from our city's most vulnerable looking out for each other, to highnesses unveiling plaques!

Much has happened in Tawa over the last two decades. After many years of planning and construction, the 5km long Tawa Valley Pathway, Ara Tawa, opened in 2014. This path is now connected to Porirua too. This project is a great example of Council's commitment to Wellington's urban-nature connections. The Tawa pool facilities were upgraded and earthquake strengthened. Now they are warmer, quieter, safer and more energy efficient! We've earmarked \$1 million for improving the Tawa town centre in 2017 and Council sought feedback on what you wanted to see happen.

I've enjoyed the new community gardens at Coronation Park, historical walks and the heritage orchard. Friends of Tawa Bush have done a terrific job and I look forward to the lizard resurgence ahead!

I'd like to thank all of the Tawa residents and say how much I've appreciated all of the effort and love that you've put into your community. Finally, make sure that you vote for candidates you trust to support Wellington. Council makes a huge difference!



Celia Wade-Brown
Mayor of Wellington

Note from the Ed.: I would also like to thank Mayor Celia for her "regular appearances" in Tawa, and for making the effort to be available to present the awards at our Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards ceremonies in each of the past five years, and also at our biennial Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremonies. Her input has certainly been appreciated.

TAWA COMMUNITY MAYORAL FORUM

26 September
7:30pm to 9:00pm

**TAWA COMMUNITY
CENTRE**
5 Cambridge St, Tawa

**Come and hear the
Wellington Mayoral
Candidates answer YOUR
questions about the issues
relevant to Tawa Voters.**

Organised by The Lions Club of Tawa

TAWA COMMUNITY EVENT

PREPARE YOUR QUESTIONS

Your opportunity to ask the Mayoral Candidates the questions YOU want answered before you send in your voting papers.

MEETING CONVENOR:

Robert Armstrong
WCC Councillor
1995-2007 & past
Tawa Resident

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TAWA RECREATION CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Tawa Recreation Centre September/October School Holiday Programme is now open for registrations. We are continuing the theme with SCOUTS Adventure Plus. There are plenty of exciting activities and challenges to take part in.

Please copy and paste this link which will take you right to the bookings page: <https://apps.wcc.govt.nz/recreationbookings/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp>

Give us a call on 232 2260 if you do not have an account and we will set one up for you.

Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme

Hide Courses

Course	Barcode	Days	Times	Dates	Facility	Lessons	Vacancies
Monday 26 September - Survive in the Wilderness View Details	82774	Mon	8:30am - 3:30pm	26-Sep-2016 - 26-Sep-2016	Meeting Room Tawa Recreation Centre	1	26
Tuesday 27 September - Trip Day 'Lotsa Follies' View Details	82775	Tue	8:30am - 3:30pm	27-Sep-2016 - 27-Sep-2016	Kitchen Tawa Recreation Centre	1	25
Wednesday 28 September - Trip Day 'Mt Kaukau Expedition' View Details	82776	Wed	8:30am - 3:30pm	28-Sep-2016 - 28-Sep-2016	Kitchen Tawa Recreation Centre	1	31

A SHED FOR TAWA







PUBLIC MEETING

7th October, 3.30pm

At the Community Centre

We wish to call a public meeting to establish a shed, complete with tools, as a club for older people in Tawa:

- > to make stuff – like toys, furniture etc
- > to fix stuff that's broken
- > to do stuff for schools, Mary Potter & other groups
- > to socialise and reform the world.

But we need a place, a shed, to do it.

See www.menzshed.org.nz for info

INSTIGATORS: Ron Bichan, David Bray, Doug Burrus, Jack Fry, Ian Harris & John Melville

Tawa Learners' Band and Porirua Youth Brass
Presents

MOVIE MUSIC

For Minions of all Ages

Sunday 18th September
at 2pm

Tawa Salvation Army Hall
177 Main Road, Tawa

FREE Admission

Donations Gratefully Accepted



Amazing geodes

kids' wet-felting workshop

Layer, roll and squish! Learn about wet-felting and turn soft, fluffy wool into a felted geode. Then slice it open to reveal the surprise inside!

For children 5-10 years old. \$15 per child.
All materials supplied, just add imagination.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, WEEK 2

Tuesday 4 October, 10:00 - 11:30am
Tawa Community Centre

Limited spaces. For more information and to register, please contact Jann on jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz or 021 549118.



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TAWA COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Now that spring is here, we've agreed to weekly Sunday afternoon working bees starting at 2pm (unless it's absolutely pouring).

Over the last three months we have found a sponsor for our public liability insurance (many thanks to Cameron Hogg at New World Tawa); engaged Smartway Builders to put in the foundation for our new shed (many thanks to Ann & Howard Woolston, who donated the labour and materials for this small but important job); and started a coffee grounds rescue roster. We pick up daily from our local New World cafe and use the grounds in our compost – this way we've already saved over 220kg from going to landfill. A local has been experimenting with the coffee grounds bag to make strawberry planter towers for the garden, complete with irrigation system.

And many thanks to the local Regal Rover Crew (the young adult section of Scouting) who put together the garden shed on a recent Sunday, as per the pics. Quoting from their Facebook page: "Regal did some service for Tawa Community Garden this weekend and built a tool shed! We had perfect weather, less than perfect instructions and plenty of baking to get us through the day."

If you want to follow the progress of the Tawa Community Garden or know more, see us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/tawacommunitygarden/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel or Neighbourly <https://www.neighbourly.co.nz/group/join/tawa-community-garden-setup-discussion-group> or email tawa.community.garden@gmail.com or phone the coordinator, Robyn Parkinson on 232 5338.



DO YOU WANT TO GIVE ATHLETICS A GO?

The Olympic Harrier and Athletic Club has its registration day on Saturday 10 September from 12pm to 1.30pm at Alex Moore Park, Bannister Avenue, Johnsonville. If you'd prefer to register online to save you a trip, that's an option too.

Club nights are held at Grenada North Park in Tawa from the end of October until mid March with athletics activities for under 7s through to 14 years. We also have coaching options for all age groups from 7 years upwards – including college age and adults.

All the details are at www.olympicjuniors.nz or email Jo at coaching@olympicharriers.org.nz with any questions.





Presents....

*Vibrant Tawa is the trading name of the
Tawa Progressive and Ratepayers Association Inc

Meet the Northern Ward Candidates Meeting

7.30pm on Thursday 15 September in the boardroom at the Tawa Community Centre. A chance to hear from and question the candidates for the Northern Ward for Wellington City Council.

Postal voting will take place between 16 September and 8 October for three councillors in the Northern Ward. The candidates are John Apanowicz, Jill Day, Peter Gilberd, Judith Gray, Graeme Sawyer, Malcolm Sparrow.

LIQUOR LICENCE FOR “THE BOROUGH”

People are entitled to know that “The Borough” (the new cafe/restaurant being constructed on the Main Road immediately next to the Library) has applied for a liquor licence. And people are entitled to object to that licence application. However they need to have compelling reasons for doing so. Details about the process are set out at this link: <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/public-notices/open/alcohol-notices/2016-09-theborough>

Objections must be lodged by 5pm on Monday 26 September.

The question as to whether people could, on the other hand, support the application was asked recently on the Neighbourly website. The answer is that the purpose of this exercise is primarily designed to give people the chance to lodge objections, however there's nothing to stop anyone forwarding *support* for the application. That is also likely to be taken into consideration.

The address to forward any views on the issue is secretaryDLC@wcc.govt.nz (but check out on the website the information that you will need to supply).

NORTH CITY CRICKET CLUB

North City Cricket Club has a plan: to grow and improve the quality of cricket in and around the Tawa/Porirua Basin and wider community. Not only for senior cricketers, but importantly in the schools to grow and develop younger players as well. The object is to provide a clear pathway for junior players to become active members of the North City Cricket Club.

A new and invigorated Executive Committee has been established and they have a strong desire to see the Club succeed. They have been working hard in the off-season to ensure the Club is well prepared for the 2016/17 season. Some of their recent successes include securing Matthew Bell (ex-Black Cap, current White Ferns assistant coach and Blaze coach) as Head Coach, regaining premier status for our 1st XI senior team and confirming Michale Pollard for the coming season.



Tawa Junior Cricket has changed its name to North City Juniors, so that the junior and senior teams are clearly joined up and committed to being one club catering for cricketers of all ages.

The Club has registration days on Saturday 17th and 24th September from 9.30am to 12.30pm in the clubrooms at Linden Park. Go to northcitycricketclub.co.nz for further details.

2 MINUTES WITH Robyn Parkinson

Robyn Parkinson has been instrumental in setting up the Tawa Community Garden at Coronation Park in Oxford St. (See the separate article about that in this newsletter.) She continues to play a lead role in the operation of the garden.

On a separate note, Robyn has put her name forward for election to the Tawa Community Board. On this occasion the number of candidates standing for the board is the same as the number of places available. Consequently there is no need for an election, which means she will automatically be a member of the Tawa Community Board from October 2016.



Where were you born? North Shore, Auckland – not my choice, and so long ago it wasn't a flash area like today!

Where did you grow up? Same, but with a 3-year stint in Jamaica as a preschooler.

Where were you educated?

Northcote Primary, Intermediate and College; Otago University, Victoria University.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

Not quite long enough to experience its 'borough' status (26 years). [Ed.: Tawa lost its independent 'borough' status when it was forcibly amalgamated with Wellington in 1989].

Work experience over the years

Plenty, mostly unpaid. Longest paid employment was with the National Library. I currently work as a self-employed gardener, along with a variety of volunteer work and family responsibilities.

What about family?

Married to Andrew, a primary school teacher. Four daughters, two studying at Australian National University (Canberra), two at Tawa College.

What are your interests/hobbies?

I'm a member of Well-LUG (Wellington Lego User Group, for adult Lego hobbyists). Come see our show this year in Upper Hutt – BrickCon 2016. Last year's saw over 8,000 people in one weekend. My youngest and I had a ball as exhibitors. This time is our third – getting experienced! See <http://www.expressions.org.nz/events/current-events/brickcon-2016/>

Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?

Mmmm. I enjoy watching the Australian Tennis Open, Olympic events not a supporter or fan as such.

Favourite musical group and/or style of music?

Varies. I enjoy most of what gets played at our place, from medieval chant to Imagine Dragons. Maybe not Halsey though. Prefer live music when I can get to it.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Somewhere new to explore, scenic and uncrowded. Our last family holiday to the East Coast ticked all the boxes.

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

Achieving my parenting goal – to have a good relationship with our teenagers / adult offspring.

Bungy-jumping – the first summer A J Hackett ran one (1989).

And in more recent years, conquering fear to preach three sermons on Revelation.

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

Make new friends, keep the old, and continue to be happily married.

PROGRESS WITH THE TAWA TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE

As you know, Wellington City Council will be investing \$1 million in an upgrade of the Tawa town centre. Council has consulted with the community in recent months and is finalising the various options as a result of the feedback received.

Common themes that came through from submissions made by organisations like the Tawa Community Board, Tawa Business Group and Vibrant Tawa are as follows:

- Prioritise improvements that will make the greatest difference to the town centre
- Focus on one or two improvements at most
- Tawa Plaza upgrade to be the main focus of the improvements, with increased budget if necessary
- Do not upgrade the lane alongside the Pink Pineapple but extend the upgrade of the plaza towards New World if possible
- Do not use the town centre budget to fund Surrey Street roundabout (but fund it out of a different budget)
- Upgrade both pedestrian crossings (by Take Note and by the TAB) if the budget allows.

64% of all submissions received ranked the Tawa Plaza upgrade as either their first or second priority. 52% of respondents ranked the Surrey Street roundabout as either their first or second priority. Several suggested this should be funded from the roading budget.

The least popular of the six proposals was the planted central median strip north of the pedestrian crossing leading to the TAB.



The draft recommendation from Council (yes, it's only a draft at this stage) includes the following proposals:

- Progress with detailed design of the plaza upgrade and increase the budget (within the \$1m limit) if necessary
- Do not turn the Pink Pineapple lane into a shared space but improve the pedestrian crossing
- Extend new pavement to the New World entrance if possible
- Designers to work with local businesses on detailed design of the plaza
- Redesign both existing pedestrian crossings, but raise by no more than 50mm
- Do not fund the Surrey Street roundabout from this project, instead seek alternative sources of funding

Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm 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> or email mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz and put 'Join' as the subject to receive regular updates.

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

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"Vote for those who promise least; they'll be the least disappointing." – Bernard Baruch

"We can learn a lot from trees: they're always grounded but never stop reaching heavenward." – Everett Ruess

"When you're stressed you eat ice cream, chocolate and sweets. You know why? Because 'stressed' spelled backwards is 'desserts'."

This newsletter is emailed to around 1250 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa), usually in the first week of each month.

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