



# COMMUNITY NEWS

September 2017

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](http://www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa) • [www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard](http://www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard)

## THE NEW MURAL

Some of us have been tracking progress with the new mural on the Facebook pages of both the Tawa Community Board and Vibrant Tawa. It's now finished.

The location of the mural is the western wall of the Tawa New World supermarket (the wall closest to the Main Road).

The artist was Hamilton-based Poi, and the subject of the artwork is a kaitiaki (caregiver) of the manu (birds).



It was commissioned by the Wellington City Council after discussion with Tawa Community Board members and Vibrant Tawa / Tawa Residents' Association representatives. The mural is part of the Tawa Town Centre upgrade which will be commenced in earnest later in the year.

## RECENT 'SPIKE' IN CRIME

The following report was compiled by Melissa Secker who, along with neighbour Sue Culver, organised the recent "Community Safety" meeting in Linden in conjunction with Cr Malcolm Sparrow. As Melissa states on Neighbourly:

"60 people were in attendance and they appreciated the opportunity to come together as a community and discuss the issues."



We heard from the Police, Tawa Community Patrol, Tawa Community Board and Wellington City Council representatives.

The following is Melissa's summary of that meeting:

## LINDEN COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING NOTES

Over the last month, particularly in the Linden area, Police have noticed an increasing trend of car break-ins, house burglaries/robberies and stealing cars for transport or joy rides. This points to youth crime in particular. Youths break in to houses and cars looking for money or alcohol.

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Last weekend youths were apprehended for these types of crimes (e.g. police chase late last Friday night) and have been referred to youth aid, which is a long term multi-agency approach. Police suspect that those apprehended are responsible for most of the burglaries and vehicle crimes of late.

In general, Linden/Tawa has a low crime rate. A spike in crime is usually linked to just a few individuals. It was good to hear that no Tawa College students were involved in any of the recent youth crimes in the area.

What can the community do?

- Report crime as it happens, directly to police. If you are able to take video footage or take photos safely, do so. This can be very useful for police.
- If you notice suspicious behaviour, ring 111. Follow your instinct. As a local you will often know when something isn't quite right. This could help to prevent a crime from happening.
- Don't be afraid to call 111. Comms will decide on the priority of dealing with the information you provide.
- Report even small crimes. This helps police to note trends and target their resources appropriately.
- The reality is that the police may not be able to get to every report of crime, it will depend on what other priorities there are at the time. Having that picture of what's going on is still important to know however, so keep phoning in your reports.

### **TAWA COMMUNITY PATROL**

40 local volunteers acting as the eyes and ears of the police.

- Strong community connections and close relationships with the police, council, board and local schools.
- Community Patrol Car – visible icon.
- They encourage members of community to approach them when they're out on their patrols.
- In the last few years, they have built their online social media presence and they see this as a very important tool.



### **What has the Tawa Community Patrol been doing in the Linden area lately?**

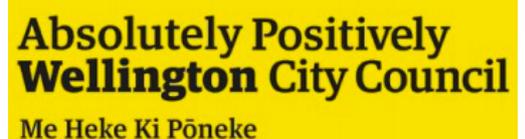
As a result of the recent increase in crime reports in Linden, community patrols have been stepped up with more evening patrols targeting this area. Any suspicious behaviour has been communicated to police.

They welcome new volunteers, so if you're interested, complete the join-up form:

<http://www.tawacp.org.nz/join.html>

### **TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD AND WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

There are numerous groups and projects on the go, aiming to bring residents in the north Linden area together and to build layers of support. The key aim is to build community resilience.



Residents have been interviewed about what they wanted. Improvements to local playgrounds and more community events were popular responses. The board and WCC agreed that more support was needed in this particular area and they could be doing better.

Funding for a Challenge 2000 programme for Linden has been approved, which is great news. Over the next few months the "Community based wellbeing planning" is happening. Watch this space!

## OLYMPIC HARRIER AND ATHLETICS CLUB - JUNIOR ATHLETICS

We have athletics club nights for 4 to 14 year olds at Grenada North Park in Tawa on Monday nights (5.30pm to 6.30pm) starting 30 October. We also have coaching available other days of the week for primary, intermediate and college age. Options for adults too.

Online registration is now open or come and see us between 2pm and 3pm this Sunday 17 Sept at our Olympic Harrier Clubrooms in Johnsonville (Alex Moore Park, Bannister Ave).

For all info about our junior athletics club, go to: [www.olympicjuniors.nz](http://www.olympicjuniors.nz) or contact Jo on 021 976 116 or [coaching@olympicharriers.org.nz](mailto:coaching@olympicharriers.org.nz)



## INNER WHEEL QUIZ NIGHT

Inner Wheel Club of Tawa is holding a fundraising quiz night at The Borough on Thursday 21 September at 7pm. \$10 per person, tables of up to 8 people.

Raffles, silent auctions and “Buy an Answer” for a gold coin donation. Raising funds for the local organisations we support – Tawa Community Patrol, and Tawa Youth and Family Trust, as well as national Inner Wheel’s charity Look Good Feel Better – supporting women recovering from cancer. Email [carolynjcrutch@gmail.com](mailto:carolynjcrutch@gmail.com) for tickets.

## GOT WATER?

If you haven’t already obtained your own 200L emergency water tank for water storage purposes, you can buy one in Tawa from Malcolm Sparrow for \$110. Email [malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz) – \$10 from each tank will be donated to a local “good cause”.

## NEW TAWA BOOK TO BE RELEASED

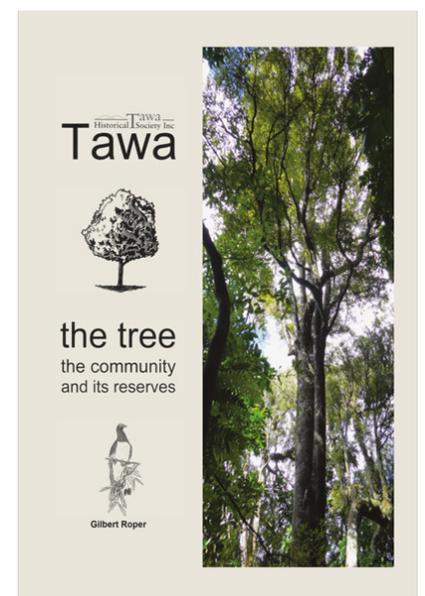
“Tawa the Tree, the Community and its Reserves” is to be launched at 6pm on Monday 9 October 2017 in the Mervyn Kemp Library.

Author Gil Roper is a member of the Tawa Historical Society, and Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves. The book launch will be sponsored by both these groups.

There is in-depth information on eleven of the reserves in Tawa with accounts of their names, history, development and the current vegetation, with aerial photographs and maps. Results of research on the comparative bird populations in one of the reserves in 2008 and 2017 is outlined. The book concludes with a detailed list of the plant species in the native bush reserves in Tawa.

**NOTE:** Up to and including the launch evening, books may be ordered for \$30, then paid for and collected at the launch. From 10 October onwards, books need to be purchased directly from the Mervyn Kemp Library, corner of Main Road and Cambridge Street, Tawa for \$35 each.

It is a limited print run, so order now by emailing Ken Woodgate, Secretary, Tawa Historical Society: [ken.woodgate@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ken.woodgate@xtra.co.nz)



## TAWA COLLEGE FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser (see full ad on right) is on behalf of a group of students from Tawa College. They are fundraising for a Maths Trip to China in 2019 and are being supported by Ohau Wines.

If you wish a particular student who is part of the China trip to benefit from your order, please put their name in brackets (after your own name).

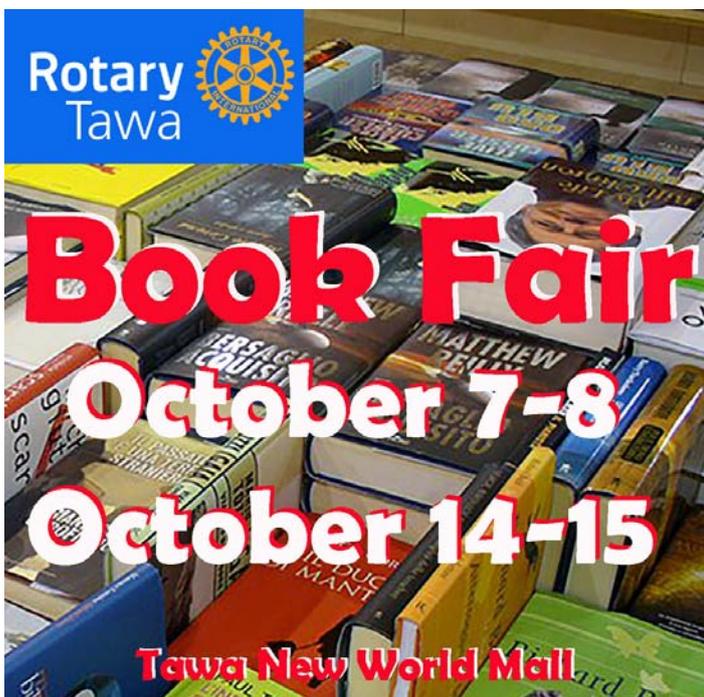
## TAWA POP-UP MARKET

Tawa Pop-Up Market showcases a variety of stallholders selling beautiful handmade crafts and quality sourced products. Come and check out what our vendors have on offer and support this new venture in Tawa.

The next Market, commencing at 10am, will be held on Saturday 30 September in Tawa New World supermarket's atrium. There is lots of free parking and ATMs close by. Plus the bonus of an onsite café at New World supermarket.

## TAWA ROTARY BOOK FAIR

The dates are set out below. In the meantime books can be dropped in the large bin that is placed for this purpose within the Tawa New World Mall north corridor. If you would prefer to have the books collected, please forward your request to Doug Burrus at [dburrus@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dburrus@xtra.co.nz) with your name, address and phone number.



Rotary Tawa

**Book Fair**

**October 7-8**

**October 14-15**

Tawa New World Mall



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WINE FUNDRAISER

**TAWA COLLEGE**

Tawa College is fundraising for students travelling to China in 2019. The students are looking at Maths in the world of Architecture and Engineering. This is an exciting opportunity that will broaden the students' ideas, and expose them to new challenges.

Ohau Wines is helping raise these funds through the sale of their award-winning wines. For every six bottles purchased online, Ohau Wines will donate \$10 to Tawa College.

As a supporter, you will receive a discount on your order, and free delivery.

Follow these four simple steps:

- 1.) Go to [www.ohauwines.co.nz/buy-wine-online](http://www.ohauwines.co.nz/buy-wine-online).
- 2.) Make your wine selection and proceed to check out.
- 3.) Enter the promotional code word below, before proceeding to payment.
- 4.) Receive wine, and enjoy!

PROMOTIONAL CODE WORD: **CHINA**



**Junior Floorball at Tawa Rec Centre**



Starting in term 4  
Tawa Rec Centre, 38 Duncan St. Tawa

From 16 October

Mondays 16:30 – 18:00  
Primary/intermediate age

Equipment will be provided.  
Gold coin donation

More info:  
[contact@floorball.org.nz](mailto:contact@floorball.org.nz)

## UNDER THE SEA CARNIVAL

Make a splash at Tawa Pool's Under the Sea carnival.

When: 6pm - 8pm, Saturday 23 September 2017

Who: 8-12 years (younger siblings are welcome with parent supervisor)

Cost: \$5

There'll be popcorn, lollies, drinks, sausage sizzle, DJ, lights, treasure hunt, boat races, spin to win, tattoo parlour, face painting and much more!



## SPRING INTO TAWA

Spring into Tawa will take place on Saturday 28 October. This is our annual festival featuring community stalls, entertainment, crafts, food trucks, stalls and demonstrations.



## NORTH CITY CRICKET CLUB



**Interested in playing cricket this summer?**

**Come along and join the fun and excitement of playing cricket at North City Cricket Club.**

We cater for all ages from Years 0-8 for both boys and girls.

**REGISTRATION DAY - 16th September**

9.30am - 12.30pm, at the Club Rooms, Gee Street, Linden

Any new players from Year 5 - 8 are welcome to join our pre-season indoor training running through September

Mana Indoor Cricket Facility, Ngati Toa Domain.

Email: [juniors@northcitycricketclub.co.nz](mailto:juniors@northcitycricketclub.co.nz) for more information.

### SUNDAY GRADES

Super Starter cricket (Year 0-1) - Development of Basic Cricket Skills

Girls Only (Year 5-8) - Softball Cricket

### SATURDAY GRADES

Softball cricket (Year 2-3) - Dual pitch games, 50mins per game

Softball cricket (Years 4) - 2hrs per game, 8 per side

Hardball cricket (Years 5-6) - 2hrs per game, 8 per side, 20 overs

Junior Prems (Years 7-8) - Traditional cricket, 3hrs per game, 30 overs

Week day games may also be introduced for Year 2 and Year 5 players

ANY ENQUIRIES:

[www.northcitycricketclub.co.nz](http://www.northcitycricketclub.co.nz)

[juniors@northcitycricketclub.co.nz](mailto:juniors@northcitycricketclub.co.nz)

Phone: 021-522-413

# Harcourts

## Champions Holiday Programme

For Primary School Children  
First week of holidays

Tawa Anglican Church  
Ph 232-8448 for details

## LINDEN SCHOOL FIT TRACK OPENING

The Linden School Fit Track Opening and Community Fun Day took place recently, with Mayor Justin Lester declaring the fit track open. Local city councillors and community board members operated a stall – asking people a small number of questions on what would ‘improve’ Linden, in addition to selling 200L emergency water tanks.

As per the Linden School Fundraisers Facebook page: “These fit track stations have come about by school fundraising and generous grants from the Tawa Community Board and the Wellington City Council, for which we are truly grateful.

The fit track is an asset for the whole community to use. We are hoping that these six stations will be the first of many and we would like to invite everyone to come and use them out of school hours. They have been designed for both children and adults.”



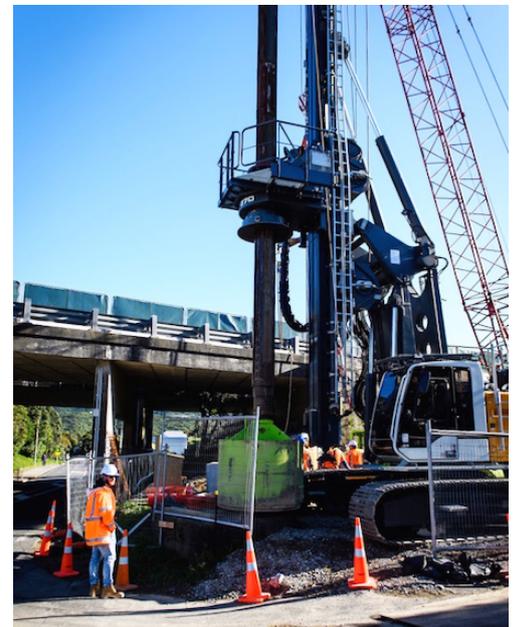
## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COLLINS AVE

To enable work to be carried out on the motorway bridge over Collins Ave, part of Collins Ave itself will be closed for up to 12 hours, probably on the last Saturday night in September. Transmission Gully representatives provided details to members of the community at a public meeting at the Linden Social Centre earlier this month.

Just received from the Transmission Gully team: “Currently we are aiming for overnight 30 September, 5pm to 5am, but this is dependent on the production of the girders. It will be another week before we can confirm definitely.

We’ll do a letter drop, publish via WCC social media channels and local social media channels as well as on our website and NZTA website. We will also have big message boards on Collins Ave.”

So keep your eyes peeled if you live on this side of the tracks!



Pile drilling rig standing by at Collins Ave Bridge. Photo from NZTA website.

## ANOTHER AED IN TAWA

As reported in the August supplementary newsletter, Tawa Football was successful in its quest to obtain a new AED (automated external defibrillator) last month. To see where other AEDs are located in Tawa, download the AED locator app to your phone.

The football club is very keen for its defibrillator to be a resource available to the wider community. It now resides in an external case mounted on the outside of the clubrooms at Redwood Park, and can be accessed in an emergency. The code will be available if you call 111.



Kath Henshaw, Club Captain, Tawa Junior Football, pointing to the AED unit.

## SECOND CHANCES - PRELOVED CLOTHING SALE!

The House of Grace is a home for pregnant teens and young mums. As a non-profit and non-government funded organisation, we rely on the support from people who share our heart to see young lives changed. We are running a fundraiser to help cover the everyday costs of our Wellington home and we need your help to make it a success!

That sweater you never wear ... whether it's a shirt, jeans or a dress you haven't worn in a while. We need donations of good quality women's and children's clothing. Accepting all sizes, all seasons and accessories. Drop off your donations to Harcourts Tawa or our office at 19 Wall Place, Kenepuru.

See our event page for more details: [www.facebook.com/secondchanceswgtn](http://www.facebook.com/secondchanceswgtn)



## TAWA RSA COMMUNITY BOWLS

The Tawa RSA is running its Community Bowls programme again this summer and this programme is open to all members of the community. We invite you to take part by way of a work, family or community team. Our venue is at 89 Oxford Street, Tawa.

The format is four members to a team. There is a \$20.00 entry fee per team (\$5.00 per player) payable each game. We play this as a league.

Play each evening is one game, starting 6.00pm and finishing at 7.20pm. Sausage sizzle is served at 7.25pm.

Scheduled dates are (all on Wednesdays):

25 October, 8 & 22 November, 6 December, 24 January 2018, 7 & 21 February, 7 & 21 March.

To register a team or for more info, please contact prior to mid October: Graham Allnutt 232 4056 or 027 339 6667 or Alastair Miller 027 486 2880.

## 2017 TAWA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE



Yes folks, the Lions Club of Tawa is in full swing with arrangements for the 2017 December Christmas Parade, scheduled for 2pm on Saturday 2 December. That means YOU need to also start to think about how YOUR business, club, organisation, sporting group, church members can participate in the Parade and be active in your Tawa Community.

The Tawa Community Christmas Parade has been an annual event for over 20 years and its ongoing success always depends on the participation of the many Tawa organisations who continue to support it. Tawa Lions will continue to organise the event but we need YOU to participate with us.

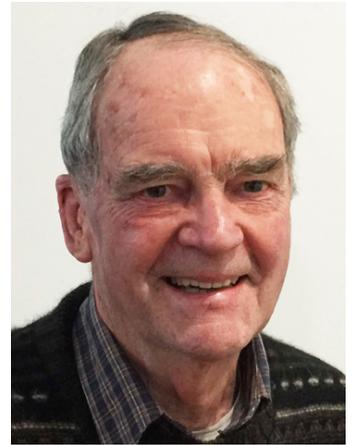
If your club, group or organisation wants more information or wishes to commit to the December Parade, please contact Bryan on 232 2959, email [tawalions@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:tawalions@lionsclubs.org.nz) or visit our website <http://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/Clubs/202M/Zone-6/Tawa> for more information.



## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Tony Hassed

Tony has been chair of the Tawa Residents' Association – under the Vibrant Tawa umbrella – for the past two years. In that time the association has been revitalised and plays a key role in seeing Tawa continue to move forwards.

Tony has been the driving force in establishing the Tawa Technology Education Trust. Part of his vision is to arrange for a 3D printer to be donated to each of the eight schools in Tawa. With his ability to get things done and with his wide range of “useful contacts”, that has already happened at Linden School and Tawa Intermediate, with Sir Richard Taylor (from Weta Workshop) playing a major part in the presentations at both schools.



It is the efforts of people like Tony (and others who feature in this section of this newsletter) that continue to ensure Tawa is a great 'town' in which to live.

*Where were you born?* Khandallah.

*Where did you grow up?*

Glenside, now being over-run by Churton Park.

*Where were you educated?*

Johnsonville School, Wellington College, Victoria University (BCA) .

*How long have you lived in Tawa?*

44 years.

*What about family?*

My first wife, Sue, known to many in Tawa, died 4½ years ago, and I'm now married to Norma. Between us we have 7 children and 14 grandchildren. My children live in Vancouver, Sydney and Island Bay.

*Work experience over the years .....*

I qualified as an accountant and worked for a chemical importing firm, IBM, General Finance, National Provident Fund. For the last 15 years I have been a consultant specialising in governance and strategic direction.

*What are your interests and hobbies?*

I have 2½ acres in Gladys Scott Place on which I've planted over 4,000 native trees so far, so that occupies a bit of time. I worship at St Christopher's Anglican Church in Tawa, I am a member of the Rotary Club of Wellington, I chair four boards (including the Tawa Residents' Association) and serve on three more. I've just launched the Tawa Technology Education Trust and am looking forward to seeing it achieve its potential. I love Sudoku, crosswords and kenken, and watching Australian V8 supercars.

*Favourite sports team and/or sports person?*

The All Blacks and the Hurricanes.

*Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?*

Fat Freddy's Drop; Dave Brubeck.

*What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?*

I've just finished chairing the board of a time share in Taupo so I've been there 80 times over the last few years but I'm not sure that it would be my favourite, so I'll say Taranaki.

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

I really enjoy mentoring young people and watching them grow.

The trees I have planted are drawing a range of birds, so hearing the discussions they have are rewarding.

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I'm blessed by having a family that are achieving and succeeding, and I enjoy the many community activities I have committed myself to.

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

Tour more of New Zealand – I've travelled extensively overseas but now it's time to mix in some NZ travel. Continue contributing to my family and my community.

Clear my emails!!!



Tawa College Community Education term 4 brochures are now out in the community. Get yours from the library, outside Take Note or Tawa New World. For more details about each class, go to the website [www.tawacom.ed.co.nz](http://www.tawacom.ed.co.nz)

- For those sitting exams there is a one night course “How to Beat Exam Stress” on Monday 16 October from 7-9pm. What can you do to lower your stress levels, reduce your ‘symptoms’ of stress, and perform even better – both while studying AND right before an exam? We’ll cover what exam stress actually is; reducing and combating symptoms; and what to do about perfectionism and procrastination. Join us to discover new ways to relieve excessive exam stress and optimise your performance. Fee \$20.
- For a personalised Christmas you can either learn to make Christmas kono out of flax and then fill them with Christmas goodies, paint your own Christmas Cards or learn to make them on the computer.
- If you are planning to do some DIY over the holidays, then come and get the skills from one of the two DIY classes.
- Interiors is on Saturday 18 November or Exteriors on Saturday 2 December.
- Last term’s Self Defence Course was very popular and those attending greatly appreciated the skills they learnt. The next course is on Saturday 28 October.
- Conversational ESOL classes are provided for basic and intermediate classes. Encourage those you know who would benefit from help with their English to come. Earlier in the year the class had a great picnic at Kaitoke and also learnt about the “Lord of the Rings”.



## TAWA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Tawa Community Garden has been running on site at Coronation Park for almost two years now. We continually get positive feedback about how good it looks – and the produce is tasty too!

Community gardens are great for fostering strong connections. A highlight for me this year was providing a reference for one of our committed volunteers, who gained NZ residency status and two job offers. I'm also proud of our teamwork – one couple have personally diverted around one tonne of used coffee grounds from landfill over the last 12 months, just by being regulars on our pickup roster; we've re-started our rat trap setup thanks to another willing volunteer; and we are always coming up with new ideas to try, and new people to connect with.

This month we've planted an asparagus bed, started some tomato seed donated from Northern Community Gardens in Paparangi, and planted a 'Yacon' tuber (see photo at right) donated by Te Rito Gardens.



A huge thank you to Cameron Hogg, Owner / Operator of Tawa New World, Tawa, who has just paid our insurance bill for the second year running (we also get the used coffee grounds from their café).

It's Bee Aware month now – and we have bee-friendly flower seedlings to give away. In fact we often have seed or seedlings available for free. Follow us on Neighbourly or Facebook to keep in touch with what's on at the Garden, or email [tawa.community.garden@gmail.com](mailto:tawa.community.garden@gmail.com) with any queries.

– Robyn Parkinson

## ADVANCE VOTING IN TAWA

From the Wellington City Libraries' website:

The New Zealand General Election is happening on Saturday 23 September – but you don't need to wait until then to cast your vote. If you want to vote before election day, for any reason, you can. And if you haven't enrolled yet, you can do that right up until Friday 22 September, and cast your vote at the same time.



Advance voting in Tawa is now available at the Linden Social Centre in Linden Ave and at the Tawa Community Centre in Cambridge St, every day (including the weekends) until Friday 22 September. Opening hours are 9am to 5.30pm each day, and 9am to 8pm on Thursdays.

### 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](mailto:mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz) and put 'Join' as the subject to receive regular updates.

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow  
info@tawalink.com 027 232 2320



*“An election is coming. Universal peace is declared, and the foxes have a sincere interest in prolonging the lives of the poultry.”* – George Eliot

*“The most practical kind of politics is the politics of decency.”* – Theodore Roosevelt

*“Politics, it seems to me, for years, or all too long, has been concerned with right or left instead of right or wrong.”*  
– Richard Armour

*“It is our experience that political leaders do not always mean the opposite of what they say.”* – Abba Eban

*“Regardless of who wins, an election should be a time for optimism and fresh approaches.”* – Gary Johnson

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*Some articles in this newsletter have been sent through by members of the Tawa community and have been published ‘unedited’. They may not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor.*

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Before and after shots.

“Welcome to Tawa” sign in need of cleaning.

Councillors making themselves useful. The menfolk also cut back overgrown vegetation.



Kereru in residential Redwood, Tawa.

