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Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

www.neighbourly.co.nz • www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa • www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard

TAWA'S LONGEST-RUNNING AND MOST SPECTACULAR EVENT

"Tawa Goes to Town" is an iconic Tawa event which takes place just once every two years. It's happening again on Tuesday evening, 25 September at the Michael Fowler Centre. Tickets are selling fast with more than 1000 already gone.

The Tawa Schools' & Community Music Festival includes singers 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 are available at a cost of \$26 for an adult and \$10 for a child (15 years and under) through TicketMaster.

The Tawa Schools' and Community Festival (known simply these days as "Tawa Goes To Town") commenced in 1979 under the leadership of Shona Murray who directed 21 shows through to 2010. Murray Cameron has been the director since 2012, ably assisted by producer Jean Hollier (see this month's "2 Minutes with" interview), Sara Scott who has been choreographer for the past decade, and Martin Burdan (piano man since forever).

This is a not-to-be-missed event in my opinion – Ed. There are show excerpts on YouTube. You can see one at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qf8p0Gxkg4>



TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Staying Safe for Senior Drivers (Provided by NZTA)

Facilitator: Peter Sheppard, Road Safety Consultant

3 Wednesday mornings – starts on 12 September from 10am-12.30pm. Fee: \$10

A refresher workshop for senior road users held at the Emmaus Centre, Tawa Anglican Church. This course has been subsidised by Tawa Lions Club. Staying Safe is a classroom-based refresher workshop for senior road users.



This is a new Staying Safe workshop which will help senior drivers re-familiarise themselves with traffic rules and safer driving practices, as well as increase their knowledge about other transport options available to help them stay mobile for as long as possible.

Enrolments can be made at the Community Education website www.tawacom.ed.co.nz/driving

MAYOR IN THE CHAIR

Mayor Justin Lester hosted an “information session” along with local councillors in Tawa last week.

Around 30 people were present to hear the Mayor’s brief talk on some of the current issues and concerns in both Tawa and across the city. That was followed by a question time. Topics covered included the Upper Stebbings Valley development,

The Plaza upgrade, streetlights, the Lions platform/pergola, Tawa Pool, the roundabout at Outlet City, and buses through Tawa.



CAR PARKS IN THE CENTRAL SHOPPING AREA

There have been ongoing concerns about the width of some of the angle car parks on the Main Road in the central shopping area. Some are relatively narrow, especially the car parks immediately north of Essex St (outside Subway).

Council officers have carried out a comprehensive review of the parking situation between the Library at the southern end and Lincoln Ave at the other end. They are proposing widening a few of the car parks to improve things overall. In doing so, the total number of parking spaces will reduce from 99 to 91.

Please feel free to contact your local councillors if you have questions or concerns about this proposal:

jill.day@wcc.govt.nz or malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz

or the Tawa Community Board’s roading expert:

Graeme Hansen at graeme@stratusnz.nz



CITY BUILDER LAB TAWA

The Tawa Technology Education Trust (TTET), together with Microsoft and the Tawa Business Group, is helping to facilitate a City Builder Lab here in Tawa. This is an international concept, teaching children to redesign public spaces by playing with Minecraft.



During the week 17-21 September approximately 850 children from all the schools in Tawa will be invited to participate in a tournament re-imagining a 'corridor' from Duncan Street via Tawa Station to the Main Road. An international expert from Mexico, Dr Alfonso Govela Thomae, will be coming to Tawa specially to introduce and lead the activity. The tournament will be held at Tawa Intermediate School.

Prizes will be awarded for the best designs which will be accessible online. The Tawa Business Group (see details of this group on the next page) is supporting the concept and will promote the best ideas in future planning.



The Tawa community is invited to participate by selecting their preferred choices from each day of the tournament. Further details will be available as from Monday September 10th on the TTET website (www.ttet.nz).

SPRING INTO TAWA NEXT MONTH

Spring into Tawa 2018 is coming up fast – just over 50 days to go! Make sure you have Saturday 27 October noted in your diary.



We've had an amazing range of stallholders apply this year so there is going to be great variety at the event.

We still have a few spaces and we're keen to make sure community groups have a chance to be there. Please email us at spring.into.tawa@gmail.com if you'd still like to apply for a stall.

Each year Spring into Tawa supports local organisations with a donation of surplus money from running the event. We are thrilled to be able to do this again this year, and we have identified three great local causes.

We are running a vote on our Facebook page for the cause you'd most like us to support. Vote by 30 September – the organisation with the most votes will receive a donation from Spring into Tawa after the festival. And one lucky voter will win a prize pack including a \$100 voucher for The Borough.



TAWA BUSINESS GROUP

Who Are We?

The Tawa Business Group (TBG) commenced in July 2017 and is responsible for managing the targeted rates received by the Tawa Business Improvement District (BID).

What Do We Do?

The Tawa Business Group has two main purposes –

1. Making Tawa a more vibrant and successful place for current and prospective businesses and commercial property owners.
2. Establishing and maintaining a working partnership with the Wellington City Council with the objectives of improving policy development and decision making affecting Tawa businesses and commercial property owners.

What Are We Doing?

We have recently completed a Strategic Plan for the next three years and a Business and Action Plan for the 12 months that commenced 1 July 2018.

There are a range of projects planned for the next 12 months with the following activities already well under way –

1. Launching the new Tawa Logo developed in conjunction with the Tawa Residents Association and the Tawa Community Board by installing banners and flags along segments of the Main Road.

We are confident the new bright and lively logo will help change the narrative about Tawa moving the suburb from being somewhat conservative to being more vibrant while retaining its well-established family and community centred reputation.

Banners and Flags will be installed between the southern and northern Main Road entrances to Tawa with the banners being permanent displays and the flags being changeable for promoting events such as the annual Spring into Tawa Market Day.

2. Developing a Consultation Model with the Wellington City Council to provide an effective two-way relationship with both the Council's elected members and employed officials.

Since commencing in 2017 the Tawa Business Group has had significant interaction with the Wellington City Council and we are confident that having a formal consultation model will enhance these positive relationships.

How Can You Help?

While we currently have a committed and motivated nine member Executive Committee we are always looking for people to join us with a similar passion for improving Tawa for our business and property owner members.

If you are interested in being involved please either speak to one of us at this event or contact us as per the details on this flyer.

CONTACT DETAILS

Ant Simon

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MENZSHED TAWA

Menzshed Tawa is a community-based charitable society whose goals are to:

- Promote health and wellbeing of seniors in the community by creating a supportive environment where members can meet, socialise and share in a wide range of social issues faced by the older generation.
- Develop premises, “the shed”, so that male and female members can learn to use a wide range of building and joinery tools on personal, community and non-commercial projects.
- And, for our local children, supply education and training programmes where experienced members can teach building and joinery skills as part of school programmes and holiday programmes.

The Wellington City Council has granted Menzshed Tawa a license to occupy part of the Rural Fire depot building just south of the Tawa swimming pool.

This space needed a lot of work to make it suitable for use as a Menzshed. Our primary sponsor, Howard Woolston, owner of Smartway Builders, generously undertook to fit out the shed, assisted by his sub-contractors and the local building supply industry. This work has taken several months during which the shed has been designated a “construction site”. This meant it was out of bounds to the members in the interest of safety.

With the fit-out now mostly completed and the construction site restrictions removed, Menzshed Tawa celebrated its first “Access Day” for members on Saturday 25th August. This was an opportunity for them to see the space for themselves and get excited about getting actively involved with the club. A second Access Day is planned for Saturday 29th September for members and those who could not make the first day.

On Saturday 17th November Menzshed Tawa is planning an official “Open Day”, when WCC dignitaries, local politicians, and community leaders together with members of the general public will be invited to officially open the shed.

In the meantime all the tools, workbenches and materials are being set up progressively. Once this work is done, it is planned that members will have regular access on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Menzshed Tawa intends to include members from Tawa and surrounding areas including Johnsonville, Whitby, Plimmerton, Porirua and Pukerua Bay should they wish to join.

Funds are still needed to help pay for the work. There is a GiveALittle page at: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-tawa-menzshed-get-off-the-ground>



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TAWA POOL OPEN AGAIN



After having been closed since early July for a 'makeover', Tawa Pool opened again this week. Maintenance work included upgrading the changing rooms and toddler area, new family changing rooms, and plant maintenance.

The pool's contact details are tawa.pool@wcc.govt.nz or 232 7041.

From the Tawa Pool & Recreation Centre Facebook page on Monday 3 September:

"Kia ora Tawa, we're open for business!"

We've had a great day so far and have already welcomed back some of our regular customers who stopped by today for a swim.

There's new signage around the place, the new spa is proving to be popular and we've transformed our reception area!

We've got a sale on to welcome back our customers! 25% off goggles and 30% off togs and accessories. Be sure to come down for the Inflatable Day on Saturday!"



Kiwi Community Assistance

QUIZ NIGHT

A FUNdraiser Evening Supporting KCA

Sunday, 9 September from 7-9pm at the The Borough, 162/168 Main Road, Tawa
teams of 4-6 people, \$15 per person
Prizes and Raffles

Tickets must be pre-purchased. Payment to: Kiwi Community Assistance Charitable Trust a/c 02-0552-0024799-097 quoting Quiz Night and payer's name in Reference fields.

Kiwis working together to reduce inequality in our communities



SUICIDE AWARENESS EVENING

Tawa Community Centre
Tue 11 September 7pm

Dr Chris Bowden, Victoria University lecturer will speak on suicide prevention, strategies and safety plans.

Adebisi Riwanau, counsellor from Skylight will speak on managing depression and anxiety.

For more information call Tawa CC on 04 232 1682

Followed by tea and coffee

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COLLINS AVE

Later this month Collins Ave will be closed for a 12-hour period on a Saturday for the demolition of part of the old section of Collins Ave SH1 overbridge. The timing is yet to be confirmed but it is likely to be either 22nd or 29th September.

There will be an exclusion zone in place from Rangatira Road on the eastern side and Ranui Terrace on the western side and there will be no pedestrian or vehicle access under the bridge from 6am onwards. Residents within this exclusion zone will still be able to access their homes however.

Road users will be diverted via Woodman and Bing Lucas Drives, and pedestrians and cyclists will be diverted to use the Tawa College underpass. A shuttle will be available for any pedestrians that are unaware of the closure and would otherwise have to go out of their way to get to the Tawa College underpass.

Full details of the timing and the diversion route will be published via social media channels and a letter drop to nearby residents closer to the time of the demolition. VMS (electronic) boards will also feature at appropriate spots along the route to make people aware of the upcoming 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



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9:30am, 18 October 2018

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**WHERE: TAWA
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**WHEN: 9.30 - 10.20
EVERY FRIDAY**

NEW WATER TREATMENT STATION AT LINDEN PARK

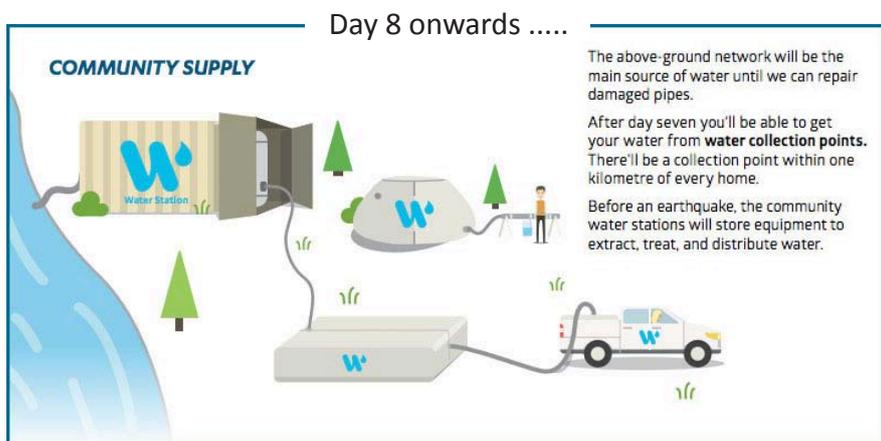
11 community water stations are currently being built in parks, schools and streets across Wellington city, with three of those in the Tawa area. One of the water stations is alongside the Tawa Fire Station, as detailed in our July newsletter. See <http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/tawanews-july2018.pdf>

Another is currently being constructed at Linden Park. See the pic below right.

Water stations will be used to store, treat and distribute emergency water which will be available from day eight after a significant earthquake event. The water distribution network across Wellington will provide 20 litres of water for each person, each day.

It is UP TO YOU to make provision for your household for the first seven days!

Here's how the emergency water supply works. Community, businesses and critical users need to be self-sufficient for the first seven days. A community supply will then come on tap, from day 8 onwards. See the diagram below.



WATER TANK SALES IN TAWA

32 x 200L emergency water tanks were sold in a one hour stint at the Lions' Market at Outlet City on a recent Saturday morning. Half of those had been pre-ordered.

Northern Ward councillors Malcolm Sparrow, Jill Day and Peter Gilberd have been selling the water tanks outside supermarkets or similar venues in the northern suburbs four or five times each year since mid-2016. Malcolm often has some available from his home address in Tawa as well.

The tanks can be bought through Wellington City Council at its Southern Landfill, a 45-55km round trip for Tawa people. The tanks are also available from the Porirua City Council service centre during working hours.



We make \$10 'profit' on each 200L water tank, and this is directed to a local charity, school or community group. As a result of the sales at the Lions' Market last month, \$250 has been donated to the Tawa Menzshed (see the article about the Menzshed elsewhere in this newsletter), and \$50 to the Lions Club of Tawa.

In the past 18 months, almost \$4800 has been donated to charities, schools and community groups in the northern suburbs from our sales of these water tanks. If you've bought one of the tanks locally, thank you for your support!

FOREST OF TANE UPDATE

The question has been asked: “What is happening with the Forest of Tane and what does Council intend doing with the pine trees that block a lot of residents’ sun?”

NOTE: The Forest of Tane is a 37 hectare block of land on the western hills of Tawa, bought by Council earlier last year after a concerted push by the Tawa community when the land came up for sale. Its purchase ensures that much of the land on the western hills – comprising mostly pine trees and native bush – is in “public hands”, i.e. belongs to the community.

Council’s response in mid-August: ““After purchasing the Forest [of Tane], Council engaged a forestry consultant to assess the stand as a whole which included the topped trees behind Duval Grove. The management options that have been presented to us



Community walk through the Forest of Tane 2017

for the Forest of Tane are to be included in Wellington City Council’s Outer Green Belt Management Plan, which is under development and is due to go out for public consultation this September. When the plan is ready it will be publicly notified and there will be an opportunity for residents to comment on the Forest of Tane’s future uses.

The removal of the stand of topped trees behind Duval Grove has been identified as the first stage of work to be carried out once the plan has been through consultation and funding released to our team. Before it is approved there is unlikely to be any tree work in the Forest of Tane unless it is an emergency following a storm. Being optimistic we have provisionally included the removal of the topped trees in this year’s (2018/19) reserves tree removal programme and will update you if this is approved or if it is likely to be delayed until next financial year 2019/20.”

Willowbank Reserve Care Group 'Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week'

Hello Everyone

Come and join us in cleaning up your local park – Willowbank Reserve on

Sunday 16th September 2018

Commencing at 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

Meet at the Willowbank Reserve Carpark on Boscobel Lane near the Bucket Tree Motel. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather, gumboots, a rake or tongs and loppers if you have them.

Gloves and plastic rubbish bags will be provided.

If you would like further information please contact – Fiona Drummond - 232-9208



TAWA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Tawa Community Liaison Group is at 12 midday on Monday 10 September in the boardroom at the Tawa Community Centre. These meetings, which take place for not more than an hour every six weeks, provide an opportunity for representatives from community groups, businesses, schools, churches, Tawa Community Board members, etc, to catch up on what's happening in the wider Tawa community, as well as to 'network'.

For more info, contact Mandy at the community centre, 232 1682 or mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz

TAWA STAKEHOLDERS RESILIENCE MEETING

The next twice-yearly meeting of the Tawa Community Liaison Group is at 7pm on Thursday 25 October in the boardroom at the Tawa Community Centre. 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

PROGRESS WITH THE UPGRADE OF TAWA PLAZA

The most recent update from Council advises: "We are in the final stages of our negotiations with the contractor and expect this to be concluded by the end of this week. The approximate start date is Monday 17 September 2018."

Seeing is believing!

UPDATE ON THE PERGOLA/PLATFORM

In last month's newsletter we included Council advice that "Tawa Platform [aka the Lions pergola – between On the Spot drycleaners and Take Note Tawa in the central shopping area] is closed due to erosion around a post in the stream. An engineer is checking it out and will get back to us with a report on their recommendations."

Council has this week advised that they "should have the report with remedial options in the next couple of weeks".

CAN YOU HELP COUNT KERERŪ?

The Great Kererū Count is NZ's biggest citizen science project to help gather information on the abundance and distribution of the New Zealand pigeon – also known as kererū, kūkū or kūkupa.

Everyone in New Zealand can get involved with the Great Kererū Count. Whether you see any kererū or not, sharing your observations online will help build up a clearer picture of where the kererū live, how many there are and what they are feeding on.

Kererū are the only birds left in New Zealand that are able to swallow and disperse the seeds from our largest native trees such as tawa, taraire, pūriri and matai. They can live for 21+ years and are essential for native bush regeneration. Their disappearance would be a disaster for our native forests.

The count takes place from 21st to 30th September. For more details see <https://www.greatkererucount.nz/how-to-count/>



CROSSING OXFORD STREET NEAR MELVILLE STREET

Local elected representatives (councillors and/or Tawa Community Board members) are asked every so often whether it is possible for a pedestrian crossing to be constructed just north of Melville St, across Oxford St, a route used by both train commuters and school kids crossing Oxford St to the supermarket carpark.

Here is the recently-received response on this issue supplied by Council's Traffic Engineering team:

"We have always had it in mind to widen the very narrow central island(s) on Oxford Street near the intersection with Melville Street. This would facilitate a central refuge for pedestrians to undertake a two-stage crossing of Oxford Street. The current traffic volumes and pedestrian movements would not warrant a formalised zebra crossing.

We will add this [widening the central island(s)] to our Minor Safety works programme."

UPPER STEBBINGS VALLEY DEVELOPMENT

Upper Stebbings Valley lies "over the hill" from southwestern Tawa, not a great distance as the crow (or kererū) flies. Upper Stebbings Valley and Glenside West (south of Tawa) is one of the last remaining areas of Wellington identified by Council for new housing.

As per the WCC website: "We will create a high-level plan for the future of the Upper Stebbings Valley and Glenside West area – how it might look, what people will need and what facilities should be provided. The plan will include things like transport, housing density, parks and reserves, water management and resilience."

Council has started to bring together people and organisations with an interest in the project to help with the early planning.

A workshop was held last week in Tawa to "start the conversation" and to get people's ideas on how they would ideally like this development to look. Community representatives from Churton Park, Glenside and Tawa took part, along with WCC officers, developers, and representatives from the Ministry of Education, GWRC, Wellington Water, and Corrections (bearing in mind that the Arohata facility sits inside the purple boundary on the map above).

Although a proposed road "over the hill" is of immediate concern to some Tawa residents, this is currently not an important part of WCC officers' considerations. Considering the proximity of Upper Stebbings Valley to Tawa, there is a strong possibility that a connecting road will be built one day.

As long ago as 2004, Tawa residents were told: "You will be pleased to know that Council's final decision closed the door (and locked it) to the proposed collector route (main route) through Greyfriars Crescent, Redwood. If a connection from Stebbings Valley to Tawa is ever to occur, the Northern Growth Management Framework provides for a main route through Corrections land (keeping in mind this would be subject to further consultation at the time)."

The key is to ensure that if a connecting road is built, it steers well clear of residential Tawa streets.

A further workshop on the development at Upper Stebbings Valley and Glenside West will be taking place in October.



TAWA PIPPINS, BROWNIES & GUIDES HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE!

Pippins is the beginning of an exciting adventure in Guiding. We help girls aged 5 - 6 years to make new friends, tackle challenges, enjoy activities, earn badges and learn to appreciate and respect the environment and the community.

Brownies is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school! Our programme for girls aged 7 - 9 ½ years includes outdoor adventures, conservation activities, cooking, crafts, games and community action projects – all challenging the girls to achieve and grow.

Guides take part in community projects, outdoor adventures, cultural awareness activities, and camping. Girls who are 9 to 12 ½ years old develop leadership skills at Guides as they become more independent in making decisions. Activities are more demanding and the girls take the lead in defining their own programme.



Pippins & Brownies in Tawa meet on Monday 4pm - 5.30pm

Guides in Tawa meet on Monday 7pm - 8.30pm

To arrange a visit, contact local coordinator Katrina at katrinaclokie@gmail.com or 022 096 3973.

TAWA COLLEGE STUDENT TRULANI VAN DER HEYDE'S RECENT VISIT TO AFRICA

Better than imagined, was the one thought I had repeatedly throughout my trip to Africa this year, having been selected for this international research trip as one of the top five biology students in New Zealand.

We started by making our way to a small rural school in Mbeya in Tanzania. That became the site from which we conducted the first part of our research at the crater lakes in the African Great Rift Valley. We were able to work alongside a team of professionals and university students from all around the world.

We spent our time measuring many of the lake's abiotic and biotic factors each day. We also used the ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) to record fish abundance at different depths. All to try to increase the limited amount of information currently known about the lake and its many unique species.

The next part of our research occurred in Malawi about halfway down the beautiful Lake Malawi (or Lake Nyasa) where we all had the amazing opportunity to take a scuba diving course in the heart of Africa, and then use our newfound skills to aid in the study of the fish there.



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TAWA COLLEGE STUDENT TRULANI VAN DER HEYDE'S RECENT VISIT TO AFRICA *contd*

As well as the research aspect, I gained a lot from the cultural experience, particularly in Tanzania. We spent most of our free time with the local students, hanging out with them and having them show us around their place and the things that make up a significant part of their lives. We learnt a lot about the role of agriculture in their society.

Their optimistic, always smiling faces were definitely very infectious and really made the experience, and being able to help out in their village as well, so much more meaningful for us.

TAWA COLLEGE STUDENT YOLANDA LATU'S VISIT TO VANUATU

During the term break, I was given the amazing opportunity of being one of the ten that was chosen for the Pacific Project which is run by UN youth.

I had the privilege of attending the National Conference in Australia where I took part in the Model United Nations general assembly and represented the country of Eritrea. I took part in workshops where we discussed the way the political system works, human rights, democracy, disarmament and way more intriguing topics that triggered many stimulating conversations.

At the beginning of the conference we were told that we would find "Our People" at the National Conference and that is precisely what happened. After spending a week in Australia we then flew to Vanuatu where we were to learn about New Zealand's relationship with the Pacific. We stayed in a village called Pango, where we quickly became one of the locals.

In Vanuatu we visited the New Zealand High Commission and there we were informed about the aid that New Zealand provides to Vanuatu. We visited local schools and spent time there getting to know the children and how their normal routine works in terms of schooling. We browsed through their libraries, markets and museums, and received a huge dosage of their culture.

While in Vanuatu I learnt about the small projects that locals take part in and how they all want to be 100% plastic free. Regardless of the population and size of their country they are well adapted and have so much knowledge within their communities.

I would like to thank everyone that helped me with my journey to getting to my trip. Thank you to Mr Lucas and Tawa College for all your support and I especially would like to thank my family for all their love and prayers.



Yolanda is at centre of photo

CURRENT SIGNS ON THE MAIN ROAD

Tawa Softball – registrations now being taken, Juniors and Seniors

North City Cricket Club – registration day Saturday 22nd September, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Linden Park, northcitycricketclub.co.nz

Tawa Scout Group Quiz Night Fundraiser – Saturday 22nd September, 7pm. Doors open at 6.45pm, Linden Social Centre, Linden Ave, Tawa. Tickets \$10 per person, email tawascouts@gmail.com

2 MINUTES WITH Jean Hollier

The name Jean Hollier is synonymous with music in Tawa. It is particularly appropriate that we feature Jean this month, as it's only a few short weeks before the biennial Tawa Schools' and Community Festival, commonly known these days as "Tawa Goes to Town", is held at the Michael Fowler Centre. She is one of the key players in this key Tawa event, and has been involved in it in one way or another in its almost 40 year history.

Jean is a familiar face to hundreds of Tawa school students in her role in teaching music in this community, and especially with the weekly music festival rehearsals currently taking place. She truly is a Tawa taonga.



Where were you born? Wellington Hospital

Where did you grow up? Tawa

Where were you educated?

Tawa School, Tawa Intermediate, Tawa College (notice a trend?), Wellington Polytech – Business Studies, studied Piano with Jean Legge and Jillian Bray.

How long have you lived in Tawa? Forever!

What about family?

Married to the wonderfully supportive Gary, awesome daughter Zoe, Trixie our dog, Princess our cat and five fish!

Work experience over the years

Spent 14 years in the banking industry, including management roles. I continued to teach music at the Tawa Music Centre during this time, to "keep my hand in". Took the opportunity to be made redundant in 1999 and have been teaching music ever since. I currently work in four schools as an itinerant music teacher, am a tutor for Tawa College Community Education and Tawa Music Centre and have private piano/keyboard students.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Music, theatre, gardening (when time permits), and shopping.

Favourite sports team? Black Caps.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

Will pretty much listen to and attempt to play most artists/composers, but Elton John's talent and the concert atmosphere he creates is pretty unbeatable.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Paengaroa [according to Wikipedia, Paengaroa is a village in the Bay of Plenty, lying 11 km from Te Puke and 35 km from Tauranga – Ed.]

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

Taking over the role of producer of Tawa Goes to Town was pretty daunting, but the tradition has lived on. My own musical love was nurtured through these shows, which I have been part of since 1976* (I haven't missed one since). Shona Murray directed these music festivals for many years and inspired so many people, including me. I have a passion for every Tawa student to have the opportunity that I had, to be a part of this amazing, unique Tawa community event.

When Murray [Cameron] took over the musical director role in 2012, a producer was needed to fill the vacant role. Murray and I have always been able to work well together, being involved in a few musical productions together, including many family events (21sts, weddings, etc). As his big sister I can tell him what to do!

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

A river cruise through Europe.

See a live show or concert every month.

* The Tawa Schools' and Community Festival has been running in its current format since 1979, involving the college and adult choir as well as several hundred primary and intermediate school singers. The venue has been either the Wellington Town Hall or Michael Fowler Centre. It commenced in 1976 as a primary school music festival which was held at Viard College or the Porirua Recreation Centre.

From 1979 the music festival has been an annual event, changing its frequency to once every two years (biennial) after 1990. The 2018 occasion will be the 25th show in the current format!

KCA ASSISTING THE COMMUNITY

KCA (Kiwi Community Assistance) gave a presentation at the August meeting of the Tawa Community Board, detailing the number of Tawa schools and groups, etc that they assist.

Here are some of those that KCA assists in Tawa:

- Salvation Army Tawa – with frozen single meals for their foodbank
- Tawa Central Kindergarten – we provide milk to them on a weekly basis for their clients
- HHT (He Huarahi Tamariki) School – receives meat, fruit and vegetables to feed their students a hot lunch during term time; plus reading books and toys for their childcare centre
- Linden School – receives fruit for their students to eat; we also provide their students with warm clothing including shoes when we receive orders from the principal asking for assistance
- Tawa Intermediate School – we provide them with sliced bread for their breakfast club
- Tawa College – we provide them with single serve meals for students who arrive at school with no lunches and bulk fruit from time to time
- St Vincent de Paul Foodbank which is run from the Catholic church in Tawa; they receive (via their Porirua branch) non-perishable food items from KCA
- Tawa Lions Xmas Parade – KCA sponsored 100% of the lollies last year and 50% the previous year
- Tawa Plunket – baby clothing, cots, kids' toys, etc
- Tawa Community Garden – KCA provided all the sausages and onions for their last community barbecue function
- Tawa Community Centre – KCA provides them with toys, reading books, jigsaws, cups and glasses for visitors at the community centre to use
- We also have numerous agencies with clients residing in the Tawa area whom we assist with clothing, furniture and whiteware, etc



The water blaster that we purchased with funding from the Tawa Community Board gets a regular workout with the cleaning of approx 100-200 crates a week. This is done by volunteers who live in the Tawa area.

OPPORTUNITY FOR 18-24 YEAR OLDS

Are you 18 to 24 years of age and ready to make your future even brighter?

If you are, or have been, a leader at school, work or in your community, then you must apply for a 2019 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) today! RYLA is a residential high-energy programme to develop young leaders, to be held at the Silverstream Retreat, Hutt Valley, 23-27 January.

“RYLA will take you on a journey of teamwork and personal growth, and will challenge your limits. It’s one of the best ways you can spend a week if there is something, anything, that you want to achieve in life. OR if, like I was, you’re feeling somewhat directionless. The programme is diverse, with something for everyone. You’ll work within teams, share with those around you, listen to a range of truly inspirational speakers, and take part in all manner of dynamic activities. I can almost guarantee you will come out of it with friends and cheerleaders who will be with you for life.”

– Tom Hutton, 2018 RYLA representative

Visit www.ryla9940.co.nz or contact Don Rushworth tawarotaryclub@gmail.com for more information or to apply.

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



**Tawa Community Service Award**

Do you know someone who deserves more thanks for their work?

Nominate them for a Service Award from the Tawa Community Board.

Conditions of Award:

- 1** Any person may nominate an individual aged 16 and over who:
 - lives, or works, or has similarly strong connection to Tawa, and
 - does an act or acts of service in their work that merits greater appreciation from the Tawa community.
- 2** Awards will reflect an individual going over and above the usual expectations of their role.
- 3** Board members are not eligible for nomination. Awards are given at the sole discretion of the Board. Nominations may be made at any time.

To make a nomination contact any Board member or place completed form in the nominations box at Tawa Library or Tawa Community Centre.

Award recipients receive a certificate of appreciation in a brief presentation at regular Board meetings.

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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.

Tawa Recreation Centre School Holiday Programme

Registrations are now open

Take advantage of our promotions

Early bird offer - register for the whole week and receive 20% discount when you book and pay online by 16 September 2018, pay only \$148 instead of \$185, day rates will apply to full week registrations after this date

Refer a friend - enter your friend's full name and email address when you book and pay online and you will both receive 10% off the next holiday programme offered by Tawa Recreation Centre

Go to our webpage <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays> for programme information, to register and for the promotion terms and conditions or call on 232 2260

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“If Plan A fails, remember that you have 25 letters left.”

“Doing what you like is freedom. Liking what you do is happiness.”

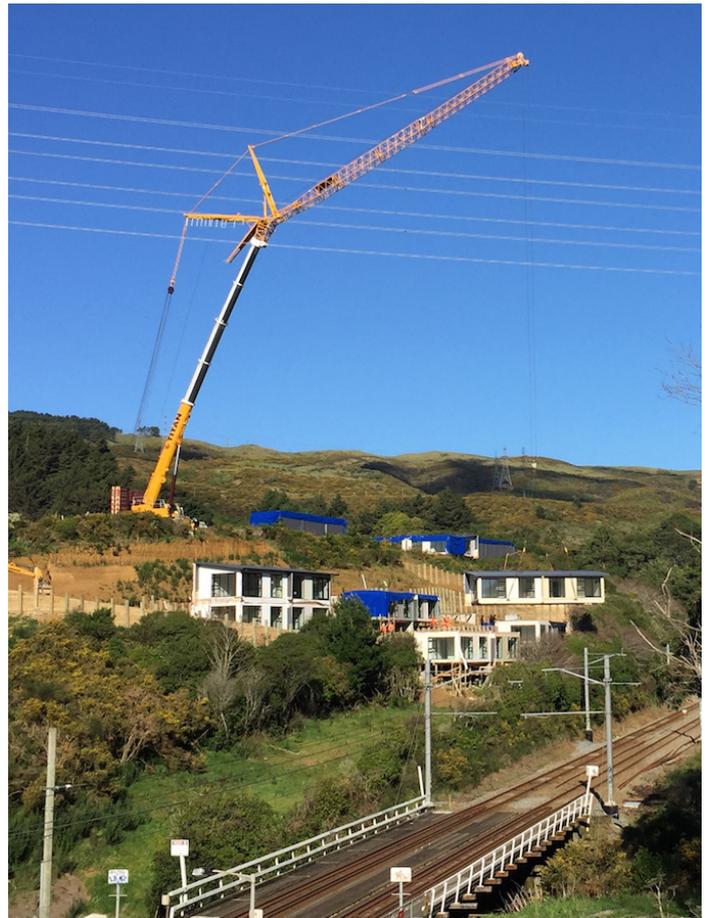
“I always give 100% at work: 13% Monday, 22% Tuesday, 26% Wednesday, 35% Thursday, 4% Friday.”

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