



COMMUNITY NEWS

September 2015

This community newsletter is sent out monthly on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website which has been supported by the Tawa Residents' Association since 2002.

More regular community updates are available if you join more than 1800 other Tawa residents on neighbourly.co.nz. You can opt for daily updates or weekly updates from that site.

SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY ALMOST HERE

Join us at "Spring into Tawa" Market Day on Saturday 12 September. It'll take place at the Main Road central shopping centre from 9am to 12.30pm, wet or fine, with more than 60 stalls selling everything from cakes and sausages to Asian food, plants, jewellery and various gifts, and handing out information.

Emergency services including the Fire Brigade and Police will also be taking part, and the Red Hackle Pipe Band will be marching along the Main Road at 11am.

Thanks to Ron Baker and Ray Lindsay from the Tawa Residents' Association, and Mandy Russell at the Tawa Community Centre for the part they've all played in organising the event. Also to Robert Tredger, Tawa Community Board chair, for helping Malcolm Sparrow (pictured) put in place the various billboards. Robert posed for last year's photo – in the interest of fairness they take turns!



RECENT NEIGHBOURLY POT LUCK MEAL

Our Neighbourly pot luck meal went off well with about 85 people bringing along a variety of dishes to share. We had a questionnaire entitled "Who am I?" with interesting information which 38 different participants had contributed. That made it considerably easier for people to bowl up to and talk with others they hadn't met before. Worthwhile prizes were at stake, providing even more incentive for people to take part!

Some examples in the questionnaire:

"We are a Palestinian family who came to New Zealand in 2010."

"My husband and I got married on December 29, 2004 at the 'little chapel next to the courthouse' in Las Vegas."

"Only 6 months ago my Kiwi partner, our two wonderful daughters and I moved from Berlin to Tawa."

"I was born in a stable in England."

"I collect Snoopy paraphernalia and hope to open a small museum to raise funds for animal welfare."

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“I was once a passenger in a racing sidecar.”

“I was once a scullery maid in an English stately home.”

First prize was a \$50 voucher kindly donated by Nicholas Jermyn Shirtmakers, Outlet City, Tawa, along with a \$30 New World grocery voucher kindly donated by Neighbourly. That was won by Anna Scott.



Anna Scott

Second prize was a a \$50 voucher kindly donated by Nicholas Jermyn Shirtmakers, Outlet City, Tawa, along with a \$20 New World grocery voucher kindly donated by Neighbourly. That was won by Alison Bayly.



Alison Bayly

We ran another little competition entitled “How well do you know Tawa?”, with photos of 24 different Tawa settings. The prize was a \$50 voucher kindly donated by Nicholas Jermyn Shirtmakers, Outlet City, Tawa. That was won by Brigid Sharp.



In a 5-question quiz, all to do with Tawa, the prizes were Neighbourly mugs containing a Whittaker’s chocolate bar.

It was another successful occasion, a sequel to a Neighbourly community barbecue we held last November, as well as being an excuse to celebrate Tawa’s no. 1 spot in NZ in



Brigid Sharp

terms of Neighbourly members! And it was was a great opportunity for people to meet others who perhaps had previously only been an “online name”.

Thanks to our five Leads who were all involved in organising and running the event, and thanks to Neighbourly for its all-round sponsorship and prizes and to Nicholas Jermyn Shirtmakers for their generous prizes.

CONNECTING WITH TAWA ON NEIGHBOURLY

Coming Events in Tawa (as listed on Neighbourly):

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| Sun 6 September | – Tawa-Lyndhurst Tennis Club Open Day |
| Sat 12 September | – Spring into Tawa Market Day |
| Mon 14 September | – “Take the Pain out of Presenting”, by Tony Burns |
| Sat 19 September | – Easy Now Mindfulness Doodle & Colouring Workshop |
| | – Tawa Scout Group Quiz Night |
| Sun 27 September | – Tawa Learners’ Band & Porirua Youth Brass Spring Concert |

Neighbourly enables local people to share information with each other and to become a more “connected” community.

See www.neighbourly.co.nz



ARE YOU KEEPING UP WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING IN TAWA?

TAWA COMMUNITY GARDEN ABOUT TO COME TO LIFE!

From a few suggestions on Tawa's Neighbourly website, to an initial meeting of interested folk with a Wellington City Council representative: ten months on, a committed group of keen gardeners are about ready to make a start on Tawa's first community garden on public reserve.

The group identified Coronation Park as the best option in Tawa. It is highly central, flat, accessible, and fully fenced. Wellington City Council have granted a licence to use the front 30m x 10m for a community garden, and provided start-up funding.



"Checking out one potential site."
– December 2014 newsletter



"Looking at the possibility of developing a community garden at the street end of Coronation Park."

– February 2015 newsletter

We will run the site communally (not allotment-style), involving interested community members and groups. Right next to the site, Tawa Central Kindergarten is very excited by the opportunities the Garden will provide for their children.

Any produce will be shared as needed among the group, with surplus donated to charity via KCA (Kiwi Community Assistance).

Within a few weeks, our first beds will be developed. It's potato-planting time! After that we will be planning a raised bed section to provide greater accessibility.

Long-term our vision is for a garden that is productive, organic, and beautiful, a place for learning and sharing across the generations, a place that could incorporate artistic work, gardening heritage and the

'wow' factor – not just your everyday backyard garden.

We've already run a permaculture workshop and a seed and seedling swap, the first of many.

The group has expertise in heritage fruit, organics, permaculture, native plants, and in running charitable affairs. We appreciate the support and guidance already received from local Tawa leaders, as well as Council staff.

Want to know more? Check out our stand at Spring into Tawa (12th September) – free plants on offer.

Check out our discussion group on Neighbourly; keep an eye out for events such as workshops and Seedling Swaps.

Or contact Robyn Parkinson (co-ordinator) – ph 232 5338, or via Neighbourly.



It will commence in this corner of the park.
– August 2015 photo

EASY NOW MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

There will be an Easy Now Mindfulness Doodle & Colouring Workshop at the Tawa Community Centre on Saturday September 19, 1-2.30pm. Hear about mindfulness, the benefits of very trendy and popular doodling and colouring for adults, and most of all you'll get creative!

This will be a fun, mindful and hands-on session, suitable for everyone. No artistic skills needed at all! Early bird \$30. You can bring your kids along too!

To join: email monique@easynowmindfulness.com or text 021 134 7541 to register.



Take your family on the Tawa trivia track

Monday 7 September to Saturday 12 September
A spring into Tawa festival event

Travel the Tawa Trivia Track to go in the draw to win fantastic prizes. Get the whole family involved and pick up a worksheet from a Wellington City Council building in Tawa - the library, community centre, recreation centre or pool. Follow the map and answer the questions along the way. Easy!

For more information, phone Tawa Community Centre on 04 232 1682 or Mervyn Kemp Library on 04 232 1690.

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TAWA RECREATION CENTRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

It's time again to think about the September/October school holidays. Registrations are now open. We have planned for a jam-packed programme to keep your young ones entertained over the two weeks.

Our Learn to Swim programme has been incorporated again this time due to popular demand. The programme will run for the full 2 weeks where children can improve their skills or learn something new. We have qualified instructors who will test and teach each child to their ability. Supervised activities will be provided for children who are not swimming.

Don't forget we offer before care as well from 7.45am-8.30am.

Go to <http://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/get-active-indoors/recreation-centres/tawa-recreation-centre/holiday-programme> and receive a 5% discount for all online registrations.

Please contact us if you do not have an account and we can set you and your family up.

The programme is OSCAR approved. Contact me, Anjna Maisuriya, with any queries on 232 2260 or 021 227 8358 or Anjna.Maisuriya@wcc.govt.nz

HAMPTON HILL 50 YEARS CELEBRATION

Friday October 30, 5.30pm to Saturday October 31, 12.00pm.
A fun weekend catching up with old friends from Hampton Hill.

Friday night is in the hall and marquee – live music, catch-up time, old photos, canapes and refreshments, candid photos by a professional photographer, and lots of talking and stories. Informal and relaxed evening.

Saturday morning is at school with our current families and a more formal time with morning tea, speeches, decade photos, tree planting, entertainment and a school walkabout.

Registrations are now open.

Check our website: www.hamptonhill.school.nz or email Jan at celebration@hamptonhill.school.nz

We have an “Expressions of Interest” list – stay informed! Send an email to us.



Hampton Hill School is turning 50!

If you are a past student, or ex-member of staff, come and celebrate with us this October...

Friday 30 October 2015

A special evening for past students and staff to catch up over old photos and memorabilia. Canapes and refreshments will be served.

Saturday 31 October 2015

A morning of activities for past and current families to celebrate the school's birthday. Official decade photographs will be taken.

For full programme details and to register your attendance, please call Jan Berndt at Hampton Hill School (04 232 6509) or send an email to celebration@hamptonhill.school.nz Register online: www.hamptonhill.school.nz

REDWOOD SCHOOL'S 50th BIRTHDAY

Redwood School will be 50 years old in 2016. Are you interested in being part of a committee to organise some events to celebrate this milestone?

Please contact Sue Goodin on 232 7704 or email bot@redwood.school.nz.



TAWA SCOUT GROUP QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19th September 2015

Linden Social Centre 7pm

\$10 Ticket

Email Michael.corcoran@xtra.co.nz

B.Y.O. Nibbles and Light Refreshments

Prize for the best dressed team



Raffles on sale – Jokers on sale

Purchase a Joker to double your points

Prize for the winning team

All funds raised are going to support Tawa Scouts – Group Camp

Art & Craft FAIR

Hosted by Tawa Art and Craft Society (Inc.)

Saturday, 10 October 2015

9.00-3.00 FREE ENTRY

Tawa Community Centre

5 Cambridge Street, Tawa

For all things HANDMADE

Phone Aileen 232 6024 or text 027 212 6024

BOOK YOUR TABLE TODAY - \$20



WELLINGTON AIRPORT REGIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Certain Tawa individuals have done exceptionally well in the 2015 Wellington Airport Community Awards.

Congratulations to Liz Sneyd of Tawa who won the Supreme Award for Porirua for her work with the Virtuoso Strings Charitable Trust (pictured below left). As it states on their Facebook page: "The Virtuoso Strings Charitable Trust is a registered charity managed by dedicated volunteers who run a



Sistema-based music programme giving talented kids in the Porirua area an opportunity to be part of something special."

Congratulations also to Julie Harris (pictured at right) who coordinates

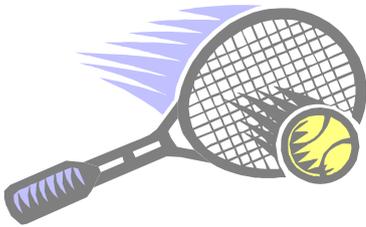


Community Fruit Harvesting (Wellington), the group which won the Health and Wellbeing category in a field of 25 applicants in the Wellington division of the awards.

A posting on Neighbourly mentions their community stall at the Harbourside Market this coming Sunday, 6th September, where they'll be offering a wide range of homemade jams and marmalades, all made by volunteers using recycled fruit from Wellington gardens.

Freshly made grapefruit cordial and bags of organic lemons and tangelos will also be available, all in limited supply.

TAWA-LYNDHURST TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY



Sunday 6 September 1 – 3pm

- Meet the Club Coaches
- Bring along your racquet and have a hit
- Registration for Junior Club sessions, Junior and Senior Interclub, all coaching and Senior players



Junior Club Coaching sessions start on Week 1 Term 4

Year 1 - 3: Tues 3.30 – 4.30 OR Sun 9 – 10am
Year 4 – Year 6: Tues 4.30 – 5.30 OR Sun 10 – 11am
Year 7 – Year 13/Interclub coaching: Wed 4 – 5.30pm

Junior Interclub

- Interclub is available on Saturdays and Sundays
- Team entry is due on 13th September

Senior Club

- Tuesday night team competition
- Wednesday night doubles competition
- Midweek Tuesdays
- Interclub – Team entry due 7th Sept.
- Social club sessions

Clubhouse:

Taylor Park Complex
by Redwood Railway Station, Tawa
Phone 232 5312

Club Coach: Francis Glover

Phone 027 428 9759
francis@tennisinc.co.nz

Junior Convenor: Julie Roberts

Phone 232 9301
juliemroberts33@gmail.com

Senior Interclub: Annemarie Booth

Phone 232 9498
aandmbooth@xtra.co.nz

SIGN UP TO SHAKEOUT!

Everyone, everywhere should know the right action to take before, during and after an earthquake. Thursday 15 October is the International ShakeOut Day of Action. New Zealand will be the first country to participate this year, at 9.15am!

The aim is to get 1.5 million New Zealanders to sign up to take part – which should also make ours the biggest (per capita) ShakeOut drill in the world!

Once you've signed up you'll be kept up-to-date with all the information you need to take part in the Drop, Cover and Hold drill. For more info see <http://www.shakeout.govt.nz/index.html>

TAWA STORE WINS AT RETAIL NZ TOP SHOP AWARDS



The best shops from across the Lower North Island were named at the Retail NZ Top Shop Awards in Wellington recently. Tawa store, Kd One Skincare & Cosmetics at 220a Main Road Tawa, took top honours in the Health & Beauty category. Congratulations to the owner, Kareen Holland. "Judges found the store bright and immaculately presented and said that the staff were professional, positive and polite."

NEW BEAUTY STUDIO OPENING

Ombre' is opening a 'Beauty Studio' on Thursday 10th September! Just in time for Spring!

Why choose Ombre' Beauty Studio over any other? Natalia is a fully trained and qualified City & Guilds Beauty Therapist and is a MAC Make-up Artist who trained in Sweden. Her work is known at Te Papa, Avalon Studios and TVNZ.



Ombre' Beauty Studio has an extensive range of treatments to suit each individual client's needs. Natalia's speciality is Eye Lash Extensions and are available as a Natural set, Deluxe set and the VIP set.

For further information please contact: Ombre' Beauty Studio at 137 Main Road, Tawa, right next to El Porteno Café. Phone 232 8119.

"PAY IT FORWARD" AT TAWA POOL AND RECREATION CENTRE

It's Mental Health Awareness Week 5-11th October. This year the theme is 'Give', and our pools and rec centres are going to 'pay it forward' with a free swim or free casual entry.

Each facility is going to support three local community groups/organisations that support wellbeing (could be a young group or older adults support group). Members of the community who come and use the facility can choose to 'pay it forward' by purchasing an entry pass for a swim or rec centre for one group. At the end of the month the total number of entry passes will be given to the community groups to use as they see fit.

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.

2 MINUTES WITH Murray Cameron



Murray may be the only staff member at Tawa College (other than the principal, Mr Lucas) who went to primary, intermediate and secondary schools in Tawa and is back teaching at his old school. He is now head of the Music Department at a college widely known for its strength in music.

Where were you born?

Wellington. My parents came out to the 'burbs (Tawa) from central Wellington before I was born.

Where did you grow up?

Tawa, in the house next to St Christopher's in the Main Road.

Where were you educated?

Tawa Primary School, Tawa Intermediate, Tawa College. Took me a long time to do my degree, B.Mus at Vic "over time", because of lots of distractions. I was running a sound company at the same time and teaching music – keyboard and clarinet in schools, the Tawa Music Centre (and at Mana) and teaching privately.

What is your line of work?

I started teaching at Tawa College in 1999. The job description in the Gazette was very specific – for a Maths, Music and Technology teacher. As time went on I dropped the other teaching subjects to concentrate on music. I've been HoD Music since the start of 2006 and now I am also a dean of a year group.

What about family?

Married to "the lovely and clever Wendy" with three children.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Supporting our kids in their numerous activities, family bike rides, sound and recording, music and movies.

Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?

I don't think I have one. I have a love of cricket but no actual team or sportsperson. As a family we support the Wellington Phoenix football team too.

Favourite musical group or style of music?

I can listen to most music. Love everything really. Elton John is the Schubert of our time. I think he's amazing. But he, Beethoven, Berlioz [19th Century French Romantic composer], they're all a bit different – that's often what makes their music stand out from everyone else's.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Any camping ground near a beach. We try to take the tent out with the kids sometime every Christmas holidays. The Bay of Islands and Hahei (Coromandel) are two of our favourites. Also camping by a river near Martinborough.

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

For me it is all about supporting others to be great or to discover unknown talents about themselves.

Being HoD of one of the best music departments in New Zealand and carrying on the work started by Shona Murray [see profile in last month's newsletter – Ed.] on the Tawa Music Festival is also a privilege.

I am on the committee that organises the Big Sing which is a Choral Federation Secondary Schools' choir festival. I have been given the title of Technical Manager for this as I have pushed the Wellington organisers, and then the National organisers, to make their events more 'teen-centric'. Enlisting the services of another Tawa local, Richard Naylor, we have streamed the finale of this event on the web for the last few years. We now have an online audience of near on 60,000 viewers for the three day finale.

I have moved into directing the coverage – calling live which shot from the 7 or 8 cameras goes to air. This year Maori TV will use the footage to create some documentaries. It has been exciting to witness the development of this event.

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

Raft the Grand Canyon; Attend a test match at Lords; Go to the Australian Open. That would be outstanding. I used to do sound for the tennis tournaments that came through Wellington.

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

On behalf of TawaLink.com (supported by the Tawa Residents' Association)



"Alcohol and calculus don't mix. Never drink and derive."

"Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly." – Robert Schuller

"Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example." – Mark Twain

Items for this newsletter should be sent to info@tawalink.com. Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320. Please type in email Subject Line: "Item for Tawa newsletter".

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 half of the month.

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting that your name be deleted from our list.

For back issues of the newsletter see www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html.

PLEASE BE AWARE that many of the items/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.

A dog's life

