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Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

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

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

In case you weren't already aware, local body elections are fast approaching. We should be receiving voting papers in the mail in the period 20 to 25 September. Voting closes midday on Saturday 12 October.

Nine candidates, as shown here, are standing for the six places on the **Tawa Community Board**.



Graeme Hansen



Richard Herbert



Damian Hewett



Steph Knight



Jackson Lacy



Robyn Parkinson



John Peters



Anna Scott



Bronwyn Thurston

Eight candidates, as shown at right and below, are standing for the three councillor positions in the **Takapū/Northern Ward**.

Candidates' statements (for the councillor role) are available here:
<https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/elections/local-elections-2019/nominated-candidates/takapu-northern-ward>

For the community board:

<https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/elections/local-elections-2019/nominated-candidates/tawa-community-board>



John Apanowicz



Jenny Condie



Jill Day



Peter Gilbert



Tracy Hurst-Porter



John Peters



Graeme Sawyer



Malcolm Sparrow

ELECTION MEETINGS IN TAWA

MAYORAL FORUM – see below

<p>TAWA COMMUNITY MAYORAL FORUM</p> <p>30 September 7:00pm to 8:30pm</p> <p>TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>5 CAMBRIDGE STREET, TAWA</p> <p>Come and hear the Wellington Mayoral Candidates answer YOUR questions about the issues most concerning Tawa Voters</p> <p>Organised by the Lions Club of Tawa</p>  <p>Lions Clubs International</p>	<p>TAWA COMMUNITY EVENT</p> <p>PREPARE YOUR QUESTIONS</p> <p>Your opportunity to ask the mayoral candidates the questions YOU want answered before you send in your voting papers</p> <p>MEETING CONVENOR: Patrick Waite, QSM, JP</p> <p>CONTACT: Lions Club of Tawa tawalions@lionsclubs.org.nz Phone: 027 441 6944</p>
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COMBINED TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD AND NORTHERN WARD COUNCILLORS' EVENT

The Tawa Residents Association will be running a candidates' evening in Tawa on Tuesday 1 October at the Tawa Community Centre.

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD candidates:
6pm until 7.15pm

Topic – The one thing the Community Board should be focused on in the next three years.

NORTHERN WARD COUNCILLOR
candidates: 7.30pm until around 9.30pm

Topic – The one greatest opportunity and one greatest challenge for Tawa in the next three to five years.

Following the candidates speaking, there will be an opportunity to ask questions.



GUIDED NATIVE BUSH WALK

When?

On Sunday afternoon, 29 September, FOTBR is hosting a guided bush walk for any in the community who wish to become more familiar with the plants and animals in both Redwood Bush and the Larsen Crescent Reserve.

Time?

People are invited to meet at the Brasenose Place entrance of Redwood Bush at 2pm and walk through this reserve and conclude in Peterhouse Street after also having walked through Larsen Crescent Reserve. The return to Brasenose Place will be by footpath.

Who?

The walk is open to anyone and will take approximately 2 hours. To determine the numbers participating, people intending to come are asked to email the FOTBR Secretary, Carol Andrews, by 27 September at secretary@tawabush.org.nz

Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves Inc.



BIG SING IN DUNEDIN

The National Big Sing Finale was held in Dunedin recently. Tawa College's "Blue Notes" received their first gold award which is a tremendous effort and a real tribute to their conductor Isaac Stone.



At the Big Sing Finale choirs can gain gold, silver or bronze awards. Gold is obviously the highest award! There were 24 choirs selected in the National Finale, with more than 800 participants (as in the pic below right), and only five received gold awards. The other four were schools from Auckland. Tawa College was the only co-educational school to receive gold.

Blue Notes also obtained the Big Sing Tour Time Award for the best performance of a classical work.

Justin Lester, the Mayor of Wellington, will be hosting an afternoon tea on October 16th to recognise the choir's excellent performance.



TAWA COLLEGE BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Tawa College boys basketball team on beating Scots College 96-79 in the final of the Premier 1 Trophy for supremacy in college basketball in Wellington. Tawa won the Pohlen Cup for the first time in 60 years.

Josh Johnson of Tawa College was awarded the trophy for top points scorer in the overall competition. In the Central NZ Zone Tournament, Tawa College was placed fourth and qualified for the National Secondary Schools Basketball tournament.

Tawa Community Garden

Olive tree planting

Saturday 14th September, 2pm

We're hosting a brief ceremony to plant two olive trees in remembrance of those whose lives were taken on March 15th this year.

All welcome

We especially welcome the following invited guests:
Zubair Saqafi Al Kamil (Iman, Tawa Islamic Centre)
Malcolm Sparrow (Wellington City Councillor)
Rev Digby Wilkinson (Tawa Anglican Church)

with thanks to Wellington City Council for funding the purchase of the trees

tawa.community.garden@gmail.com

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WORKING BEE AT WILLOWBANK

“Keep New Zealand Beautiful – Clean Up Week” runs from 9-15 September. Willowbank Reserve Care Group invites you to join them in cleaning up our local park, Willowbank Reserve on Saturday 14 September, from 10.00am to 12.00 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, tongs and loppers if you have them.

If you would like further information please contact Fiona Drummond on 232 9208 or email willowbankreserve.caregroup@gmail.com



PUB SING AT THE BOROUGH

As seen on the Tawa Residents Noticeboard on Facebook:

“If you enjoy a good sing (no talent required) please come along to The Borough and get amongst the fun of what is essentially a speed choir session at the pub. Led by the incredibly talented and highly entertaining Katy Pakinga, a great time is guaranteed!”



NATIONAL AEROBICS CONTESTANTS

Daniella Caccia-Birch & Danielle O’Shaughnessy from Tawa Intermediate will compete at this year’s 2019 National Aerobics Championships in Queenstown. The event takes place on 21-22 September.

Both Daniella and Danielle qualified for the National event through their recent performances at the Wellington Regional Aerobics Competition in Upper Hutt where Daniella won the Individual pre-Choreographed Intermediate division, with Danielle finishing fourth; whilst Danielle was part of the winning team in the Intermediate division, with Daniella’s team coming second.

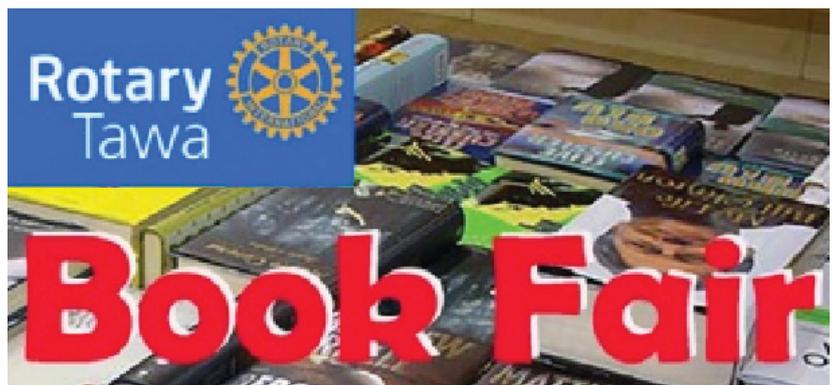
Daniella and Danielle will combine together as a duo at the National Championships in the Teams’ event as well as performing in the Individual competition.

We wish them both all the best!

TAWA ROTARY BOOK FAIR

This year’s Rotary Book Fair will take place on the weekends of 5-6 October and 12-13 October at the rugby clubrooms in Lyndhurst Road, Tawa.

If you have books for dropping off, please place them in the relevant bin in the New World atrium in Oxford St.





Te Ope Whakaora

JOIN US TO HEAR WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO HELP THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 7-8PM

Downtown Community Ministries who are on contract with the WCC will be presenting the night in conjunction with the Salvation Army.

Held at the Salvation Army, Tawa
177 Main Road
(opposite The Borough)

Postponed!

SUNDAY ROAST AT RSA

The next Sunday roast at the RSA will be on Sunday 22 September at the RSA complex at the northern end of Oxford St.

The cost is \$25 per person. You need to book your place by Friday 20 September. Phone Alistair at the club on 232 5788 or email John on jfgplunkett@gmail.com

The monthly dinner is being held a week earlier than usual due to the Jubilee Celebration of 60 years for Tawa Services Bowling Club.

Don't forget to like our Facebook Page to keep up-to-date with events at the RSA:

<https://www.facebook.com/Tawa-Returned-Services-Association-195974464553155>



THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO A

DANCE PARTY FUNDRAISER

A CARDIO DANCE WORKOUT FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS

with our Dance Mistress
VINNY
of Cityfitness Johnsonville

Thursday 31st October 6:30-7:30pm | Tickets \$15
St Francis Xavier School Hall, Main Road, Tawa

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

LIONS CLUB OF TAWA 2019 YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD

The Lions Club of Tawa is again offering the above awards to Tawa youth to recognise achievements in specific fields.



The awards aim to champion, identify and celebrate the hard work, dedication and commitment of Tawa's young people in the following fields

- Leadership & Innovation
- Academic Achievement
- Performing Arts
- Sports & Recreation
- Citizenship

Winners will be chosen for their academic achievement in the classroom, athletic prowess on the sports field, artistic flair in a chosen field, showcasing outstanding leadership or innovative skills, good citizenship and reaching their potential across a chosen field while displaying mentoring and support to their peers.

Nominees must reside in the Tawa/Linden or Grenada North residential areas, and be aged between 13 and 19 at 31 December 2019. Some nominees may have had to spend some time outside the local area to pursue their field of endeavour.

Anyone from teachers, parents, neighbours and friends can nominate a deserving young person for an award.

A ceremony will be held on Wednesday 6 November for finalists, and winners in each category will be presented with a \$500 cash award and framed certified recognition of their achievement.

Nomination forms can be sourced from Lions Club of Tawa by going to their website: www.tawalions.org.nz or email tawalions@lionsclubs.org.nz Nominations close on Monday 30 September 2019.

TAWA ROTARY PRIDE IN WORK AWARDS

These awards give Tawa employers the opportunity to publicly acknowledge employees who are outstanding performers in their workplace.

Information on the award and nomination criteria can be found at: <https://tawarotary.org.nz/Tawa-Rotary-Pride-in-Work-Awards-2019> or email Don Rushworth drushworth@gmail.com

Nomination forms can be downloaded from: https://www.tawabusiness.co.nz/images/pdfs/PrideInWork_Nomination_New.pdf or obtained from the Mervyn Kemp Library.

Nominations close on 15 October 2019.

A dinner will be hosted on 12 November 2019, when all nominees will be awarded a certificate.

ROTARY: People of action making a difference.

Rotary Tawa in association with Tawa Business Group



Celebrating our Employee's Achievements



TAWA FLOORBALL

– as seen on Facebook

Kids wanting to try a new sport?

As junior floorball has been so popular in Tawa, we have decided to run a mini tournament next month! The tournament will provide a great opportunity to get some of your school mates playing floorball – no experience is necessary and all gear is provided.

This will take place from about 11.30am-4pm on Saturday September 21st.

Games will be played on mini rinks and will be 3v3 plus goalies.

Exact times, number of games and game length is to be confirmed, depending on how many team registrations we get.

\$10 per individual player, or \$50 per team registration. These were due on Sunday. It is possible late entries may be accepted.

More details are in the box at right or email Sophie: admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz

TAWA JUNIOR FLOORBALL TOURNAMENT

When:
Saturday 21st Sept
approx. 11:30am-4pm

Location:
Tawa Recreation Centre
38 Duncan St Tawa (Tawa College)

Format:
3v3 plus goalies, game length TBC

Grades:
Junior: those born 2014-2011
(min. age 5)
Senior: those born 2010-2006

Register as an individual player:
<https://forms.gle/zaqeLWkUMHMneRtZ6>
Register as a full team:
<https://forms.gle/TRg2WRVzk37WizPV7>

Costs:
\$10 for an individual player or \$50 per team

Registrations and fees due by:
Sunday 8th September



Website: www.wellingtonfloorball.org.nz
Facebook: Wellington Storm Floorball Club



For more information email Sophie:
admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz



“HOW TO SURVIVE A CAREER IN THE ARTS” – MIRANDA HARCOURT

Tawa College PTA presents Miranda Harcourt, one of New Zealand’s most adventurous and best loved actors, directors and acting coaches.

Join Miranda on Monday 23 September at 7.30pm for a dynamic presentation. There will also be resources and information available on study options for a career in the arts.

Where: Tawa College Hall, Duncan St, Tawa. Entry by koha, no ticket required. Just come along!

Who: everyone keen to hear from Miranda, interested in the arts, parents, students. Please spread the word and let’s fill the hall.

Miranda is one of New Zealand’s most adventurous and best-loved actors, directors and acting coaches. Not only has she toured all over New Zealand with shows like “Flowers From My Mother’s Garden” and “Verbatim”, she has toured prisons and theatres all over the world as well as every prison from Invercargill to Paremoremo Maximum.

Miranda Harcourt’s career has seen many notable excursions into screen work – from finding early fame on beloved soap “Gloss” to ambitious big screen drama “For Good”, which she acted in and helped produce. In 2017 she made fantasy “The Changeover”, with her husband Stuart McKenzie. As an acting coach, Harcourt has worked with everyone from Melanie Lynskey to Nicole Kidman.





2019 TAWA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

This year's Tawa Christmas Parade is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday 7 December.



The Christmas Parade has been an annual event in Tawa for over 20 years.

The parade's ongoing success always depends on the participation of the many Tawa organisations who continue to support it. We need YOU to participate with us.

If your club, group or organisation wants more information or wishes to commit to this year's Tawa Christmas Parade, please contact Mike on 027 441 6944, email tawawlions@lionsclubs.org.nz or visit our website www.tawalions.org.nz

The pics below are from Tawa Christmas Parades in the years 2002-2006.

WE ARE ONE with the Sikh Community

Sunday 15 September, 3-5 pm
Tawa Community Centre

Multi-faith series event 1 - Sikhism's traditions, celebrations and learning how to understand and engage effectively with our Sikh neighbours.

Afternoon tea and Indian snacks will be served.

Limited places. Book at tawacc@wcc.govt.nz or 04 232 1682



2 MINUTES WITH Denise Byarugaba

Denise Byarugaba is the Neighbourhood & Community Advisor at the Linden Social Centre. Considerable attention is currently being given to Linden, particularly north Linden, with community leaders and city council officers liaising with local residents to determine what improvements could be made to enhance the area. Denise is an integral part of that project.



The Kai Kitchen initiative – free hot meals to all Linden locals, friends and whanau every Friday from 12.30pm at the Linden Social Centre – has been running since June under Denise’s leadership. From small beginnings it has grown to cater for dozens of locals who gather to enjoy both the company and the tasty soup, etc each week.

With Denise’s enthusiasm and energy at the fore, we can expect a lot more to happen in the “Linden space” in the weeks and months ahead.

Where were you born? I was born in beautiful Uganda, a small country in equatorial Africa.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in the capital of Uganda – Kampala.

Where were you educated?

My early education was in Uganda, but I moved to Zimbabwe to do my University. All my post-graduate study was done in New Zealand.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

I lived in Tawa for over 10 years. I have only recently (3 months ago) moved to Upper Hutt to be near work for my husband.

What do you like about Tawa?

Tawa is such a wonderful suburb, with a great community feel. It is self-contained and has everything you could ever need. There are so many opportunities available for any resident to get involved with a variety of activities irrespective of age or interest.

What about family?

I am very blessed to have a beautiful family – my husband Peter, and my three boys Mikka, Ethan and Caleb, aged 23, 18 and 6 respectively.

Work experience over the years

My background is in Social work. I have over 20 years of work experience in a variety of areas: Youth work, Whanau Support, health and wellness, Mental health and Community development. Yes, I have been around the block!

The beauty of my current role as Community Advisor for Wellington City Council is that it brings together all these different skills and work experiences and I can use them all to inform and enrich my service.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I love gardening. It’s a new hobby admittedly, but I’m learning a lot and fully enjoying the experience.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

The whole of New Zealand is honestly stunning! My goal is to visit a different area each year – so far I haven’t visited enough of New



Denise at work (as in our July newsletter)

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Zealand to pick a favourite because each town I have visited has been great for different reasons. Ask me again in five years, I might have a favourite then

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

My sons are hands-down my best and greatest achievement! They fill me with pride and purpose every single day. They enrich my life and make me a better person.

What are two or three interesting things about you that local people may not know?

I don't know how to ride a bike or swim. Unbelievable but true!

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

1. I'd love to travel around the world and see all the places I have only read about;
2. I'd love to be a part of an eco-village one day;
3. I'd love to make a positive contribution that will improve the world, before I go.

SPRING INTO TAWA 2019

Spring into Tawa is Tawa's annual spring festival. It is held every October in the main shopping area of Tawa. Spring into Tawa features stalls, entertainment, activities, food and much more!

This year's event will be held on Saturday 19 October from 10am - 3pm.

To see a number of historical pics of Spring into Tawa from 2008 to 2012 (and one or two as far back as 2002), go to <http://www.tawalink.com/sit2012.html>



TAWA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Tawa Business Group within the Tawa BID zone (Business Improvement District zone) now has an online business directory. See the map of the Tawa BID zone at right.

The business directory can be viewed online at www.tawabusiness.co.nz



Tawa BID



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.

Ngā mihi

Malcolm Sparrow

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"I opened two gifts this morning. They were my eyes."

"My neighbours are listening to great music. Whether they like it or not."

"Look for something positive in each day even if some days you have to look a little harder."

"If you had to decide between a diet and a piece of chocolate, would you prefer dark, white or milk chocolate?"

"Smile. Have you ever noticed how easily puppies make human friends? Yet all they do is wag their tails and fall over."

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

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