

This newsletter is sent out every 2-3 weeks on behalf of the Tawa Community Centre and TawaLink.com (Tawa's community website).

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Hello again

Either there's not a huge amount happening in Tawa over the next 2 or 3 weeks, or some of us simply don't know about it. The number of signs at both ends of the Main Road is usually a good indication of the amount of activity going on. At this very moment there is one lone sign. Enough said.

Moving on from the comments above, we do have 'Standing Ovation' starting this week at Tawa College. More about that below.

If there is in fact anything coming up that the community should know about, please keep me informed. My contact numbers are listed further down.

'SPRING INTO TAWA' MARKET DAY

You might have already heard that it's full steam ahead with this year's 'Spring into Tawa' Market Day on Saturday 12th September.

If your club/group/organisation would like a stall at this year's Market Day, contact Malcolm Sparrow at the Tawa Community Centre on 803 8591 or 232 1682, or email info@tawalink.com. If you're not operating a stall, make sure you come along to the Main Road shops on the day, 9am-12.30pm, to buy some of the many and varied goods on offer, to be part of the action, and to support your local community.

Just over 50 sleeps to go!

'STANDING OVATION'

Tawa College is renowned for its accomplishments in the musical arena. So you won't want to miss its newest production which starts on Friday, 'Standing Ovation'. It's a collection of musical numbers from a range of shows and, if previous Tawa College musicals are any guide, it'll be a first-class performance. That last phrase is my own push for the event. The first part of the sentence is from the advertising poster.

So get your ticket(s) from the Tawa College office. The production runs Friday & Saturday evenings this week, with a matinee on Sunday afternoon, then Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings of next week.

YOUTH AREA AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

The newest development at the Tawa Community Centre is the opening of our 'youth area'. Young people are invited to drop into the Centre after school each weekday for table tennis, air hockey, etc, or to simply hang out.

Simon Croad (head boy at Tawa College in 2007) will be 'in charge' of this area 3.00-5.30pm Monday to Friday, with assistance from a female volunteer, Schnell Lemon.

So, as of now, those hordes of College & Intermediate kids who stream past the Community Centre at the end of each school day are invited to make a right hand turn and come on in - especially this coming Monday (27th) for a sausage sizzle and more!

'2 MINUTES WITH ...'

Lots of interesting people live in this community. We have now interviewed five of them for our weekly segment called "2 minutes with ...". The question and answer sessions with various Tawa people is available both in the Tawa Community Centre window and online at www.tawalink.com/tawa_people.html.



TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY ...

The concept of 'community' comes up repetitively in the '2 Minutes with ...' segments we've compiled to date. In this instance repetition isn't a bad thing! It's simply that "community is what defines Tawa" (in other words, makes Tawa the place that it is) ...

The question: *What do you think is great about Tawa?*

Answers from five different people:

"I think it's got the best of *community* and village life but close to a city. *Community* involvement and support for the schools, children and young people in Tawa is fantastic ..."

"The local *community* as a family."

"It's quite unique in that as a *community* it has a strong voluntary commitment to working together in the arts, in the schools, the churches, and in sports in a very collaborative way. A 'village atmosphere' on the outskirts of a world-class city."

"It's a great place to live with a friendly *community* ..."

"The sense of *community* - "I think that's probably Tawa's biggest asset" - from people caring for each other through to various school & church *communities* that exist."

TAKAPU ISLAND

What's the latest on the development at Takapu Island? Based on the information given in the latest newsletter from the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association, and despite their enquiries, no-one seems to know. So unfortunately this paragraph doesn't actually tell you anything useful. Sorry about that.

THE BIG LATCH-ON

All breastfeeding mothers are invited to The Big Latch-on at 10am on Friday 7th August at the Emmaus Centre, behind the Anglican Church, 163 Main Road, Tawa.

A delicious morning tea will be provided (to the mothers), and at 10.30am an opportunity to be counted as part of an international event for the most women breastfeeding simultaneously. For further information contact Mary Clare McCarthy 021 973 129 or 232 3888.

TAWA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE REPORT

Members of the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade have attended the following fire calls in the period 1 January to 19 July 2009:

Structure fires	5
Mobile property fire	1
Vegetation fires	5
Miscellaneous fires	6
Rescue, Emergency, Medical Calls	8
Flammable liquid, gas incidents	2
Special service calls	6
Good intent calls	6
False alarms	18
Natural disasters	1
TOTAL	58



The Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade was very fortunate to receive a grant from the Freemasons Pacific Lodge No. 2 recently for gym equipment. It is essential for firefighters to achieve and maintain a good level of fitness in order to serve the community to the best of their abilities. The Brigade now has a gym area on station for use by members. Wellington City Council also donated money towards flooring for the gym.

Residents in the Tawa District are reminded to check their smoke alarms. If you do not have smoke alarms, please contact the Tawa Fire Brigade on 232 7228 to arrange for smoke alarms to be installed.

The Brigade is proud to now have two new fire appliances. The most recent addition, the LRV (Light Response Vehicle) is smaller than a normal fire truck but has almost the same capacity and equipment. This is the second one of its kind in New Zealand.

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"If practice makes perfect but nobody is perfect, why practise?"

"I've missed 3000 shots. Twenty-six times the game-winning shot has been trusted to me, and I've missed. I've lost over 300 games. I've failed over and over and over again, and that is why I've succeeded." - Michael Jordan

"If you as parents cut corners, your children will too. If you lie, they will too. If you spend all your money on yourselves and tithed no portion of it for charities, colleges, churches, synagogues, and civic causes, your children won't either. And if parents snicker at racial and gender jokes, another generation will pass on the poison adults still have not had the courage to snuff out." - Marian Wright Edelman

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