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This community newsletter is sent out usually twice each month on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002. The newsletter is supported by the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL BOYS THIS SATURDAY

FROM THE TAWA RUGBY CLUB:

We would like your support this coming Saturday 27 July when the Tawa Rugby Football Club is playing Old Boys University, at Lyndhurst Park, at 2.30pm in the semi-final of the Jubilee Cup.

This year the Tawa Rugby Football Club has won the Swindale Shield (presented to the top Wellington rugby club side at the end of the first Premier round), and the Andy Leslie trophy (presented to the top Wellington rugby club side at the end of the second Premier round).



The Tawa Rugby Football Club had never won any of these trophies since it was first established in 1947 and no Wellington rugby club has ever won all three trophies in any one year.

We would greatly appreciate your support this Saturday at Lyndhurst Park when we plan to have BBQs, drinks for kids, a half-time lolly scramble, and some past and present All Blacks present at the game.

ROTARY BOOK FAIR – HEAPS OF BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE!



The Tawa Rotary Book Fair is held over two weekends in support of Life Education Trust and other charities.

Part one took place this past weekend and close to \$15,000 was raised (before various expenses, like promotional costs, are deducted).

Part two will take place this coming

weekend, Saturday 27 July, from 9.00am till 4.00pm, and Sunday 28 July, 10.00am till 3.00pm. The venue is Tawa Junction at the eastern end of Surrey St. There are still thousands of books to choose from, plus a range of CDs and DVDs. Most books are only \$2-3 each.



Photo: Tawa Rotary's new president Irene Corpuz at right

TAWA PROGRESSIVE & RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION AGM

The AGM is in the boardroom at the Tawa Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 August. Note your diary now. Be early to ensure you get a seat!

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD INFO

THIS 'N' THAT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

Certain community board members are part of a group of local "stakeholders" who have had a series of meetings over the past two or three months with the view of drawing up a plan of action specific to Tawa, i.e. how we would handle the situation in our suburb in the event of a major disaster.

Last weekend's quakes were a timely wake-up call and reinforced the need to know exactly who would do what, should the "big one" (or any other natural disaster) ever strike us. Once we have something more concrete, it will be delivered to each local household in the form of a brochure – an emergency preparedness plan specifically for the wider Tawa community.

SPEAKING OF EARTHQUAKES

An authority on the subject has suggested that Tawa is possibly one of the safest places in the Wellington area in which to be in this situation. Reports of damage here have actually been pretty minimal, limited as far as we are aware to an occasional spillage here and there, a small number of items from supermarket shelves, books and DVDs hitting the floor, a spilled woodpile, etc. Certainly could have been a lot worse! As has already been stated, a timely reminder that we do need to be prepared!

FULL-SIZE WATER STORAGE

If you want to store a sizeable quantity of water, you can now acquire a 200L potable tank, thanks to WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office). The package includes a 200L water tank, quality diverter system, strapping, hooks, brass tap and bung, pre-drilled holes plus warranties and installation instructions.

The tanks can be bought for \$105 at both Porirua City Council i-Site, 8 Cobham Court, Porirua, and Wellington City Council Service Centre, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington. They're designed to provide water for drinking in an emergency (although boiling first is recommended), and for the garden in the event of a drought!



PINE TREES AT WILLOWBANK

You may have seen the article on page 3 of this week's "Independent Herald" about lack of access from Taylor Tce to Takapu Road station as a result of the large pine trees that were blown down at the southern end of Willowbank Park during the storm last month.

The Council has now advised that a contract has just been agreed for the work of removing the fallen trees to begin this coming Monday 29 July. It is estimated that the entire job will take three weeks. Access through the park will be limited through the work. It is hoped that initial access for commuters should be available from the middle of next week.



MISPLACED REAL ESTATE AGENT SIGNS

It appears that some real estate agents have started placing For Sale signs some distance away, sometimes several streets away, from the actual property they're selling. Those that have sprung up around Tawa have been placed there by "outside" agents from a certain company. We need to add that none have been placed by local agents.

Please let us know if you see such signs in places they shouldn't be and, if it's Council land, we will ask them to remove them. We've already taken such action in one instance.

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD INFO (contd)

EXPRESS YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE LIGHTING ON THE PATHWAY

We mentioned in the last issue of this newsletter that concerns had been raised about the lack of lighting on the segment of the Tawa Valley Pathway – Ara Tawa between Redwood and Tawa Stations.

The solution may be some sort of low subdued lighting. However the “powers-that-be” have indicated that will only be considered if enough people indicate it’s important to them. This may not have been made clear last time!

So if you would like to see some sort of lighting installed in this part of the pathway, tell us so in a brief email to info@tawalink.com! As they say, if there’s no squeaking, there will never be any oil applied.

WANT A STALL AT SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY?

This year’s “Spring into Tawa” Market Day will take place on Saturday 14 September.

For those wishing to operate a stall, bookings are now being taken. See www.tawalink.com/springintottawa2013.html for information and a booking form. To a certain degree it’s a matter of first in, first served.



In addition to all the stalls and great food, the event will feature various musical items, the Red Hackle Pipe Band, singers and dancers, and a balloon-tying clown, etc.



Based on their track record with various musicals over the years, this Tawa College production is also likely to be of a high standard and well worth going to. For a limited season!

Arts a Go Go!
Performing Arts Classes for Kids
Award Winning!

developing talent and inspiring creativity and confidence through performing arts

Dance, Drama, Singing Combo classes

6 year olds to Teens

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3
Class sizes are limited

Wall Place, just off the Main Road between Tawa and Porirua
Email: Rachel@artsagogo.co.nz
Phone Rachel on 977 7887
www.artsagogo.co.nz

THANK YOU FROM TAWA TEALS

The "Tawa Teals" Leisure Marching Team would like to say thank you to all those who supported their fundraising stall held outside Tawa New World Supermarket on Saturday 6 July.

We are very grateful to the businesses who contributed to our raffles:

DRUMMONDS TAWA PHARMACY
"15" SPORTS BAR & CAFÉ
MAC'S PHOTO & LOTTO
MEXTED MOTORS
ON THE SPOT DRYCLEANING
SIMON'S PHARMACY
STREETWISE COFFEE
SUBWAY
TAKE NOTE
TWISTED WILLOW FLORIST
UNITED VIDEO



Raffle ticket results are as follows:

- Coffee mugs	140
- Take Note & Mexted's vouchers	158
- Perfume candles & vouchers	382
- Pot plant & vouchers	292
- Pie maker & vouchers	122
- Unichem vouchers & Photo block	493

TAWA-LINDEN PLUNKET PRE-LOVED TOY & CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SALE

Tawa-Linden Plunket are holding another of their popular Pre-Loved Toy and Children's Clothing Sales on 10 August at the Tawa Community Centre from 11am-1.30pm. Come along to get great toy and clothing bargains and support Tawa-Linden Plunket. There will also be yummy baking for sale.

If you've got items to sell, tables are still available. \$15 per table or \$25 for a business table. Contact Stacey on 021 400 628 or tawaplunketeve@gmail.com to book your table now!

TINY TAPPERS

Tawa-Linden Plunket and the YMCA are running Tiny Tappers classes again in Tawa in Term 3.

These classes are designed for children 2.5 to 4 years of age and introduce children to the world of dance and rhythmical

movement with fun songs and props adding to their enjoyment and learning.

Classes are held at the Linden Social Centre on Thursdays from 11.15am-12pm and are gold coin entry. Bookings are essential as spaces are limited, so email tinytapperstawa@gmail.com for more information or call Stacey on 021 400 628.

Term 3 classes run from 8 August to 12 September.

Y DANCE Plunket
TINY TAPPERS
for ages **2.5 - 4yrs**
These exciting classes introduce children to the world of dance and rhythmical movement
Fun songs and props add to their enjoyment and learning

Plunket
Support your local Plunket and come along to
Tawa-Linden Plunket's
Pre-Loved Toy & Children's Clothing Sale!
11am - 1.30pm, Saturday 10th August
Tawa Community Centre
Gold coin entry
Tables \$15. Contact tawaplunketeve@gmail.com
or call Stacey on 232 0218 / 021400628 to book your table now

TAWANUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB NOTICE

Tawanui Indoor Bowls Club is celebrating its 60th birthday on Saturday, 31 August. The search is on to trace past members to share in a luncheon that day. If you were, or know of a former member, of the Tawanui Indoor Bowls Club, please call Bev 232 5260 by 16 August for more details. The club would love to hear from you.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

It's always (with few exceptions) good to buy locally and to support businesses based in Tawa. To find out who they are, see www.tawalink.com/businesses.html where details of more than 30 local businesses are now listed.

Any Tawa-based businesses, whether they be retailers or self-employed tradesmen, etc, are invited to include their basic details (see the examples on the web page) free of charge. Email info@tawalink.com.

Cheers

Ron Baker

Secretary, Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association

Items for this newsletter should continue to be sent to info@tawalink.com

Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320

"Tolerance is a great trait to contain, but so is the ability to shut up."

"Never mind about 1066 William the Conqueror, 1087 William the second. Such things are not going to affect one's life ... But 1932 the Mars Bar, and 1936 Maltesers, and 1937 the Kit Kat – these dates are milestones in history and should be seared into the memory of every child in the country." – Roald Dahl

Musings from whoever

There's a certain chocolate Labrador who goes by the name of Abby. She's more than 20 months old and doesn't fully understand that it's time to be growing out of the immature antics for which a pup is renowned.

You may have read it before now and you'll probably read it again, but one of her most endearing quirks (or annoying habits, depending on your point of view) is to sneak a certain individual's slippers when her feet aren't in them. It would be plainly unachievable if they were. That aspect aside, it's a pastime out of which she has not yet grown and happens, on average, three or four times a week.

Fortunately it only happens when she's in the same room as her human family, and fortunately she hasn't yet gone beyond plonking herself in the middle of the lounge with said slipper in mouth, waiting for it to be taken off her. Talking about taking things off her, she has also been recently relieved of, amongst other things, an iPhone (bit careless of someone to have left it lying around), and the usual ballpoint pen or two. On more than one occasion she's chomped her way through a plastic peg. A jolly good thing someone noticed before she had time to start on the iPhone, otherwise there would've been serious trouble!



This newsletter is emailed to around 1200 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa), usually in the first and the third weeks of each month.

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