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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.

WANT A STALL AT SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY?

This year's "Spring into Tawa" Market Day will take place on Saturday 14 September.

There are a number of good spaces still available if you as an individual, or your club or school or church, wishes to be involved in this year's event. Applications should be in by Friday 30 August. See www.tawalink.com/springintotawa2013.html for details or email info@tawalink.com.



In addition to all the stalls, the event will feature various entertainment including Harriette the Clown making balloons for the kids (10-11am) and the Red Hackle Pipe Band at 11.30am.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS TO TAWA

As you will have already read (unless you avoid the sports section of *The Dominion Post* and the front page of *Kapi-Mana News*), Tawa won the Jubilee Cup this past weekend for the first time in their 66-year history by beating Oriental Rongotai 26-21 on Sunday.



The Tawa Rugby Football Club was established in 1947 and had not won a major prize until this year. In one season Tawa has won the Swindale Shield (presented to the top Wellington rugby club side at the end of the first Premier round), the Andy Leslie trophy (presented to the top Wellington rugby club side at the end of the second Premier round), and now the Jubilee Cup. An incredibly successful season and well worthy of congratulations!



The team was well supported by Tawa people at the final with three coachloads heading out to the Hutt Recreation Ground in addition to many in private vehicles. And rumour has it that those immediately caught up in the occasion were still buzzing the following day, Monday, to the degree that most chose to take the day off as they gradually descended to earth again.

The possibility of a local parade in the near future is being investigated. It'd be great way for the community to congratulate the team. We'll keep you informed.

ROTARY BOOK FAIR



Gross takings for this year's Tawa Rotary Book Fair were just over \$20,000, with expenses of around \$1800 (mostly promotional costs) yet to be deducted. Around half of the proceeds go to support Life Education Trust, the remainder to other (mostly local) charities.

Another great fundraising effort on the part of Tawa Rotary and, in particular, Doug Burrus (pictured - the one on the right) who was officially recognised by the community at last year's Tawa Community Civic Awards. He's been the main organiser of the book fair for the past several years.

POPULATION OF TAWA

In case you didn't know, the population of Tawa was estimated by the Wellington City Council in mid-2012 at 15,100, made up of around 4,800 households.



WHO'S LIVED IN TAWA THE LONGEST?

A local woman told the Editor recently that she had lived in the same house in central Tawa for 73 years. Is that a record? It may be that somebody else has lived here longer than that, but not necessarily in the same place. 73 years of living in the same location may well be hard to beat. If you know of anyone who might challenge this or come close, we'd love to hear.

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.

HEALTH ON THE GO

"Health on the Go" is a free seminar for busy people! It is being hosted by Revolve Fitness and NutritionX at 7pm on Tuesday 20 August at the Tawa Community Centre, and includes multi functional exercise ideas and quick and easy nutritional tips!

TAWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM

The Tawa Historical Society will be holding its AGM at 7.30pm on Monday 26 August in the old Council Chamber, Tawa Community Centre, Cambridge Street, Tawa.

Following the formal business of the AGM (Chairman's Annual Report, Annual Financial Accounts and Statement, and election of officers), a well known personality with a long Tawa background, Newstalk ZB's Jason Pine, will present his view of growing up in Tawa in the 1970s and 1980s. Jason is a most engaging person and an excellent communicator, and will be well worth hearing.

All members of the Historical Society, and members of the public, are most welcome to attend this event. Refreshments will be served after Jason has concluded his talk.

FREE HORTICULTURE TRAINING PROVES POPULAR

An innovative distance delivery programme is proving to be a popular choice of horticulture study among small block owners, gardeners and horticulture enthusiasts.

The NZQA accredited National Certificate in Horticulture Level 3 and Level 4 run by the Taratahi Agriculture Training Centre, offers a good mix of theory and practical skills in the field of horticulture.

This free learning programme can be studied in your own home both online and paper-based. The mixed mode delivery allows you to access the course material and assessments online or in paper format. Students have the flexibility to fit their studies around their lifestyle.



The programme is structured such that support is provided to students by their Learning Facilitator through the monthly Saturday workshops, email, or telephone depending on the needs and location of the student.

"The course is very flexible, easy to follow, and learners enjoy the advantage of studying at home and in their own time," according to Learning Facilitator Dr Misael Diputado (pictured above) who has a PhD in horticulture from Massey University and vast research and practical knowledge of the industry.

The minimum age is 18 years and there are no minimum qualification requirements for mature students aged 20 years and above. Level 3 certificate is run over 12 months and level 4 over 16 months part-time.

A number of learners from Tawa have already benefitted from the programme since 2009.

This fully subsidised programme is an opportunity not to be missed. Spaces are limited, so enrol now for a mid-August 2013 start by ringing 232 9414, 021 0264 9208, or by sending an email to misael@hort.ac.nz.

THE MAYOR TO PLANT A TREE IN TAWA ON SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

You may have noticed a slow but sure return of native bird species to some of the residential areas around Tawa. Kereru (wood pigeons), tuis, fantails, silvereyes, morepork, even bellbirds and kakariki have been seen around the suburb in recent years.

This is not just luck – the restoration of native bush and the control of pests around Tawa gives improved habitats and food supplies for these birds, and for the multitude of smaller creatures that have their homes in the native bush.

The Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves (FOTBR) has been working to regenerate this bush, as well as building a network of tracks to improve access for residents and visitors. And on Sunday 18 August, Wellington Mayor Celia Wade-Brown will lend a helping hand, planting a tree in Woodburn Reserve with the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves.



Kereru in suburban Tawa backyard

“The Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves are doing great work in the Tawa Community and deserve recognition for their efforts,” said Mayor Wade-Brown.

“Wellington’s urban/nature connections are part of the Capital’s identity. Through the Our Living City programme, Wellington will plant two million trees by 2020 – and the Tawa community is making a great start on our goal.”

Richard Herbert, FOTBR’s President, says the event continues the work that FOTBR has been carrying out. “We are delighted that Mayor Wade-Brown will plant a tree in Woodburn Reserve. Wellington City Council have been very supportive of the work of Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves over the past ten years, and it is great to celebrate this by planting a tree.”

“While this tree makes a difference, we invite those that may wish also to plant trees, maintain tracks and carry out weeding to join us on our monthly working bees. We think that Tawa will be a better place as a result.” www.tawabush.wellington.net.nz provides details of dates and locations.

The planting will be carried out on the afternoon of Sunday 18 August. People attending will congregate at the accessway adjacent to 76 Bing Lucas Drive, Tawa, at 1pm, and make their way to the planting site, a short walk over the hill to the Woodburn Reserve planting site. If it is a rainy day, an alternative date may be arranged. All are welcome to attend.

After the planting, people are invited to take a short walk further into Woodburn Reserve, to see the tracks and some of the native bush.

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 Saturday 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 and a sausage sizzle.

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.



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

Spring Fling



Put a spring in your step (and your mind) with a variety of activities and an opportunity to meet others.
Morning tea served

**Thursdays in September
10-11.30am**

Tawa Union Church, Elena Place

Enquiries to Heidrun 232 2197 or Karen 232 3436

All welcome! Programme:

5 Sept	Gentle exercises to music led by Siosi from Te Rauparaha Arena
12 Sept	Fun with music, led by Francine, music therapist
19 Sept	Board games – a selection of old and new, led by Pam
26 Sept	Impressions from travelling – including Beijing and West Coast USA, led by Ian

Meanwhile at Tawa Pool:

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES AT TAWA POOL!
UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST

Kids \$3
Adults \$5 (\$3 8am–3pm)
Spa and sauna* free with admission

Davies Street, Tawa
Wellington.govt.nz 232 7041
*Available for those aged 16 years+

Abundance
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WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

These are run by Hayley Balmer, trained High School teacher and Early Childhood Educator with over 18 years experience: Early Literacy on Tuesday 13 August and Baking with Kids on Tuesday 27 August. Email hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz for more info and to book.

MOTHERS NETWORK WELLINGTON

It's time to talk about you for a change.

Mothers' Network Wellington have a new Discussion Group starting in Tawa. Our groups are unique in that they focus on you and the topics you care about, not on your baby or your parenting. They offer mums the chance to speak honestly about their experiences with other mothers in a supportive environment that enables them to build long term connections in their community. Mums who have participated in our groups say that they gained confidence, felt reassured and that it improved their experience of being a mother. They are run by facilitators, have babysitters when needed, and a much appreciated cup of coffee. Mothers' Network is a community organisation that has been running in Wellington for over 30 years.

Where: Tawa Baptist Church

When: Starts 20 August and meets from 10-12 every Tuesday for 6 weeks

To book your place, visit www.mothersnetwork.org.nz, email mothersnetwork.wn@xtra.co.nz or phone 383 8255.



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BY MUMS, FOR MUMS, ABOUT MUMS

THE POST BOX OUTSIDE NEW WORLD

If you're posting mail in this post box, the time of clearance each weekday (other than public holidays) is 5pm. There is currently nothing on the post box to indicate that. NZ Post have been informed and have advised they will rectify the matter.

Tawa Community Centre

**Cambridge Street, Tawa
Located between the library and New World**

We are open 9am-1pm weekdays. We have tea/coffee, books and magazines to read or swap, toys, puzzles and games for the children, free wifi for your own devices like ipads, ipods and laptops. Even come along and start a jigsaw puzzle.

There is a weekly "What's On" newsletter that the centre sends out, so please contact Mandy on mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz or 232 1682 if you would like to be on the mailing list.

**Another way to stay connected is through facebook.
Please take a look and like us at:**

<https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres>

Cheers

Ron Baker

Secretary, Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association

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Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320

"A pat on the back accomplishes more than a slap on the face."

"Use the talents you have, for the woods would be silent if no birds sang except the best."

"The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything."



What the dog snaffled from her foot-weary owner when he was careless enough to remove it from his foot. He is pleased to report that no harm was done – to footwear or canine critter.

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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