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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY COMING UP

"Spring into Tawa" Market Day will take place on Saturday, 14 September, wet or fine, with around 60 stalls selling everything from cakes and sausages to Asian food, plants, jewellery and various gifts, and handing out information.

Throughout the morning there will be a variety of entertainment including Harriette the Clown tying balloon animals, a bouncy castle for the kids, the Red Hackle Pipe Band and a group of college-age ukelele players. Emergency services including the Fire Brigade and Police will also be taking part.

There are a few stall spaces still available. For details see [www.tawalink.com](http://www.tawalink.com).



## LINDEN SCHOOL'S SUPER STAR

Ben Glue, a teacher at Linden School, has been selected to play in the New Zealand Men's National Volleyball team. The team will attend the 2014 World Championships Qualifying Tournament for Asia in Komaki, Japan, 1-11 September 2013.

Ben started teaching at Linden School last term after moving to Wellington with his fiancée. The children all look up to him, both figuratively and literally, as he is 6ft 3ins (190.5cm) tall, a great height for a volleyballer.

He loves teaching and is enjoying employing his volleyball skills with the children. Ben takes a group of boys, as part of the Growing Great Men programme, and teaches them the game focusing on building their confidence, competence, consideration and creativity which are all part of the school vision. Ben will also be starting a school volleyball team as well as a handball team when he comes back from his trip to Asia.

Everyone in the school community is excited for Ben and wishes him well in his overseas endeavours.



## THE MAYOR PLANTING A TREE

On Sunday 18 August Mayor Celia Wade-Brown lent a helping hand in planting a few trees, around 17 all up including a totara, up on Woodburn Reserve (between Bing Lucas and Woodburn Drives).

It was a happy occasion where the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves were able to thank Wellington City Council for its support. Through this, and many previous plantings and other works, the Tawa valley is home to various areas of regenerating bush which is supporting an increase in the native bird life within our suburb. Feel free to go to the Friend's webpage at [www.tawabush.wellington.net.nz](http://www.tawabush.wellington.net.nz) to see how you could get involved.



The photo shows the Mayor assisting local children Eva (left) and Ilya in planting a tree.

## WHO'S LIVED IN TAWA THE LONGEST?

In the last newsletter we talked about a local woman who has lived in the same house in central Tawa for 73 years.

We've since been told of someone who has lived in "the borough" for 78 years. She was born and bred in Tawa and, apart from living elsewhere for a short while when she first married, has lived here all her life. She is proud of her Tawa ancestry but is happy to remain under the radar, so to speak.

Because we're not able to bring you a photo of the woman in question, we thought a "radar" shot might be useful instead (well, not that useful really). For those of a certain vintage, what does this picture bring to mind? Answer: the late 1970s – early 1980s TV series, "CHiPS". (Sorry about the digression).



## JOIN "GO FOR GOLD" AT NEW WORLD TAWA

Help us turbo-charge the fundraising efforts of your local schools. Deciding who gets what is in your hands.



As a locally owned and operated supermarket, we love to get involved in our community. This year we are excited to be running a "Go for Gold" promotion to support the fundraising projects of ten Tawa schools that are all dedicated to making education a pleasure for local children.

Each school/kindergarten in the promotion has been allocated a "running track" along the aisles in our store and for every dollar raised, we will put a Go for Gold sticker on your favourite's running track. As you walk the store, you will be able to see how they are doing. The photo shows Nicole Hogg, joint owner operator, placing a \$1 sticker on the Tawa College running track.

**How it works:** Your spending at New World will be recorded on a stamp card that we clip for every \$25 spend. When you reach \$200 of spend in-store, we'll donate \$1 you can allocate to your favourite school project.

We'll also be running prize draws to give away additional prizes to a participating school for every month of the promotion.

Our Go for Gold promotion started in June and will run for two school terms, finishing on October 14 when we will present each school with a cheque for the funds raised. We look forward to seeing you at New World Tawa.

## 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.

**Please join us and help support these schools with their great projects**

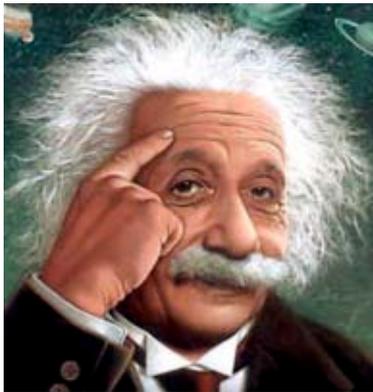
- **Beanstalk Kindergarten**  
Water tanks for water recycling
- **Brian Webb Kindergarten**  
Wet weather play space
- **Early Years Redwood Avenue**  
Allergies NZ research
- **Hampton Hill School**  
Completing the playground
- **Redwood School**  
New hockey uniforms
- **St Francis Xavier School**  
School resources
- **Tawa College**  
Community literacy development
- **Tawa Intermediate**  
Project to be confirmed
- **Tawa School**  
Technology tools for learning
- **Linden School**  
21st Century learning



# Hampton Hill School Fundraising Committee Adult Quiz Night - B.Y.O.\*

## Thursday 19 September 2013

Fundraising for stage three of Hampton Hill School Playground



Grab five friends and register a team, only \$10 person (\$60 a team).

No team, no worries - we can find you a team to join on the night.

\* BYO drinks, light supper provided

**Come for a great night out.**

Hampton Hill School Hall  
Victory Cres, Tawa  
Time 7pm for 7.30pm start

Register at school office Tel 232 6509 or ring Hilary 232 3885

\* BYO alcohol for personal use: 1 bottle of wine or 6 pack of beer (or equivalent).

## BAKING, BOOKS & BRIC 'A' BRAC SALE

A Beanstalk Kindergarten fundraiser, 9am to 12 noon on Saturday 21 September at the kindy in Duncan St, Tawa.

Baking, books and bric 'a' brac can be dropped off any time up until the day. Items big and small will be appreciated. They can be given to Natasha in the office.



## COURSES AT TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

### PARENTS AS DRIVING COACHES:

If you plan on teaching someone how to drive in the next year or plan to support them while they are out practising, then this course is a must.

The tutor has been involved in the development of the Defensive Driving programme and "trains the trainers". He has done extensive research in the way we learn to drive and the development of the teenage brain and how it affects the way they to learn to drive. Development of the adolescent brain is critical when it comes to learning to drive. International research confirms parents can play a significant role in shaping and influencing the executive functions required of adolescents when learning to drive a motor vehicle.

This two hour session provides tips on the learning to drive process and driving techniques to ensure their family members commence on a path of life-long safe driving. Copies of the new **Going Solo** resource for parents and restricted drivers will be available. The course is run through Tawa College Community Education and will be held at the college on Monday 16 September from 7-9pm at a cost of \$25. Enrolments can be made through <http://www.tawacommed.co.nz/node/58>

### FIRST AID COURSE:

Renew your First Aid certificate or come along to your first First Aid course. The full day course is on Sunday 15 September at Tawa College at a cost of only \$125. NZQA units are also available. The course is also suitable for teenagers and important for health science university courses and a valuable qualification to put in your CV. Enrol through <http://www.tawacommed.co.nz/node/131>

# 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!**

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

## **SPICER LANDFILL CONCERNS (SMELLS GETTING UP YOUR NOSE?)**

A notice from Peter Keller, Porirua City Council's Solid Waste Manager:

"If people have concerns about Spicer Landfill, the best way to get them into Porirua City Council's system is to log a call with the council's call centre on 237 5089. This makes it official and requires a council officer to investigate. People can also call the Solid Waste Manager, Peter Keller, direct on 237 1477 or email him on [pkeller@pcc.govt.nz](mailto:pkeller@pcc.govt.nz).

We had our annual Community Liaison Group meeting on the 12 June 2013 and made a point of inviting everyone who had contacted us with a concern about odours over the last year. In the end only one resident turned up, but it was a good opportunity to get her views and inform her as to what is happening at Spicer.

I am trying to build communication with people who live in Tawa and have visited two households and spoken to two others who have complained in the last six months. Although there were more complaints than usual last year, I haven't had any recently."

## **IT'S DIFFERENT FOR LITTLE DOGS**

How do the dogs in the photo get across to the dog exercise area in Duncan Park? These two smaller models were having a spot of bother. The photo was taken after one of the spells of short-term flooding we've experienced this winter.

It's not an issue that some of us with larger canine varieties have ever had to deal with. It is hard to imagine the likes of a Labrador even pausing before plunging through the water and, more than likely, on into the stream at the edge of this park. Whether it's a hot summer's day or the depths of winter doesn't affect some dogs' love of getting wet. But, as we well know, not all dogs are the same.

But back to the challenge of this particular occasion. No near, yet so far! The dog exercise area lay beyond the water. Too far to jump for little legs, and owner Lola Gudsell wasn't wearing her gumboots at the time. On this occasion they missed out on getting to the dog exercise area. Hopefully the water had drained away before their next outing there!



## **LANGUAGE COURSES LOCALLY**

Innovative language courses in French or German, with a topic like cooking, baking (native recipes French/German), using different vocabulary and verbs.

For a group of a minimum of 8 persons a cost of \$10 will be taken per cooking/baking meeting, to pay the food, the room at the community centre and equipment, printing costs, etc.

Do you have time on Tuesday or Thursday evening for 2 hours? Do you have time on Saturday morning for 2 hours?

If you are interested, contact Sylvie at EyminS@gmail.com or 021 027 85 195.

## **INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR TO COMMUNITY LIGHT PARTY**

For this year's Tawa Community Light Party to be held on October 31st, for children aged 5-12, we are wanting to have an international theme to celebrate the diverse cultures we have here in Tawa. We would love to have some items of dance, etc from different cultures, approx 10-15 minutes on stage. If you have something to offer or know of any such groups happy to perform, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Michele McDonald on 232 4924 or email paulnmichele@gmail.com.

# **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](mailto: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

*“Bloom where you are planted.”*

*“It’s not who you are that holds you back. It’s who you think you’re not.”*

*“Isn’t it amazing how nice people are to you when they know you’re leaving.”*

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