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COMMUNITY NEWS

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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 Residents' Association.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET CANDIDATES

- The Tawa Residents' Association (aka the Ratepayers' Association) invites you to "Meet the Candidates" standing for the WCC Northern Ward and the Tawa Community Board. In the boardroom at the Tawa Community Centre this coming Thursday evening, 19 September at 7.30pm.
- The Lions Club of Tawa has organised a Mayoral Forum which will be held at the Tawa Community Centre on Wednesday evening, 25 September at 7.30pm. Each Mayoral candidate will be given a few minutes to give their views on what is important to Tawa, to Wellington City, and to the region. You will then have a chance to ask questions of the candidates. Ian McKinnon, retiring Deputy Mayor of Wellington, will chair the meeting.

A GREAT DAY AT "SPRING INTO TAWA"

"Spring into Tawa" Market Day took place last Saturday morning. The sun shone, there was no wind and the punters came out in their droves. There were more than 60 stallholders including the likes of ones run by Tawa College students fundraising for their French trip next year.

In the past, certain community groups have informed us that "Spring into Tawa" is one of their best yearly fundraising opportunities. That's one of the main reasons we run the occasion, as well as simply providing the opportunity for local people to come together and enjoy themselves.

Thank you to all those who took part on the day and, at the risk of inadvertently missing someone out, to the following groups in particular: Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Police, WREMO (Emergency Management), Tawa Rugby Club representatives, the Red Hackle Pipe Band, local Morris Dancers and Tawa College ukelele players. And thanks to New World Tawa for making space available inside in the event of wet weather. Fortunately we didn't need to use it!



THE GRASSLEES RESERVE UPGRADE

This was received from the Wellington City Council on Friday 13 September:

"Here is an update on Grasslees Reserve upgrade. The work to finalise the landscape designs and bring the scope of works into budget has taken longer than planned. The tender documents for construction are due to go out in the next two weeks. It is expected that a contractor will be confirmed to start by late November, however we have decided that there will be less disturbance to park users if we wait until January 2014 to start the work. This work is funded by the Plimmer Bequest.

We will be able to send you detailed plans of the upgrade once they have gone to tender.

In the meantime you will be aware that Main Road has had fencing installed to ensure dogs are safe from the road. This fence line will be planted this spring.

The new toilet block has now been completed and the old block removed."



The brand new toilet block in July 2013

MORE ON THE FENCE

In the last newsletter we referred to the chainlink fence which has been constructed on the Main Road side of Grasslees Reserve. The opinion of some is that it's not especially attractive.

On the other side of the coin, a small amount of positive feedback has also been received. This from Jeanette & Mikey: *"I want to comment on your article about the fence in Grasslees Reserve. Just to say the fence line may not look attractive yet, but I think it is wonderful. I am now very happy to let my miniature poodle Mikey off for a run. It is an attractive, safe area for me, very accessible, and provides a great space for Mikey to chase a ball. Thank you to those responsible."*

At its most recent meeting the Tawa Community Board agreed to set aside up to \$1500 (from its small Discretionary Fund) to finance the planting of reasonable-size shrubs as soon as possible to provide some sort of camouflage for the fence.

FLOODING AT DUNCAN PARK

A few weeks back we ran an article featuring a couple of little dogs who were prevented from getting into the dog exercise area at Duncan Park because of flooding there.

We contacted the Wellington City Council about this, telling them that "The main cause of the problem is the two drains that were put in to let the water drain away are always clogged up with mud. Also the growth of grass and dirt at the sides of the path hinder the water getting to the drains. If these were sorted it would make a large difference. The path at this point is regularly used by people going to and from Linden Station, by walkers, joggers, dog owners, etc but unfortunately it is often a very wet slippery exercise."

On checking with the Council we've been advised that they requested a contractor to check the drains and unblock the sumps. We're awaiting confirmation that that has actually happened.

HOT RODS IN TAWA



The Guide Dogs Fun Run, organised by Capital Rodders, started at the New World Tawa carpark this past Sunday afternoon for the second successive year. A spectacular collection of classy vehicles was on display, with plenty of people along to see them roar off.

Two quieter ones are featured at left.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT!

Join us in speaking out about violence against girls and young women. "Take Back the Night" events have been running since 1975 all over the world in order to raise awareness, empower women and support survivors.

This Girl Guiding event is open to everyone from senior guides onwards and members of the public. Feel free to invite your friends and family.

There will be guest speakers, poem reading and a minute's silence to remember those who have been affected by violence. "Take Back The Night" is being run by Young Leaders and Rangers as an action for WAGGS Stop the Violence advocacy campaign.

Please bring a donation for Women's Refuge, torch and girl guide uniform.

Come reclaim the night, show your support and make New Zealand a safer place: Ngatitua Domain, 7-8pm on Sunday 29 September. Together we can make a change.

There is a Facebook page: Take Back The Night – Wellington.

We do need to have an idea of numbers (the Police are asking). Please either join the Facebook page or email wellingtonyoungleaders@gmail.com or tawalinden.dc@gmail.com no later than Friday 20 September. That would be much appreciated.

"RIVERS OF LIVING WATER"

On Sunday 22 September at 6.30pm the second block of six studies of the "Rivers of Living Water" series of Bible studies will commence at Tawa New Life Church, 236 Main Road, Tawa.

The theme of this block of studies is "Walking with God". Cost is minimal (\$10) and covers the cost of materials for the studies.

The "Rivers of Living Water" course consists of 30 weekly studies in total, divided into 5 blocks and is open to anyone, though high school age and above is recommended. These interactive studies have a discipleship focus and are intended for those who wish to grow in God and are able to commit a six week complete study block.

Each of the 5 blocks follow a distinct theme:

- Knowing God
- Walking with God
- Growing in God
- Bible Overview
- Walking forward

Further information is available from Tawa New Life Church at 232 6221 or tawanlc@clear.net.nz

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.

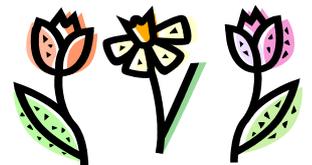
Baking, books and bric 'a' brac can be dropped off any time up until the day. Items big and small will be appreciated. They can be given to Natasha in the office.



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.

10-11.30am on the days shown below, Tawa Union Church, Elena Place. Enquiries to Heidrun 232 2197 or Karen 232 3436.



All welcome!

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
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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>

TAWA RECREATION CENTRE PROGRAMME

Monday 30 September	Tuesday 1 October	Wednesday 2 October	Thursday 3 October	Friday 4 October
Test your knowledge of the countries of the world with a quiz! Get into the team spirit and compete in the Tawa Rec World Cup	Come along, get creative and make an awesome keyring Come and have a blast on the amazing inflatables	Make your own puzzle and test it on your friends! Have a go at multi-sport	Trip Day We are going to Laughalots Playland in Lower Hutt – make sure you bring your socks Take part in Tawa Rec's stack-a-cup challenge	Bake and decorate delicious animal-themed cupcakes Have fun creating your own animal and play animal games
Monday 7 October	Tuesday 8 October	Wednesday 9 October	Thursday 10 October	Friday 11 October
Use your gardening skills to create grass creatures Play a game of rob the nest	Dress-up in your pyjamas for pyjama day Make an awesome fort with pillows and blankets Play sleeping lions to finish the sleepover	Create a cool and clever clipboard for your room Enjoy an afternoon of infectious inflatable fun	Trip Day We're heading to the flicks to see the latest holiday movie! Go on a static scavenger hunt and enter the Tawa Rec colouring competition	Celebrate Halloween early and bake witches' hats Enter your scariest monster in our make-a-monster competition Relax and enjoy a Halloween-themed movie

To book, phone 232 2260

Tawa Recreation Centre
Tawa College,
Duncan Street, Tawa
For ages 5–12 years

All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

Bookings open 27 August 2013

Cost per day

Non-trip days	8.30am–3.30pm	\$32
Trip days	8.30am–3.30pm	\$42
Aftercare	3.30–5.30pm	\$13



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

It's good to buy locally and to support businesses based in Tawa. To find out who many of those local businesses are, see www.tawalink.com/businesses.html where details of almost 40 Tawa businesses are now listed.

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

REVOLVE FITNESS SEMINAR

A free seminar specifically for men! (the last one was for women) will be run at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 October at the Tawa Community Centre. Enquiries to lucynewrick@gmail.com.

Cheers

Ron Baker

Secretary, Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association

[PLEASE NOTE that Ron Baker is still pretending to compile this newsletter. The reason it is being sent out under his name during the local body election campaign is explained in our newsletter of 10.07.13, accessible on this page: <http://www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html>.]

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

Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320

“Vote for those who promise least; they'll be the least disappointing.” – Bernard Baruch

“Heredity is what sets the parents of a teenager wondering about each other.” – Laurence J Peter

“If we do not feel happy with what we already have, what makes us think we'd be happy with more?”

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.

If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting that your name be deleted from our list.

Back issues of the newsletter are available at www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html.

PLEASE BE AWARE that many of the items/articles in this newsletter have been sent through by members of the Tawa community and have been published 'unedited'. They may not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor.