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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.

THE NEW TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD

We have a new community board. Four of its members were on the previous board and there are two newbies, Richard Herbert and Jack Marshall. Existing members of the team who were re-elected are Margaret Lucas, Graeme Hansen, Robert Tredger and Alistair Sutton. Congratulations to all of these board members, and we're pleased to report they all live in the community they've been elected to represent.

Local Elections 2013

**YOUR VOTE
YOUR COMMUNITY**

Two Northern Ward councillors are also appointed to the Tawa Community Board. The three successful candidates in the ward are Justin Lester, Malcolm Sparrow (new to Council) and Helen Ritchie (subject to special votes being counted).

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD – THE OLD

Those who have stepped down from the Tawa Community Board at the end of the 2010-13 triennium are as below. Big thanks for all their efforts over the years!

Chris Reading served on the community board for two terms. The project which saw around 50 hanging baskets put in place in front of Main Road shops less than a year ago was led by Chris. He also chaired the Tawa Community Grants subcommittee.



Ngaire Best served in local government for a total of 15 years, on the community board all that time, plus (conjointly) three terms as a Wellington City Councillor. She played a major part in championing the walkway/cycleway, now known as the Tawa Valley Pathway (Ara Tawa). Ngaire was also instrumental in the establishment of the Tawa Recreation Centre and the Tawa Community Centre. She served as chair of the Tawa Community Board 2004-07.

Malcolm Sparrow was first elected to the community board in 2005, stood down for two-and-a-half years to run the Tawa Community Centre, then returned in a by-election in 2009. He chaired the board in recent years before winning a place as a councillor in the election just gone.

As a new Northern Ward councillor, he is likely to be appointed to the Tawa Community Board, along with Cr Justin Lester.

..... AND THE NEW

The new boys on the block (bearing in mind so few 'girls' put their hands up!) are as follows:

Richard Herbert is married with two adult children. He has fingers in several Tawa pies – president of Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves, committee member on both the Tawa Historical Association and Tawa Progressive and Ratepayers' Assn, board member of the Rotary Club of Tawa, member of the Tawa Anglican Church and the Wellington Male Voice Choir which meets in Tawa. He "knows his stuff".



Jack Marshall went through the schooling system in Tawa including Tawa College. He is currently in his first year studying a conjoint LLB and BA at Victoria University. As a member of the Wellington City Youth Council for the last six years and its currently chairperson, he is "... experienced in advocacy and council processes." Jack is also a Civil Defence volunteer.

PROGRESS WITH TAWA VALLEY PATHWAY (ARA TAWA)

We don't have an up-to-date report from the Wellington City Council about this, so we'll make it up as we go! In reality, work is proceeding well at both ends. By that we mean: 1. the stretch from the northern end of Findlay St to Kenepuru Station, and 2. from Redwood Station (south) down to Willowbank Park.

The northern segment will run along the eastern side of Linden Park, cross the Porirua Stream, and continue north on the other side of the stream. A bridge across the stream in the north-eastern corner of Linden Park is currently being constructed. The photo at upper right was taken on Saturday 5 October.

The photo at mid-right shows where the Wellington City Council pathway finishes at Kenepuru Station and the Porirua sector commences. Because of KiwiRail work that will be taking place along the railway track over the next few months, Porirua City Council are not likely to upgrade their portion of the pathway until July of next year. However there is currently a dirt track in place which enables pedestrian and cycle access all the way from Kenepuru Station northwards to Porirua.

The southern segment will run past the Wellington North badminton courts and Taylor Park to Willowbank Park. The pathway has been constructed but it hadn't been concreted when the photo at bottom right was taken. This shot is on the eastern side of the railway line looking north from near Willowbank.



TAWA WOMAN FINALIST IN WELLY AWARDS 2013

Tawa mother of three and foster mum to one, Liz Langham makes her contribution to her community look like simply child's play – that's probably because her work and passion is all about children, fostering community spirit and she has a natural enveloping style of leadership.

Liz is one of three finalists in the Education Sector of the 2013 Wellingtonian of the Year, affectionately known as the Welly Awards – a celebration of the many great individuals who make Wellington the exciting, vibrant and coolest little capital city in the world!

Liz has had almost a decade of involvement already at Tawa-Linden Playcentre – becoming a skilled early childhood educator for her own and other children attending the Centre. Liz is soon to step down as co-president to take up a Wellington Playcentre Association role helping to provide guidance and leadership to a number of Wellington's community-led and managed early childhood education Playcentres.

Passionate about music, Liz also fosters harmony in our community by leading the very popular and waitlisted Mainly Music sessions for parents, babies and preschoolers. This provides learning and stimulation for Tawa children as well as facilitating community relationships amongst new mums and families.

Despite being of Pakeha descent, Liz is an ardent supporter of Mana Tiaki and their kapahaka roopu and is a past executive member. Liz has a background and qualifications in English Literature, music, early childhood education, social policy, and social work involving drug and alcohol interventions.



TAWA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE



The Tawa Lions Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday 14 December, leaving Tawa School at 2pm.

The parade route will be from Oxford Street on to the Main Road (by Mexted Motors), through the shopping centre, to Surrey Street. Road traffic will be diverted through Tawa, Duncan and McLellan Streets for the duration of the parade, until approximately 2.30pm.

Organisations who are interested in participating in the parade can contact Ken on 232 2475 or Alastair on 232 7936.

FELDENKRAIS® METHOD MOVEMENT CLASSES

A new term of eight classes started on Monday 14 October. Choose your class time: Monday 9.15am or 7.00pm; Tuesday 5.30pm; Wednesday 9.15am. Venue is the Linden Social Centre.

Gentle exploratory movements that engage both your body and brain to improve your agility, strength and vitality. Learn how to release pain and tension, improve balance and coordination, regain youthful posture and movement. First class free to new students to experience without obligation.

Contact Brenda Stickley (Registered Feldenkrais Practitioner) on 232 9364. For more information check out my website www.getmovingwithbrenda.co.nz. See what others say about the classes!

ANOTHER NEW FELDENKRAIS® SERIES STARTING

Your pelvic floor; it's like your handbag, you can't do without it!

Discover:

- how it supports you as you move
- ways to keep and enhance the tone you currently have
- the link between your pelvic floor and your balance

Because the Feldenkrais method works through slow gentle movement it is safe for all ages.

This is a 5-week series of movement lessons with some anatomy as well. Please come warmly dressed and ready to lie down on mats on the floor.

The series starts on Tuesday 15 October at 6pm. Contact me to secure your place.

Janine Archer 021 111 2820, Registered Feldenkrais Practitioner.

TAWA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY EXPO

The annual Expo is on Saturday 19 October, 9am-3pm, at the Tawa Community Centre, Cambridge St. Paintings, Pottery, Woodcraft, etc. Contact Aileen on aileenwood@hotmail.com.

AN INVITATION TO ENTER THE DOOR OF FAITH

20-25 October at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Main Road, Tawa.

There will be a presentation each evening at 7.30 pm by Fr John Rea followed by refreshments.

Topics for the evenings are:

Sunday	Jesus Redeemer
Monday	Where in the world is Jesus?
Tuesday	Faith
Wednesday	Healing from sin (and the rest)
Thursday	Holy Eucharist
Friday	Why the Church?

For more information see: www.tawacatholic.org



**ENTER THE
DOOR OF FAITH**



Shopping Evening

Thursday 24th October 2013
7.00 – 9.00pm

Venue: Tawa New World Atrium

Jewellery Clothing Gifts
Cake Stall Raffles Crafts

\$2 Entry - Supper Included

Cash sales only (select stalls may have EFTPOS)

TAWA RECREATION CENTRE BOOKINGS

Facility bookings for 2014
are now open.

Please email requests to:
anjna.maisuriya@wcc.govt.nz



A SAFE ALTERNATIVE to Halloween

THIS IS A FUN NIGHT of ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, FACE PAINTING, SPOT PRIZES and TALENT QUEST for **CHILDREN** aged 5-12. This year we are having an International theme to celebrate the many cultures we have in our community. Come in National Dress if you can or Kiwiana.

No halloween costumes please.

WHEN: THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER 6pm – 8.30pm (starting with a sausage sizzle for tea)

WHERE: TAWA NEW LIFE CHURCH 236 Main Road Tawa

This is a **FREE EVENT** – SPONSORED BY WCC AND MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES,

but **TICKETS** are essential to gain entry and can be picked up from 14th Oct onwards at:

Baptist Church Office (225 Main Road) 9-12.30 Tues-Friday

New Life Church Office (236 Main Rd) 12-5 Tues-Friday

Tawa Take Note & Postshop Main Road Tawa Mon-Sat. Enquires Michele McDonald 232 4924

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-LINDEN PLAYCENTRE GARAGE SALE BONANZA

Saturday 2 November 8.30-11am at 1 Ranui Tce. Heaps of toys, second hand wares, treasures, crafts, etc.

FINANCIAL HEALTH CHECK SEMINAR

Do you want to be free of debt?

If you are ready to get rid of your debt but don't know how to go about it, make sure you attend the free financial health check seminar at the Emmaus Centre (next to St Christopher's Anglican – cnr Lyndhurst & Main Roads, Tawa) on Monday 4 November.

This free seminar, organised by Tawa Anglican Church & Tawa Baptist Church, is presented by Andrew L'Almont of Baptist Savings – a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to teaching people how best to reduce their debt and manage their personal financial situation.

During the seminar Andrew will provide you with honest, impartial advice about managing your money. Baptist Savings is also pleased to offer no-obligation in home consultations for everyone who attends. Baptist Savings are not commission-driven, so you can trust they will come up with the best plan of action for you.

Everyone is invited to attend the seminar, whether they are a member of a church or not, although the information will be particularly useful to anyone with a mortgage or who is struggling to clear their personal debt.

Andrew L'Almont has been in the banking & finance industry for more than 36 years and is a registered financial advisor. He is passionate about tackling debt and teaching people how to take control of their finances so they can live with less stress.

APPLY NOW! – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Are you a young person resident in Tawa and seeking a fantastic leadership opportunity that's available for youth? Apply now to be considered for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) 2014!

Apply by: 20 October 2013

Apply to: Rotary Club of Tawa – entitled 'RYLA 2014 application' with your completed application form

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award is a five-day programme for potential leaders between the ages of 18 and 24. It is a programme run by Rotary throughout the world. All participants are sponsored in full, either by a Rotary Club or by an organisation.

If you want to apply, you will be someone who has demonstrated potential as a leader in your community, your studies, your workplace, sports team or the arts. The objective of the programme is to develop those personal and leadership skills.

Tawa Rotary is inviting applications to be submitted by 20 October, with a view to interviewing prospective candidates to sponsor on the RYLA programme. While our submission date is later than that noted on the application form, we must recommend our selection to RYLA by the end of October at the latest.

The RYLA programme recognises, encourages and educates future leaders by offering them this intensive leadership training experience. The programme demonstrates Rotary's commitment to developing future leaders by encouraging them to be the best they can be.

Each year an elite group of future leaders is selected to attend RYLA. Graduates of previous RYLA programmes report that RYLA was a fantastic opportunity to develop their skills, have fun, and meet an enthusiastic group of like-minded people. RYLA is a life-changing experience, so take the challenge and apply today.

Send your application form by 20 October 2013 to:

The Rotary Club of Tawa, District 9940, PO Box 51086, Tawa 5028

Email: rmca@xtra.co.nz



Application form and detail on RYLA available at: <http://www.ryla9940.co.nz/>

Enquiries – email Tawa Rotary or call Laura Sommer (021 220 7741)

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

On behalf of TawaLink.com

(loosely under the umbrella of the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association)

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

Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320

"I'm not trying to get myself up a notch on the ladder by shoving somebody else down on the ladder, whether it's a candidate or the president of the United States or anybody else. I just don't believe that's the way one oughta campaign, I've never done that." – George H W Bush

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

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.

Musings from the Ed. (It's nice to be back!)

You may know that after a few years on the Tawa Community Board, having served in recent times as chair, I stood as a candidate in the Northern Ward in the recent Wellington City Council election. I was reluctant to step down as chair of the community board because I had very much enjoyed my time in that role and believe that the board has played a very worthwhile part in the Tawa community over the years.

The achievements of which I'm particularly proud are the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards which were instigated in 2011, and national recognition for the board in winning the "Enhancing Communities" award at the Community Boards' Conference in Wanaka a few months back. I've also been privileged to play a significant role in the Tawa Community Civic Awards which we've held every second year since 2006, and I have fully supported (although played a backseat role) getting the hanging baskets in place in the Main Road shopping centre. It was also an honour to be involved in the rebuild of Tawa Railway Station.

Last occasion as chair



I'm very pleased to say that I was successful in being voted in as one of the three councilors in the Northern Ward. Many, many thanks to all those who supported me in that quest. I'll be stepping in where Ngaire Best has left off (so to speak) and hope to serve the ward as well as she has. Many thanks to Ngaire for her advice and support in my campaign.

It was a long full-time campaign which started at the very beginning of July and has included every Saturday since then. I'm very glad it's over. My lawn is in desperate need of mowing!

I think it's important for elected officials to be in touch with their local communities as much as possible. With that in mind I set myself a target at the outset of knocking on every door in Tawa (approximately 4800), and another 2700 in the rest of the ward.

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I managed to achieve that goal (with a few exceptions like vicious dogs barring entry), and met some great people along the way. Almost everyone took the flyer I offered them. Some people were relieved I wasn't trying to sell them something. A few were starting to close the door before I'd quite finished my brief spiel! The vast majority were pleasant people, some exceptionally so! A small number indicated they'd vote for me because I'd made the effort to call! Whether they actually did or not I'll never know!

So to all of you who gave me the time of day (or a cold drink), another big thank you.

I knocked on a total of more than 8000 doors and got to say "hello" to 3500 people at home (43%). More than 25,000 flyers were distributed on my behalf (apologies to those of you who were bombarded more than twice!), and I put up hoardings on 25 different sites, 80% of those in Tawa. Thanks to fellow board member Robert Tredger for his invaluable assistance with those. And thanks to the kind souls who volunteered their time in distributing my flyers and to those who displayed my election sign(s) on their front lawn or fence. Every bit helped!

I'm obviously incredibly pleased it paid off. Yesterday (Monday) I got to meet the other five newly elected Councillors. My initial impression is that there are some excellent new people who've been voted in. We may differ politically but hopefully we can make good progress in working together for the betterment of Wellington. That's what it's all about.

So thank you for electing me to my new role. It's genuinely an honour and a privilege. As I've previously indicated, I will do my best to serve this ward (and the city as a whole) to the best of my ability.

– *Malcolm Sparrow*

