



COMMUNITY NEWS

Early April
2014

This community newsletter is sent out usually twice each month on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website which has been supported by the Tawa Residents' Association since 2002.

COMMUNITY MEETING THIS WEEK

You're invited to a community meeting which is being organised by the Tawa Community Board to let local people find out more about NZTA's (NZ Transport Agency's) proposals to either widen the motorway (SH1) through Tawa or to build a new highway through the Takapu Valley.

Even if you don't live close to either of these, most Tawa residents ARE LIKELY to be affected by the proposals which suggest major changes at the southern entry to Tawa.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 April at the Tawa Community Centre.

Those taking part include:

- NZTA representative(s)
- Tawa Community Board
- "Stop the Motorway Widening" residents
- Takapu Valley residents
- Hon Peter Dunne, M.P.
- Cr Andy Foster (Wellington City Council)

Tawa residents are urged to come along to gain a greater understanding of what's going on and how their voices can be heard. The meeting will finish between 8.45-9.00pm.

NEIGHBOURS' DAY IN TAWA ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

Between 45 and 50 street gatherings of some shape or form - barbecues, afternoon teas, etc - were held in Tawa under the "umbrella" of Neighbours' Day during the month of March. A lot of very positive feedback was received, including the following comments in the past few days:

"... yummy BBQ, chocolates & cakes, kids cricket & football ... a few newbies, a few oldbies - great gathering. We also took the opportunity to update our Neighbourhood Support & Civil Defence/Emergency details and exchange email addresses."

"..... the event was great and we had about 30 people & children turn up and enjoy a BBQ. Lots of new contacts were made and relationships started. I am now getting lots of smiles and waves from the neighbours as they drive by. I have also noticed that there is a lot more spirit here now. Thank you for spearheading this in the local area."



OFFICIAL OPENING OF TAWA VALLEY PATHWAY - ARA TAWA

The "shared pathway" is nearing completion. It will be officially opened by the Mayor on Sunday afternoon, 18 May. This will be a big occasion for the community with lots of fun things happening. Watch this space!

Community Meeting re

NZTA's highway plans

Wed 9 April

Tawa Community Centre 7.30pm

TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The term 2 programme is now up on the web site www.tawacom.ed.co.nz

Language classes now include Samoan, German, French, Spanish, ESOL and New Zealand Sign Language.

Fitness classes include Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi & Qi Gong, Bollywood or great a great workout while also learning Japanese Taiko drumming.

Cooking classes include Indian, Chinese, Italian Modern Asian, Cheese making, Vegetarian, Pickles & Sauerkraut and Breads including gluten-free.

Computer classes include Computing for Now, Xero, Excel, Word, Photoshop, Computer Keyboarding and Web Page Construction.

Craft classes include Needle Felting, Nuno Felt Collar, Sewing, Patchwork, Flax Weaving, Pottery, Mixed Media Art, Drawing for Beginners, Acrylic Painting and Woodwork.

There are also classes in Defensive Driving, Gardening, Fishing, Family Trusts, Roman Blinds, First Aid, Music (Keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Song Writing).

HOP IN = HOLIDAY DROP IN



Holiday fun for caregivers and preschoolers.

An opportunity for adult company while your pre-schooler plays in a safe environment. Plenty of toys and activities! Morning tea available!

Everybody is welcome! Join us on Thursdays 24 April and 1 May, 10am to 12 noon, Tawa Union Church, Elena Place.

Enquiries to Heidrun on 232 2197 or Karen on 232 3436.



Tawa-Linden Plunket Pre-Loved Toy and Children's Clothing Sale!

Come along, support your local Plunket...

Saturday 12th April
11am - 1pm
Tawa Community Centre



Tables for sellers - \$15
Gold coin entry for buyers

Contact Stacey on tawaplunketeve@gmail.com or call 232 0216 / 021400628 to book your table now

Don't miss the bouncy castle (weather permitting) baking and BBQ!



Your invitation to..... **BNI**TM

- Do you want to grow your business?
- Would you like to meet up with a group of business people who are motivated and energised to spread the word about your business...
- Do you want to be part of a group that produces over \$350,000 of new business each year?

Business Network International (BNI)[®] has relocated its weekly meeting to the Tawa sports bar and restaurant 'Café 15' on Main Road, Tawa, and we have vacancies within our group now for professionals and trades people.

We meet on Wednesday every week for breakfast at 7am, and share feedback and new business leads with each other. It is a great opportunity to talk about your own business, the customers you are seeking, and get word of mouth marketing working for your business.

This is your invitation to come to our meeting. Have breakfast with us, see how the meeting runs, listen as we share business referrals, and decide whether this is for you.

More information is available from our website, www.bni.co.nz or contact Steve Lovell, at 232 1000. We hope to see you at '15' next Wednesday at 7am. You will be very welcome.



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POPPY DAY COLLECTION

Poppy Day this year will be on Thursday 17 April. All monies from the sale of poppies are used exclusively for welfare purposes for Returned Service veterans in the area which the monies are collected, in this case Tawa. It is therefore very much for the benefit of our community.



ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2014

This year's Tawa Community ANZAC Day observance will commence with a parade which will assemble at the New World carpark at 9.30am and march off to the Tawa RSA at 9.45am. The Civic Service will be held in the Tawa RSA Hall, 89 Oxford Street, at the completion of the parade (approximately 10am).

This is a Tawa Community commemoration and the public are most welcome to march in the parade, attend the service and pay tribute on this special day of remembrance.

GRAFFITI IN WELLINGTON (AND TAWA)

Whilst graffiti is always an eyesore and most of us would prefer none whatsoever around the place, the figures below for the period July 2013 to January 2014 show that it's not quite as prevalent in Tawa (with 6.5% of Wellington's population) as in many other parts of Wellington:

Suburb	Reported Incidents	Percentage	Suburb	Reported Incidents	Percentage
Te Aro	3847	29.36	Berhampore	290	2.21
Mt Cook	1482	11.31	Hataitai	274	2.09
Aro Valley	1217	9.29	Rongotai	254	1.94
Wgtn Central	760	5.80	Northland	202	1.54
Newtown	620	4.73	Island Bay	176	1.34
Kilbirnie	595	4.54	Tawa	124	0.95
Johnsonville	309	2.36	Other	2348	17.92
Mt Victoria	307	2.34	TOTAL	13101	
Kelburn	296	2.26			

Come and enjoy the short
"Autumn Concert"

in support of the



presented by the

Tawa BB Learners' Band
and guests, with musical and other items

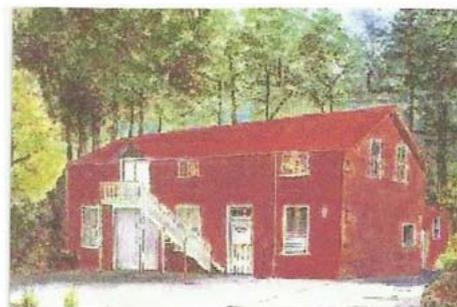
3.00 p.m.

Saturday, 12th April

at Tawa Union Church
6 Elena Place, Tawa

Admission: donation to AIT
(NZ Registered Charity)

www.autisminterventiontrust.org.nz



The Attic Artists

**Wish to welcome you
to our painting group.**

We meet on Tuesday mornings at the Gear
Homestead Woolshed, Okowai Road, Porirua.

A relaxed and friendly group of amateur painters,
we gather between 10am and 1pm.

Call in and meet us, or for further information,
please phone: Judy: 232-6867 or Sheila: 233-8993.

PINK PINEAPPLE CAFE MOVES TO NEW SITE

That well known icon Pink Pineapple at the north end of the Tawa shops has shifted south, just a matter of 100 metres to be precise. It now occupies the site alongside the driveway to the New World carpark from the Main Road.

Well known and very visible for the past 30 years or so on the east side of the Main Road, the new Pink Pineapple business owners decided it was time to move as it had outgrown its old premises. They plan in due course to offer coffee and breakfasts and extend their choice of food.



Several of the previous owners have been Cambodian and the new owners are no exception. Owners Samantha Puthybundith and Seng Hour both were born in Cambodia and emigrated to NZ some years ago. They learned their trade in New Zealand and then decided to own their own business.

The owners like Tawa and it's a good place to do business they say.

The official opening is on Friday 11th April.

A TAWA CENTURY AT THE BASIN

- from Shona Murray

I'm so proud of granddaughter Amelia (Melie) Kerr who broke a record recently by being the first cricketer ever to get over 100 runs in a T20 game on the Basin Reserve. She got 113 runs out of 180 and was involved in an opening partnership of 170.

Congratulations to Tawa College Girls' Cricket team who beat Wellington Girls to become Regional Champions and head to Nationals later in the year. A huge thanks to coach Robbie Kerr (Melie's dad) for all his coaching expertise and support for the team.

I found it moving to be on a ground where I have watched her 'Poppa' Bruce (BAG) Murray get 100 as an opener as well. As only a Year 9 student, she has plenty of years ahead of her. She has already been selected for the Under 21 Wellington Women's squad! She is also the wicket keeper, spin bowler, and does the field placing (a year 12 student is captain).

She is also very low-key and humble about her talent (unlike her grandmother!)



PICS (clockwise from top left):

Amelia and team after her 113;

Melie with Poppa Bruce at the Basin Reserve;

Robbie with his cricketing daughters, Amelia and Jess;

The scoreboard after passing 100;

Amelia with the Tawa Team;

Melie has her first interview with the press on the Basin Reserve.



60 SECONDS WITH Jessica Ah Chong

Jessica is this year's deputy head girl at Tawa College.

Where were you born? Apia, Samoa

Where did you grow up?

Grew up in Samoa and moved to New Zealand when I was 12.

What schools have you been at since you first started school?

Vaiata Beach School (Apia, Samoa), Tawa Intermediate (Yr 8 only), Tawa College.

What subjects are you doing this year at college?

English, Japanese, Psychology, Media Studies, Legal Studies.

What are you hoping to do when you leave school?

I want to work with people and ultimately make a positive change. At the moment I'm considering carrying on with Psychology but it could change into going into Law.

What does being a deputy head student actually involve, any particular responsibilities?

Participating in and managing committees, helping out with junior students, and promoting school spirit in activities.

What are your interests/hobbies?

I play volleyball and basketball. Last year was my first year boxing. This year I won't be playing volleyball and basketball. I'll just be boxing.

What do you like about Tawa College?

The teachers and how lessons are done. The learning environment is the best and teachers are always willing to help with subjects. There is a lot of diversity among the students too and it's made the social environment very welcoming.

Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?

None, haha. Rugby's okay though.

Favourite musical group and/or style of music?

Anything that suits the mood I'm in. Rap is where it's at.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

I don't really have one - I haven't been around NZ that much. If I could go somewhere I'd probably go to the Kaikoura Whale Watch because I've heard they tell you stories that relate why the Maori treasure the whales. I really like the sound of that.)

Any accomplishments/achievements in your life (to date) that give you much satisfaction/pride?

Getting deputy is pretty awesome.



Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm on weekdays, or hire a room or hall for your community group / birthday party / meeting at reasonable rates.

Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres> or email mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz and put 'Join' as the subject to receive regular updates.

TAWA RECREATION CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Registrations are open for the Tawa Recreation Centre April School Holiday Programme and Sports Clinics. We have an exciting offer in conjunction with Tawa Pool.

If you book your child in for 5 days on the holiday programme, then you are entitled to receive 50% off your swimming lessons at Tawa Pool!

Please go to <http://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/school-holidays-and-birthdays/school-holidays/recreation-and-sport-centres/tawa-recreation-centre> to register. By registering online, you can get a 5% discount.

Remember to check that all your details are current at the time of registration.

Contact jessica.bolwerk@wcc.govt.nz at Tawa Pool to receive your discount.

We also have our Football and Volleyball Holiday Sports clinics running on the Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. See flyer for more details.

Contact me if you are a new customer and would like to take up this opportunity. I will create an account for you.

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Team Leader Tawa Rec Centre | Parks, Sport & Recreation | Wellington City Council

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

On behalf of TawaLink.com (supported by the Tawa Residents' Association)



“Dogs are lousy poker players. When they get a good hand they wag their tails.”

“Do what you feel in your heart to be right - for you'll be criticised anyway.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

“Dear Inland Revenue: I would like to cancel my subscription. Please remove my name from your mailing list.”

A lawyer charged a man \$1,000 for legal services. The man paid him in cash with crisp new \$100 notes. After the client left, the lawyer discovered that two notes had stuck together - he'd been overpaid by \$100. The ethical dilemma for the lawyer:

Should he tell his business partner?

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