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Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

www.neighbourly.co.nz • www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa • www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard

THE PRICE OF 200L EMERGENCY WATER TANKS IS INCREASING

Do you have enough water stored as a backup in an emergency situation?

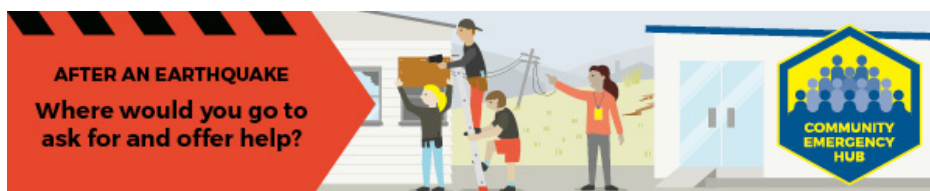
The average Wellingtonian goes through more than 200L per person per day in the normal course of events. We are advised by the powers-that-be to store 10% of that amount to see us through if our usual water supply is cut off, for whatever reason!

20L of stored water per person per day – for seven days – equates to 280L of stored water for a couple, or 700L for a family of five. How much stored water do you currently have?

A 200L emergency water tank is a good starting point. They currently sell locally for \$110 each. That price will increase to \$115 next month. You can collect a 200L tank in Tawa by ordering one at malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz or, if you're interested in a bigger size, see <http://www.thetankguy.co.nz/my-tanks.html>



READINESS FOR A MAJOR EMERGENCY



500 adult residents of the Wellington Region were recently selected at random to complete an online survey about emergency preparedness and

awareness. Here are some of the findings of that survey:

- 41.4% of people do NOT consider they have sufficient emergency water stored to last them for seven days. Purchase a water tank (as outlined above) and you won't be part of that number!
- Almost two-thirds of people do not know the first names of more than two of their neighbours.
- 69.3% know that a Community Emergency Hub (formerly a Civil Defence Centre) is a place in their suburb for the community to gather and support each other by sharing information, skills and resources during a disaster. It is NOT a place for people to receive official support from Civil Defence, or a place where emergency supplies (food and blankets) are stored for the community! Hubs will be operated in an emergency by local community members, NOT by Civil Defence.
- Just on 50% realise that that an earthquake itself is the warning for evacuation. Many still expect sirens, text alerts and radio announcements to warn them. That is NOT the case!
- Only 43% of people know where their nearest Community Emergency Hub is located. In Tawa our hubs are Greenacres School, Linden School, Redwood School and Tawa School.

PLANTING AT TE NGAHERE O TAWA / FOREST OF TAWA

The community involvement and WCC commitment to the new forest area was demonstrated on Tuesday 13 August when Council's Parks and Reserves department organised the planting of nearly 4000 native plants in the area at Kiwi Crescent recently cleared of pine trees in the lower part of the Forest of Tawa. Helping council staff in this activity were Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves volunteers, community individuals, all three Northern Ward councillors, and others like the Mana Cycle Group, between 40 and 50 people all up.

Led by Anita Benbrook from WCC, this event was well supported by Council staff. The area planted was alongside the access way created by Council from the reserve entrance off Kiwi Cres and up to Duval Grove.



Local volunteers Richard, Carol, Mandy and Andrew



WCC Parks and Reserves team

CONNECTING WILF MEXTED RESERVE TO BING LUCAS DRIVE

There was a great turnout of Port Nicholson Rotary Club members and Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves volunteers on Sunday 11 August to enable planting beside a zig zag track connecting Bing Lucas Drive to Wilf Mexted Reserve. With financial support from Greater Wellington Regional Council and plants from WCC, 900 eco-sourced native trees from Jay Street Community Nursery, 400 from Te Rito Gardens in Porirua, and 100 from WCC's nursery were planted out.

This new track enables the public to walk from the main entrance of Wilf Mexted Reserve at the junction of Collins Ave and Woodman Drive up through mature bush and emerge on Bing Lucas Drive. With a further walk of 500m south down Bing Lucas Drive, people can enter Woodburn Reserve next to 160 Bing Lucas Drive.



Port Nicholson Rotary volunteers



Bing Lucas connector track

LUNCHING AT LINDEN

A bowl of hot soup was enjoyed again on Friday (a bowl each in actual fact) by a significant number of people at the Linden Social Centre. This is part of their Kai Kitchen initiative – free hot meals to all Linden locals, friends and whanau every Friday from 12.30pm.

There is a great team of volunteers putting in time to ensure this happens each week.

Email denise.byarugaba@wcc.govt.nz for more info about lending a hand, or how to take part and get to know your community.

For more about the Linden Social Centre, see <https://wellington.govt.nz/services/community-and-culture/community-centres/locations/linden-social-centre>



Great team of volunteers



Enjoying hot soup and buns

INNER WHEEL TAWA UPCOMING PROGRAMME

- Inner Wheel Sip and Chat at 4pm on Saturday 31 August at The Borough.

Featuring a wine tasting – this is an opportunity for people to come along and find out a bit more about Inner Wheel and enjoy a wine tasting hosted by The Borough. A free event for people to attend.



- Our mighty Quiz Night returns next month.

Thursday 5 September at The Borough starting at 7.00pm. Tickets \$10.00 pp. There are fabulous prizes, including 3 x \$25.00 vouchers, for the first three teams to register and pay. Borough vouchers for the first three winning teams. Spot prizes, etc.

Tickets available from Carolyn on 021 369 115 or email carolynjcrutch@gmail.com Proceeds to Tawa Community Patrol.

- Our September meeting sees us host an open event – details to follow.

Wednesday 18 September @ 5.45pm for 6.15pm dinner at the Tawa Bowling Club. Cost \$25.00 pp (includes dinner).

Reservations essential by Sunday 15 September. Phone Carolyn on 021 369 115 or email carolynjcrutch@gmail.com

TAWA ROTARY BOOK FAIR

This year's Rotary Book Fair will take place on the weekends of 5-6 October and 12-13 October at the rugby clubrooms in Lyndhurst Road.

If you have books for dropping off, please place them in the relevant bin in the New World atrium in Oxford St.



UPDATE ON CAR STORAGE AT TAKAPU ISLAND

In May the following wording and accompanying photo were included in this newsletter:

There have been concerns expressed about the accumulation of damaged vehicles on the land south of Countdown up at Takapu Island (8 William Earp Place, Tawa). Enquiries have been made of Council whether this is acceptable practice on this land.

Here is Council's response: "The current resource consent for commercial and retail development on the site has not been exercised.



The site has been subleased (for 3 years) to a company which stores and sells damaged vehicles on the site on behalf of insurance companies. The site is zoned business one which allows for these sorts of activities provided they meet certain permitted activity standards. Currently not all of the required standards are met (namely visual effects). Unless these standards are met in the near future, the company will require resource consent. The compliance officer is currently discussing this with the company."

UPDATE: We have recently been advised (mid-August) that Council has served two abatement notices on the company occupying the site. Abatement notices are a formal enforcement document served by an enforcement officer requiring a person to do something or cease doing something to ensure compliance.

The wording reads:

- ABATEMENT NOTICE 1

Wellington City Council gives notice that you must cease or not undertake the following activities:

Cease all earthworks, including the removal and relocation of topsoil.

Note: This means the removal, relocation or deposit of earth (which includes any substance constituting the land such as soil, clay and rock) from a natural or constructed land formation and excludes topsoil mining, turf farming, ground cultivation, gardening, grave digging, maintenance of sports fields, cleanfills, landfills, quarrying, archaeological excavations, piling and trenching.

You must comply with this abatement notice within the following period:

Immediately upon receipt of this notice.

- ABATEMENT NOTICE 2

Wellington City Council gives notice that you must take the following actions:

1. Screen activities and storage from view by a solid fence of no less than 1.8 metres high that conceals the outdoor storage and facilities, to comply with standard 34.6.1.9.2.

2. Screen activities and storage so that they are not visible from any adjoining Residential Area or public space, to comply with standard 34.6.1.9.2.

You must comply with this abatement notice within the following period:

Action points 1 & 2 by 12 September 2019.

So there we have it. Council takes these matters seriously. However it does take time to ensure correct procedures are followed. Watch this space!

AN INVITATION TO HEAR AN AMAZING YOUNG MAN

A chance to hear one of the most exciting and inspirational speakers that Tawa Rotary has hosted – 19-year-old Matthew Strawbridge, founder of Dyslexia Potential at age 13, Young New Zealander of the Year nominee at age 15, and recently back from being a key-note speaker at Australia's National Youth Leadership and Business Summit.



Matt is a coach, mentor and entrepreneur. His company, Dyslexia Potential, was created to empower and enrich the lives of dyslexic children. Matt also runs nationwide empowerment events and is a co-founder of TutorBook, a tutoring company that connects NZ school children in need of academic support with university students.

Join Tawa Rotary and Matt for a buffet meal on Tuesday 27 August at 6pm.

Tawa Bowling Club, Davies St, Tawa.

Cost: \$25 per head, payable on the night.

RSVP: tawa.rotaryapologies@gmail.com by 9pm on Sunday 25 August.

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FIREWOOD SALE

Winter is not yet over. Tawa MenZshed still has its fundraiser project to sell boxes of firewood to assist with their shed development and as a service to the community.

Banana boxes of firewood sell for \$5.00 each and can be delivered within Tawa. The firewood comprises cut-up pallets.

To place your order please contact Jim on 232 6297, or email admin@tawamenzshed.org.nz

TRACEY ODELL SCHOOL OF MODERN DANCE



DESIGNER FASHION SECOND-HAND SALE

WHERE: Tawa Community Centre, 7 Cambridge Street, Tawa

WHEN: Saturday 24 August 2019

TIME: 10am - 5pm



Come along for great deals on second hand clothes shoes and accessories for women, teens and kids. Featuring brands such as:

Kowtow - County Road - Veronika Maine - Nom d - Ashley Vogel - Zara - Witchery - Justice - Cos - Moochi - Lululemon - Briarwood - Mild Red - Max - Ricochet and many more!



Mums 'n' Bubs Squash



(Learn to play the "healthiest sport in the world" – Forbes)

Every Thursday from 9:30 – 11.00am
at Tawa Squash Club, 67 Main Road, Tawa



Only \$5 a session, 1st week free
Catering from 1st timers to experienced
All equipment provided (need non marking shoes)
Safe kids area



Safe Environment
High Calorie Burn
warm
Fun
Affordable
Social
coaching
Healthy
Convenient

2018 NZ Squash Club of the Year & Wellington Sports Club of the Year



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2 MINUTES WITH Wrae Duncan

There are many interesting people in the Tawa community and it is a privilege to be able to hear or read their life stories. This “2 Minutes with” segment really doesn’t do them justice. Because of time commitments, I (the Ed.) am not able to sit down with each interviewee and listen to their stories in the way that I would ideally like to do. However on this occasion I did do just that.



At 10 weeks shy of his 90th birthday, one would be forgiven for mistaking Wrae Duncan for someone 10 years younger. His primary means of transport is his trusty Smart Motion electric bike. When I (the Ed.) interviewed him in person for this profile, he spent a good deal of the time talking about his many interests and hobbies, including occasional tree-felling. Wrae, who lives in Linden, owns two chainsaws and a mean-looking log splitter! If I am anywhere near as active as he is when I near 90 years of age, I will be very pleased with myself! All power to the seniors of Tawa!

Where were you born and where did you grow up? Waimate (South Canterbury)

Where were you educated? Waimate High

How long have you lived in Tawa? 45 years. I lived in Island Bay prior to that.

What do you like about Tawa?

I like the people in Tawa; good access to the north in terms of travel; the climate is good. There are great community services and activities – there’s lots for everybody. “You name it, Tawa’s got it.”

What would you like to see improved in Tawa?

The judder bars in Bing Lucas Drive are a damn nuisance; the foliage on the side of the cycleway between Redwood and Takapu Road stations needs trimming back; egress from Outlet City could be improved. Middleton Road [south of Tawa] is downright dangerous – “I cycle everywhere.” [Council has been asked to address most of these matters, although there won’t be a fix for Middleton Road any time soon – Ed.]

Work experience over the years

40 years in the Post Office Head Office in Wellington. I was in Resource Management, everything to do with staff right throughout New Zealand. When the Post Office split up, I went to PostBank. I ended up as the private secretary to the Assistant Director General. I have now been retired for 32 years.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Tawa Lions Club, crosswords, cycling, gardening, jazz music, snooker, indoor bowls on a Tuesday evening.

Travel – in the past 18 months I have been on 20 tours in both the North and South Islands with Transit NZ. They are an absolutely fabulous company. In March/April this year I did three consecutive tours in

the South Island. They are mostly people travelling on their own, with a preponderance of females! “We go to some very interesting places.”

MenzShed Tawa – I was a foundation member. At the outset I made a workbench for them in my workshop at home, and have been “in charge” of making further ones since. ITM Tawa have been very good in looking after our timber needs.

I have been in lots of bands and orchestras over the years playing clarinet, saxophone and bagpipes. I was in the Army Territorial band at one stage, playing clarinet and sax, and I was in the Tawa Orchestra for quite a few years.



Wrae with his trusty steed

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Musical instrument repairs [*at this point Wrae handed me his business card which describes himself as "Musical Instrument Technician".*] I do repairs for five music shops around Wellington, and about 30 colleges in the region. I get the work by word of mouth.

Repairing things in general – Brian Mexted always referred to me as “Mr Fixit”.

I have been felling trees for many years, and still do so.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

Naturally the All Blacks, also the Silver Ferns.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

I'm into the Valley Stompers, a jazz band. I repair some of their instruments!

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Taupo. I had a timeshare up there since 1986, but the whole complex has now been sold.

What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you satisfaction/pride?

Instrument repairs is an interesting pastime because I get to meet lots of interesting people, a good class of people who play instruments or who are encouraging their children to play.

What are one or two things you would like to do before you die?

See as much of New Zealand as possible. I've seen as much as I want to of the rest of the world. One four-and-a-half month overseas tour I went on involved 23 international flights!

PUB SING AT THE BOROUGH

As seen on the Tawa Residents Noticeboard on Facebook:

“If you enjoy a good sing (no talent required) please come along to The Borough and get amongst the fun of what is essentially a speed choir session at the pub. Led by the incredibly talented and highly entertaining Katy Pakinga, a great time is guaranteed!”



TRANSMISSION GULLY UPDATE - 23 AUGUST 2019

With northbound SH1 traffic now switched onto Bridge 26 (the Collins Avenue overbridge at Linden), construction of the western noise walls along Ranui Terrance and South Street is under way. At Bridge 26, works are now focused on construction of eight concrete piles for the northbound section. We're drilling rather than driving the piles, stopping no later than 8pm, and then carrying on with quieter works at night. These works involve traffic management on Collins Avenue.

Other upcoming work in this area includes earthworks to build the embankments, installing beams, concrete pouring and then asphaltting to finish the bridge. Preparatory works for the Kenepuru interchange continue as we bring ground levels up to start work on the new roundabout. This work will start to interface with the local road later in the year and we'll advise in advance of any temporary traffic management impacts. Works in the area will be ongoing until the end of the year, to keep us on schedule to open the new motorway in 2020.

We apologise in advance for any disturbance, and thank you for your patience and understanding while we get on with things. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the TG team on 0800 84 4636 (0800 TG INFO) or email us at info@tg.co.nz

ELECTION CANDIDATES

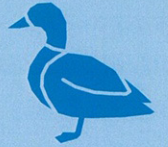
Those standing for a councillor role in WCC's Takapū / Northern ward are:

John Apanowicz
Jenny Condie
Jill Day
Peter Gilbert
Tracy Hurst-Porter
John Peters
Graeme Sawyer
Malcolm Sparrow

Those standing for the Tawa Community Board are:

Graeme Hansen
Richard Herbert
Damian Hewett
Steph Knight
Jackson Lacy
Robyn Parkinson
John Peters
Anna Scott
Bronwyn Thurston

Residents should receive voting papers in the mail by 21 September. Voting closes midday on Saturday 12 October.



Lining up the Ducks

From Wills, rental agreements, funeral planning and more – join us at your local Lining up the Ducks seminar and together, we'll get your ducks in a row.

Wednesday 28 August, 9.30am-12.30pm
Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge Street
Tawa, Wellington

Free to attend, please register your attendance by contacting Hazel at hazel.neser@marypotter.org.nz or 04 801 0006

For more information please visit www.marypotter.org.nz



OUT AND ABOUT IN TAWA

Rainbow over Redwood

Well-kept gardens outside The Roundabout

Recent meeting of the Lions Club of Tawa



Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm and 2-4.30pm 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>
and sign up to our newsletter by clicking the email signup button.

Ngā mihi

Malcolm Sparrow
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“Silent gratitude isn’t much use to anyone.”

“The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.”

“When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.” – Franklin D Roosevelt

“I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn’t work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.”

This newsletter is emailed monthly to around 1250 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa).

PLEASE NOTE: Some articles in this newsletter have been sent through by members of the Tawa community and have been published ‘unedited’. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor.

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting your name be deleted from our list.



Spring is in the air!

**People fail to get along
because they fear each
other; they fear each other
because they don’t know
each other; they don’t know
each other because they
have not communicated with
each other.**