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TAWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards ceremony took place at the Tawa Community Centre at the end of last month. This was the 10th year of these awards which are sponsored by the Tawa

Community Board.

Family members joined principals and class teachers from all six local primary schools plus Tawa Intermediate to see awards presented by the Mayor of Wellington, Andy Foster, to one Year 6 student from each primary school and to three Year 8 students.

Each school chooses its own winning student(s) based on citizenship qualities, leadership, and all-round contribution



Back row: Cr Jill Day, Cr Malcolm Sparrow; Edee Leota, Linden School; Mayor Andy Foster; Sam Williams, Tawa Intermediate; Meleane Masila, St Francis Xavier School; TCB chair Robyn Parkinson

Front row: Lincoln McWatt, Tawa School (Yr 8); Isaac Amar, Linden School; Trae Tamakaha, Tawa School (Yr 6); Te Paea Webby, Hampton Hill School; Shelby Crawford, Redwood School; Bella Sheridan, Tawa Intermediate



to school life. Names of the winning students were announced by Cr Malcolm Sparrow and community board chair Robyn Parkinson, with assistance from Cr Day.

The ceremony included short speeches by Mayor Andy Foster and this year's Tawa College head girl, Yona Fernandez (pictured at left), on what it means to be a role model and a good citizen.

Thanks again to Take Note Tawa for sponsoring the \$25 book vouchers. Congratulations to all the winning students!

MANY THANKS TO TAKE NOTE TAWA

Take Note Tawa has sponsored the book vouchers for the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards – for all nine students – since the awards first started. That is much appreciated!

We forwarded Take Note the feedback from one local principal "Thanks again for the wonderful celebration of young people in Tawa last night." Take Note Tawa responded



"The kids are wonderful, coming in all excited about spending their vouchers." So good to hear!

CHRISTMAS PARADE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS SATURDAY

The Tawa Lions Christmas parade will be held on Saturday 12 December commencing at 2pm. Tawa Lions are organising the parade with assistance from Vibrant Tawa, the Tawa Business Group and the Tawa Community Board. These three organisations, together with Tawa Rotarians, are also organising a community gathering in the Tawa Plaza at the conclusion of the parade.

The parade participants will include community groups, school groups, recreational and hobby groups, church groups and many more, including, of course, Santa. Tawa Lions are also constructing four themed floats.

Planning for the parade begins around March each year with a committee of Tawa Lions Club members. "This year we are grateful for the assistance of the three Tawa community groups in detailed planning for the parade" says Lions parade convener Graham Froud. "We are also grateful to members of Tawa Community Patrol, Tawa Rotary and Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade



for assisting with crowd control during the parade, and to Tawa MenzShed for making available its facilities and members for constructing the Santa float."

Funding for the parade comes from the Tawa Lions Market held each Saturday morning in the Outlet City car park. This funding is supplemented by sponsorship from Professionals Real Estate, ITM Tawa and a grant from Wellington City Council.

"It's going to be a great afternoon" says Graham, "and we are looking forward to seeing Main Road Tawa packed with people on both sides for the parade."



WAITOMO PETROL STATION OPENING NEXT WEEK

You will probably have noticed the Waitomo petrol station being constructed over the past few months alongside the Outlet City carpark at the southern end of the Main Road. The intention is to open for business at midday on Thursday 17 December.

When Waitomo first opened in Wellington in May 2019, their website states "..... our impact was immediate. The market came down to meet us and Wellingtonians are now paying 20-30 cents a litre less than what they were before Waitomo opened up. We are stoked to be reducing the cost of



fuel so Kiwis can save their money and spend it on other things they need — like food and power."

Waitomo Group already operates three sites in the Wellington region – in Tinakori, Upper Hutt and Johnsonville.

There has been some concern on social media about the siting of the new facility, public access being from the roundabout at the Main Road / Redwood Ave (south) intersection. Whether this proves to be problematic remains to be seen.

TAWA UNIFORM DRIVE

"Help your local community by donating Tawa College and Tawa Intermediate uniform items you no longer need."

This initiative began so that uniforms can be offered to families who are unable to purchase new. The intention is to help families who need a hand, rather than this becoming a school uniform 'shop'.

The organisers want to make sure that people in our community who really need help are getting the items they need.

Donations of uniform items are still being gratefully received. Uniforms will be available at the times listed in the display ad at right.

Thanks for your awesome community support!





TAWA UNIFORM DRIVE

Help your local community by donating Tawa College and Tawa Intermediate uniform items you no longer need.

Please drop clean, tidy items to:

- Tawa Community Centre (M-F: 9am-1pm/2-4.30pm)
- Linden Community Centre (M-F: 10.30am-1pm/2-5pm)

Items will be available*:

- Tuesday 22 Dec, 10am-12pm at Tawa Community Centre
- Wednesday 13 Jan, 6-7pm at Linden Community Centre
- * Koha per item appreciated. Cash only.
- * Limited sizes. Please bring student/s with you to ensure best fit.

Call Mandy 0212278566 or Steph 0275319161 for more info.

HANDING OVER THE REINS AT THE TAWA COMMUNITY PATROL

Peter Lockery, Chairman of the Tawa Community Patrol, will be handing over the reins and retiring as Chairman at the end of the year.

The Community Patrol was established in 2007. Following Peter's retirement as Chief Fire Officer at Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade, a role in which he had served for 30 years, he was invited by NZ Police to become the founding Chairman of the Patrol's Charitable Trust. The Trust's primary purpose was to raise the funding required to support the Patrol's operations. To date over \$75,000 has been raised to provide a patrol car, uniforms, communications equipment, first aid and defibrillator equipment and to cover operating expenses. Many local benefactors have contributed to the cause including the Tawa Community Board, Service Clubs, Trusts and Tawa-based companies.



Peter Lockery



Nick Swan

Peter comments: "I have enjoyed my time as Chairman but it is now time for new blood at the helm. We have experienced amazing support from the local community and the recent appointment of a Police Constable, with a focus

on Tawa, is a very positive step and makes the Patrol's liaison with the Police so much easier."

Fellow Trustee, Nick Swan, will succeed Peter as Chairman from 1st January 2021. Nick has been with the Patrol for the past seven years and is looking forward to the new challenge.

Thank you to Peter from the Tawa community for his work in this role over the years!

THE UPGRADE OF THE PLAYGROUND AT WALL PARK

Not everyone has heard of Wall Park. It contains Wellington City's northernmost playground, at the top end of Bell St / Tremewan St in Linden (in the suburb of Tawa). The playground there is currently being updated. The following writeup has been supplied to this newsletter.

At a City Forum in 2017, the challenge was laid down for children to be involved in the design of public spaces. Northern Ward Councillor, Jill Day, picked up the challenge and through the Tawa Technology Education Trust, led by Tawa Residents' Associaton president Tony Hassed, students from Linden School and Tawa Intermediate were invited to come up with a re-design of Wall Park located at the junction of Bell and Tremewan Streets in Linden.

During 2019 the students were led by Council Officers through the principles of urban design and design thinking to reimagine Wall Park. Their designs were incorporated into a final design completed

by Council Officers and which is now being implemented. The Council have allocated \$100,000 to implement the design which will incorporate a flying fox, a 360-degree swing, a slide, a half basketball court and new plantings. The Council are aiming to have the new park opened prior to Christmas 2020.

The Tawa Residents' Association is now seeking approximately \$40,000 from various funding sources to install an electric BBQ and additional tables and seats. It is hoped to install these items during early 2021.



ARA PATUKAWENGA

Ara Patukawenga is the name that has been given by the Wellington City Council to the new private right-of-way off William Earp Place in the southern part of Tawa known as Takapu Island.

We asked Bruce Murray, chair of the Tawa Historical Society and well-versed on all matters relating to the history of Tawa, to provide "some background on the Maori chief Patukawenga and his connection with this neck of the woods".

Below is the information he has provided.

Te Patu-kawenga was a chief, and eventually a senior chief of Ngāti Mutunga, a north Taranaki iwi. Like other tribes of that area, Ngāti Mutunga felt under pressure from the tribes of Waikato during what became



The right-of-way which has been given the name Ara Patukawenga. It is accessed from William Earp Place at the very left of this scene.

called the 'musket wars' of the 1820s, to the point where it was felt that Waikato would overwhelm Taranaki. So in the 1820s they began a series of marches (hikoi) to the Kāpiti area and Te Whanganui a Tara (Wellington Harbour) in the southwest of the North Island.

The second of these hikoi occurred in 1824, and was called Te Heke Nihoputa. It included Ngāti Mutunga, and Te Patu-kawenga was one of its chiefs. Unlike the first hikoi of 1822, which migrated to the Kāpiti Coast, this one settled around Wellington Harbour. In the closing stages of this long march, Te Patu-kawenga passed by the area which we today call Willowbank Reserve. As he passed the point where today's Tākapu Stream joins today's Porirua (originally Kenepuru) Stream, he is said to have uttered the phrase, "Ko taku tākapu tēnei", literally "This is my belly", meaning "This is my source of food supply." His people remembered this comment, and in time it gave the name of Tākapu to both the stream and the valley. Elsdon Best, the ethnologist and Maori scholar, was well aware of the significance of the name, and searched long and hard for signs of Maori occupation in Tākapu Valley and around the confluence of the two streams, but later reported that he found none.

Eventually, in the 1830s, Te Patu-kawenga and his people felt uneasy and threatened by tensions between Ngāti Toa and Ngāti Raukawa in the Wellington region. So they gave away the land they had occupied in Te Whanganui a Tara, commandeered an English brig, the Lord Rodney, and required its captain and crew to convey about 900 of their people to the Chatham Islands in two voyages, in November and December of 1835. Te Patu-kawenga went with them. They did not travel well, and were nursed back to health by the local inhabitants, who for 24 generations had foresworn violence against anyone. About a year after the 'invasion' occurred in 1835, Te Patu-kawenga died and was buried on the Chathams.

When the local inhabitants – Rekohu in Moriori; Wharekauri in Māori – met to consider what to do with their visitors who seemed set on remaining, their action was seen as a preparation for war, and Ngāti Mutunga took a pre-emptive strike, killing many, and enslaving many others. Hundreds died. It has been said by some that if Te Patu-kawenga had still been alive at this point, the killing may not have occurred. Eventually, in the 1860s, Ngāti Mutunga returned to Aotearoa.

Footnore from the Ed.

Ara Patukawenga: You know all about Patukawenga if you've read the above! But what does 'ara' mean? The online Māori dictionary defines 'ara' as way, path, lane, passageway, track, course, route.

TAWA COLLEGE 60th REUNION

The Tawa College 60th Reunion is happening on 23rd and 24th April 2021!

This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old classmates and celebrate the good old times. The event will be split over two days with a variety of activities on each:

Friday 23rd April is an opening whakatau (welcome) and mix-and-mingle with drinks and nibbles. The following morning, Saturday 24th, is a thanksgiving service followed by morning tea with optional current student activities to watch such as student performances of choir, dance, drama, tours of the school, art, photography or sport, etc.

You need to register to attend. Tickets are \$25 and this covers food and drinks on Friday and Saturday: https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/tawa-college-60th-reunion-tickets-110584483166

Saturday evening will be an opportunity for everyone to catch up with food and drinks with your generation at a local Tawa bar from 7.30pm.

If you have any questions, visit our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/TCReunion2021 or you can email us at: info@tawacollegealumni.co.nz



LATE NIGHT SHOPPING AND FOOD TRUCKS

Make the most of the late night shopping opportunities leading up till Christmas in central Tawa!.



SHOPS OPEN LATE THURSDAYS - 10,17 & 24 DECEMBER

FOOD TRUCKS ON THE 17TH! SIMON'S PHARMACY CAR PARK 5.30-7.00PM









The shops in the Main Road central shopping area will be open on Thursday evenings 10, 17 and 24 December.

You could also treat yourself and the family to a delicious meal and other treats from one of the four food trucks located in the car park of Simon's Pharmacy from 5.30-7.00pm on Thursday 17 December:

- Garuda Truck
- Kai From Egypt
- Iki Sushi Burrito
- Zelati

See you there:)

Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | January 2021

Duncan Street, Tawa | For ages 5-12 years | To book phone 04 232 2260 or visit wellington.govt.nz/holidayprogrammes

Monday 11 January	Tuesday 12 January	Wednesday 13 January	Thursday 14 January	Friday 15 January
Happy New Year!	Trivia day & basketball	Cupcake frenzy & favourities	Trip day - Tawa Pool & Inflatables	Super sports day
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Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and sunhat every day.



Follow us on Facebook

School holiday programmes also available at:

ASB Sports Centre 72 Kemp Street, Kilbimie For ages 5 14 years To book phone 04 830 0500 Karori Recreation Centre 251 Karori Road, Karori For ages 5-12 years To book phone 04 476 8090 Mainmille Recreation Centre Corr Cockeyne Road and Lucknow Terrace, Khandallah For ages 5-12 years To book phone 04-479-2022 Bookings open Wednesday 18 November. All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

Cost per day	Time	Recreation Centres	ASB Sports Centre
Refore care	7.45am-8.30am	\$8.50	
On site day	8.30am 3.30pm	\$35	\$38
Trip days	8.30am 3.30pm	\$15	\$10
Aftercare	3.30pm-5.30pm	\$14	\$14



Celebrating Christmas 2020 with Tawa Churches

Community Christmas Service

Hosted by

Tawa Baptist and Salvation Army Churches Tawa College Hall (Duncan St) 9:30 am Christmas Day

Anglican Church

St Christopher's: cnr Main & Lyndhurst Rds, Tawa

Christmas Eve. 6pm Family Service

Christmas Eve, 10:30pm Carols and Communion

Family Worship & Communion Christmas Day, 9:30am

Baptist Church 229 Main Rd. Tawa

Christmas Eve, 8pm

"Carols, Candles and Cake"

(coffee and cake served from 7:30pm)

Union Church 6 Elena Pl, Tawa

Christmas Eve. Christmas Day, 9am 11:30pm Candlelight Carol Service

Christmas Day Service

Catholic Parish (Our Lady of Fatima Church)

169 Main Rd, Tawa

Christmas Eve, 7:00pm

Family Mass

Christmas Eve, 11:30pm

Carols and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 10:30am Christmas Day Mass

New Year's Eve

Midnight Mass

Please note there is no Mass on New Year's Day in Tawa

Catholic Parish (St Pius X Church) 64 Te Pene Ave, Titahi Bay

Christmas Day 9:30am Christmas Day Mass New Year's Day 9am New Year's Day Mass

For all other services and information please go to the websites of each church.

2 MINUTES WITH Brian Frampton

Brian Frampton is one of Tawa's distinct 'identities'. One needs to have lived in Tawa for more than 20 years to qualify for that! He ran his ITM business for almost 30 years, having only just sold up. He contributes to the Tawa community in a number of ways, not least driving his ITM truck along the pavement when the changeover of the hanging baskets in the central shopping area takes place twice a year.

Brian was recently recognised as a "Paul Harris Fellow" for his services to the Rotary Club of Tawa and the community of Tawa over a number of years. He also plays a rather prominent part in Tawa's annual Christmas Parade which, as it happens, is on this coming weekend.



Where were you born? Wellington

Where did you grow up? Vogeltown, Wellington through to my early 20s.

Where were you educated?

Berhampore School, Ridgway School (Brooklyn), Rongotai College.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

36 years, after moving here to live in 1984.

What do you like about Tawa? What would you like to see improved?

I like the green bush which I can see out my back window, the bird life, and good family experience here. However I would prefer not so many roundabouts!

What about family?

My partner Anne; two daughters Rebecca and Melanie, both educated in Tawa, plus two grandsons, Archie and Felix.



Brian driving his truck during the changeover of the hanging baskets in the town centre

Work experience over the years

I started work in 1966 as an apprentice carpenter before heading to Australia for four years. I worked there as a builder, firstly in Melbourne for six months, then on the powerhouse near Lithgow, NSW. On my return to Wellington I worked for Fletcher Timber in Oxford St, Tawa (where Tawa MenzShed is currently situated). I have just retired after 54 years working, 45 of those in the building supplies industry. I was self-employed for 33 years, bought the building (southern end of the Main Road) in 1990 and took on the ITM franchise when it started 27 years ago. I was one of the longest-serving ITM operators.

What are your interests and hobbies?

My vegetable garden, fishing (mostly in the vicinity of Kapiti Island, although my boat doesn't get in the water often enough!), and travel, both overseas and in my motorhome in New Zealand.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

The All Blacks (of course) and Josh Kronfeld.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

Rod Stewart and Freddie Mercury.

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What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Coromandel Peninsula – I got to really like it when I was young. I lived in Thames from 1980-84.

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

Looking back and seeing the houses I built in my younger days

Running a successful business

Watching my daughters grow into beautiful women and my two grandsons

What are two or three interesting things about you that local people may not know?

I was a volunteer fireman in Tawa for 33 years

I have been a Rotarian for 23 years

I wear a red suit representing the Lions Club of Tawa once a year

What are three things you would like to do before you die?

Move into a new home

Help my two grandsons into their own properties

Become a great grandad

"STUFF THE TRAILER" IN LATE NOVEMBER

Tawa Rotary has just completed its Stuff the Trailer project with Tawa Inner Wheel. It proved to be very successful with "a record number of items" being collected at both Tawa supermarkets for the Salvation Army foodbank.

A few people donated a whole trolley load of items. One woman told the Rotary and Inner Wheel teams that she had saved all year to be able to fill her trolley and donate it — a very humbling experience and a true form of service to others. Many gave as they could. In the end that resulted in four to five ute-loads of goods heading to the foodbank.

The donated items were sorted at the Salvation Army Hall and packed ready for distribution to those in need of a little extra support this Christmas.



TAWA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

The Tawa Community Liaison Group meets together at the Tawa Community Centre every six weeks. A variety of community groups, organisations and businesses "connect and network, share ideas, knowledge and resources, highlight any issues or opportunities, and keep each other 'in the loop'

about things happening in their organisation".

The 18 individuals attending the most recent meeting (pictured) included local councillors, an MP, community board members, WCC officer, school principal, and representatives from Lions, Rotary, U3A, community garden, community patrol, sports club, business group and more.



KCA CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL



Can you donate a festive treat or presents for KCA to include in Christmas food parcels for needy families?

These could include treats such as chocolates, jelly, mince pies – Xmas presents that could make life a bit brighter for needy families at this time of the year. A full list of suggestions is set out further down this page.

Please leave any donations under the Christmas tree at the Tawa Community Centre during their opening hours (9am-1pm and 2-4.30pm on weekdays) before Friday December 11th.

For more information please ask the staff at the community centre or go to www.kca.org.nz/help-us/donate-goods/

Christmas Items

- Single adult Christmas cakes
- Fancy Biscuits/Crackers
- Christmas desserts
- Chippies
- Salted nuts
- Chocolate
- Relishes/Sauces/Pickles
- Retail vouchers
- Pavlova/Meringues

Essential Items

- Tinned fruit
- Plain biscuits
- Tinned meals
- Muesli bars
- Tinned fish/Meat
- Pasta sauce
- Condiments
- Baby items

 (e.g. food/nappies)
- Laundry powder /Dishwashing liquid

New Toys & Gifts

- Vouchers (e.g. Movies/ Zoo/Pool/Supermarket)
- Construction toys (e.g. Lego/Meccano/Blocks)
- Teen gifts for 10-16 year olds
- Educational toys
- Books
- Puzzles & Board games
- Baby toys for 0-2 year olds (e.g. Rattles/Shape sorters)
- Diaries/Calendars
- Sports equipment

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/TawaCommunityCentre and sign up to our newsletter by clicking the email signup button.

Ngā mihi

Malcolm Sparrow info@tawalink.com 027 232 2320







"I've seen your Facebook updates. You'll get a dictionary for Christmas." - Santa Claus

"There's now an app that counts down the days to Christmas. We had something similar when I was a kid. We called it a calendar."

Christmas time is great because you can shout "Don't come in here" and people assume you're wrapping their presents, instead of just wanting to be left alone.

"I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world." – Norman Vincent Peale

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Christmas scene in St Johns Tce, Tawa

