TAWA Wellington COMMUNITY NEWS

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Supplement

This newsletter has been sent out monthly since 2005.

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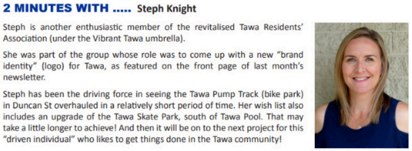
STEPH KNIGHT STEPS DOWN

Steph Knight resigned recently from the Tawa Community Board. She came onto the board in October 2019, having previously been (and continued to be) an active member of the Tawa Residents' Association. Steph is very much a "driven individual who likes to get things done in the Tawa community", as stated in the introductory piece for "2 Minutes with ..... Steph Knight" in the December 2017 edition of this newsletter (see below).
See http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/steph_knight.pdf for the full profile.

She will be missed from the board and from the Tawa Residents' Association. But further down the track, who knows? There's always a place for good community-minded people! In the meantime we wish her the very best.



2 MINUTES WITH ..... Steph Knight

Steph is another enthusiastic member of the revitalised Tawa Residents' Association (under the Vibrant Tawa umbrella).

She was part of the group whose role was to come up with a new "brand identity" (logo) for Tawa, as featured on the front page of last month's newsletter.

Steph has been the driving force in seeing the Tawa Pump Track (bike park) in Duncan St overhauled in a relatively short period of time. Her wish list also includes an upgrade of the Tawa Skate Park, south of Tawa Pool. That may take a little longer to achieve! And then it will be on to the next project for this "driven individual" who likes to get things done in the Tawa community!

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD BY-ELECTION

There will be a by-election for the current vacant spot on the Tawa Community Board. Nominations opened yesterday. The timeline is as follows:

11 February	Nominations open
11 March	Nominations close, electoral roll closes
15 April	Delivery of voting papers starts
7 May	Voting closes at 12 noon

Copies of the nomination form and the candidate guide are available at www.wellington.govt.nz/elections and from Mervyn Kemp Library (Tawa), Te Awe Library, and Arapaki Manners Library.

If you are a community-minded Tawa resident, you are welcome to stand for the vacant spot on the community board.

See more information at https://wellington.govt.nz/news-and-events/news-and-information/news/2021/02/nominations-open-for-new-tawa-community-board-member

NEIGHBOURS' DAY NEXT MONTH

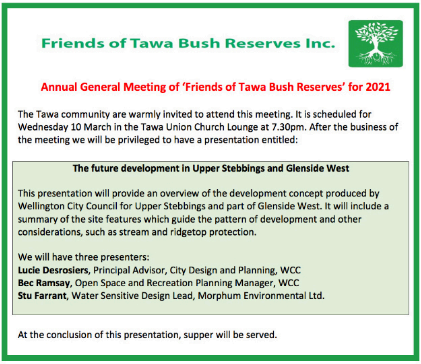
It's time to start thinking about a barbecue or afternoon tea in your street (or neighbourhood) in conjunction with Neighbours' Day – any time in March.

The idea is to agree with one of your neighbours to have a barbecue in your front yard or at the end of the cul-de-sac or on the grass verge on a given day. Then invite another 6-15 nearby neighbours in person or by means of a flyer. Everyone brings and cooks their own food. Easy really. If no-one else turns up, at least you'll enjoy your neighbour's company!

We'll supply name tags and an advertising sign for your street – if you'd like those. Simply let us know your street name and the date of your get-together. Email info@tawalink.com

And it's a known fact that streets where neighbours know each other cope better with any disaster/emergency that might befall them!

FRIENDS OF TAWA BUSH RESERVES AGM



Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves Inc.

Annual General Meeting of 'Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves' for 2021

The Tawa community are warmly invited to attend this meeting. It is scheduled for Wednesday 10 March in the Tawa Union Church Lounge at 7.30pm. After the business of the meeting we will be privileged to have a presentation entitled:

The future development in Upper Stebbings and Glenside West

This presentation will provide an overview of the development concept produced by Wellington City Council for Upper Stebbings and part of Glenside West. It will include a summary of the site features which guide the pattern of development and other considerations, such as stream and ridgetop protection.

We will have three presenters:
Lucie Desrosiers, Principal Advisor, City Design and Planning, WCC
Bec Ramsay, Open Space and Recreation Planning Manager, WCC
Stu Farrant, Water Sensitive Design Lead, Morphum Environmental Ltd.

At the conclusion of this presentation, supper will be served.

MEALS ON WHEELS HELPERS NEEDED!

Meals on Wheels deliveries in Tawa have increased (up to 37 meals on Fridays) and our predominantly senior drivers are having trouble coping. We would really like more drivers so we can split Tawa into two runs.

Pick-up of meals is from Kenepuru Hospital at 10.45am on weekdays and delivery would take an hour if we could split the run.

Full training is provided. It often suits couples with one driving and the other taking the meals to the door. One lady in her 80s has been doing Meals on Wheels for 50 years in Titahi Bay and one of the youngest drivers is age 61! It is a very practical ministry, deemed an essential service during lockdown.

For further information the contact is Karen Cope on 027 230 0867 or copefamily@xtra.co.nz

The story behind the photo below: During lockdown only drivers under 70 were allowed to serve which reduced Meals on Wheels ranks by 80%! Fortunately the Norths Rugby Club heard of their plight and rostered on their young, fit guys. The moral of the story is that Meals on Wheels drivers can be both old(er) or young!

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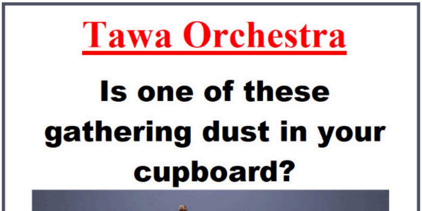
JOIN THE TAWA ORCHESTRA



Tawa Orchestra

Is one of these gathering dust in your cupboard?

Now's the time to dust it off and join the Tawa Orchestra!
Level of proficiency recommended: Grade 5
No audition required!

First rehearsal of the year and open night:
Monday 15th February 2021 7:30 pm
At Tawa College PTA room
Want to know more? Ph 042339864

Enrolment details: https://www.tawacomed.co.nz/Course,all-participants-orchestra,1185

PUB SING THIS WEEKEND

The choir, at the pub, with a live band!

No, you don't need to be a good singer, you just have to love singing. No solos, just a room full of people stirring up some endorphins.

Katy will teach you 3 songs (it's not about WHAT songs we sing, it's about having a good time with a bunch of strangers). We throw in a few easy harmonies and have all the words on a big screen for you. No, nothing like karaoke, this is SO much better.

3pm Sunday 14 February at The Borough. Tickets available at www.trybooking.co.nz/GBI (free admission).

Pub SING
The Choir at the Pub!

TAWA MUSIC CENTRE ENROLMENT

2021 enrolments:

Saturday 13th February from 9.00 - 10.30am in the Tawa Intermediate School Hall. Tutors will be there to discuss the best options for your child. If returning students missed re-enrolment last year, please attend during this time to complete your form.

Tawa Music Centre

TAWA COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Tawa Community Board has $15,000 to allocate every year by means of the Tawa Community Grants which support community initiatives in Tawa.

Grants may be made for charitable, educational, welfare, community development, cultural, recreational, sporting, activity development, equipment or training programmes – for projects being delivered in the Tawa Community Board area which includes Linden, Takapu Valley and Grenada North. There is information about the fund at: https://wellington.govt.nz/services/community-and-culture/funding/council-funds/tawa-community-grants.

Applications for Tawa Community Grants close on 26 February. The Grants subcommittee meets in April to consider applications.

Other funding opportunities open:

Creative Communities Funding for community arts/youth arts projects also closes on 26 February. See https://wellington.govt.nz/community-support-and-resources/community-support/funding/council-funds/creative-communities

Council's other main funds (Arts and Culture, and Social and Recreation Fund) and the CH Izard Bequest both close on 19 March for projects starting after 20 May. See https://wellington.govt.nz/community-support-and-resources/community-support/funding/council-funds Council supported the new mural at Linden School via the last Arts and Culture round ($10,000).

The Nikau Foundation also have their grants open now.
See https://www.nikaufoundation.nz/2021-grants-round

TRANSMISSION GULLY UPDATE

If you wish to keep up-to-date with progress on the construction of the Transmission Gully motorway (scheduled to open later this year), go to: https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/transmission-gully-motorway

HANGING BASKETS REFRESHMENT

The hanging baskets in the central shopping area are currently looking not quite as attractive as they usually do! They are scheduled for 'refreshment' (a new lot of flowers in each basket) next month.

ircraft Centre
PUREOLOGY
Tommy's

MANAAKI NIGHT AT TAWA COLLEGE

Another big event is taking place at Tawa College – a Health and Wellbeing evening for all the community (above age 12). It is on Thursday March 11th and is called **Manaaki** night. The event will feature a number of quality speakers on mental health, wellbeing, etc.

For more information see https://www.manaakinight.nz/

MANAAKI

2 MINUTES WITH ..... TAWA PEOPLE

A "2 Minutes with ....." interview with a Tawa individual – well-known or not at all well-known – has not been included in the February newsletter that was sent out around 12 days ago or in this supplementary newsletter.

Profiles of more than 75 Tawa people, some dating back more than 10 years, including those who have left the area, can be read at http://www.tawalink.com/tawa_people.html

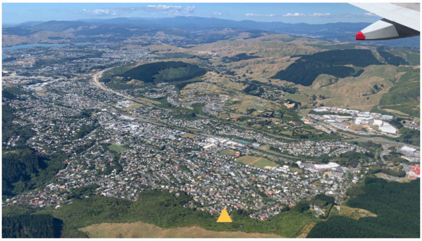
There is a question mark over whether it is worth continuing this segment in the newsletter, bearing in mind it is the probably the most time-consuming feature to compile. It comes down to whether it's something that people wish to read.

If you'd like to see the "2 Minutes with ....." interview continue on this site, please send me (the Ed.) an email at info@tawalink.com indicating so, even if it's just one sentence. Your feedback will be helpful in determining where we go from here!

AERIAL VIEW OF TAWA

This shot was taken earlier this month, the best view I think I've ever had of the whole of Tawa when flying home from down south.

I can actually pick out my house towards the bottom of the photo. The scene looks substantially better when it's viewed on a whole lot bigger platform than is available on this page!



"How I feel when there is no coffee? Depresso."

"Hard work pays off in the future. Lolling on the couch pays off right now."

"A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success."

"Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth. Then it just becomes a soap opera."

Ngā mihi

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