

*This community newsletter is sent out monthly on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002.*

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## **LINDEN SOCIAL CENTRE 'OPENING'**

If you live in Linden or simply have an interest in Linden, you are cordially invited to the Linden Social Centre opening event scheduled to take place on the afternoon of Saturday 16th February 2019, from 1pm to 4pm. The Linden Social Centre team is working towards ensuring that the event has activities of interest to all.

This will also be a very good opportunity for you to meet and engage with residents and other stakeholders associated with Linden. And, where appropriate, you will be able to make any community initiatives and upcoming work known to residents keen to know more!



Big turnout for the community Christmas BBQ at the Linden Social Centre on Friday 21 December

## **TAWA COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Tawa Community Board has \$15,000 each year to be made available to worthy local causes. The Tawa Community Grants Fund is designed to assist voluntary projects in Tawa.

Grants may be made for charitable, educational, welfare, community development, cultural, recreational, sporting, activity development, equipment or training programmes. Applications close 28 February 2019.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- show that their project benefits residents of Tawa
- not have excess unallocated reserve funds

Preference will be given to projects that will be completed within 12 months.

For further details, see <https://wellington.govt.nz/services/community-and-culture/funding/council-funds/tawa-community-grants> or call the WCC grants team on 803 8525.

## **COMMUNITY UPDATE on UPPER STEBBINGS VALLEY**



*An opportunity to find out .....*

- The current position
- Timetable in 2019
- Answers to questions

**7.30pm on Tuesday 12th February  
at the Linden Social Centre, Linden Ave, Tawa**

Hosted by Northern Ward Councillors  
Jill Day, Malcolm Sparrow and Peter Gilbert

with attendance by Mayor Justin Lester  
and Wellington City Council Officers

## NEIGHBOURS' DAY IN TAWA COMING SOON!

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

Between now and the end of March (the official Neighbours' Day week) we're encouraging every street or grouping of 8-20 households in Tawa to organise their own get-together.

It's just a matter of inviting nearby households to an event in your street/neighbourhood, rolling out a barbecue (or two), people cooking their own food and mixing together on the day. Alternatively share brunch or get together for afternoon tea. Simple really!

Email [info@tawalink.com](mailto:info@tawalink.com) if you'd like to discuss further and/or obtain a few balloons and name tags, as well as a street advertising sign.



## PICK UP YOUR 200L WATER TANK AT LINDEN

The official recommendation is that we have 140L of water *per person* stored away to tide us over in the event of a major emergency. That equates to 560L for a family of four.

At the very minimum it makes sense for each household to have at least one 200L emergency tank filled with water. If you would like to acquire one locally, please email [malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz) – we have a few available in Tawa for \$110 each.



There will be a few water tanks for sale at the Linden Social Centre event on Saturday 16 February. To pre-order and pre-pay for picking one up on the day, please email through your request.

## PARKING IMPROVEMENTS IN TAWA

A review of parking in the central shopping area of Tawa was undertaken by WCC officers in the latter half of last year.

Action will be taken shortly to widen a few parking spaces which are currently too small. With narrow spaces, encroachment on the next space (see the pic) often means the adjacent space is rendered useless.

There will be a slight reduction in the overall number of parking spaces on the Main Road between Lincoln Ave and the Cambridge St/Lyndhurst Road roundabout, similarly slightly fewer parking spaces outside the Tawa Community Centre in Cambridge St.



On 16 January WCC advised that “.... the work has been programmed to happen in the next three or four weeks.” Watch this space (or those spaces)!

## BING LUCAS DRIVE/TAKAPU ROAD INTERSECTION

From WCC: “Council is planning to widen this intersection to assist vehicles turning in and out of Bing Lucas Drive at the Takapu Road intersection.

It is proposed to carry out the physical work in February 2019 ....”

This is an issue which was first brought to Council's attention by the Tawa Community Board several years ago. It's good to see action finally being taken!

## TAWA MUSIC CENTRE ENROLMENT

Tawa Music Centre Enrolment Day for 2019 is Saturday 16th February at Tawa Intermediate School hall, 9.00am to 10.30am.

Come along and talk to our tutors and enrol your child. Lessons will start the following Saturday.

Instruments that we teach are:

- Music Appreciation (5 1/2 year olds +)
- Recorder
- Saxophone
- Piano
- Violin
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Theory and Drums

Group music tuition for children Years 1 - 8. Full details are in the prospectus, which will be delivered to local primary schools in the first week of Term 1.

 **TAWA MUSIC CENTRE** 

*The Inner Wheel Club of Tawa presents*

# Health & Beauty Expo

*Wednesday 20 March*

In association with Unichem Simon's Pharmacy  
Proceeds to **Look Good Feel Better**

Fun night of information, demonstrations & raffles

Cash out facilities available

**6pm to 9pm**

**Tawa Bowling Club,  
Davis Street, Tawa**

**\$20.00 per ticket**  
(includes a drink & nibbles)

Tickets available - email [lgfbexpo@gmail.com](mailto:lgfbexpo@gmail.com) or from  
KD One Skin Care & Cosmetics, Main Road, Tawa.

More information on our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/innerwheeltawa/>



**Tawa Community Centre  
5 Cambridge Street  
Tawa**

**Monday 9.30am - 11.30am  
Friday 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**\$3 per person per morning**

**We are a group who enjoy the spin and smash, the speed and cunning of some very active games of table tennis.**

**New members of a similar standard are welcome - come and join us for a free trial session.**

**Club contact is Neville Gardner: Phone 04 232 2805 or 021 135 1235**

## OUTER GREEN BELT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation is now under way on the Draft Outer Green Belt Management Plan 2019.

On the WCC website: "The Outer Green Belt is a series of reserves on the edge of the city that stretch from the Porirua City boundary to the south coast [of Wellington]. It covers more than 3,000 hectares and comprises over half of the City's public reserves network." This includes Spicer Forest and Te Ngahere-o-Tawa (formerly Forest of Tane) on Tawa's western hills.



View from near Chastudon Place over Tawa's western hills

As residents we have the opportunity to provide feedback to Council on this. The deadline is 5pm on Monday 25 March 2019. More information is available at <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/outer-green-belt-management-plan-review>

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED! GIRLS NEED STRONG ROLE MODELS!

GirlGuiding NZ is looking for volunteers to help lead our Tawa-based units in 2019. We are fortunate to have experienced leaders for our Pippins, Brownies, and Guides. We are seeking additional helpers to enable us to grow and offer opportunities to more girls.



GirlGuiding NZ is New Zealand's largest girl-only organisation. Our leaders help inspire girls, teach them new skills, and empower them to take action to change their world. New volunteers will be supported by experienced GirlGuiding NZ leadership training to help them succeed in their roles.

To learn more please contact local coordinator Katrina Clokie at [ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com](mailto:ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com)

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### SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

*Fun, Friendship, Fitness - Come and have a go!*

**Introductory Lessons**

**4 lessons over 4 weeks**

**for just \$25**

**No partner required**

**Just wear soft shoes**

**Mondays 7.30pm from 4 Feb**

**Baptist Church Hall**

**229 Main Rd**

**Tawa**

**Find out more by contacting us**

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**LINDEN SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB**

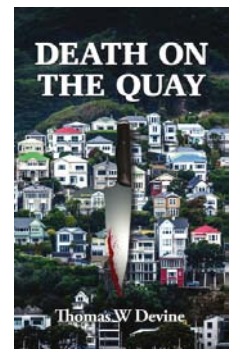
**[www.lindenscd.org.nz](http://www.lindenscd.org.nz)**

## NEW BOOK BY TAWA AUTHOR

Local writer, Thomas W Devine, has published his 12th novel in the USA. It is his first mystery story.

“An original premise keeps you wondering to the end,” says NZ author, Tina Shaw. The book includes settings in Wellington city and Paraparaumu Beach.

For further details see <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/43199029-death-on-the-quay>



## DEFIBRILLATOR FOR TAWA MENZSHED

On 17 December Tawa MenzShed received an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) thanks to the generosity of Tawa Rotary.

This life saving portable equipment is a safe and easy-to-use machine which is used to treat sudden cardiac arrests (heart attacks). Members of Tawa MenzShed hope they will never have to use it, but are grateful it has been made available in the event of an emergency.

Pictured is MenzShed chairman Gary Beecroft receiving the AED from Denise Garcia, President of Tawa Rotary.

For more information about Tawa MenzShed, see [www.tawamenzshed.org.nz](http://www.tawamenzshed.org.nz)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO TAWA SQUASH CLUB

Tawa Squash has notched up yet another award.

After winning Wellington Squash Club of the Year in 2017, Tawa Squash was then nominated as Wellington Sports Club of the Year for 2018 and much to the club's delight was crowned winner in June last year.

Then five months later in November, after again winning the regional squash club of the year, Tawa Squash was declared the 2018 NZ SQUASH CLUB OF THE YEAR at Squash NZ's annual awards at the Airport Hotel in Auckland.

Key reasons why Tawa won the NZ Squash Club of the Year are:

We increased our total membership by 18%, maintained our five principal sponsors who have supported the club for over 20 years and introduced two other sponsors, maintained a successful squash in schools programme, introduced a women's coordinator to run ladies' nights and Mums N Bubs, we upgraded our entrance and kitchen as well as introduced a digital scoring suite, and with Mana Squash Club co-hosted the North Island Junior Age group champions showcasing Squash NZ's full glass back court.



President Bryan Smith and Club Manager Peter Bowers

Although Tawa Squash is one of the smallest clubs in the region with only three courts, we are a very proud local club and provide a great community facility.

Many of the club's programmes are starting again soon, including Mums N Bubs (restarts Thursday 7th February 9.30am-11am) and Junior Club Night (restarting Friday 8th February from 5pm-7pm).

## ZELATI FOOD TRUCK OPENING AT TAWA LIBRARY

To cool you down in this hot weather – you will soon be able to get your favourite gelato and sorbet treats from the new Zelati Dessert Ambulance!

Zelati's Dessert ambo will be parked alongside Tawa's Mervyn Kemp Library by the roundabout. Here you can get your favourite gelato and sorbet in scoops, fresh-baked vegan dairy-free cookies, cookie sandwiches, and thick Spanish hot chocolates on weekdays from 11am onwards! Have a gelato, relax in the sun and enjoy!

More information available at [www.zelati.com](http://www.zelati.com) and [www.facebook.com/zelati.gelato](http://www.facebook.com/zelati.gelato)



## 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

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**“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”**  
– C S Lewis

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Work at the end of last year on the Linden railway crossing. Photos taken on 29 December by Doug Miller.