March 2021

TAWA Wellington COMMUNITY NEWS

This newsletter has been sent out monthly since 2005.

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TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD BY-ELECTION

A by-election will be held to fill one extraordinary vacancy on the Tawa Community Board. Nominations close at 12 noon on Thursday 11 March.

Delivery of voting papers will start on 15 April, and voting will close at 12 noon on 7 May.

Copies of the nomination form and the candidate guide are available at https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/elections/2021-tawa-community-board-by-election and from Mervyn Kemp Library (Tawa), Te Awe Library, and Arapaki Manners Library.

Do you have a passion for Tawa and fancy bringing it to the Tawa Community Board? Wellington City Council's Electoral Officer, Warwick Lampp, encourages people keen to contribute to the future of Tawa to take up the challenge.

Be quick – nominations close next week!

NEIGHBOURS' DAY THIS MONTH

March is the month to run a barbecue or afternoon tea in your street (or neighbourhood) in conjunction with Neighbours' Day.

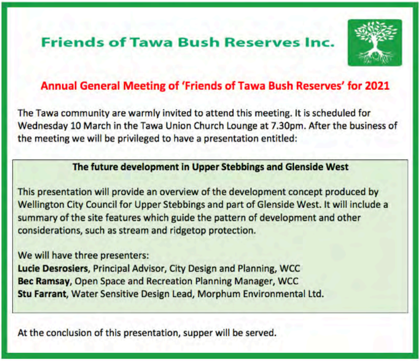
In case you're just starting to think about it, the idea is to agree with one of your neighbours to have a barbecue in your front yard or at the end of the cul-de-sac or on the grass verge on a given day. Then invite another 6-15 nearby neighbours in person or by means of a flyer. Everyone brings and 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

For tips on what to do, see http://www.tawalink.com/neighbours.html

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.

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's 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/

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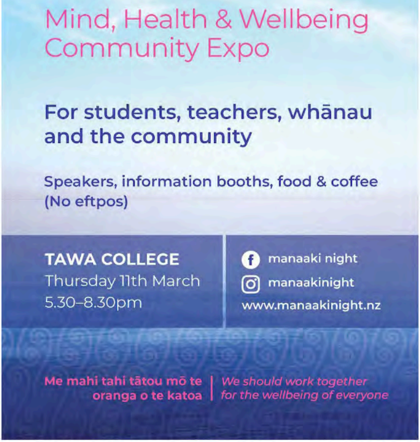
NIGHT



Mind, Health & Wellbeing Community Expo

For students, teachers, whānau and the community

Speakers, information booths, food & coffee
(No eftpos)

TAWA COLLEGE
Thursday 11th March
5.30–8.30pm

manaaki night
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www.manaakinight.nz

Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa | *We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone*

CLINICAL MANAGER VACANCY

The Redwood Club, a day programme for elderly in Tawa, is recruiting for a Clinical Manager.

This paid position is part-time, 20-25 hours per week, and requires a Registered Nurse with a current practising certificate.

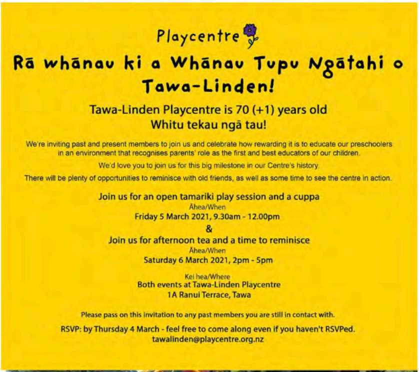
The ideal applicant would have:

- experience working with elderly and their whanau. Experience with dementia care would be very desirable.
- ability to lead a team of staff and volunteers who are committed to providing excellent care.
- great people skills and a sense of humour.
- the ability to drive a 12 seater van.

Enquiries welcome to the Clinical Manager on 232 5521 or redwoodclub@inspire.net.nz

PLAYCENTRE CELEBRATION

Tawa Linden Playcentre is having its 70th (+1) anniversary reunion later this week, i.e. very soon! See below.



Playcentre

Rā whānau ki a Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Tawa-Linden!

Tawa-Linden Playcentre is 70 (+1) years old
Whitu tekau ngā tau!

We're inviting past and present members to join us and celebrate how rewarding it is to educate our preschoolers in an environment that recognises parents' role as the first and best educators of our children.

We'd love you to join us for this big milestone in our Centre's history.

There will be plenty of opportunities to reminisce with old friends, as well as some time to see the centre in action.

Join us for an open tamariki play session and a cuppa
Āhea/When
Friday 5 March 2021, 9.30am - 12.00pm
&
Join us for afternoon tea and a time to reminisce
Āhea/When
Saturday 6 March 2021, 2pm - 5pm

Kei hea/Where
Both events at Tawa-Linden Playcentre
1A Ranui Terrace, Tawa

Please pass on this invitation to any past members you are still in contact with.

RSVP: by Thursday 4 March - feel free to come along even if you haven't RSVPed.
tawalinden@playcentre.org.nz

VENUS VISITORS' DAY

As a New Zealand-owned not-for-profit organisation, we're run by women, for women – and firmly believe that the future of female-led business is bright.

Venus combines a supportive community of experienced businesswomen with practical support and learning, you'll find everything you need to take your business further. With the right support, and a dose of confidence, you can play a big part in that. Be ambitious. Think bigger. And know that, with the collective wisdom of a network of experienced entrepreneurs, you can build the successful business – and the amazing life – you dream of.

Because we're in this together. We run networking meetings, social events and have both personal and business training and development workshops to help women grow and develop their businesses. It's all about working together and supporting one another in our professional journey.

If this sounds like you, we will be running a Visitors' Day at 1841 in Johnsonville on 10th March 2021 at 9.30am. Please go to the Venus website https://www.venusclubs.co.nz/ and register as a guest.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IDEAS

From the Tawa Community Board's Facebook page:

Are you using public transport right now? Why, why not?
If we could make public transport better in Tawa what would it look like?
A route to the airport, on demand buses for the hills to access trains or bus service for getting to shops? What else?

Tell us what you think as we prepare a submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council. Even better take a look at this link for the GWRC draft regional transport plan, attend a workshop in town or Porirua. Have your say. If we don't ask, we won't get.

See: https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/.../324008/documents/193643
Thanks for your ideas.

HANGING BASKETS REFRESHMENT

The hanging baskets in the central shopping area are scheduled for 'refreshment' (a new lot of flowers in each basket) on Saturday 27 March. Members of Tawa Rotary have undertaken this role since the baskets were first put in place in late 2012.

ircraft Centre
Tammy's

EVERY RESPONSE COUNTS

I (the Ed.) remember being told many years ago that American Express mailed out a regular newsletter to its members. At one stage it asked its newsletter recipients to let them know if they wished to continue receiving their newsletter. The response was rather low.

The following month they tried a different tack. They asked their readers to tell them if they did NOT wish to continue receiving their newsletter. The response to that request was similar to the earlier response, i.e. a rather small number got back to them.

Whether that story is true, I do not know. However I think the point it makes is that low responses are par for the course. Alternatively, many people simply don't wade all the way through a newsletter!

"Tawa Community News" is sent to around 1300 email addresses once a month or sometimes more often. MailChimp records how many people actually open it. It varies from month to month but is generally in the 50-55% range. That equates to between 650 to 715 who read part or all of it. So far, so good!

Last month I asked for those recipients who were keen on seeing the continuation of the "2 Minutes with ....." section in this newsletter to let me know. Just a one sentence email would suffice. I wasn't expecting an overwhelming response and I wasn't disappointed! My reply to the almost 3% of readers who emailed me said: "There has been sufficient feedback (not heaps, but sufficient) to warrant continuing with the "2 Minutes with ….." segment in the newsletter. Amongst other reasons, I enjoy reading that segment myself, and would be personally disappointed if it wasn't there!"

And so it continues .....

2 MINUTES WITH ..... ALISON BAYLY

I was born in Feilding and spent my first years on a sheep farm out of Hunterville in the Rangitikei.

I went to Hunterville Consolidated Primary School which had a roll of 400 pupils, primer one to standard 6. After boarding at secondary school in New Plymouth I trained as a primary teacher at Palmerston North Teachers' College. My first teaching positions were at Maoribank in Upper Hutt, then Ebbett Park in Hastings.

Travel took me to Chiredzi in Zimbabwe (formerly called Rhodesia) where I taught English-speaking children in the local primary school. The school curriculum was the same as in New Zealand but the children started formal education when they were 6.

The pupils' parents were keen to meet the foreign teachers so we had many meals out. School hours were from 7am to midday; too hot after that. Extra walls were built outside the classrooms but they collected only scorpions, not bullets. Strange that then I needed the husband's signature to open a bank account but the women ran the farms and businesses as the men were fighting in the bush. That was a long time ago.

Back in New Zealand with a toddler and a baby we settled in Palmerston North. I went to Manawatu Polytechnic to study horticulture and garden design. I used these skills for many years for my business Oasis Garden Design. I thoroughly enjoyed this work of advising clients and drawing landscape plans. The tricky aspects were not the soil nor the weather but understanding the clients.

I have lived in Tawa for twenty years in a flat with windows that show the wind and rain from the north and the south. My daughters and grandchildren live close; they are the most important part of my life.

I belong to U3A Tawa and I participate in various activities such as botany, art, indoor bowls and ancestry. U3A is an international organisation which offers friendship and education to the retired members of the community. We use our knowledge and skills to teach those who wish to learn. Registration is on-line and the subscription is minimal. For me, U3A is my *Friendship Bench* and my contact with the world during ordinary times and lockdown.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

– by Alison Bayly, 15th February 2021

Remember the days of the old school photographs?

This happened once a year, maybe? The parents were given some warning so that the pupils arrived at school with shoes and a comb.

I remember the same photographer through my primary school years: L C Scott stamped on the back of the photo. The business still operates and has expanded.

From the website: "L C Scott was established in 1954 by Lewis Clive Scott who worked out of his darkroom in Pharazyn Street, Lower Hutt." He retired in the early 1980s. I wonder if he did the whole country in those days, the whole island or just the provinces close to Lower Hutt.

I remember that the class was lined up, perhaps one of girls and one of boys, tallest to shortest with the teacher shifting the order as we fumbled about. I clearly remember being one of the shortest near the back of the line. The children in the front of the photo, all girls, sat on a long bench with a line of boys and girls standing behind. We were instructed to sit with our feet together and hands crossed in our laps.The photos indicate that the second and third lines have taller children at the centre. The third line stood on a bench.The standing children had their hands behind their backs and shoulders pulled back. One photo shows a fourth line of kids; were they on double benches? I wonder how many fell off.

The whole event was slick and we obeyed as shown in the photos that I still have of 1956 primer 3 & 4, 1957 standard one, 1959 standard 3 & 4, 1960 standard 4. I have put the names of the 1960 class on the back. How fortunate is that!

I recognise most of the names including my brother Graeme. He was 11 months and 5 days older than me and I have forgotten why we ended up in the same class from 1959 onwards. The 1960 photo has 3 boys sitting cross legged on the grass at the front. Perhaps that blighted their self image from that day onwards.

I remember being told to tuck in at the end of a line; although in these four photos I am at the end of a line only once!

How did this photographer manage to capture us all smiling and looking lovely, not wearing uniforms?

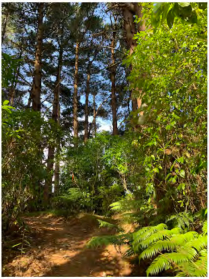
The other outstanding fact is the high class numbers: 1956 27; 1957 28, 1959 39!!,1960 33 pupils. How did the teachers manage? Teachers were allowed to strap in those days; also we were used to obeying what we were told.

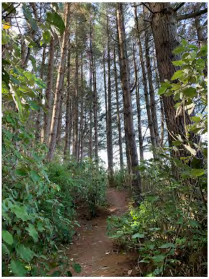
Hunterville Consolidated Primary School had 400 students in the 1950s and 1960s owing to the Rangitikei being developed for sheep farming and well populated with baby boomer families. Six buses brought children from the farming areas into the town. Now there are eight classes listed on their website, perhaps 160 pupils. I noticed that the home and school committee meeting followed by the AGM was being held at the Station Hotel – the hotel that previously was not the one to go to unless you wanted a fight!

TE NGAHERE O TAWA WALK

I (the Ed.) have walked up Te Ngahere o Tawa / Forest of Tawa track twice in the past couple of weeks at the end of the day. It is a very pleasant outing although a little steep in its early stages! I enjoyed the sound of the cicadas chirping (in one sunny section), the tall pine trees and the lowish bush, and great views of Tawa (see the pics below) along the way.

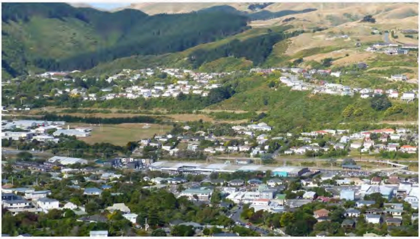
If you aren't aware of this track, it starts at 58 Kiwi Cres. Allow the best part of an hour to get to "the top" and back again.





BELOW: Views from Te Ngahere o Tawa walking track.

Pic 1: Tawa College at left, Tawa Junction lower centre, Tawa Station at right.
Pic 2: Looking towards the Linden end of Transmission Gully, opening later this year.
Pic 3: The other side of the valley, featuring Mervyn Kemp Drive, southern end of Woodman Drive, and middle section of Bing Lucas Drive.



"Strive not to be a success but rather to be of value." – Albert Einstein

"The last thing I want to do is to hurt you. But we'll get there eventually, once I've gone through the entire list."

"The problem with speeches isn't so much not knowing when to stop, as knowing when not to begin." – Frances Rodman

"It's amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." – Harry S Truman (33rd President of the USA)

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