

# NATIONAL AWARD FOR TAWA COMMUNITY

Tawa Community Board won the “Enhancing Communities” award at the nation-wide community boards’ biennial conference in Wanaka this past weekend. The board submitted an entry showcasing “Neighbours’ Weekend in Tawa 2012”.

Community boards from around the country were invited to submit in advance their entries for the “Community Boards Best Practice Awards” which *recognise excellence in the implementation of projects and initiatives in local governance*.

A winner is chosen in each of three categories, one of those being “Enhancing Communities”.

Around 200 delegates representing New Zealand’s 116 community boards gathered together in Wanaka to share ideas and to listen to a range of inspiring speakers including Sam Johnson, the “earthquake boy” from Christchurch.



Tawa Community Board chair Malcolm Sparrow who collected the award at the conference on behalf of the Tawa community, along with one of the keynote speakers, Canadian Nuffield scholar Leona Dargis.

Neighbours' Day in Tawa has been such a successful project in the local community – involving around 50 street get-togethers in both March 2012 and March 2013 – that the Tawa Community Board submitted an entry detailing exactly how it happened in 2012.

It is a huge honour for the Tawa community to win the award considering the high quality of the various entries from throughout New Zealand. It wouldn't have been accomplished without the effort of all the locals who organised barbecues (or similar gatherings) in their own streets in conjunction with Neighbours' Day Aotearoa.

Tawa Neighbourhood Support and the Lions Club of Tawa have also been involved in the success of the Tawa event.

**A great community effort.  
Well done Tawa!**

See details of the awards winners at:  
[www.nzcbc2013.co.nz/nzcbc13/exhibition](http://www.nzcbc2013.co.nz/nzcbc13/exhibition)

See details of what happened in Tawa at:  
[www.tawalink.com/neighbours\\_street\\_list2013.html](http://www.tawalink.com/neighbours_street_list2013.html)

At the same conference, Tawa Community Board member **Robert Tredger**, along with a number of others, received a certificate acknowledging 15 years or more community board service. Robert first came onto the Tawa Community Board in 1995 and has served the Tawa community faithfully since then.

**Well done Robert!**

