



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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THIS EDITION IS A SUPPLEMENTARY NEWSLETTER. THE NEXT FULL NEWSLETTER IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER.

ELECTION 2017 CANDIDATES' MEETING

Make your vote an informed vote.

Meet the major candidates for the Mana and Ohariu electorates at a public meeting at Tawa Union Church, 6 Elena Place, Tawa on Wednesday September 6th at 7pm.

Hear the candidates talk about their background and about some of their party's social policy. Talk with candidates informally over supper afterwards.

Organised by the Tawa Union Church.

NEW TAWA BOOK TO BE RELEASED

"Tawa the tree, the community and its reserves" – a new book about Tawa is to be launched in early October.

Gil Roper, a Tawa resident who is a member of the "Tawa Historical Society" and "Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves", has just completed writing this book.

This well-illustrated publication begins with a detailed description of the tawa tree and its distribution in New Zealand. There is coverage of the native bush present in the Tawa area – before, at the time of human settlement, and then today. The uses of tawa, the origins of the names "Tawa Flat" and "Tawa" are described, followed by the beginnings and present work of "Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves".



Majestic tawa tree in Redwood Bush

There is in-depth information on eleven of the reserves in Tawa with accounts of their names, history, development and the current vegetation, with aerial photographs and maps. Results of research on the comparative bird populations in one of the reserves in 2008 and 2017 is outlined. The book concludes with a detailed list of the plant species in the native bush reserves in Tawa.

More details to come.

ANOTHER AED IN TAWA

Tawa Football was successful in its quest to obtain a new AED (automated external defibrillator) last month. To see where other AEDs are located in Tawa, download the AED locator app to your phone.

The football club is very keen for its defibrillator to be a resource available to the wider community. The intention is to keep it in an external case mounted on the outside of the clubrooms at Redwood Park and, in due course, to invite members of the community to a training night on how to use it.

CHERRY TREES ON THE MOVE

As per last week's newsletter: "Tawa Plaza's beautiful cherry trees are on the move! They will go to a new home in Grasslees Reserve where they will have three new trees planted alongside them."

The photos below, taken mid-afternoon Wednesday 16 August, show one of the trees still in the plaza, and the other being placed in its new home at Grasslees. The X in the foreground indicates where its companion will be planted.

Not everyone is thrilled by the cherry trees being removed from the plaza. Council's reasoning is that it is necessary to enable 'enhancement' of the overall plaza area as part of the town centre upgrade. Along with all the other improvements to Tawa Plaza – commencing around November/December – there will be new but smaller plantings in the general area.

On the plus side, the cherry trees are being 'retained', albeit in a new site. We'll be able to enjoy their blossoming at Grasslees Reserve.



2017 TAWA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Please note that the starting time for the local Christmas Parade on Saturday 2 December is actually 2pm, not that previously indicated. Contact Bryan on 232 2959, email tawawlions@lionsclubs.org.nz or see <http://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/Clubs/202M/Zone-6/Tawa> if you'd like to be involved.

RAIL SAFETY WEEK

It's "Rail Safety Week" right now. The aim is to raise awareness about rail safety and encourage safe behaviour around trains and tracks. "Remove your headphones, remove your risk" is



message being hammered home to both kids and adults.

42 Tawa School pupils, along with a few Tawa Community Board members, took the train into town this past Monday for the launch of Rail Safety Week at the Wellington Railway Station. They also got to experience being a train driver at Kiwirail's driver training simulator outside the Beehive.

