

This is a follow-up to the newsletter sent out last week on behalf of the Tawa Community Centre and TawaLink.com (Tawa's community website).

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TAWA COMMUNITY POT LUCK MEAL

Have your say about the Tawa Community Centre. Come and tell us what you think the Centre should be doing for our community, etc, etc. What is the point of having a Community Centre? We're wanting input from all sectors of the community, so whether you're young or old, full of bright ideas or not, or simply think you might be able to contribute in some way, you're welcome at this public meeting at the Centre at 7pm, through to around 8.30pm. Enquiries to 803 8591 or 232 1682.

TAWA LIONS ASSIST RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE REBUILDING PROJECT

The Lions Club of Tawa recently made a commitment to raise funds to support the Ronald McDonald House Wellington rebuilding project, by accepting a 'room' target of \$25,000 over three years. Ronald McDonald House Wellington provides a much needed home-away-from-home for families outside Wellington whose children are receiving treatment in Wellington Hospital. As more and more families require the services of the House it must now grow to meet the ever-increasing demand. The new House will enable 34 families to be accommodated - up from the current 12. It will cost more than \$14 million to complete, with \$9 million raised by Ronald McDonald House Wellington Trust so far.

A large number of individual Lions clubs have got behind this project to help build a bigger, better House. Lions intend to raise \$500,000 towards the cost of a number of rooms to be known collectively as the 'Lion's Den', with some clubs also making the commitment to purchase a room.

"Tawa Lions has already made an initial contribution of \$10,000" said Tawa Lions president Keith Kenderdine who noted that there had been support from all club members without question when this commitment was first discussed. "That initial contribution of \$10,000 has come from the proceeds of our successful Tawa Lions Saturday Market" said Keith, "and other activities will be carried out to raise funds towards the House rebuilding project in addition to using further market proceeds. The Lions Club of Tawa is extremely grateful to the residents of Tawa, and those people who travel from further afield, for their support of our Saturday market that enables us to make this sort of contribution to our wider community."

Members of the public wishing to donate to this worthy cause may send their donation to Ronald McDonald House Wellington, PO Box 7055, Wellington 6242, or for more information about the campaign should visit www.givealotoflove.org.nz

FUNCLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Holiday Programmes for children aged from 4-13 are being offered by Hayley Balmer, an experienced school teacher, in Redwood, Tawa from 6-10 July 2009. Each session is different and children can come for as many sessions as they like. All groups have limited places and a reservation is necessary. Cooking and Craft, Boardgames and

Fun Science sessions. Sessions are 3 hours long and costs vary from \$15-\$25.
Email hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz for further details.

PERFORMING ARTS EXHIBITION

Tawa people may like to know that the current Performing Arts exhibition in the Bottle Creek Gallery at Pataka Museum in Porirua celebrating NZ Heritage Month, features some of Tawa Community Theatre's actors and back-stage workers. The recent production "From Shakespeare to Churchill" has a full photographic cover along with productions from Mana Little Theatre and Porirua Little Theatre. The exhibition closes in July.

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday 28th June: **Tawa Combined Churches Service**
Sunday 28th June: **Alpha Dinner**
Tuesday 30th June: **Tawa Community Centre public meeting**
Friday 3rd July: **Term 2 ends**
Saturday 4th July: **Matariki Disco**
Thursday 9th July: **Tawa Community Board meeting**
Saturday 11th July: **Tawa Rotary's Massive Book Fair**

Full details of all the above are available at
<http://www.tawalink.com/coming_events.html>

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"There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread."
- Mother Teresa

"Always end the name of your child with a vowel, so that when you yell the name will carry." - Bill Cosby

This community newsletter is emailed to more than 700 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa) every 2-3 weeks. If you do not already receive it and would like to, please send an email to info@tawalink.com requesting that your name is added to our list.