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Hello again

The snow-capped mountains of the South Island are superb at this time of the year. I spent three days last week enjoying the beauty of Mount Cook, Lake Tekapo and Arthur's Pass. Seeing Mt Cook and surrounding mountains reflected in the waters of Lake Pukaki is something special, as is the setting of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo. And it's always fun watching the antics of various kea at Arthur's Pass - stealing a hot chip or two from under the noses of 'careless' tourists, or scuttling off with a pilfered sandwich, the Gladwrap covering being quickly disposed of before the 'naughty culprit' enjoys the spoils within.

And so back to the present ...

If you're aware of any events happening in Tawa in the second half of this month, please let me know in order that I can publicise them, like including details on the 'Coming Events' page of the TawaLink website:  
<[http://www.tawalink.com/coming\\_events.html](http://www.tawalink.com/coming_events.html)>

Two events coming up in September are the community pot luck meal on the 5th (with 'special guests' in attendance), and 'Spring into Tawa' Market Day on the 12th. Details are set out below.

## **TAWA COMMUNITY POT LUCK MEAL WITH THE TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD**

Come and meet the various members of the Tawa Community Board. Most of the Board will be joining us at our Pot Luck Meal at 6pm on Saturday, 5th September, at the Tawa Community Centre. The evening will be rounded off with a short performance from the Tawa Go Go Nuts (Cook Island) drumming group. We'll be finished around 7.20pm - everyone is welcome. Bring your own food to pool with others.

## **'SPRING INTO TAWA' MARKET DAY**

Come on down to the Main Road shops on Saturday, 12th September, 9am-12.30pm, to buy some of the many and varied goods on offer, to be part of the action, and to support your local community.

If you're involved with a club/group/organisation and would like a stall at the Market Day, contact Malcolm Sparrow at the Tawa Community Centre on 803 8591 or 232 1682, or email [info@tawalink.com](mailto:info@tawalink.com). To download an application form, go to <[http://www.tawalink.com/coming\\_events.html](http://www.tawalink.com/coming_events.html)> and scroll down to Saturday, 12th September. With any luck you'll be able to access one there.

## **THE TAWA HERITAGE SIGN**

The Wellington City Council's Heritage section has recently overseen the making and construction of a Tawa Heritage 'sign' (structure) which is about to go into place on

the corner of the Main Road and Cambridge Street, just outside the library. The sign features four panels, lit at night, which tell of four aspects of Tawa's history - its settlement, local government, the place of education, and Tawa's transport links. The wording on the panels was in large measure provided by the Tawa Historical Society who have worked with the Council on this project for a number of years.

## 2 MINUTES WITH ...

Read about various Tawa people at this address:

<[http://www.tawalink.com/tawa\\_people.html](http://www.tawalink.com/tawa_people.html)>. Who are Vera Ballance, George Upu and Julie Rokotakala? They're our latest 'entries' - real people living amongst us (and nothing alien about them, although some might debate that point). I'm thoroughly enjoying sitting down with a different local each week and finding out a few things (or sometimes lots of things) about them that I never knew before. Hopefully you'll enjoy spending 2 minutes reading about these fine folks. We've covered eight so far - only 13,700+ to go!

## 'STANDING OVATION'

It was Tawa College's major production for 2009, and thoroughly enjoyable. In fact some of us went more than once, it was so good. I received this email from a gentleman I don't think I've actually met: *"[It was] a truly amazing evening. We attended last evening and were absolutely amazed at what can only be described as a thoroughly professional production complete with all the bells and whistles. Tawa College and all who were involved in the preparations and many hours of rehearsals are a credit to our community and I only hope the press pick up on this and give some richly deserved credit."*

Well done to director Murray Cameron (Tawa College HOD Music) and to Sara Scott (choreographer), and to the 42 or so kids involved.

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*"As far as I'm concerned, 'whom' is a word that was invented to make everyone sound like a butler."* - Calvin Trillin

*"Don't let your victories go to your head, or your failures go to your heart."*

*"There is always hope when people are forced to listen to both sides."*

- John Stuart Mill

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