

# Tawa COMMUNITY NEWS



SUPPLEMENT  
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This community newsletter is compiled every month or so on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002.

## AN ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR TAWA

"Tawa needs an artificial turf" - here's your chance to show your support on a new Facebook page which has been set up with that title. Simply go to Facebook and type in "Tawa" in Search. The page in question states that *"Tawa desperately needs an artificial turf at one of its sportsgrounds so that our kids can play sport all winter long! First we need funding from the Council, so join this page and let's make this happen."*

Within a week or so there's likely to be a "Turf in Tawa" ePetition in place on the WCC website to which you can add your name. We'll give you more details at that stage. Whether you're in to winter sports or not, this is all about supporting those in our community who are, and for whom an artificial turf in Tawa would be a tremendous asset. It will benefit the Tawa community in more ways than one.

In the meantime, **PLEASE** visit the "Tawa needs an artificial turf" Facebook page and add your name.



## LOST A PURSE CONTAINING A WATCH?

A little brown leather purse containing a silver & purple watch was found in Lyndhurst Road last week. The watch doesn't have a strap - it is just the part with the time & date, etc. It has been handed in to the central police station, so if it's yours, you know where to claim it.

## TENNIS SEASON UNDER WAY

Linden Tennis Club Junior Club days are back, commencing Tuesday 8 February, 5pm-6pm. Balls will be provided. There will also be a number of rackets available for those who don't have one. Hitting partners will be provided. For casuals the cost is \$2 per session. To find out more information about Junior Club Days, contact Phil on 235 7332 or email twfam@xtra.co.nz.



"Come Play Tennis" on Tennis NZ National Open Day. Come and have a hit, regardless of your ability. We promise you time on a court, playing who you want to play. No pressure, it's all about fun!! Come along to the Linden Tennis Club, Handyside Street, from 2.30pm onwards on Sunday 13 February 2011. Contact Gail Broomhall on 232 4794 or Bev Denny on 232 4114.

## WANT TO HELP TAWA YOUNG PEOPLE IMPROVE THEIR CYCLING?

A training course in cyclist skills is being run 14-18 February for adult Tawa residents who would like to volunteer with local police to help deliver cyclist skills training in Tawa schools. The aim of this initiative is to increase the numbers of adults and children in our community who cycle with confidence on our roads.

Newly trained volunteers will have the opportunity to assist with cyclist skills training for school students at Tawa Intermediate 21-25 February and 21-25 March, and in Redwood School 7-18 March. Other Tawa schools may be involved later.



There are a range of training times available to fit into busy schedules. If you would like to get involved contact Ian Browne on 439 0877 or email [ian.browne@police.govt.nz](mailto:ian.browne@police.govt.nz) with your preferences for training times. See the chart below.

Photo above: "Cyclist skills trainer Marilyn Northcote, volunteer James Duncan from the Dirt Merchants, Sue Goodin, Deputy Principal at Redwood School, and Senior Constable Ian Browne look forward to working with more adult volunteers from the Tawa community."

<b>You will need to go to two sessions at the training course in cyclist skills. Please indicate up to four choices for training times. Number your choices 1-4.</b>						
Date 2011	Morning	Preference	Afternoon	Preference	Evening	Preference
Mon 14 February	9- 10.30		1- 2.30pm		5- 6.30pm	
	10.30- 12		2.30- 4pm		6.30- 8pm	
Tues 15 February	9- 10.30		1- 2.30pm		5- 6.30pm	
	10.30- 12		2.30- 4pm		6.30- 8pm	
Wed 16 February	9- 10.30		1- 2.30pm		5- 6.30pm	
	10.30- 12		2.30- 4pm		6.30- 8pm	
Thurs 17 February	9- 10.30		1- 2.30pm		5- 6.30pm	
	10.30- 12		2.30- 4pm		6.30- 8pm	
Fri 18 February	9- 10.30		1- 2.30pm		N/A	
	10.30- 12		2.30- 4pm		N/A	

## **SHORT-TERM ROLE AVAILABLE**

Do you know how to archive emails in Thunderbird? If so, our Tawa-based law firm would love to talk with you. We have several years of emails that need to be archived. This job might take 6 full days. You can work at times and on days that suit you. If you prove to be generally handy with computers, especially Linux and/or programming in SQL or PHP, then we might have a few more jobs for you.

If you are interested, please email [jobs@acacialaw.com](mailto:jobs@acacialaw.com) and let us know why you think we should let you loose on archiving our emails, and what other IT skills you could bring to us on an ongoing basis.

## **WEATHER OPTIONS IN TAWA**

I've just received an email pointing out the existence of a weather station in Tawa, apparently located in Bing Lucas Drive. The website address is <https://home.wellborne.com/weather>. Presumably this is quite distinct from the one already listed on the front page of [tawalink.com](http://tawalink.com) at <http://tawa.weather.threetomcats.com>. Nothing like being spoilt for choice!

## HISTORIC WALK COMING UP

The Historic Walk from the Library to the Lookout is scheduled for Sunday 20 February, starting at the Mervyn Kemp Library at 2pm (or, if wet, Sunday 27 February).

The walk is being organised by the Rotary Club of Tawa and the Tawa Historical Society. Bruce Murray and other long-term residents will explain the local history at several stops along the way.

No charge. Bring the whole family and learn many interesting facts about some of Tawa's earlier people and places.



## ASPIRE MUSIC PERFORMANCE ACADEMY STARTS FOR YEAR

Tawa's own community music academy, Aspire Music Performance Academy, will start up for the year on Monday 7 February. Aspire operates on Monday evenings from the Tawa Salvation Army Community Centre, 175 Main Road, Tawa. Aspire has grown from nothing to a large operation over the last four years, attesting to the real need that it meets in our community.

All of Aspire's programmes are free. All that is required to join Aspire is an audition. The audition is needed for two reasons: firstly, Aspire does not teach people to play an instrument, but works with those who can play at an intermediate level or above; secondly, the audition gives Aspire's volunteer staff an idea of the skills and interests of its members, in order to identify which programmes would be most suitable.

Aspire is aimed at adult musicians in the community. Its programmes include running a number of bands for musicians to play together, as well as educational programmes such as courses, personal coaching and a lending library of educational DVDs. However perhaps the main benefit Aspire members receive comes from being part of a community of fellow musicians.

The first public performance of Aspire musicians in 2011 will be at the Tawa Historical Walk on 20 February. The Aspire Academy Band will play for 20 minutes before the start of the walk.

Aspire also has a very proficient semi-professional band, the Aspire Big Band, which will be representing Tawa to greater Wellington on Sunday 20 March. The band will perform music from the great big bands of the Big Band Era (1930s and 40s) at the Wellington Jazz Club.

Details are available on the web at <http://www.aspire.ac.nz>.

## FEEDBACK RECEIVED RECENTLY:

*"Despite being overseas, it is nice indeed to 'feel' home through your newsletter."*

*"Thanks for the publicity for our project. I enjoyed the newsletter. Good, 'punchy' items succinctly expressed."*

*"Yes, I also enjoy reading what's going on around town."*

*"Can I please have this email address added to the Tawa Community News newsletter email list. I have been here for 3 years and have only just seen my first copy of this newsletter (the Christmas edition which was very good). I look forward to seeing it regularly."*

Cheers

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“When nothing seems to help, I go look at a stonecutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps 100 times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the 101st blow it will split in two, and I know it wasn't the last blow that did it, but all the blows that have gone before.” – *Jacob Riis (photographer)*

*This community newsletter is emailed to more than 900 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa) every month or so. If there's anything you'd like to include in the next newsletter, please let us know. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting that your name be deleted from our list.*