



This community newsletter is sent out in the first and the third weeks of each month on behalf of tawalink.com, Tawa's community website since 2002. The newsletter is supported by the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association.

SPRING INTO TAWA PHOTOS

We now have a number of shots of last month's "Spring into Tawa" Market Day on the website at www.tawalink.com/sit2011.html.

Some of us were unable to be there on the day but, judging by all accounts, it was again a very successful event despite the rain at one particular point.

The following is an example of some of the feedback received:

"Thank you for all your efforts in organising today's market day. Our cake stall was greatly successful."



THIS YEAR'S TAWA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE

The 2011 Tawa Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday 3 December at 2pm. As in previous years the parade will start at Tawa School grounds, proceed along the Main Road to Surrey Street, then back along Oxford Street to finish at Tawa School.

The parade will involve bands, floats, community groups, MG & vintage cars, clowns and Santa. The parade is proudly organised by the Lions Club of Tawa for the benefit of the Tawa community. Tawa Lions would love to hear from any enthusiastic community groups wishing to be part of this fun parade. Call Ken Coad on 232 2475 or 027 249 2952.



DARZ FITNESS 'ROCK & RAVE' CLASS

Dynamic – **A**ddictive – **R**ocking – **Z**ealous Fitness

FUN, DANCE and CARDIO Fitness to Latino & Street beats with Zumba Fitness instructor Darlene Moeke, aka DARZ. If you have never attended a DARZ Fitness class, you are FREE.

This class caters for first time groovers to advanced fitness Lovers. The songs are played regularly so everyone gets used to the moves! The more you come the easier it is, the more fun you have.

Tawa class: 7pm Tuesdays, Tawa Baptist Church, 225 Main Road, Tawa.

Cost: \$5 per class, 12yrs and under are free (must be supervised).

Email: darzfitness@live.com Facebook: Zumba with DARZ

Try it – Rock it – Love it

MEDIA RELEASE:

Construction of Countdown Tawa expected to start early next year

18 October 2011:

Plans to have the new Countdown Tawa open by December 2012 are on target, with construction of the supermarket to begin early next year.

Progressive Enterprises was recently granted resource consent for the new development, which will represent a significant investment in the Wellington region to support a growing community.

Brett Ashley, General Manager of Operations for Countdown, said the company was disappointed it was unable to renew the lease on the current Woolworths Tawa site, which expires in November this year. "We would have liked to have remained open until our new supermarket was built, providing a seamless supermarket offer in Tawa. However, we are pleased our consent application for the new store has been granted and we look forward to starting construction," Mr Ashley said.

"The community response throughout this entire process has been positive and we're looking forward to opening the doors to the vibrant and growing community of Tawa and the northern suburbs once again," Mr Ashley said.

Countdown Tawa will be conveniently located next to the motorway at Tawa, right next to the Tawa off-ramp at the site sometimes referred to as "Takapu Island". Countdown expects to invest up to \$20 million in developing Countdown Tawa, including the purchase of the land, construction and supermarket fit-out.

"Countdown Tawa will be the first supermarket in Wellington to be modelled exclusively on the New Generation Countdown design. With a floor space measuring approximately 4,200sqm, the new supermarket will feature an expansive fresh produce section and wide aisles which will make it easy for customers to navigate the huge selection of groceries on offer."

"Behind the scenes, the store will also feature a range of environmental initiatives including a CO2 refrigeration plant system that will give significant energy efficiency benefits. Night blinds on refrigerated cabinets, sliding covers on freezers and energy efficient lighting among other things will also help minimise the store's carbon footprint."

Mr Ashley said the large car park will feature around 250 spaces, including seven disabled spaces. The property will also feature extensive planted and landscaped areas.

Countdown Tawa to create new jobs

Woolworths Tawa will close its doors on 7 November and Mr Ashley said the store's existing employees have been offered employment at a nearby store where possible.

"We have a team of 110 fantastic retailers at Woolworths Tawa and we're delighted that many of them will be once again serving our local customers when our new store opens. Our new Countdown Tawa store will also create additional retail jobs in the local area.

"The construction of the store will also provide employment opportunities for local contractors and businesses. The tender for the construction of the store will be issued in coming months."

Wheels on the bus go round and round to Countdown

Mr Ashley said Countdown will be providing a free bus service from Tawa to Countdown Johnsonville. The service will run from Monday to Saturday departing Tawa three times per day.

"We're committed to providing access to convenient supermarket shopping to Tawa residents. The Countdown bus service will depart Tawa at 10.00am, 12.00pm and 2.00pm and depart Johnsonville 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm." The bus will depart Tawa from the bus stop at 204 Main Road, and the service will commence on 7 November.

"We'll also be welcoming our loyal Tawa customers to our Countdown Johnsonville and Countdown Porirua stores with some fantastic specials," Mr Ashley added.

WOOLWORTHS' CLOSING DATE

As stated above, Woolworths in Tawa will close (for the last time) on Monday 7 November.

The following has been adapted from an exhibit in the Roberson Museum in Binghamton, NY.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY?

Human beings share common needs for food, clothing and shelter, and they come together to meet these needs. People also share events and experiences, including birth, childhood, adulthood, old age and death.

Coming together to meet their needs and confront their common experiences, men, women and children form vital networks of relationships. Through these networks they earn a living, raise families, worship gods, and govern themselves. The complex set of social, economic, and political structures through which people sustain themselves is called *community*.

ALL PEOPLE ARE MEMBERS OF COMMUNITIES

Communities have been part of the nature of human existence for thousands of years. People are members of many different communities. Cities, villages or neighbourhoods can be communities. Groups of company employees, church congregations and social clubs are also communities. How many communities do you participate in?

Tawa is made up of diverse peoples: European, Maori, Pacific, Asian, native and immigrant, male and female, rich and poor. The people who make up our communities have a wide variety of value systems and experiences. It's good to make time to celebrate them all.



GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

"A resilient community is one that knows each other and will help when things go wrong."

The WCC is currently encouraging residents to "apply for a Community Preparedness Grant and organise a project for your neighbourhood". Applications need to be in by the end of this month.

You may or may not be aware that a nationwide event called "Neighbours Day Aotearoa" is scheduled for the weekend of 24-25 March 2012. That's when hundreds of communities up and down the country will be getting together with their neighbours at some stage over that weekend – maybe just having fish & chips together, sharing brunch, or rolling out a few barbecues to cook and eat together.

We're hoping to make a big deal of this in Tawa. Our aim is to see more than 50 streets involved in some way. It's not too early to start thinking about it. We are. Watch this space!

In the meantime have a look at www.neighboursday.org.nz.

COMING UP:

GET OUT THERE! – Sun 30 October

11am to 2pm at Frank Kitts Park. See the flyer below.

"BABY BOOMING!" – Sun 30 October

The Tawa Orchestra makes a song and dance about it. Featuring soloists from the Music Learning Centre in Redwood, Tawa, and music of Handel, Gliere, Respighi, Lehar, Lennon and McCartney, and Oscar and Hammerstein. 2pm in the Tawa College Hall. Entry by donation.

TAWA COMMUNITY LIGHT PARTY – Mon 31 October

An alternative to Halloween at the New Life Church. From 6.00pm to approximately 8.00pm. Entry by (free) ticket only. Make sure you get there before 5.45pm because you don't want to be late for the free food, the free prizes, the fun games, the awesome dance groups, bands and talent quest. Enquiries to Sharon Ross on 232 7649.

REDWOOD SCHOOL DUATHALON – Sat 12 November

Redwood School will be holding a student duathlon on the Saturday mentioned (rain date of 19th November) starting at Grasslees Park at noon till 4.00pm. Participants will be on the footpaths along Duncan Street from the railway overbridge to McLellan Street, McLellan Street to Davies Street and Davies Street to the park. They will not be crossing any streets. There will be 50 marshals ensuring students' safety along the route, and no roads will be closed. We ask that all residents on the race route take extra care when pulling out of their driveways. All residents along the race route will receive a notice asking for their patience and extra vigilance during the race.

TAWA SCHOOL FAIR – Sat 26 November

Come and vote at Tawa School and check out the fun of the fair at the same time. The fair is on 11am to 2pm. Real coffee, great food, entertainment and the famous (well, in Tawa anyway) Spooky House. Entry is free. It will be on rain or shine.

GET OUT THERE!
SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2011
11AM-2PM

Gather up your family and friends and get out to Frank Kitts Park and the lagoon to try out all the fabulous outdoor activities on offer in Wellington over summer.

FREE outdoor activities for all ages and fitness levels as well as demonstrations, live bands and spot prizes.

GET OUT THERE
on your feet...
in the water...
on your wheels...

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GET OUT THERE
ACTIVITIES

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- Unicycling
- On the spot bike maintenance (bring your bike)
- Cycling
- Break dancing
- Rollerblading/skating
- Skateboarding
- Buggy Blast charity walk
- Orienteering
- Parkour
- Sailability (for people with moderate to severe disabilities)
- Try fishing and casting
- Dragon boating
- Sailing ... Have a go! (8-12 years only)
- Stand up paddle boarding
- Waka Ama
- GirlGuides Brownie Pet Rock
- GirlGuides Pippin Sow a Seed

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- Mobile climbing wall
- The Nordic Way – 11am at the Velodrome
- Tai Chi in the park – 7.30am in Cog Park
- Sunday park circuit sessions – 8.30am in Cog Park

For more information go to Wellington.govt.nz/rd/getoutthere.
For cancellations ring 499 4444.

TAWA PEOPLE

Who are all these fine-looking bods? A good question. They're all Tawa people, or have a very strong link to the place. And they've all featured in the "2 Minutes with ..." section at [tawalink.com](http://www.tawalink.com) over the past months. They include an author, someone who's lived in Tawa more than 60 years, head prefects, a Tawa Pinoy, a rail enthusiast, and a police base controller. Very interesting people if you take the time to read about them. See http://www.tawalink.com/tawa_people.html



Another "profile" will be added next week. Be sure to tune in again then.

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

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"I am patient with stupidity but not with those who are proud of it." – Dame Edith Sitwell

"Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem." – John Galsworthy

"A country's competitiveness starts not on the factory floor or in the engineering lab. It starts in the classroom." – former Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca

This community newsletter is emailed to more than 1000 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa) on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, or thereabouts. 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.

OPINION PIECE – Air travel in New Zealand *(really nothing to do with Tawa)*

I'm a major fan of Air New Zealand. Internationally they've had more than their fair share of awards for being a great airline. I think a certain amount (or maybe a lot) of that is due to their flight attendants who are generally friendly and obliging, as Kiwis expect of their compatriots, and simply do their jobs well.

When it comes to actually flying in New Zealand, in my experience it's very much a breeze (no pun intended). We don't have to check in at the airport hours beforehand, and it's all just so easy. And air fares are relatively low-priced too (unless you have to book at the last minute).

Last month I had occasion to take three internal flights in the USA. Anything but easy! You're obliged to check in 90 minutes before departure. Allowing for travelling time by car to and from the airport, one can well spend considerably more than half-a-day on a flight that might only last an hour or two. That was the case for us!

On occasion the lines (queues) for the mandatory security check can appear massive. Our longest wait was about 25 minutes. And of course it's off with the shoes and the belt (fortunately my trousers stayed up), and everything, even the trivial, must be temporarily removed from the pockets including handkerchief and comb.

With that out of the way and more than 60 minutes to kill before departure, we headed to the business lounge – I'm fortunate enough to have a spouse whose job entitles her to Koru Club membership! However in my limited experience (of admittedly only three American lounges) the food on offer in U.S. airport business lounges isn't a patch on what's available in Air New Zealand's Koru Clubs. Again, Air New Zealand really is a great airline!

And then on board the aircraft it takes so much longer to get to one's seat because so many people are endeavouring to store their massive carry-on luggage in the overhead lockers. It follows that it also takes a rather long time to disembark when everyone has to get their luggage down again at the other end. That results from having to pay for every piece of checked-in baggage which isn't the case with Air New Zealand – yet!

In summary, I love automobile travel in the USA. The highway system is brilliant. But when it comes to air travel, give me New Zealand any day!