



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

## TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD INFO

### TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS

The civic awards ceremony took place at the Tawa Community Centre last Friday evening with around 150 people present. The 52 individuals or groups nominated in six different categories were presented certificates of appreciation by the Mayor of Wellington, along with the 11 nominated for the Tawa Rotary Young Employee Award.



The winners of each category are shown above right and detailed below (L to R):

TAWA ROTARY YOUNG EMPLOYEE AWARD

- Mathew Gillett

HERITAGE

& ENVIRONMENT

- Peter Turney

EDUCATION AND/OR CHILD/DEVELOPMENT

- Marie Prescott

HEALTH & WELLBEING - Tawa Community Patrol (group winner), Brett Gillies pictured

SPORT & LEISURE - Graham Phillips

HEALTH & WELLBEING - Barbara Russell (individual winner)

YOUTH (15-24 YEARS) - Michael Johnson

ARTS & CULTURE - Mike Harmon



### HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF WELLINGTON

We have until Friday 6th July to let Council know our views on "amalgamation" of the cities that make up greater Wellington. Do you like the idea of actually joining together or would greater co-operation in terms of shared services and suchlike be preferable?

The Council *does* want to know what residents think. Have your say and don't get forced into a "Super City". See <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/publicinput/2012-05-reform.php>. It'll take just a few minutes to comment. To put it bluntly, those who don't make their feelings known probably don't have a right to complain if they get something they don't want! We are all likely to be affected, for better or for worse, by the outcome.

### RECYCLING ECOBULBS

To recycle your used ecobulbs, you can either drop off them off at the southern landfill or, if you wish to make life a little easier for yourself, you can drop them off at the Tawa Community Centre in Cambridge St, Tawa, and they'll arrange for recycling on your behalf.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL 'FORMAL' FOR TAWA COLLEGE

This is a (brief) "Good News" report which you won't find in any major newspaper.

This year's Tawa College ball (the "Formal") took place at the Wellington Town Hall on Saturday 16th June. The principal, Murray Lucas, has supplied us with the following:

"The Tawa College Formal was a very positive and celebratory occasion. Students looked great, participated for the whole five hours and had a fantastic time. Their behaviour was a credit to themselves, the college and the community. All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event and it is social education at its very best.

The work of Lynley MacEwan and Chris Gaunt in organising ballroom dancing classes, and the members of the Formal Committee need to be acknowledged."

## ROTARY BOOK FAIR

It's time again for the Rotary Club of Tawa's annual Book Fair. As previously it will be held at Tawa Junction at the end of Surrey Street on two weekends: 21/22 and 28/29 July from 9.00am until 4.00pm each day. Tens of thousands of books are expected to be available with a wide range of authors and subjects.

This "supersize recycling project" means everyone wins. Those with surplus books taking up needed space can clear their shelves by donating their books; those who want some more books get a chance to buy them at cheap prices; and all the profits go to support various charities. The main one is Life Education Trust, which is given half of the total Book Fair profit. This organisation takes its big caravan to local primary and intermediate schools to teach children to be proud of themselves and be aware of the pitfalls of drugs and alcohol.



The Book Fair last year allowed the Tawa Rotary Club to present the Trust with a cheque for \$9000, so local children also "win". They would like to beat this total for the 2012 Fair.

Anyone wishing to donate well-cared for books, CDs or DVDs (but *not* magazines) may drop them off at Mexted Motors, Drummonds Pharmacy or Harcourts Real Estate. If there are too many to deliver yourself, ring Ann at 232 8827, Brian at 232 5893 or Doug on 232 7894.

## SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY

This year "Spring into Tawa" will be taking place on Saturday 8th September. Information will be sent out within the next week or two. Contact us if you haven't previously been involved and want to be this time.



## VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST ON SATURDAYS

We are looking for adult volunteers to assist our club coordinator on Saturdays in the Tawa Community Centre. We run two Saturday Clubs for different age groups and we need volunteers for both these groups:

- Ages 10 to 12 from 11.30 to 1.00pm
- Ages 13 to 19 from 2.00 to 4.00pm

Volunteers should be of a patient and calm disposition, interested in spending time with young people with Asperger's syndrome who may have difficulty with their social skills. You would need to be willing to play board games, Lego and cards, or table tennis and mini pool, or just discuss interesting topics.

On-the-job training will be provided by our Saturday Club coordinator. Please note that because volunteers will be dealing with children, a Police check will need to be carried out.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Serena Stace on 027 353 4120 or by email at [asd.behaviournz@gmail.com](mailto:asd.behaviournz@gmail.com)

For more information you can speak to Bill at the Foundation on 232 4795 or email him at [foundation@entercloud9.com](mailto:foundation@entercloud9.com)

## TAWA PEOPLE & BUSINESSES IN THE NEWS

### SIMONS AMCAL PHARMACY

Ant Simon of Simons Amcal Pharmacy was runner-up in the Best Community Pharmacy Business category at the 2012 New Zealand Pharmacy Awards held in Auckland earlier this month. The website report stated: "When Tawa pharmacist Ant Simon saw the opportunity to buy a disused gas station next to the local general practice, he jumped at it. With the help of an architect, Ant turned the pharmacy into a local icon, thanks mainly to a canopy resembling a giant, illuminated pack of tablets."



### PANDAN ASIAN CUISINE

There was a very positive review of the Pandan Asian Cuisine restaurant from David Burton, Wellington's "foremost critic", in the *Your Weekend* section of *The DominionPost* the weekend before last. The quality of food and service at this little restaurant in the Main Road shopping centre won high praise. See <http://www.dineout.co.nz/restaurant.php?rest=10557> for more details.



### ALAN RICE

On the *Capital Day* page of *The DominionPost* this past Monday there was a small article about "Cycling's Alan Rice" who took away the Wellington Community Trust's Lifetime Contribution to Sport award. Congratulations to Tawa resident Alan Rice.

## TE KOHANGA REO O NGA HAURANGA

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*For any enquiries please contact us. Or come in and see us.*

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## TAWA LIONS ADMIT WOMEN MEMBERS

The Lions Club of Tawa recently held its annual change of officers function, following an election to determine its officers for the 2012-13 Lions year. Tawa Lions incoming president, Ray Lindsay who takes office on 1 July, said that he wishes the club to focus on increasing membership by building on the successes of the past year. "We changed the club's constitution in December 2010", said Ray, "to make it gender neutral and thus allow us to admit women members to the club for the first time. The 2011-12 year saw the club admit five new members, three of whom are women, and with expressions of interest received from other women in the community we wish to keep that momentum going."



Tawa Lions recently made a contribution of \$30,000 towards the new Ronald McDonald Wellington House, honouring a commitment made in 2008 to fund one room in the new house at a cost of \$25,000. These monies came from the Tawa Lions Saturday Market that the club operates every Saturday, wet or fine, at Dress-Smart on Main Road, Tawa. Since its inception in June 2006 the market has raised \$100,000.

Other recent projects include the annual Tawa Christmas parade and Tawa Main Road Christmas lighting, with a contribution made towards the establishment of the Tawa Community Patrol. Funds raised also go to sponsoring the youth of Tawa in their educational and personal development.

The photo above shows (L to R): president-elect Ray Lindsay, new members Graeme Munro, Marie Buzan, Beth Balmer, Phil Davies and Tracy Wellington, and outgoing president Arthur von Sturmer.

## VOUCHERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Since 2006 BP Vouchers for Volunteers has recognised the efforts of volunteer organisations that work in local communities by donating thousands of BP fuel vouchers. Any registered charity or volunteer organisation that relies on voluntary assistance and uses vehicles is eligible to apply for these. For more information and to fill out an online application form, visit [www.bp.co.nz](http://www.bp.co.nz). Applications close Friday 15 July 2012.

Adios

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*"If you only do what you know you can do, you never do very much."* – Tom Krause

*"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."* – Jimmy Johnson

*"If the English language made any sense, lackadaisical would have something to do with a shortage of flowers."* – Doug Larson

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### **On a personal note .....**

Apparently it can take 18 months to two years for a pup to start acting like a mature dog. If that's the case, we have a long way to go! Our lab, Abby, is now more than seven months old. Last time around I mentioned that we really don't trust her being a different room to the one we're in. Nothing's changed in that regard. If she's close by we can at least see her chewing on an electric cord or a wooden table leg or whatever, and immediately stop her before any (or much) damage is done. Different if she's in another room.

She gets a great deal of pleasure from detaching the bottle top from a used plastic milk bottle (which we're happy to give her), and then continuing to chew on the container itself. Or tearing an empty egg carton to shreds. See the before and after shots at right. Just a pity that she doesn't clean up after herself!



We've now finished a further series of obedience classes. We learned that one way to ensure she doesn't pull on her lead when out walking is to feed her a constant supply of very small treats.

That provides an incentive for her to go no further forward than the hand of the person walking her. It's moderately successful. However that doesn't stop her pulling between handouts. The answer to that, we were told, is to count to three between one treat and the next. I tried that but soon reverted to more like three a minute. Handouts every few seconds would mean that on my Saturday morning walk down to the BP station I would need a supply of between 400 to 500 treats! As it is, I feel like a constant feeding machine and hope that one day we'll manage a walk without food and without pulling. That may be a long time coming.