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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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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

### IT'S EASY TO ARRANGE A BARBECUE IN YOUR STREET!

It really can be quite simple organising a barbecue (or afternoon tea) in your street, and it's a great opportunity to meet others you don't already know.

More than 50 streets in Tawa took part in barbecues, afternoon teas or similar as part of "Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa" in March of last year. The feedback we received was all positive.

What about you taking charge in your street!

If you like the idea of a get-together in your street – a barbecue or similar with people bringing their own food – but don't know where to start, either have a look at [www.tawalink.com/neighbours.html](http://www.tawalink.com/neighbours.html) or give Malcolm Sparrow a call on 232 5030 to discuss it.

We received a good writeup on page 4 of this week's *Kapi-Mana News* (see clipping at right).

NEWS

### Tawa's got the sizzle

By ANDREA O'NEIL

Tawa proved to be the most neighbourly suburb in Wellington last March, and is hoping to equal its record this Neighbours' Day.

More than 50 Tawa streets held barbecues on last year's inaugural March 24 Neighbours' Day, part of a national initiative to create stronger networks among neighbours. By contrast, Wellington's eastern suburbs only registered six barbecues, and the southern and western suburbs had three and four respectively.

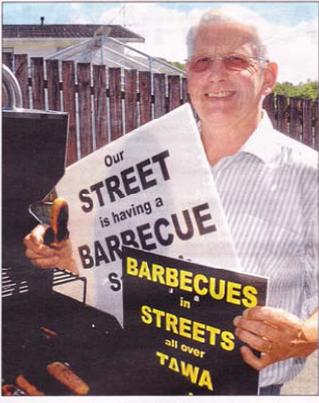
There's a strong sense of community in Tawa, says Malcolm Sparrow, chairman of the Tawa Community Board.

Many people who had wanted to meet their neighbours found Neighbours' Day 2012 a good excuse to put plans into action, he says.

"Many people thought about it previously but never got around to it and this was the catalyst."

Mr Sparrow's own street, Brasenose Pl, held a barbecue for Neighbours' Day, then set up an email list and met several more times around the grill plate or for fish and chips nights, he says.

The ideal outcome of Neighbours' Day is for streets to create a list of which skills and resources each neighbour has, which could come in handy in an emergency, Mr Sparrow says.



**Tawa togetherness:** Tawa held more than 50 street barbecues for last year's Neighbours' Day, a number community board chairman Malcolm Sparrow hopes to best this March.

Some streets have noted which neighbour has a generator, and who is a plumber or doctor, for example.

"It's all about building a community before you need one, which very much came out of Christchurch," he says.

Mr Sparrow encourages streets to register its barbecues with the community board so it can deliver a street sign, balloons and name tags.

Neighbours' Day is March 23 this year, but barbecue events can be held any time during the month.

For tips on street barbecues and registration: [www.tawalink.com/neighbours.html](http://www.tawalink.com/neighbours.html).

### BE IN TO WIN A BBQ PACK FROM NEW WORLD TAWA

We are encouraging the organiser in each street to let us know that you're taking part. In return we will provide a promotional sign for your street, plus balloons and nametags.

As an incentive to register asap, New World Tawa has kindly agreed to donate a BBQ pack which comprises the likes of sausages, tomato sauce, bread and soft drinks. They also provided BBQ packs for last year's "Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa".

We will put into a hat the names of all those streets which have registered for "Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa" by midday on Thursday 7 March. The draw will take place that afternoon to determine which street has won the BBQ pack to use on the day of their barbecue.

## PROGRESS WITH TAWA VALLEY PATHWAY

Brett Gillies, chair of the Tawa Shared Walkway committee, met recently with the Wellington City Council's Pathway Project Manager to discuss progress on Tawa's shared pathway, now officially known as Tawa Valley Pathway - Ara Tawa.

WCC are currently negotiating with KiwiRail over issues for the bridge and track between Linden Park and Kenepuru Railway Station. It will be necessary to gain resource consent for this part of the pathway. Because the cricket season needs to be completed before various approvals and tenders can be actioned, the bridge and track are not likely to be completed until September or thereabouts.

While the northern part of the walkway is being designed and constructed, planning will be under way for the southern sector, i.e. Redwood Station to Willowbank Park. It is hoped that once the northern leg is completed the contractors will be able to start on the southern section.

## TAWA ROTARY IN ACTION AGAIN

Last Saturday morning saw a number of Tawa Rotarians assisting in a joint project with Porirua Harbour Catchment and Community Trust to install "Drain to Stream" plaques on a number of sumps on the streets of Tawa. The plaques are a simple reminder that only rain should go down the drain.

Each "team" comprised between two and four (occasionally more) helpers – Rotarians, PHACT board members, other community-minded individuals and a number of students from Tawa School.

At each location the concrete kerbing was scraped with a wire brush before the position of the plaque was marked with a permanent marker. No mention needs to be made of the pen or two that slipped from the grasp of certain clumsy individuals and ended up in the drain (despite the admonition that was about to be placed in position)!

The next step was the use of the adhesive gun as seen in the first photo below, followed by cementing of the plaque in place.

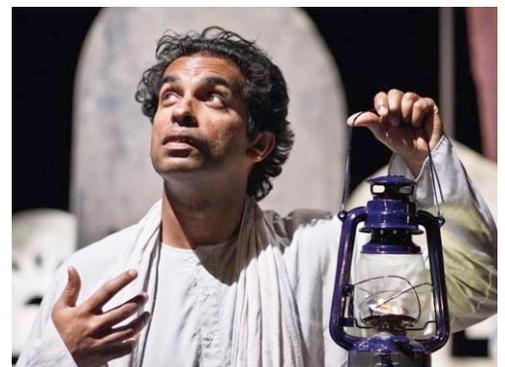
It was a useful community exercise which, as the result of a few hundred blue plaques now dotted around our streets, will hopefully see a little less waste being emptied into the storm water network.



## MORE ABOUT NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

We've previously mentioned the New Year's Honours Awards presented to Tawa residents Shona Murray and Graham Goss.

It has also been brought to our attention that another person with Tawa connections received a New Year's Honours Award. An award for services to theatre was presented to Jacob Rajan who is currently based in Ngaio although his mother, Susheela Rajan, still lives in their family home in Tawa.



Jacob has written and produced several plays. The first one was Krishnan's Dairy which he performed solo in 1997 and went on to win several awards and tour internationally. His theatre company, *Indian Ink*, is bringing Krishnan's Dairy back to Downstage theatre in April alongside their latest play "Guru of Chai". Jacob (47) attended Tawa College in the early 80s.

## SEE THE TUG OF WAR

Revolve Fitness and DC Fitness are coming together for a fun, friendly game of Tug of War at 6.30pm on Wednesday 6 March at Grasslees Reserve for about an hour. Best of three games of Tug of War between both gyms in Tawa. There will be 6 people on each side, 3 men and 3 women. It'll be a fun, active friendly game to promote Health and Fitness in Tawa.

Come and see the action and be in to win one of the spot prizes on offer.

## SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR TAWA SWIMMING CLUB

Tawa Swimming Club recently competed with great success at two major competitions. The first was the Wellington Long Course Championships held at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre from 18-21 January. This regional meet attracted 38 clubs, predominantly from the lower North Island. Tawa finished an impressive 4th (up three places from 2012).



Two swimmers, national 200 metre age group record-holder Callum Sinclair (15) and Danika Viskovic (10), finished top in their respective age groups. Joel Crampton (10) broke the Wellington age group record in the 50 metre butterfly. Tawa swimmers came away with 42 medals: 19 gold medals, 14 silver medals and nine bronze medals, as well as many other top 10 placings.

Following on from this meet Tawa sent a team of five swimmers to the NZ Junior Championships held 16 & 17 February. This meet is for swimmers aged 12 and under and has tough qualifying times. In 2012 we had only one swimmer compete at this meet and we finished 57th. This year our five swimmers all performed superbly and we finished 12th nationally (out of 91 clubs) and 2nd out of the Wellington-based clubs. Two swimmers in particular (Danika Viskovic and Joel Crampton) had great success bringing home 10 medals between them. Joel was also the National age-group champion in two events and broke several Wellington age group records.



### **Tawa's NZ Juniors Team**

Back Row: Jason McPhee (Coach)

Joel Crampton, Danika Viskovic

Front Row: Katie Helm, Sean Gatt,  
Joshua Keegan

We will shortly have seven of our senior swimmers competing at the National Age

Group Championships starting on 26 February followed by a small team of two heading to the NZ Opens later in March.

If you are interested in joining Tawa Swimming Club please contact our Club Captain at [captain@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:captain@swimtawa.org.nz).

## HEALING MEETING

There will be a healing meeting on Thursday 7 March at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, corner of Main Road and Lyndhurst Road, Tawa. It will be led by Fr John Rea, a Catholic priest with an international healing ministry.

All are welcome to come and experience God's love and healing power. Enquires to Allan or Wendy on 232 6992.

## TAWANUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Tawanui Indoor Bowls Club starts its 2013 season in the Tawa Bowling Club pavilion (next to the swimming pool) in Davies Street on Monday 11 March at 7.15pm. Coaching and transport can be provided where required.

A warm welcome is extended to new and former members in our Diamond Jubilee year, which we will be celebrating. Families are most welcome to join this sport, suitable for nearly all ages.

Just come along and join in or, if you would like to enquire further, please ring Bev 232 5260 or Peter 232 5554.

## BACK ISSUES OF THIS NEWSLETTER

To see back issues of "Tawa News", look up [www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html](http://www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html). They go back as far as April 2009.



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For more information, visit [FamilyLife.com/theArtofMarriage](http://FamilyLife.com/theArtofMarriage).

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## TAWA CRAFT MARKET

The Tawa Craft Market is back again this year with the first one being held 9.30am to 1.30pm on Saturday 16 March at the Tawa Community Centre, Cambridge Street, Tawa. There will be a full market featuring jewellery, cards, dolls, baby clothing, NZ themed goods, wooden items and a fundraising BBQ with paua fritters!!

As in the past year the Wellington Free Ambulance and Life Flight Trust will be supported with donation buckets for these great causes. Contact Toni on 232 4370 for more details or [inot\\_ynotstoker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:inot_ynotstoker@xtra.co.nz).

## Garuda Indonesia Festival of Films & Music

Garuda Indonesia  
The Airline of Indonesia

featuring the award-winning trilogy of films by  
Leonard Retel Helmrich and Gamelan concerts

Sunday 3 March, 6pm

Concert: Gamelan Padhang Moncar  
Film: *Eye of the Day* (2001)

Sunday 7 April, 6pm

Concert: Gamelan Taniwha Jaya  
Film: *Shape of the Moon* (2004)

Sunday 5 May, 6pm

Concert: Gamelan Ngripto Raras  
with Gamelan Padhang Moncar  
Film: *Position Among the Stars* (2011)

Films presented by New Zealand Indonesia Association  
with concerts from Gamelan Padhang Moncar, Gamelan  
Taniwha Jaya & Gamelan Ngripto Raras, ensembles based  
at Te Kōkī New Zealand School of Music

All concerts and screenings: Adam Concert Room,  
NZSM Kelburn Campus, Gate 7, Victoria University  
A light supper will be served following the films.

Each concert and film: Adults \$20, Students \$12  
'Season Ticket' to all three events: \$45

Online bookings through [www.eventfinder.co.nz](http://www.eventfinder.co.nz)  
remaining tickets at the door.

For more information:

NZIA: [nziawellington@gmail.com](mailto:nziawellington@gmail.com) or Gamelan: [hilderjom@gmail.com](mailto:hilderjom@gmail.com)



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# Messy Church is back at Tawa Union Church

This is a special programme for children up to year 6.  
Mum, Dad and Grandparents are also welcome to come along for the fun.

We hope to see you.

**Date:**

**Sunday mornings during school term**

**Time: 9.15am to 10.30am**

**Venue: Tawa Union Church,  
6 Elena Place, Tawa.**

**Further details email: [tawa\\_union@orcon.net.nz](mailto:tawa_union@orcon.net.nz)  
or phone Leanne in the office on 232-8844.**



## **NO TE REO CLASS**

We have been requested to advise that due to unforeseen circumstances the Te Reo class at the Tawa Community Centre will not be starting up this year.

## **TAWA U3A (UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE)**

We wonder how many of you know how active this organisation is worldwide and particularly in Tawa? U3A is a self-help educational movement for mature adults who are retired or not in full-time employment and who wish to learn new skills and interests in a social setting in their own neighbourhood.

Originally established in France in the 70s, U3A is active in many countries of the world, including New Zealand. Tawa U3A offers around 40 "courses" each semester. These take the form of one-off lectures; short series of talks; monthly discussion groups; or weekly activities. Some features include: No entrance requirements; No exams, awards or certificates; classes are normally held during the day in private homes, church halls, or community centres.

Already underway, for instance, are Ancestry Search, Botany, Card Making, Crafts, and Current Affairs. In March one-off talks to look for are: Cardiac Arrest and CPR (13 March) and Katherine Mansfield - The Garden Party (20 March). For the full list, more details and how to join see [www.tawalink.com](http://www.tawalink.com).

## **GREENACRES SCHOOL MAD HATTERS' EASTER GALA**

Come along and enjoy the fun at Greenacres School Mad Hatters' Easter Gala 11.00am-2.00pm on Saturday 23 March 2013, rain or shine.

There will be loads of entertainment for the whole family, from pony rides, hair braiding, spin-the-wheel to craft stalls, fabulous food and our famous Mad Hatters' Parade. Grab a bargain at the garage sale or buy a ticket in our raffle with great prizes to be won.

# Two great workshops for organisers of Community events and programmes

Kia rite... Hōea!

## Get Set Go!

Essential workshop and information for event organisers

You'll find out everything you need to know about running a community recreation programme or event including:

- Running events you can afford
- Designing programmes that people will flock to
- Promotion and publicity
- Keeping people safe
- Trouble shooting tips for events

**Thursday 14 March, 9 – 12.30am**  
**Committee Room 2, Ground Floor**  
**101 Wakefield Street**  
**Wellington**



## Spread the Word

Promoting your community event or programme

When you've worked hard to organise a fantastic community event, you want to make sure you spread the word and inspire people to come along.

At this workshop, you'll find out :

- what really makes people turn up
- getting the right message to the right people at the right time
- creating key messages
- viral marketing
- developing flyers and posters
- working with the media

**Our guest speakers can answer all your sticky questions:**

Andrew Bonallack, Editor, CityLife  
Darren Switalla, Graphic Designer, Wellington City Council  
Sabrina Wester, Marketing, Wellington City Council.

**Wednesday 27 March, 9am–12.30pm,**  
**Committee Room 2, Ground floor**  
**101 Wakefield Street**  
**Wellington**



*"The things I learnt  
on this workshop  
meant my  
programme went  
from half-full to an  
over-flowing wait list.  
Thanks for all  
your help."*



Contact the Tawa Community Centre on 232 1682 or Daphne Pilaar on 801 3635 for details and pricing.

## PLUNKET APPEAL WEEK MARCH 4th to 9th

Plunket's Annual Appeal week is coming up soon and we're seeking fabulous volunteers to help out collecting at one of our three sites in Tawa. The Annual Appeal is a great fundraising opportunity for Tawa-Linden Plunket and is backed by nationwide advertising.

Each year we take part in the appeal by collecting at key sites in Tawa. This year we're particularly excited to have two great supermarkets as well as Take Note to collect at. All the money that we collect in the buckets during appeal week comes directly to Tawa-Linden Plunket. As we're about to embark on redevelopment of the Plunket rooms in Linden, the money we collect will be particularly useful. Funds raised will also help us with our Family Day at Tawa Pool and the Kids' Christmas Party in December.

We ask volunteers to provide as little as 30 minutes of their time or as much as an hour or two – it's over to you! Collection times and venues are likely to be:

New World	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4pm – 6pm Saturday 11am – 2pm
Countdown	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 4pm – 6pm Saturday 11am – 2pm
Take Note	Monday, Wednesday 10am – 12pm Thursday 2.30pm – 4.30pm Saturday 10am – 12pm

If you can help, please contact Stacey Richardson (Tawa-Linden Plunket Committee) on 021 400 628 or 232 0216 A/H or email [srichardsons@clear.net.nz](mailto:srichardsons@clear.net.nz).

- You are also welcome to join a Plunket buggy walk on Tuesday 5 March which sets out from the Linden Social Centre at 9am. Free tea and coffee is available.

Adios

### Malcolm Sparrow

On behalf of TawaLink.com

(loosely under the umbrella of the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association)

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232 5030 or 027 232 2320

*"It is amazing how quickly the kids learn to drive a car, yet are unable to understand the lawnmower, snowblower or vacuum cleaner."* – Ben Bergor

*"Yesterday is not ours to recover but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."* – Lyndon B Johnson, US president

*"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. It is better be alone than in bad company."* – George Washington, US president

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Some dogs chase cats and some don't. I think it might depend on whether they've been brought up with a cat. My 15-month-old dog Abby hasn't been, so she chases cats – when the cat runs, that is.

I was heading out of the bush with her the other day, nearing the end of our walk. A cat ran across the path in front of her. Unfortunately Abby was still unleashed at that point. Off she took. Fortunately cats are capable of looking after themselves (Gareth Morgan notwithstanding) so I wasn't too concerned.



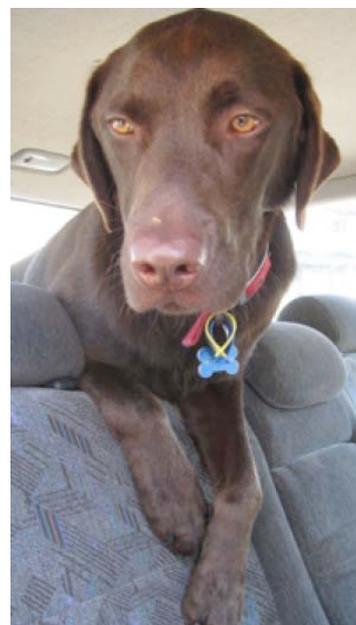
A few moments later she caught up with me again and we headed onto the end of the cul-de-sac in which we live. She then spotted the neighbour's cat lying contentedly on the hot pavement. The dog raced up to the cat. The feline stayed put and the canine didn't know what to do next. Cats are supposed to run. The thrill is in the chase.

Abby stood there challenging the cat (well, sort of). The next moment the cat stood up, arched its back and hissed. Off ran my dog with her tail between her legs! So much for the big brave dog which knows what to do only if the cat runs. If it doesn't, well, that's no fun.

On another note, she still snaffles items she shouldn't snaffle. Last night we emptied a batch of unused staples out of her mouth. And I daren't discard a sock on the floor without the likelihood of her walking away with it. That happened a night or two ago when we were in the same room with her. It wasn't a problem because we retrieved it (or them) in time. But a few days previously when she'd got hold of one from who-knows-where, the fact that we weren't nearby at the time meant that she'd had several minutes' head start and said sock was missing various large chunks by the time we noticed what she was doing.

Talking about missing chunks, our darling dog was very much out of favour one evening two or three weeks back. Out of habit I'd checked on her whereabouts, knowing that she wasn't in the same room as the rest of the family, only to find her happily chewing on one of my dear wife's favourite cardigans. It was damaged beyond repair. Karen was adamant it had been left on top of the dining table and she was understandably very cross with one rather naughty pup. I was too.

Looking on the bright side, most of the time her mischief doesn't amount to much in dollar terms and I was able to buy a replacement garment, exactly the same, in Johnsonville where it happened to be on sale at a heavily reduced price. The saleswoman suggested we might like to give Abby the discarded cardigan to chew on, but then thought better of that suggestion. After all, there really isn't any need to encourage bad habits. She has enough of her own anyway. But she *is* improving ... albeit slowly.



Same dog – different angle