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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## SPRING INTO TAWA MARKET DAY ALMOST HERE

Join us at "Spring into Tawa" Market Day on Saturday 14 September. It will take place at the Main Road shopping centre from 9am to 12.30pm, wet or fine, with more than 60 stalls selling everything from cakes and sausages to Asian food, plants, jewellery and various gifts, and handing out information.

Throughout the morning there will be a variety of entertainment including Harriette the Clown tying balloon animals, the Red Hackle Pipe Band and a group of college-age ukelele players. Emergency services including the Fire Brigade and Police will be taking part.

- The Tawa Rugby Football Club will have the Jubilee Cup on display in the plaza area.



## WANNA SEE SOME COOL HOT RODS?

The next Guide Dogs Fun Run will start at New World Tawa on Sunday 15 September. From 1pm to 2.30pm around 80 hot rods and special interest vehicles will assemble to start the mystery run which includes a number of challenges. All funds go to the Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind.

Tony Bouzaid, the coordinator, said it is great to have sponsors like Repco, New World and 15 others get behind this event as the costs of raising Guide Dogs are every high. "We hope people will come along and have a look and we hope to have several dogs there." Donations can be made to collectors on the day.

Organised by Capital Rodders, this is the ninth year the event has been run, and the second time it has started in Tawa. Last year it raised \$3,050.

The photo shows some of the vehicles on display in Tawa last year.



## IN DEFENCE OF DE FENCE

You may have noticed the chainlink fence that has been constructed on the Main Road side of Grasslees Reserve. That part of the park is an official dog exercise area. Comments have come through from members of the community describing the fence as being "rather unattractive".

Back in April the Council advised the Tawa Community Board: "In response to this feedback and concerns [more than 40 public submissions requesting that the dog exercise area be fenced off], the Council will install a fence along the Main Road boundary. This will be a 1m high chainlink fence in the middle of shrub planting. This will prevent dogs (and children) from being able to easily access Main Road, and the planting will eventually screen the fence to create a more attractive and unobtrusive appearance."

So with any luck the shrubs and whatever else will grow quickly and obscure the "rather unattractive" fence which is shown here, pre-shrubs.



## TAWA TRIVIA TRACK – COMPLETE AT “SPRING INTO TAWA”

Travel the Tawa Trivia Track with a spring in your step. Be in the draw to win some great prizes sponsored by local community businesses. Prizes include native trees, pool passes, one free terms swimming lessons, library concession cards, a free party at the Recreation Centre, and more.

Pick up your worksheet from the library, community centre, recreation centre or pool from Tuesday 10 September, follow the map and answer the questions. Complete the trivia with a game of giant connect four at the WCC stall at “Spring into Tawa”, before heading over to the Community Centre where you will make a spring flower to place on the tree.



## MEET THE NORTHERN WARD CANDIDATES

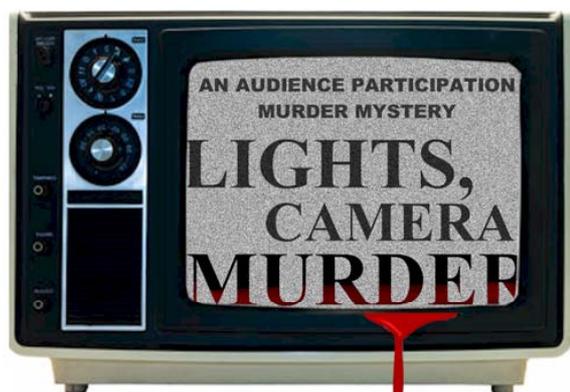
Otto von Bismarck is reputed to have said: “People never lie as much as after a hunt, during a war, or before an election.”

Notwithstanding the above sentiment, you are invited to hear the WCC’s Northern Ward candidates in a “Meet the candidates” evening at the Terrace Centre, Johnsonville Uniting Church, 18 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville on Wednesday 11 September, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Northern Ward encompasses Tawa (including Grenada North and the Takapu Valley), Glenside, Churton Park, Ohariu, Johnsonville, Horokiwi, Woodridge, Newlands, Paparangi and Grenada Village, with just over 31,000 registered electors. Greater Tawa comprises almost one third of the ward.

The six candidates (standing for three places) are Reagan Cutting, Peter Gilbert, Justin Lester, Helene Ritchie, Malcolm Sparrow and Jacob Toner.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, MURDER!



The Tawa Community Theatre’s audience-participation murder mystery dinner started last week with great reviews. They have shows again on Thursday to Saturday, 5-7 September.

Tickets are \$37.00 for a three-course BYO meal and show. Book now on the 24 hour answer phone 232 3711. To be seated by 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

## BIZARRE BAZAAR

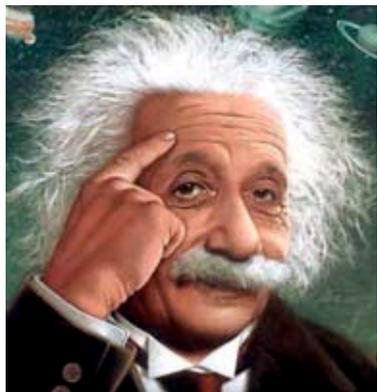
Come along and enjoy a day of fun at a Bizarre Bazaar. There will be a garage sale, café, bouncy castle, live music, fair games, car wash, craft items, clothing, and sausage sizzle – something for everyone.

The connection with Tawa with this one is that funds are being raised for the Tawa-based Kiwi Community Assistance charity, <http://kiwicommunityassistance.weebly.com>, along with children’s optometrist services in Kenya. At the Christadelphian Church, 229 Helston Road, Newlands, 14 September 10am-2pm.

# Hampton Hill School Fundraising Committee Adult Quiz Night - B.Y.O.\*

## Thursday 19 September 2013

Fundraising for stage three of Hampton Hill School Playground



Grab five friends and register a team, only \$10 person (\$60 a team).

No team, no worries - we can find you a team to join on the night.

\* BYO drinks, light supper provided

**Come for a great night out.**

Hampton Hill School Hall  
Victory Cres, Tawa  
Time 7pm for 7.30pm start

Register at school office Tel 232 6509 or ring Hilary 232 3885

\* BYO alcohol for personal use: 1 bottle of wine or 6 pack of beer (or equivalent).

## BAKING, BOOKS & BRIC 'A' BRAC SALE

A Beanstalk Kindergarten fundraiser, 9am to 12 noon on Saturday 21 September at the kindy in Duncan St, Tawa.

Baking, books and bric 'a' brac can be dropped off any time up until the day. Items big and small will be appreciated. They can be given to Natasha in the office.



## Spring Fling



Put a spring in your step (and your mind) with a variety of activities and an opportunity to meet others. Morning tea served.

Thursdays in September, 10-11.30am, Tawa Union Church, Elena Place.

Enquiries to Heidrun 232 2197 or Karen 232 3436.

All welcome!

5 Sept	Gentle exercises to music led by Siosi from Te Rauparaha Arena
12 Sept	Fun with music, led by Francine, music therapist
19 Sept	Board games – a selection of old and new, led by Pam
26 Sept	Impressions from travelling – including Beijing and West Coast USA, led by Ian

## NEEDING BUILDING WORK DONE?

If you're wanting building or maintenance work done, local builder Kerry'n Stewart has just launched his own business and will come to your home to quote on any work. Kerry'n is a licensed builder with 20 years of experience in the industry.

Kerry'n and his family – wife Jane, and toddler Jack – live in Tawa, and have a strong family history in the area. Kerry'n's parents were married in Tawa and bought their first house here. Kerry'n and Jane were also married in Tawa – by Kerry'n's grandmother, Muriel Clapton, who was a long-time resident of the area.

Kerry'n will happily visit you to quote on any building or maintenance work, no matter how small, including:

- general maintenance
- extensions
- renovations
- bathrooms
- decks
- fences
- retaining walls
- water-blasting
- gates, paths, and more

Kerry'n is available to help you get through your springtime "To Do" list!

Cell phone: 021 806 822  
Home number: 232 1306  
Email: kerrynstu@hotmail.com



As a **SPRING SPECIAL**, Kerry'n will water-blast your house for \$100 for any bookings made in October.

## INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR TO COMMUNITY LIGHT PARTY

For this year's Tawa Community Light Party to be held on Thursday 31 October, for children aged 5-12, we are wanting to have an international theme to celebrate the diverse cultures we have here in Tawa. We would love to have some items of dance, etc from different cultures, approx 10-15 minutes on stage. If you have something to offer or know of any such groups happy to perform, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Michele McDonald on 232 4924 or email paulnmichele@gmail.com.

## IHOLLABACK SITE

Local resident Sylvie Eymin plans to launch an Ihollaback (I-holla-back) site in November 2013 whereby people in Tawa and Porirua have the power to end "street harassment".

Ihollaback is a non-profit movement to end street harassment powered by local activists in 22 countries and 64 cities.

The real motive of street harassment is intimidation – to make its target scared or uncomfortable, and to make the harasser feel powerful. But what if there was a simple way to take that power away by exposing it?

**Our vision:** We envisage a world where street harassment is not tolerated and where we all enjoy equal access to public spaces.

Join our movement soon in Tawa and Porirua!

To help me manage this project in Tawa and Porirua I am searching for two or three volunteers who are interested in being active in this project. Volunteers could be any age. If you have experienced harassment of this sort, it is a 'plus', because you understand the situation.

If interested, call Sylvie Eymin on 021 0278 5195 or email EyminS@gmail.com.

# Tawa Community Centre

**Cambridge Street, Tawa**  
**Located between the library and New World**

**We are open 9am-1pm weekdays. We have tea/coffee, books and magazines to read or swap, toys, puzzles and games for the children, free wifi for your own devices like ipads, ipods and laptops. Even come along and start a jigsaw puzzle.**

**There is a weekly "What's On" newsletter that the centre sends out, so please contact Mandy on [mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz) or 232 1682 if you would like to be on the mailing list.**

**Another way to stay connected is through facebook. Please take a look and like us at:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres>**

## TAWA RECREATION CENTRE PROGRAMME

Monday 30 September	Tuesday 1 October	Wednesday 2 October	Thursday 3 October	Friday 4 October
Test your knowledge of the countries of the world with a quiz! Get into the team spirit and compete in the Tawa Rec World Cup	Come along, get creative and make an awesome keyring Come and have a blast on the amazing inflatables	Make your own puzzle and test it on your friends! Have a go at multi-sport	<b>Trip Day</b> We are going to Laughalots Playland in Lower Hutt – make sure you bring your socks Take part in Tawa Rec's stack-a-cup challenge	Bake and decorate delicious animal-themed cupcakes Have fun creating your own animal and play animal games
Monday 7 October	Tuesday 8 October	Wednesday 9 October	Thursday 10 October	Friday 11 October
Use your gardening skills to create grass creatures Play a game of rob the nest	Dress-up in your pyjamas for pyjama day Make an awesome fort with pillows and blankets Play sleeping lions to finish the sleepover	Create a cool and clever clipboard for your room Enjoy an afternoon of infectious inflatable fun	<b>Trip Day</b> We're heading to the flicks to see the latest holiday movie! Go on a static scavenger hunt and enter the Tawa Rec colouring competition	Celebrate Halloween early and bake witches' hats Enter your scariest monster in our make-a-monster competition Relax and enjoy a Halloween-themed movie

**To book, phone 232 2260**

Tawa Recreation Centre  
Tawa College,  
Duncan Street, Tawa  
For ages 5–12 years

All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

**Bookings open 27 August 2013**

**Cost per day**

Non-trip days	8.30am–3.30pm	\$32
Trip days	8.30am–3.30pm	\$42
Aftercare	3.30–5.30pm	\$13



## INTERESTED IN A STALL IN NOVEMBER?

On Thursday 14 November St Francis Xavier School are holding a Market evening from 6 to 8.30pm. There will be numerous stalls to get Christmas shopping under way, plus coffee & cake available. Gold coin entry, with a complimentary glass of wine. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you're interested in holding a stall, please contact Trish Comeskey on trish.comeskey@gmail.com or contact the school office.

Cheers

### **Ron Baker**

Secretary, Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association

[PLEASE NOTE that Ron Baker is only pretending to compile this newsletter. The reason it is being sent out under his name during the local body election campaign is explained in our newsletter of 10.07.13, accessible on this page: <http://www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html>.]

Items for the newsletter should continue to be sent to [info@tawalink.com](mailto:info@tawalink.com)

Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320

*"Amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic."*

*"It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help."*

*"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." – Chinese proverb*

### **IT'S A DOG'S LIFE .....**



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