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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 Residents' Association.

VOTE FOR THE TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD

Local Elections 2013

**YOUR VOTE
YOUR COMMUNITY**

Your voting papers for the local body elections need to be in the return mail by Wednesday 9 October to ensure they're in the hands of the Electoral Officer by midday Saturday 12 October. **Please make sure you vote** if you value having an effective Tawa Community Board! And, of course, when it comes to serving the best interests of the Tawa community, it makes sense to note which candidates are actually Tawa residents.

See <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/elections/election-2013/candidates> for profiles of these candidates:



Sally Dunbar Graeme Hansen Richard Herbert Margaret Lucas Jack Marshall Alistair Sutton Robert Tredger

PROGRESS WITH WILLOWBANK

On 25 September we received the following update courtesy of the Parks, Sport and Recreation section of the Wellington City Council.

"Below is an outline of where we are currently:

- The trees have been removed front site and the site is now safe.
- The bridge has been rebuilt
- We are working on a planting plan for the area. Unfortunately this won't be planted until next planting season, because we need to grow the plants ready for planting.

At the moment there is still a very large root ball and stump in the stream. The equipment Downer had on site was too small to remove this from the stream. They will be transporting a larger excavator to the site to remove the root ball. This is the reason that the tracks and walkways have not been returned to a better state. We didn't want to repair them and then drive over the repairs with another machine.

We have stalled a little because we've asked Downer to move on to another job in Hillcroft Road, Horokiwi. We needed to make that area safe from badly damaged trees as a priority. Once they become available the crew and machine will be back to Willowbank to complete the job and reinstate the tracks."

Photo showing the stream clogged with tree matter



QUAKE WORK AT THE LIBRARY

Work is starting early this month on earthquake strengthening the Mervyn Kemp Library. The project will include bracing the ceilings, and two internal columns will be removed to integrate the original and new parts of the library. To do this work, the library needs to be moved temporarily.

From Wednesday 2 October until early November the library will be based in Tawa Community Centre's boardroom at 5 Cambridge Street, almost next door.

On Monday 30 September the library was open reduced hours to enable preparation for the move to the Community Centre where they're scheduled to re-open on Wednesday 2 October at the usual time. You can still use the after-hours book returns slot which will be cleared daily.

As the Community Centre is a smaller space, they can only take the most popular collections but you can still request items.

Rose Barker, the Council's Northern Libraries and Community Spaces Manager, says that the work is a great opportunity to improve the layout of the library. "Removing the columns means we can review the layout to make the best use of the space. We plan to move the children's area close to the windows on Cambridge Street to give more room and flexibility for children's programmes held at the library."

Library hours and contact details won't change – phone 232 1690 and tawalibrary@wcl.govt.nz, or check the libraries' website wcl.govt.nz.



SENT IN FROM A READER

"I was listening to my 8-year-old tell his friend about the neighbourhood bbq we held in our driveway earlier this year. His friend asked if we would hold another one and my son's reply was "It depends on if John Key says we should"." [Hopefully the P.M. will give his okay – Ed.]

St Christopher's Holiday Programme 2013

ST CHRISTOPHER'S
CHURCH
CNR LYNDHURST ROAD &
MAIN ROAD
TAWA



30TH SEPT -
4TH OCT 2013
10.00am - 12.30pm

WHO FOR?

For School Years 1 - 6

Doors open 9.45am each day

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

GAMES, SONGS, PUPPETS, QUIZZES, CRAFTS,
BIBLE STORIES & MUCH MORE



For more details contact Church Office 232 8448

HOP IN = HOLIDAY DROP IN



Holiday fun for caregivers and preschoolers.

An opportunity for adult company while your pre-schooler plays in a safe environment.

Plenty of toys and activities! Morning tea available!

Everybody is welcome! Join us on Thursdays 3 and 10 October, 10am to 12 noon, Tawa Union Church, Elena Pl.

Enquiries to Heidrun on 232 2197 or Karen on 232 3436.



REVOLVE FITNESS SEMINAR

A free seminar specifically for men! (the last one was for women) will be run at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 October at the Tawa Community Centre. Enquiries to lucynewrick@gmail.com.



A SAFE ALTERNATIVE to Halloween

THIS IS A FUN NIGHT of ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, FACE PAINTING, SPOT PRIZES and TALENT QUEST for CHILDREN aged 5-12. This year we are having an International theme to celebrate the many cultures we have in our community. Come in National Dress if you can or Kiwiana.

No halloween costumes please.

WHEN: THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER 6pm – 8.30pm (starting with a sausage sizzle for tea)

WHERE: TAWA NEW LIFE CHURCH 236 Main Road Tawa

This is a **FREE EVENT** – SPONSORED BY WCC AND MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES,

but **TICKETS** are essential to gain entry and can be picked up from 14th Oct onwards at:

Baptist Church Office (225 Main Road) 9-12.30 Tues-Friday

New Life Church Office (236 Main Rd) 12-5 Tues-Friday

Tawa Take Note & Postshop Main Road Tawa Mon-Sat. Enquires Michele McDonald 232 4924

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 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>

THE YOUNGEST PIPER

Many of those at "Spring into Tawa" in mid-September were intrigued to see one piper in the Red Hackle Pipe Band who was considerably smaller and younger than the rest – as in the photo. We've been told that it was a special occasion in being her first public outing. She's a Broadmeadows youngster aged 7, going on 8, and marching proudly in the front rank beside her father.



FINANCIAL HEALTH CHECK SEMINAR

Do you want to be free of debt?

If you are ready to get rid of your debt but don't know how to go about it, make sure you attend the free financial health check seminar at the Emmaus Centre (next to St Christopher's Anglican – cnr Lyndhurst & Main Roads, Tawa) on Monday 4 November.

This free seminar, organised by Tawa Anglican Church & Tawa Baptist Church, is presented by Andrew L'Almont of Baptist Savings – a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to teaching people how best to reduce their debt and manage their personal financial situation.

During the seminar Andrew will provide you with honest, impartial advice about managing your money. Baptist Savings is also pleased to offer no-obligation in home consultations for everyone who attends. Baptist Savings are not commission-driven, so you can trust they will come up with the best plan of action for you.

Everyone is invited to attend the seminar, whether they are a member of a church or not, although the information will be particularly useful to anyone with a mortgage or who is struggling to clear their personal debt.

Andrew L'Almont has been in the banking & finance industry for more than 36 years and is a registered financial advisor. He is passionate about tackling debt and teaching people how to take control of their finances so they can live with less stress.



Shopping Evening

Thursday 24th October 2013
7.00 – 9.00pm

Venue: Tawa New World Atrium

Jewellery Clothing Gifts
Cake Stall Raffles Crafts

\$2 Entry - Supper Included

Cash sales only (select stalls may have EFTPOS)

TAWA RECREATION CENTRE BOOKINGS

Facility bookings for 2014 are now open.

Please email requests to:
anjna.maisuriya@wcc.govt.nz

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

It's good to buy locally and to support businesses based in Tawa. To find out who many of those local businesses are, see www.tawalink.com/businesses.html where details of almost 40 Tawa businesses are now listed.

Any Tawa-based businesses, whether they be retailers, self-employed types, etc, are invited to include their basic details (see the examples on the web page) free of charge. Email info@tawalink.com.

Tawa Scout group still going strong after 73 years



Tawa Scout group is situated in Coronation Park, Oxford Street, Tawa, which is an ideal location for youth to learn and understand outdoor and indoor activities and skills. The group currently has 90 Youth and 19 Leaders, making it one of the largest within the Wellington Zone.

The 20th New Zealand Jamboree (NZ20) is being held in Feilding from 28th December 2013 to 6th January 2014. We have 21 Scouts & 6 Leaders attending from the Tawa Group. They have been busy over the past months fundraising, which hasn't been easy.

Recently the hall has been rewired. It was in desperate need of being done. Local firm **Sole Electrical** stepped in to help get the electrics back into shipshape order. A big BRAVO to Kevin and his team. Awesome job guys for making the hall a safer place for our community.

You can find out more about Sole Electrical, by visiting their website <http://www.soleelectrical.co.nz/> **Switched on since 1968**

SCOUTS TAWA is alive and well, but we have been very much under-promoting ourselves. Now it's time to share the good news and invite youth and adults to join us – both girls and boys of all ages. Our ethos states that through adventure we challenge individuals so that they learn and experience new things that enrich their lives, and bring to life a world of adventure, creating incredible learning opportunities for all ages.

Scouting is for all young people aged 5 to 26 of every faith, ability and background. Adults are needed to support this and full training is provided ... and you get to experience much of the Adventure Plus with the children.

Scouting is broken into a number of sections based largely on school years. Most sections meet once per week during the school terms, plus some weekends out and about.

Keas – Years 1-3 experience nature, sharing and co-operation, games, stories, creative activities and meet usually for an hour a week. Like the real Kea they are active, cheeky and cheerful. Our Kea Club is on Thursdays at 5.30-6.30pm.

Cubs – Years 4-6 experience heaps of indoor and outdoor activities including camping, bush walks, cooking and the traditional skills of compass and knots are introduced. Our Cub Pack meets on Wednesdays at 6.45-8.15pm.

Scouts – Years 7-10 – action-packed, outdoors-based and doing much more of the planning and taking responsibility. Experiences go beyond the local area to include National schools, Jamborees, and Regattas. Experiences can be land, sea or air-based (some areas).

Tawa Scouts is on Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm. Redwood Scouts is on Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm.

Venturers – Years 11 to 18 – they get to develop and choose their own activities as they work towards the Queen Scout award. It's all about developing further their self-confidence, vocational and leadership skills. Time varies depending on the planning needed. The Unit meets on a Monday 7-9pm.

Rovers – after leaving school many young people continue in Scouting in the Rover section aimed at Service, social and self-development activities.

Leaders – 18 years & over – a great way to have fun, comradeship and put back into the youth in your community. You don't have to have youth involved personally. Training is provided and NZQA-based certificates have also been introduced. Programmes for the younger sections are particularly developed by a team of experienced leaders nationally along a consistent theme for the term. This makes a superb tool for new and experienced leaders alike.

If you would like to join our group or would like further information, please contact **0800 SCOUTS** or go on the website to see more and make contact that way, www.scouts.org.nz.

TAWA VALLEY PATHWAY LANDSCAPING CONTINUES

Last Sunday afternoon (29 September) a small working-bee group from the Tawa Anglican Church organised by Richard Herbert distributed a load of mulch around some 200 trees in Findlay Street, adjacent to a section of the new Tawa Valley Pathway. The mulch and the earlier trees planted in June were provided by the Wellington City Council. They form part of a larger plan to progressively – over the next few years – enhance the attractiveness of the Tawa Valley Pathway experience through the placement of additional landscaping shrubberies to which the local community has contributed some input.

This activity was also part of a larger range of activities undertaken by the Tawa-Linden Anglican Church that day for Service Sunday projects when members divided into groups for different community-based activities that included gardening, rubbish collection, craft making, and care giving.

There are a few other sites around Tawa where mulch is available for spreading around roadside or reserve trees. If you are involved in a community group that would like to help in this activity, please contact Richard Herbert at herbert.r@xtra.co.nz.



Cheers

Ron Baker (“Acting Editor”)
Secretary, Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers’ Association

[This is the last newsletter being sent out under Ron Baker’s name during the local body election campaign. The reason for that 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

Queries to 232 5030 or 027 232 2320

“Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint you can at it.” – Danny Kaye

“You don’t need to drive me to the brink of insanity ... I’m close enough to walk.”

“Praise can be your most valuable asset as long as you don’t aim it at yourself.” – O A Battista

This newsletter is emailed to around 1200 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa), usually in the first and the third weeks of each month.

If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, please send us an email requesting that your name be deleted from our list.

Back issues of the newsletter are available at www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html.

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