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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.

IN TAWA THIS WEEKEND ...

Saturday 23 November:

Filipino Food Sale and, separately, **Tawa School Fair** (see this page)

Sunday 24 November:

Redwood School Duathlon (see next page), and **Filipino Concert**



See below

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TAWA SCHOOL Fair

23 November 2013
11am - 2pm
TAWA SCHOOL,
OXFORD STREET, TAWA

Jumble sale, cake stall, food stalls, jelly eating contest, pony rides, motorbikes and inflatable activities for all ages...

the SPOOKY HOUSE AND LOTS, LOTS MORE!

Illustrations: teddy bear, sunglasses, red shoes, soccer ball, blue bag, potted plant, drink with orange, bowl of noodles.

HELP US HELP

THE TYPHOON VICTIMS OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Filipino community seeks your support!

We are organising fundraising events to help our desperate fellow Filipinos who were severely affected by the recent super typhoon.

Saturday 23 November, 8am to 12 noon – street appeal, garage sale, sausage sizzle and Ethnic Filipino food sale at New World's former Temporary Supermarket, Main Road, Tawa.

Proceeds go to Red Cross and Caritas.

Sunday 24 November, 3pm to 5pm – fundraising concert in the Leo Connor Hall, St Francis Xavier School, Main Road, Tawa.

REDWOOD SCHOOL DUATHLON ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Redwood School is holding its annual student Duathlon at the school on Sunday 24 November from noon until 3.00pm. Participants will be running along the footpath on Redwood Avenue between the school and McKeefry Grove as well as through Redwood Park. The parking lanes along Redwood Avenue from the Oriel Avenue roundabout down to McKeefry Grove will be closed for the bike leg of two of our races. McKeefry Grove will also be used for a bike leg for two races. Traffic Management New Zealand as well as 40 race marshals will be on hand to ensure our participants' safety and to keep traffic moving in the area. We ask for extra caution and care during these times.



While the races are open only to Redwood School students, the event is open to all. We will have food stalls, raffles, a 36-metre long inflatable climbing course and more. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Redwood School on 232 7704.

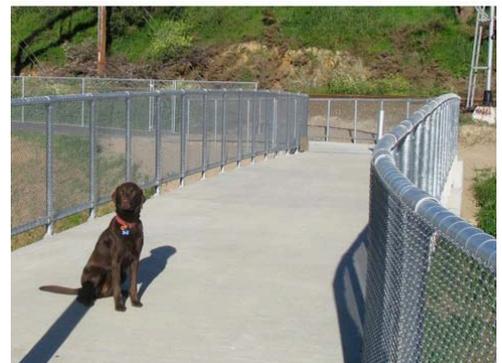
TAWA VALLEY PATHWAY (ARA TAWA)

Here's the latest on the shared pathway (hot off the press):

Construction has progressed well on the pathway and it is intended to have the final section through to Willowbank Park completed by March 2014.

Work completed or under construction:

1. The section of path from Kenepuru Station south to Linden Park on the east side of the stream is complete – see photo.
2. The bridge across the stream at the back of Linden Park was opened on Monday 18 November – see second photo.
3. Construction of the path alongside Linden Park to connect with Findlay St around the back of the wrestling gym is complete.
4. Construction of the path from Redwood station to Willowbank Park is well under way and is expected to be complete by Christmas.
5. A contract for the construction of the bridge over the stream at the Willowbank Park end of the pathway is expected to be awarded in the New Year with completion due in March.
6. Work through Redwood Station carpark is planned for December through to February to widen the existing footpath to allow separation of the pathway from parked cars.



There has been some planting along the back of the footpath in areas along Findlay St, around the back of the wrestling gym at Linden Park, in the area around the old shed foundations and behind the realigned fence along the bank of the stream. This was carried out by Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves together with the Lions Club of Tawa.

Comment from Ed. – Two days after the bridge was opened I walked the new section of pathway from the end of Findlay St, alongside Linden Park and northwards to Kenepuru Station. It was a very pleasant mid-week evening. It won't be long before we'll be able to cycle (or walk if you have the time) along the shared pathway from the vicinity of Willowbank right through to Kenepuru Station and onwards to central Porirua. I'm looking forward to it.

TAWA SUCCESS IN WELLY AWARDS 2013

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, two of the three finalists in the Education Sector of the 2013 Wellingtonian of the Year Award, affectionately known as the Welly Awards, were Tawa people, Liz Langham and Shona Murray.

Our congratulations to Liz who was recently announced the winner of the Education category. A great achievement! Liz is co-president of Tawa-Linden Playcentre, works with Wellington Playcentre Association, leads the Tawa Mainly Music group and supports Mana Tiaki's kapa haka roopu.



RE-OPENING OF MERVYN KEMP LIBRARY

Earthquake strengthening work has been carried out to the library over the past few weeks and library operations have been based in the interim in Tawa Community Centre's boardroom, almost next door.

It is anticipated that the library will be back in business in its usual premises (cnr Main Road & Cambridge St) by the end of this coming week, i.e. Thursday 28 or Friday 29 November.

"SENIOR" AND NEED SOME WORK DONE?

Could you do with a hand with some work that needs doing at your place, or know someone else who might? If you're senior or "less able" and genuinely need assistance with essential work that you need done, Tawa College may be able to help.

For a few days in the first week of December, around 300 Year 10 Tawa College students will be working (under adult supervision) in the local community. If you need weeding done, windows cleaned, scrub cleared, car washed, fence painted, or other work done around your house, then book before it's too late. In case you were wondering, there's no cost involved – this is a simply exercise in "community service" within the Tawa basin.

This is the sixth year in which this project has been undertaken in the Tawa community. To book students to help at your place, call the Tawa Community Centre on 232 1682 or the Tawa College office on 232 8184.



TAWA ROTARY CAROLS

This year's carols will be held at Tawa College on Tuesday 10 December. Barbecued sausages and drinks will be available from 6pm. There'll be a revamped format on this occasion with a starting time of 6.30pm.

TAWA ROTARY "TOOT FOR TUCKER"

"Toot for Tucker" has taken place in Tawa in the leadup to Christmas in the past two years. It has been a great success on both occasions. Last December 3588 items of food were collected for the Tawa Food Bank, and \$1260 in cash.

This year it will be taking place early evening on Wednesday 11, Thursday 12, Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 December.

Members of Tawa Rotary, Tawa Lions, Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Salvation Army will be out in the streets of Tawa collecting donated non-perishable food items to build up Christmas stocks for the Tawa Food Bank.

When you hear the fire engine's siren and other associated noise in your neighbourhood, you'll know what it's all about. And you'll already have all your goodies ready to bring out!



TAWA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE



The Tawa Lions Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday 14 December, leaving Tawa School at 2pm.

The parade route will be from Oxford Street on to the Main Road (by Mexted Motors), through the shopping centre, to Surrey Street. Road traffic will be diverted through Tawa, Duncan and McLellan Streets for the duration of the parade, until approximately 2.30pm.

Organisations who are interested in participating in the parade can contact Ken on 232 2475 or Alastair on 232 7936.

LOCAL MAN A WINNER INTERNATIONALLY

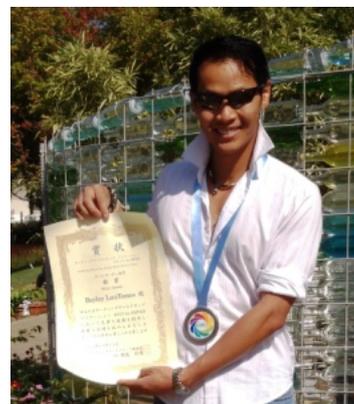
He has won four gardening medals in three continents in one year, starting with winning the Young Emerging Designer of the year at Ellerslie in March. "It's been amazing to combine my creativity with my love of gardening and have it take me all over the world."

The world's top garden designers converged last month on Nagasaki, Japan, for the annual Gardening World Cup. Bayley LuuTomes of Tawa, with his garden titled Glass Bottle Sanctuary, won a silver in the home garden category.

"My country is New Zealand, my culture is Asian and my garden is a fusion of the two. Take the kiwi love for the great outdoors and add a few Asian-style garden principles and you have a garden that is a reflection of who I am as an Asian Kiwi."

A curved wall of coloured glass bottles forms a koru with a simple hidden sanctuary on the inside and compact colour planting on the outside. "This represents the busy modern western lifestyle compared with a simple and harmonious traditional eastern style of living." At night the glass bottles transform the sanctuary into a stunning illuminated garden sculpture. "I believe in upcycling and wanted to take a throwaway item and show you can create something amazing."

In July Bayley won a silver medal at the Hampton Court International Flower Show in London. Following his return home, he will once again be exhibiting at the Ellerslie International Flower Show in Christchurch from 26 February to 2 March 2014.



KCA WINS ANOTHER AWARD

Congratulations to KCA (Kiwi Community Assistance) who won the Health and Wellbeing category for the whole Wellington region (Kapiti, Hutt, Wellington and Porirua) at the 2013 Wellington Airport Community Awards Winners at the end of October.

"We would like to dedicate the award to our generous donors, sponsors and of course our great team of volunteers. Our Tawa-based charity has assisted over 15,000 residents in the Wellington region in 23 months."

TAWA COLLEGE DUX

Congratulations also go to Sasha Sneyd who was named Dux of Tawa College for 2013. Sasha has been offered a Victoria University Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for the next three years, one of only twenty awarded.

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

A word of warning from a local IT consultant: Beware of phone scams currently doing the rounds regarding computer viruses. If you get an unsolicited call about your computer being infected with viruses, hang up straightaway. Do not give the caller any information or credit card details!

Apparently people have been getting this sort of call in the past few weeks. The information about the scam is on the Commerce Commission website:

<http://www.consumeraffairs.govt.nz/scams/scam-types/Computer-virus-scams?searchterm=computer+virus>.

FRIENDS OF TAWA BUSH RESERVES WORKING BEE

The next mid-week working-bee is scheduled for Tuesday 26 November from 1.30pm. The objective of this working-bee is rubbish removal at Charles Duncan Reserve, 4 Fyvie Ave. Meet there. Recommended: boots, gloves, a wheelbarrow if possible, and clothing appropriate to the weather. For further information please contact Norm Robertson on 232 6359.

NEIGHBOURS' WEEKEND IN 2014

We're hoping to make a big weekend of "Neighbours' Day Aotearoa" in Tawa again in March 2014, the same way we've done for the past two years. The aim is to have more than 50 streets getting together with their neighbours in some way or another any weekend that month – rolling out the barbecues to cook and eat together, or maybe sharing brunch or a pot luck meal.

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>

Adios

Malcolm Sparrow

On behalf of TawaLink.com

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

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“I don’t know what your problem is, but I bet it’s hard to pronounce.”

“When you can’t change the direction of the wind, adjust your sails.” – H Jackson Brown Jr

“The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never score.” – Bill Copeland

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.

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