
REPORT 7
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TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

1. Purpose of Report

This report submits for the Board's consideration recommendations which would enable the design, production and delivery of a Tawa Community Board Newsletter.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the Tawa Community Board will produce an Autumn 2010 newsletter*
3. *Agree that the Chair and Malcolm Sparrow be delegated responsibility to draft the Tawa Community Board Autumn newsletter.*
4. *Resolve that delivery of the Tawa Community Board Autumn newsletter be undertaken by Reach Media.*
5. *Resolve that the production and delivery of the Tawa Community Board Autumn newsletter be funded out of the Tawa Community Board discretionary fund.*

3. Background

The last Tawa Community Board newsletter was published in December 2009. That newsletter cost approximately \$925 to produce and deliver and was paid for from the Tawa Community Board's discretionary fund. A copy of that newsletter is attached as appendix 1.

The discretionary fund has an annual budget of \$10,000.

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4. Discussion

There are approximately 5,000 households in the Tawa area. Wellington City Council's Publication & Design team has advised that the cost of printing and folding 5,000 A4 double sided black on white 80gsm paper folded to A5 is approximately \$580.00.

New Zealand Post's partners Reach Media have advised that the Wellington City Council rate for unaddressed delivery to 5,000 households in the Tawa area would be approximately \$345.

In total, the estimated cost of production and delivery of the newsletter would be approximately \$925.

5. Conclusion

It is recommended that the Board adopt the recommendations.

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Tawa Community Grants

Community groups applying for a grant from the Tawa Community Board need to have their application in by 30 January 2010. Download the form here: <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/services/grants/index.html>

In April 2009 grants totalling \$15,000 were awarded by the Community Board to eleven local community groups, the largest amount of \$3000 being given to Tawa Central Kindergarten. Other recipients included the Tawa Squash Club (\$2000).

Tawa Community Board Advocacy Plan

The Tawa Community Board is developing a community advocacy plan and we need your help.

TCB's advocacy plan responds to the needs of Tawa by identifying a range of local issues through community consultations. The plan identifies issues, actions and activities that are unique to Tawa and contributes to the Vision for the future in Tawa.

The aim of the plan is also to clarify which actions and outcomes the community wants to see happen in Tawa, and what assistance the community needs from the council or other agencies to achieve these goals.

The Community Advocacy Plan is not undertaking to deliver everything the community wants but it is an agreement to advocate on behalf of the community. The specific actions identified by the community may be covered by the Wellington City Council, Wellington Regional Council, Porirua City Council, and any other providers of services to the Tawa region.

Please contact Dennis Sharman 232 5185 if you would like to attend a workshop to assist us with the development of the Tawa Community Advocacy Plan.

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Community Board members are your elected community representatives, and welcome your comments and questions. Have your say on local issues by contacting them on the numbers above.

Tawa Community Board NEWS

New member on the Community Board



A recent by-election to fill a vacant position on the Tawa Community Board was won by Malcolm Sparrow, with the result announced on the day the postal election closed (Saturday 21 November). The turnout for the by-election was 30.8 percent.

Eight candidates competed for the vacancy that arose with the death of Board member Graeme Sutton.

"Malcolm will bring a wide range of local knowledge and experience to the Board," says Robert Tredger, Board chair. Malcolm previously served as a Board member from April 2005 to May 2007 when he resigned to take on the role of coordinator at the newly-opened Tawa Community Centre. The wheels have turned full circle in that he has now resigned from a well-established community centre to take up a place again on the Board.

THIS PAST YEAR

The year has again been busy for the Tawa Community Board, providing input, through written and verbal submissions, to the various authorities, for upgraded and new infrastructure to meet our future needs. The world financial situation has not made this any easier, with a number of projects in Tawa 'on hold'. The change in government has also brought some philosophical changes, not the least of which is the 'super city', and its potential impact upon community boards.

Tawa is a wonderful place to live. If you have any comments or suggestions that could make it even better, the Community Board would be pleased to hear your thoughts.

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PRINCIPALITY CITY COUNCIL**

December 2009



"This elected community board represents the interests of the Tawa Community.

The board reflects the unique history and requirements of the area and helps Wellington City Council to understand and meet the community's needs."

- as on the Wellington City Council website.
www.wcc.govt.nz

Tawa Community Civic Awards

In 2010 the Tawa Community Board is again likely to be organising the Tawa Community Awards which recognise the immense contribution volunteers make to our community. These awards have previously been held in 2006 and 2008.

The Tawa Borough Scholarship and Murray Trophy

Each year the Trustees of the Tawa Borough Scholarship Trust, in cooperation with Tawa College, award a scholarship to a student who has demonstrated all-round ability, with excellence firstly in academic endeavour, and secondly in sporting or cultural fields; and in addition has given worthwhile service to the College and/or community.



This year there the two very worthy winners were Nathanael Lucas (left) and Daniel Kleinsman.

Graeme Sutton

This year has been overshadowed by the passing of Graeme Sutton who represented Tawa for around 30 years as a Borough Councillor (1974 - 1989), and a Community Board member (1989 - 2009 but with a gap of 6 years).

A dedicated family man, he owned a construction company and was past president of the Wellington Master Builders Association. As a Rotarian and a Justice of the Peace he was an integral part of the fabric of Tawa. Graeme's immense knowledge of Tawa, and particularly its infrastructure, will be sorely missed.



In brief

Takapu Island

Earthworks at Takapu Island have been mostly completed and the new roundabouts are in place. We are awaiting the results of the NZ Transport Authority safety audit to ensure that everything is okay. There have been lots of comments regarding the speed limits and the poor visibility for merging traffic, which we hope will be speedily resolved. As yet there is no official news regarding the tenants or building on Takapu Island.

Tawa Residents Offered \$100 to 'Dob-in a Tagger'
The Council is taking action to deal with the ongoing graffiti problem by offering a \$100 incentive to Tawa residents who help Police catch graffiti vandals.

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti is still a problem in Tawa but if you call the Council on 499 4444 to report it, the graffiti flying squad may be able to help. If it is a small job you as a homeowner can do yourself, contact WCC for a 'graffiti removal kit'. The most important thing is to remove the tagging quickly. The police would also like to know as they may be able to identify the tagger from their database.

Caltex Station

We understand that the Caltex service station is closed for good and that the underground tanks will soon be removed. Future plans for this site are unknown.

Tawa's Main Road

Recent roadworks disruptions in the Main Road central shopping area are regrettable, but at least the contractors have moved fairly swiftly. Installation of new storm water drainage was almost complete at time of going to print, and work was well under way in Lyndhurst Road.

Lincoln Ave

Road markings indicating designated parking spaces are now in place in Lincoln Ave (near the Main Road). The Tawa Community Board has been working in conjunction with local residents, businesses and the City Council for quite some time in getting this sorted.

Tawa Community Patrol

The Tawa Community Patrol has been operational now for over a year, acting as eyes and ears for the Police, helping to keep the Tawa community safe. The volunteers have been praised by the Police for their part in reducing the amount of petty crime in Tawa. Even the graffiti has diminished!

The group is made up entirely of keen local volunteers who are rostered on four hours a month to patrol. Training is provided by the Police and other experts. If you are interested in joining or supporting the patrol, email the Coordinator at tawacp@xttra.co.nz.

Lights on the Norfolk Pine

This is the fourth year that the lights have been switched on to illuminate the Norfolk pine on the corner of Cambridge St and the Main Road, outside the Mervyn Kemp Library. They were turned on in late November and will continue into January - and they do look great!



Merry Christmas one and all!

The Tawa Community Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers in 'greater Tawa' (including Grenada North and the Takapu Valley) a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

