

Tawa Community Grants

The Tawa Community Board's Grants committee met in March and, from a total pool of \$15,000, approved the following grants to local groups:

Beanstalk Kindergarten - \$350 to purchase more educational equipment

NZ Red Cross Central Region - \$2500 to deliver 4-hour 'People Saver' courses to schools in Tawa

Tawa Bowling Club - \$600 towards printing costs of a booklet for the Club's 50th Anniversary

Tawa College - \$1000 towards cricket uniforms for the 1st XI boys' team

Tawa Community Patrol - \$1500 to enable 3 people to attend the 2010 National Training Seminar

Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Assn Inc - \$1500 for ongoing maintenance of Tawalink website

Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Assn Inc - \$1044 for replacement of coloured globes for Christmas lighting (over 2 yrs)

Tawa Schools' & Community Festival - \$4000 towards music festival scheduled for September 2010

Tawa Senior Citizens' Club - \$250 for club's ongoing administration costs

Tawa Squash Club - \$750 towards purchasing an additional 20-30 chairs

Tawa Swimming Club - \$700 towards purchasing swimming caps for all club members

Tawa-Linden Playcentre - \$395 towards purchasing new outdoor climbing equipment

Vocal FX Wellington Mens' Barbershop Inc - up to \$400 for conference registration fee

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Tawa's community website

If you didn't already know, Tawa has its own community website which is updated every week. Contributions of community interest are always welcome. See www.tawalink.com.

Tawa Community Board NEWS

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"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

You probably know someone who invests a lot of voluntary time and effort in the Tawa community - in a club or school or church or whatever. If you do, we'd love you to nominate them for the upcoming Tawa Community Civic Awards.

By now you should have received in your letterbox a nomination form for the Civic Awards. All you have to do is fill in the name and a few details about

that person (or group). Return your form to the Library by 21 May. Local volunteers' contributions to the community will be recognised at an official ceremony which will take place at the Tawa Community Centre on Friday 11 June.



Tawa Community Board members showing what to do with completed nomination forms. From left Cr Ngaire Best, Robert Tredger (chair), Dennis Sharman, Malcolm Sparrow.

FROM THE TAWA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE:

With the end of daylight saving and winter fast approaching, it's time to be checking smoke detectors and replacing batteries. Ensure that you have one installed in each bedroom, hallway and living room. Before you light the fireplace for the first time, have it checked and cleaned. Leave ashes outside in a metal container well clear of the house as they can take up to five days to cool.

The Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade will be holding a public open day on 1 May 11am - 2pm, assisting you with information on smoke detectors and just how to stay fire safe. Bring your electric blanket along for a free safety check. View the amazing displays which will include a live kitchen fire simulation and the latest fire appliances.

Michael Farrand
Chief Fire Officer

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In brief

Redwood Station

The completion date for the new platforms at Redwood Station is likely to be later this month, earlier than initially thought. However it will be next year before we see the new trains serving Tawa. In the next little while there will be an increase in the number of trains picking up morning commuters between 7 and 8am each weekday.

Tawa-Porirua Stream Walkway

Wellington City Council is presently making application to the NZ Transport Agency to gain a subsidy to assist in the funding of the walkway. The Walkway Committee in conjunction with the Council will shortly hold a public meeting to describe in detail the proposed walkway route and its design.

The route will essentially follow Porirua Stream from Willowbank Park to Kenepuru Station, just north of Tawa's boundary.

Want to buy your own island?

Takapu Island, the 6.16 hectare parcel of land (the subject of earthworks for quite some time) at the southern end of Tawa is currently on the market. Anyone interested?

Roundabouts by Takapu Island

There has been some feedback from the community about the two new roundabouts between the southern end of Tawa and the motorway. NZTA (NZ Transport Agency) is currently talking with the "developer's consultant" about two major items regarding these roundabouts. Firstly, the further lowering of the ground on the right of the give way sign (at the bottom of the off-ramp, as pictured) and, secondly, the 'opening' of the eastern of the two roundabouts, meaning that one will be able to complete a full circuit of this roundabout. At the moment that's not possible. In the future it will be.



Playground at Pikitanga Reserve

Equipment has been ordered for a new playground at Pikitanga Reserve (in Pikitanga Close off Woodman Drive). This will be installed before the end of June. The new playground is the result of a petition initiated by a couple of local schoolgirls three or more years ago. Which just goes to show that ordinary people can make a difference in their neighbourhood!

A load of bollards

A number of bollards have now been put in place to stop vehicles accessing the area at the very centre of Tawa known as Tawa Plaza. Certain commercial vehicles have been known to drive onto the paving stones in this area and damage them. This should stop that happening.

Advocacy Plan for Tawa

The Tawa Community Board has been developing its Community Advocacy Plan over the last six months. We have now completed the draft Advocacy Plan which we will be distributing to the community for comment.

If you would like a copy or if you would like to attend a community workshop on the advocacy plan, please contact Dennis Sharman on 027 545 2642 or email d.sharman@sharman.co.nz.

Liquor Control Bylaw

Have your say on the Liquor Control bylaw. The Council is asking for feedback regarding the proposed bylaw amendment which would provide for a 24/7 ban across the entire city. It would "send a clear message to residents and visitors that the consumption of liquor in public places and the anti-social behaviour derived from this activity is not acceptable".

There is lots of information about this on the Council website at <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/publicinput/2010-03-liquor.html>.

Draft Annual Plan

There are certain aspects of the WCC's Draft Annual Plan which affect Tawa. One example is replacement of the Tawa Pool roof. If you're interested in knowing more and having a say, details are available at <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/publicinput/dap/2010-2011dap.html>.

Snippets from Tawa College

New 'T block'

The new building which you may have noticed being constructed at the front of the college is 'T block'. It is now fully occupied, housing Transition, Careers and Gateway students, along with associated staff offices, Guidance Counsellors and the school clinic. The official opening will occur soon.



New multi-sport turf

An all-weather multi-sports turf for both college and community use, adjacent to the Tawa Recreation Centre, is close to completion. A grant of \$7652.17 from the Tawa Community Board on behalf of the former Tawa Rolling Skating Club helped fund this.

Youth Parliament representative

Every three years all MPs select a young person to represent them at a Youth Parliament. Tawa College's current head girl, Kieran Gera, has been chosen to represent the Hon Peter Dunne, MP for Ohariu, at this year's Youth Parliament on 6 & 7 July.



Youth MPs have the opportunity to debate legislation, sit on select committees and ask parliamentary questions of Cabinet Ministers.

Off to Gallipoli

21 secondary school students have been selected from throughout NZ to go with the official party to Gallipoli for Anzac Day celebrations. Conor Donohue, a year 13 student, is privileged to be one of them. Also in the group will be ex-servicemen who have fought in various wars, MPs, and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

And in the sporting arena ...

Bounty Senadeera, year 11, is part of a Wellington Development (boys) cricket team playing in a number of tournaments in India this month.