

Tawa News – October 2023

MEXTED MOTORS SPRING INTO TAWA

Mexted Motors Spring into Tawa is on tomorrow, from 10am till 3pm – and we can't wait to see you there! This event is Tawa's big day and has been running for 23 years.

Come down tomorrow and check out:

Over 20 food stalls and trucks: *donuts, candy floss, tacos, Malaysian, Egyptian, noodles and dumplings, ice cream, smoothies* and much much more!

Over 120 craft, business and local community organisation stalls promoting their work, raising money and selling their amazing products.

A huge range of FREE children's activities and entertainment including: *face painting, rides, bouncy castle, decorate a cookie, bubble show, Fairy Trina, Unicorn Fairy, Mr Wizowski the Clown, circus performers, Miss Twister Balloon Twister, Chris Lam Sam, Giant games* and more – find all these activities in the Pharmacy car park and Essex Street.

Central Pulse players including Maddy Gordon and Whitney Souness and new signings Kelea Iongi, Khiarna Willians and Parris Petera, shooting hoops and meeting fans – find them on the bus stop opposite Essex Street.

Talented local entertainers, dancers, bands and performers across three stages all day.

Amazing organisations that support our community including Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade, Take 10 Arvos Van and Wellington Free Ambulance.

Support us with our zero waste journey to reduce the impact of our event on our environment by: Choosing a sustainable way of getting to the event – walk, bike, train,

On Demand bus, e-scooter to the event and save the hassle of finding a car park.

Bringing your reusable shopping bag to carry all your amazing purchases – we're a no plastic bag event.

Bringing your keep cup for your hot drink and your reusable water bottle.

Bringing a reusable container for the food you buy at the event.

Sorting your waste – work with the volunteers we will have at each waste station to ensure that waste is sorted so we can divert as much as possible away from landfill.

Come and enjoy an amazing day out, catch up with friends and neighbours, purchase amazing food and craft items, and enjoy the entertainment on offer.



Picture credits: Zapdog Photography

Tawa College cricket player is a World Champion

Earlier this year, Daniel van Straaten (current year 13 student at Tawa College) achieved his goal by being selected for the NZ under 18 Indoor Cricket team that participated at the Junior Indoor Cricket World Cup in Dubai in early October. He trained really hard since early this year and gives a huge shout-out to his two coaches, Sunnie Chan and Chris Priest, who worked with him over many months.

The trip to Dubai required a lot of fundraising, and Daniel did many activities such as working two part-time jobs, wood-stacking, garden clearing, catering at a sports tournament, a movie night, tin can recycling, pamphlet drops, and not to mention the tasty South African baking that his amazing mum Anneliese spoiled the community with. The Van Straaten family would like to say an absolute huge thanks to the community for their support with these activities, and also massive call-out to Clockwork Gold and Tawa Rotary for their contributions.

The tournament was an amazing experience, playing against international teams from Australia, England, South Africa, South African Development, Sri Lanka, UAE and a UAE Development team. The standard was high and started with a close 5-run loss to Australia, who were heavy favourites to win the title. That was NZ's only loss in the round robin though, with probably the sweetest win against his parents' country of birth South Africa... a 2-run nail biter... let's hope the Rugby World Cup final this weekend is not as close though!

In the playoff round, the NZ team suffered a larger 31-run defeat against Australia again, but convincingly beat the other semi finalists South Africa and South Africa Development, which set up the grand final against the old foe Australia. The atmosphere on finals day was tense with a great sense of excitement in the air. Australia batted first and posted 110 runs which is a mammoth total for a world cup final. But in came the NZ boys with ice in their veins, responding with 117 to clinch the World Title. Local player Daniel delivered a NZ man of the match performance in the final,

hitting 14 runs and claiming two crucial wickets, with a net contribution of eight runs for the match. His sister Liesel was probably the team's biggest supporter and earned a centre spot in the winning team photo (as their mascot).

Daniel reflected that this competition and the World Champions title are amazing to have been part of, but it is also the friendships and connections made with his teammates and players from other countries that are priceless. But now it's time for some final NCEA exams – with the thought that he will be forever a World Champion!

Picture credits: U-Pro Centre, Dubai

In August, the owner of El Porteño Lisandro Walfisch announced they were looking for new people to take over his successful cafe. Lisandro has run the cafe, famous for its legendary cheese scones, for 10 years. We thank you for running this great cafe in our community and will miss you! New owners Misu and Omm took over from 19 October and they are planning to keep most things you love exactly the same.

"It has been my pleasure to run El Porteño Cafe all these years, I have loved being part of the Tawa community, creating a place for people to get together and employing so many people over the years. I am looking forward to continue enjoying Tawa from the other side of the counter and seeing you all around. Thanks to all of you for all your support over the years! See you all soon. Lisandro"

From <https://www.facebook.com/elPortenyo>

Tawa Rotary Pride in Work Awards

The evening saw 20 worthy nominees receive certificates with endorsements from their employers, acknowledging the contributions they make to Tawa businesses and volunteer organisations. The Annual Awards were sponsored by the Tawa Business Group and have become a pinnacle event in Tawa Rotary's year.

Along with the nominees, many of their supporters and colleagues also attended the dinner and to hear the keynote speaker, Bronwyn Lord from Nevis Training. Bronwyn talked about her experiences in customer service and in training people towards excellence in work ethics, both for their employers and for themselves.

Congratulations to the recipients of Pride in Work Awards 2023:

Kylie Awatere; Larissa Barclay from *Lead Management*

Aby Kizhakkedath; Joan Saberon-Naidu from *Enliven Longview Home*

Joanne Sharland from *KD Skincare*

Allison Jones from *Easyswim Swim School*

Jamie Day from *Nada Bakery*

Jack Fry from *Tawa Menzshed*

Darryl Smith from *Tawa Community Patrol*

Mohammed Shiraz Ali from *Tawa New World*

Di Charlesworth from *Tawa College*
Charlotte Griffin from *Tawa Rugby Football Club*
Joshua Desouza from *The Fitness Portal*
Gary Beecroft from *Tawa College Community Education*
Bex Dabbs from *Linden School*
Georgia Soal from *Tawa Dental Care*
Nicola Griffin; Sheena Kilmister from *Tawa Scouts*
Kathleen Clark from *Coffee Joint*
Alex Travis from *Tawa Village Bakery*



Pride in Work Awards 2023

Big congratulations to Barbara Edmonds and Greg O'Connor! Barbara, our local Mana (and Linden) MP and Greg, our Ōhāriu MP have put themselves forward to serve the community for another term. Both were reelected in the recent elections.

Find them both on Facebook here:

[Barbara Edmonds MP](#) and [Greg O'Connor - MP for Ōhāriu](#)

The On Demand bus is still going strong. A Porirua extension should be introduced in the middle of next month. It will begin as just a few stops in Porirua CBD. This should mean the service will not lose any efficiency. The average rating for the bus service is a 4.8 out of 5!

They are also still looking into the option for phone bookings, but are yet to decide on a solution.

Statistics below from Metlink.

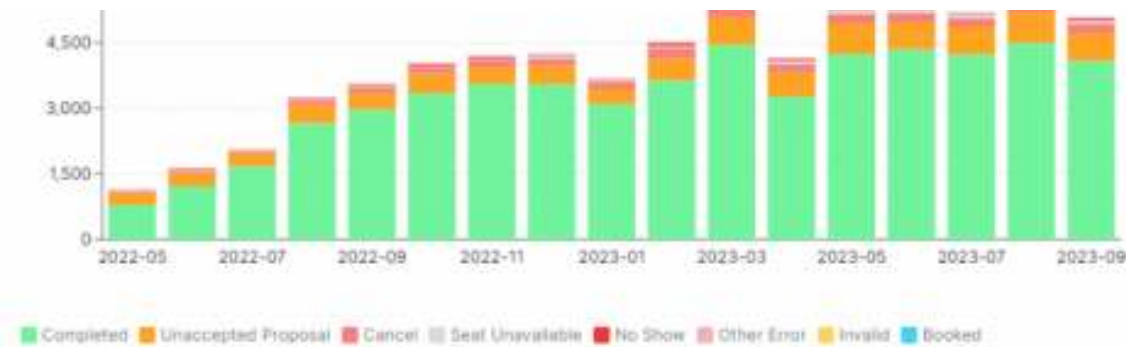
Detailed Ride Requests Status

Breakdown of all ride requests (passengers) by status.

Passengers

6,000





Main Road watermain renewals on schedule

Works are progressing well and on schedule with Wellington Water’s project to improve Tawa’s drinking water network on behalf of Wellington City Council.

During the school holidays, the crossing at St Francis Xavier School was reopened and work completed in that area. Crews will need to return to this area to complete some connection work and we will keep the school informed of any disruption.

Throughout the rest of October, construction work will be focusing on laying the new watermain up to the Redwood Ave roundabout near Outlet City.

“We have to undertake this work at night to reduce traffic issues at this busy roundabout, so a huge thank you to the local residents for their understanding,” says Wellington Water Chief Advisor - Drinking Water, Laurence Edwards. “We expect this to take around eight nights to complete from 15 October and will be doing everything we can to minimise noise and disruption.”

By the end of October, all 465m of the new watermain and all the laterals are expected to have been completed. During November, project contractor HEB work will focus on installing fittings at each end of the pipeline and carrying out some technical tests.

The project is expected to take another two months, to be completed in December this year. “As always, we want to assure you that Wellington Water, Wellington City Council, and the contractor are committed to completing the work as soon as possible and we will continue to provide the community with updates on our work as it progresses.”

For more information on the project, updates and a copy of the detour map, visit: <http://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/tawa-main-road-watermain-project/>

Work has commenced remediating the slip on Main Road, 100m south of the McLellan Street intersection. This involves installation of sub-horizontal drains.

SANTA COMES TO TAWA PLAZA

Santa will be at Tawa Plaza and New World Atrium on Saturday 2 December 2023 from 10am to 2pm. All welcome to meet Santa and take your own photos!

There will also be a food truck, popcorn and a sausage sizzle. Donations will be collected for the local food bank (cash, non-perishable food items and toys).

Many thanks to Tawa Lions, Tawa Inner Wheel and Tawa Rotary.

Spring into Tawa

It was (about) 20 years ago that the 2003 version of Spring into Tawa was held. The 2023 event is just a day away.

The earlier version of the event was scheduled for 6 September 2003, the weather appears quite pleasant (just saying – perhaps earlier in the season is actually better!). Malcolm Sparrow took several photographs of the event and posted them to the Tawalink website at the time.

The Main Road doesn't appear to have been blocked off for the day and so stalls were along the Main Road footpath and into the Essex Street pedestrian precinct.

The image selected shows a gentleman checking out the Tawa Residents Association stall in the precinct. While the image is not crystal clear, the burning issues of the day appear to be something about Kenepuru Hospital and Greyfriars Crescent. The residents' association, under its trading name of 'Vibrant Tawa' has organised Spring into Tawa for several years now and helps advocate for and raise the profile of Tawa interests in many ways. I think a thank you is called for.

So thanks to those involved in preparing for this event – for so many years.

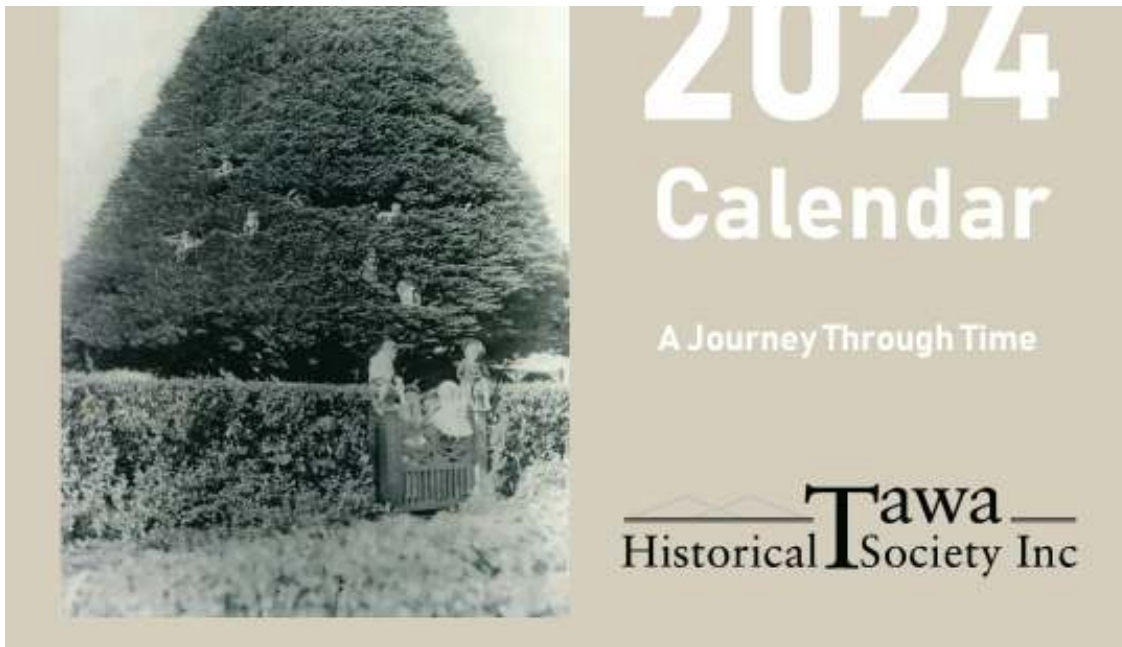
David Parsons

Chairman Tawa Historical Society



Our First Spring into Tawa in 2003!





You can get a Tawa calendar for 2024 with beautiful retouched photos of Tawa in the early 1900s, only \$15. Available at Spring into Tawa 28 October at the Tawa Historical Society's stand and at Tawa Library. Please bring cash. Limited copies available.



This picture was taken many years ago by Mavis Woodman, along Main Road in Tawa. She submitted the picture to Tawa News as she is puzzled as to who put the sign up, and what the meaning of it was?

We would love to hear from you if you remember seeing this, and/or have additional information about the road sign. Looking forward to hearing your answers – please email Monique at newslettertawa@gmail.com.





It's that time of the year where many are preparing to take a gear down and start thinking about the festive season. Before we know it 1st of December is here!

We here at Longview want to do something a bit different this year for our elderly residents. But before we let you in on our idea, maybe it would be best if I introduce ourselves first, for those who might not know Longview.

Situated on beautiful grounds with views across Tawa, Longview Home provides the very best in clinical care within an engaging, caring, and homely environment. We embrace an elder directed philosophy of care. We support you to thrive, not just survive.

Now that you know a wee bit more about us, we can let you in on our secret... **This year we want to bring Christmas in the Park directly to the residents at Longview.** We want to go big and have Longview illuminated and be seen from across Tawa!

We invite you to come and experience this fun with us, but first we need some help to make this possible! If you or anyone you know can help in one or more of the following ways, please contact us as soon as possible!

1. Donate/borrow any outdoor Christmas décor and or lights.
2. Volunteer some of your time to assist in setting this up – we can't do it alone.
3. If you feel you want to help but can't do either of the above... what about a wee special treat for our residents?

We want to be ready by 1 December. We have a long way to go and not much time. This is our aerial view: We have courtyards, a driveway, and a walkway we would like to jazz up a bit and a beautiful cross up on our roof. Let your creativity take over and come and say hello.





It's not too late to sign up for classes starting later in the term, or some one day courses in November.

4 week courses available: [Crochet for Relaxation](#) starts on 7 November, [Asian Cooking](#) starts on 9 November, [Indian Traditional cooking](#) starts on 13 November.

1 day courses coming up: [Christmas Baking](#) (a few places left), [Self Defence](#), [Sewing Christmas projects](#) (2 Saturdays), [Zentangle](#), [Handmade Paper](#) (2 places left), [Overlocker Basics](#). Follow the links for more information.

Thanks for your support for our programme this year Tawa, 1550 people have enjoyed our courses.

Have a look on our website and see which course is right for you! <http://www.tawacomед.co.nz>

A sample of what you could make at our Paper Making Christmas Themed course, using sustainably made native harakeke pulp; some hand made Christmas decorations from our sewing class; crochet Christmas trees.

Our community Constable Kalim (KJ) Tanuvasa-Kelemete recently attended a People First NZ training at Linden Community Centre today, run by Elizabeth Bennett.

The training was about supporting our community members who have learning disabilities and teaching them about being safe at home and in the community.

There were role-plays, laughs, and some good learnings.



Picture credits: KJ Tanuvasa-Kelemete

While preparing decorations for Spring into Tawa, I'd been listening to author interviews – one of my favourites for October was RNZ Nine to Noon's interview with Robert Vennell about his new book, ***The Forgotten Forest***. It sounded like a fascinating read, so I picked it up for what was meant to be a quick careful flick but turned into realisation that this book has to be added to my must-read holiday collection. It feels like an armchair tramp into the wilderness with a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide, armed with a notebook full of wonderful historical illustrations.

In our own backyards, ***The Observologist*** by Giselle Clarkson is a wonderfully playful look into what's right under our noses, with brilliant illustrations & fascinating facts for all to enjoy.

Then there's the great wilderness of Aotearoa New Zealand, with ***Mia & Leo Go Wild*** by Author Gillian Candler and Illustrator Gavin Mouldey. They have teamed up with the Mountain Safety Council to create a wonderfully creative and informative tramping adventure book for 5 to 10-year-olds. There's a colouring competition too, entries available instore or as a downloadable pdf on the Mountain Safety Council website:

<https://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/learn/resources/mia-and-leo-go-wild-childrens-book/>

Link to Robert Vennell's interview: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2018910439/our-fascinating-yet-forgotten-forest>

Link to our Book Corner collection: <https://www.tawabooksandpost.co.nz/collections/book-corner>

Looking forward to seeing you soon out and about in Tawa.

From the Team at Tawa Books and Post – Rowena, Paul, Gaylene, Dana and Sharon

<https://www.tawabooksandpost.co.nz> <http://www.tawabooksandpost.co.nz/collections/book-corner>



Tawa Schools and Community Litter Week 24 – 27 October

Planning for Tawa Schools' Litter Week is well underway, with all schools working in and around their schools with a variety of activities designed to raise awareness of the impact of litter on Te Kenepuru (Porirua) Stream and how to take action to reduce this. Everything that goes in the stream can eventually end up in Te Awarua o Porirua (the Porirua Harbour).

Students, as part of the Student Leadership Team for Kids Enhancing Tawa Ecosystems (KETE), will be taking part in three litter-focussed sessions, working with Sustainable Coastlines. These sessions will give valuable and shareable insight into the impact of our modern life on our environment, especially freshwater and marine ecosystems, along with actions we can all take to mitigate these impacts.

You may like to adopt your street or get together with some neighbours to clean up your local area over this time. If you do, let your local school know – together we can make a difference.





For KETE next year we will have an increasing focus on caring for our stream; part of this mahi will be growing our awareness of our piped streams (some people call these storm water drains!). Keep your eye out for blue paint on the road which will notify you of an underground stream in your neighbourhood.

One easy way we can reduce our impact on the stream is to wash our cars on the grass verge or take them to a car wash – this prevents detergents, oil residue and brake dust getting washed into the stormwater system, the stream and ultimately the harbour.

Sue Lum

KETE Programme Coordinator

The tulip season is very nearly over and what a tumultuous one it has been! Our blooms have endured gale winds, torrential downpours, two bouts of hail and the very occasional hot sunshine. As this newsletter is published, we will have had our last garden open days for the season so it is fitting to thank everyone who ventured out to see the gorgeous display the tulips still managed to put on. It was really lovely to put faces to names and share our joy of gardening in person. Now I turn to the most common question I get asked at this time of the year: what do you do with the bulbs once they have finished flowering? Well, the simple answer is we discard them. The not so simple answer is we keep the leaves going for as long as we can to feed the bulbs in hope of getting another year out of them. The reality is this very rarely works in our climate and heavy soil. Once the blooms have finished the bulbs split into non flowering sizes which would take at least three years of replanting, feeding and storing to achieve blooming size again. We do not have the facilities or space to do this so we leave it for the nurseries to do, and buy fresh bulbs from them each year instead.

From each season we will get a few bulbs that are large enough to keep. These are stored in a cool dry place over summer. In March, we put them in the fridge for six weeks for their winter chilling and plant out in May with fingers crossed. Here in Wellington, tulips are best regarded as annuals and are priced accordingly. If you are not intending to keep the bulbs for another season you can dig them out now and get planting for summer colour. So-called perennial petunias are in store now and the range of colours and sizes is expanding each year. I do not find they survive the winter unprotected very well so I plant new ones in our container displays each year. They provide amazing colour throughout the season and I find they are much better performing than annual varieties. Depending on the size of your containers you will need one perennial compared to 1 – 2 punnets of the annual varieties, so the cost is only slightly more.

You can see more photos on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com>

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Happy gardening!

Tulips in a lush tropical style on the left and tulips in a more formal setting on the right.

FRIENDS OF TAWA BUSH RESERVES

Newsletter editor

The Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves is looking for someone to help us compile regular communications to members through a two-monthly newsletter. If you have a keen interest in our local environment and have some computer skills and time to assist in this activity, please contact us at: secretary@tawabush.org.nz.

As we move towards the end of the year, the Council is facing some very difficult decisions for the City including whether to continue with the Town Hall restoration even though costs have nearly doubled; how to work with the new government and, of course, what are the Long-term Plan priorities for the next three years. You can email any or all of us if you want to tell us your view on any of these issues ... some of you already have.

Everyone should also know that the three Northern Ward Councillors continue to work together to support the Tawa community and the rest of Wellington North. One issue that is doing the rounds is the proposal to move the playground at Willowbank that was suggested under the Dog Policy Consultation, is this a good idea? *From the editor: plans are to create a new play area where the dog park is on Main Road near Takapu station, and possibly change Willow Bank reserve into a dog park.*

And finally, if you have not heard from Cr Ben McNulty as much as usual, this is because he has just become a second time father. Cr John Apanowicz (John.Apanowicz@wcc.govt.nz) and myself (Tony.Randle@wcc.govt.nz) are covering for the next while until he's back on deck so feel free to contact either of us if you are having issues and the WCC is not responding to address them.

Our Council meeting agenda is set a year in advance and all our meetings for 2024 are about to drop into our diaries. All details are provided on the Council website and mostly livestreamed. Public participation is welcomed too. <https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/meetings>

From Tony Randle

<https://www.facebook.com/TonyRandleNZ>

There are usually a lot of projects and proposals that you can give feedback on! Go have a look, find them all here: <https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz>





New business

Envyour Beauty Nail Salon opened late last month at 192 Main Road, Tawa. They offer professional manicures and pedicures, nail enhancements and beauty services including lash extensions.



Public Transport Information and Parking Maps flyer

Want to know where the timed and unlimited parking is around Tawa?
Would you like family and friends to know how to get to Tawa?
Have you not yet signed up for the On Demand bus?

Tawa Business Group has recently published a Public Transport Information and Parking Maps flyer that gives you all that information and more. These flyers are available at the Tawa Community Centre and Library, and you can also download them from the website: www.tawabusiness.co.nz/projects/126-parking-maps-2023

New banners

Tawa Business Group is delighted to announce the upgrade of the vibrant and eye-catching banners that have added an extra dash of colour to our community. These banners are in addition to the flags that we have in the town centre. The flags are changed regularly and are currently promoting Mexted Motors Spring into Tawa.

Christmas window display competition

Tawa Business Group are organising their annual Christmas window display competition again from Monday 13 November. Remember to pick up a leaflet from one of the many participating

businesses throughout Tawa and follow the trail to discover your favourite window display. Each window will have a special sticker with a unique letter. Collect all the letters and remember to post your entry form by Sunday 17 December. All entries stand the chance of winning a fabulous spot prize, so be sure to be in to win.

You can find the Tawa Business Group on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/tawabusiness> and on Instagram here: <https://www.instagram.com/tawabid/>

Have you joined the [Tawa Business Owners private Facebook group?](#)

The job board is updated every week with new vacancies within various businesses and organisations throughout Tawa. If you're looking for a change or a new challenge, check it out: <https://www.tawabusiness.co.nz/jobs>

Camp Elsdon – AGM and Board members

Camp Elsdon operates a campground and youth camp at Raiha Street, Elsdon.

Camp Elsdon Incorporated is holding its AGM on Thursday 2 November at the Tawa Community Centre Board Room from 5pm.

We are also looking for a couple more Board members to help us plan for the future of this youth facility in our community. If you'd like to find out more, why not come along and have a chat to one of the existing Board members, or contact the Camp Elsdon Board Secretary, Richard Herbert: herbert.r@xtra.co.nz

Mexted Motors Spring into Tawa

Come and visit the Inner Wheel Club of Tawa stall. We are opposite the pharmacy carpark. Buy a ticket in our fabulous raffle, drawn Sunday 29 October. Or buy one of the lovely telephone bags that some of our members have made.

Learn more about what Inner Wheel Tawa do in the local and wider community. Samples of some of our service projects will be on display. Did you know that International Inner Wheel celebrates 100 years in 2024?

RYLA 24 – 28 January 2024

RYLA is a five day residential high energy programme to develop lower north island young leaders between the ages of 18 and 24. Applications are now open, so if you know of a young person who has leadership potential and would benefit from this amazing leadership programme please speak to Eve. Click on

[this link](#)

for more information or contact: [\[awarotaryclub@gmail.com\]\(mailto:awarotaryclub@gmail.com\)](mailto:t</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Nohinohi Reorua, our bilingual story time, is coming up again on Wednesday 25 October, 11-11.30am! These sessions are the last Wednesday of every month here at the community centre. Come along and enjoy some waiata (songs), pukapuka (books), and kanikani (dancing) with our

talented library staff!

Do you have spare **Tawa College or Intermediate uniforms** at home? Please consider donating any clean, good condition second-hand Tawa College or Intermediate uniforms to either the Tawa or Linden Community Centres so we can offer them to the community at the end of the year. Tawa CC is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am-1pm, 2-4.30pm, and Linden CC is open Monday to Friday, 10am-1pm, 2-4.30pm.

We are now a collection point for the **Salvation Army foodbank**. Please drop any non-perishable food that you would like to donate to the community centre anytime during our office hours (Mon-Fri, 9.30am-1pm, 2-4.30pm).

Community soup days! Our Tuesday soup days are going along well. We've had some wonderful volunteers come to cook delicious soup for us, and also had donations of frozen soup from other members of the community. Ngā mihi nui to everyone who has got amongst – by cooking, eating, and donating cooking ingredients and supplies – we appreciate your generosity, energy, and company. Come along and join us on a Tuesday, 11.30am-1pm; all are welcome. We are also still looking for volunteers – if you would like to help out give us a call on 04 232 1682.

We had thousands of people **vote** here at the community centre in the two weeks leading up to, and on, Election Day. Ka rawe Tawa!

After the huge popularity of our **e-waste pop-up** a few months ago, we are planning to host another one in late November/early December. Keep an eye on [our Facebook page](#) for the date!

Community soup day and Nohinohi Reorua.

Do you belong to or run a book club?

Here at the Mervyn Kemp (Tawa) Library we have Book Club kete bags for group leaders to borrow. Each bag consists of 10 copies of a particular book which can be assigned to individual members by the leader using the sheet that is enclosed in the bag. More details and information can be found here: [Book Club Kete \(wcl.govt.nz\)](http://wcl.govt.nz)

The titles in the photo are a sample of what we have for you to borrow.

From Wendy Jacobs



Picture credits: Wendy Jacobs

Wellington Badminton North

We've had a very successful BCD tournament over the first weekend of October with over 180 entries from local players! It was great to see so many people of all ages. Fantastic to see parent-child combos playing together also! A fun weekend was had by all with superb games, great spot prizes and giveaways thanks to the support of many Tawa businesses and delicious food from Tracey's kitchen.



Picture credits: Wellington Badminton North



Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade will have a Halloween open evening, Tuesday 31 October from 4-6pm at Tawa Fire Station. It would be great to see you! We'll be dressed up as fire fighters, what are you going to come dressed up as? (P.S. You can bring your parents too!) Find all the information here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1262227521133439/?ti=ls>



Join Take 10 Arvo's for an afternoon of fun, food and fancy dress! Come in something you have

created at home or select something fun to wear from our costumes and props that will be provided. Free for all youth! 3pm-6pm at the Linden Community Centre, Tuesday 31 October.



A spooky yarnbomb on display at the Countdown roundabout.



A fundraising concert is coming up on 10 November, 7pm at Petone Working Men's Club by Tawa's very own Wellington Red Hackle Pipe Band – fundraising for the band's upcoming contest season and uniforms for our younger new members of our band. Traditional pipe tunes, Ceilidh music and dance performances, like a mini Pipes in the Park event. To get your tickets,

email: wellingtonredhackle@gmail.com

More details here: <https://fb.me/e/3K9M33Ns6>





Beautiful path in Spicer Forest, photo by Harley Luf.



Tui enjoying the flax, with thanks to Richard Herbert.

Did you know about Mycare? It is nice to choose a trusted someone to support you, that you connect with well. Mycare is the easiest way to find, manage, and pay for the in-home care services you deserve. With no joining fee, you can connect with thousands of pre-approved support workers, choose the local person who's right for you, and deal directly with them to create a tailored care plan. Read all about it on the website here: <https://www.mycare.co.nz>





5 minutes with Richard Kirby

Can you tell us something about your life growing up?

I grew up in Christchurch and spent most of my teenage years living there and tripping around the South Island. I attended Burnside High School which was the biggest school in the Southern Hemisphere at the time. As a teenager I worked several part time jobs which included a milk run, working at the pharmacy and the service stations – where I developed a passion for retail. This helped me pay for my first car which was a Datsun 120Y station wagon.

Can you tell us something about your life after finishing school?

Once I finished school, I studied business and continued working in retail as well as working for suppliers to the retail stores in the FMCG arena. My last role, I was heavily involved with selling product to various retail chains for another great local brand, Whittaker's Chocolate. I worked for them for just over 16 years. I now work for Wellington North Badminton as a general manager. I'm a family man and have just the one son who is nearly 8 years old, and one very mischievous cat. I love playing any racquet sport and enjoy getting out for a bike ride – I'm even managing to cycle into Tawa some days from Crofton Downs, weather permitting.

What do you like about Tawa?

It's a great community and there are some awesome locally owned businesses which I like to support.

What would you like to see improved in Tawa?

It's great to see Tawa going ahead all the time – I'm keen to see what businesses end up going in behind the Countdown.

What is your favorite holiday destination in New Zealand?

As a family, we love getting away for the odd weekend and one day would love to own a batch in Waitarere!

What are three things you would like to do in the next 10 years?

It's been a childhood dream to go to Disneyland – so hopefully in the next few years we can get over there (I am a big kid at heart).

The Tawa Residents' Association monthly meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be on Monday 13 November. Feel free to come along! We are always open to new people joining the committee, helping out, or sharing ideas.

We meet upstairs at the Tawa Squash Club on the second Monday of the month, 7.30pm. You can find the agenda on our website here: <https://tawa.org.nz/tra-meetings/>

We look forward to meeting you!

Elizabeth, Jackson, Monique, Miriam, Peter, Richard, Susan and Tony