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Kia ora,

Wishing you all the best for a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to connecting with you and keeping you updated on all the exciting things happening in our community.

If you have ideas to share, please email us at newsletter@taylorpast.gmail.com!

Ngā Mihi and greetings from us all at the Tawa Residents' Association,

Monique

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SURYA RAISING AWARENESS FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

One of our local MP's, is one of about the last hairs

Surya, 11, recently saw a small wire half hair tie fall out from her because of cancer treatment. Surya decided to shave her head to raise awareness of what kids with cancer have to go through, and to raise funds for the child cancer foundation.

Surya was very excited to shave her head, which happened on Friday. Though she was left with a bit of a bald patch, her has managed to raise $1000 thus! Well done Surya!

Picture credits Marcella Vaai

EMMA TIMMIS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Those says once sunbeamer in December when Emma Timmis ran through our neighourhood

Emma was running the length of New Zealand's name review for Young Minds UK and Youthline NZ. The athlete and artist ran the 2100 km mark in under 3 weeks, completing the record by 14 days!

Picture from Heather McDonald, support crew, sent in a pic Stephen Bean

2022 NEW YEAR HONOURS

It is always great to start the New Year by celebrating the achievements and contributions of people in our community. Congratulations to recipients of the 2022 New Year Honours awards. Dr Angela Royal Tangaere, for services to Māori and education, Dr Ruth Ann Ellis, for services to the community and people with disabilities and the arts, and Mr Nicholas Grant Perkins, for services to historical research.
Tawa resident is Greg O'Connor, MP for Ohariu.

https://www.facebook.com/OfficialGregOConnorMP/?fref=ts

Dr Angela Royal Tangaere, pictured in her uniform of Brent Wood Education
Picture credits: https://newzealand.org/2022/01/12/honours-honours/

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Another successful event was the uniform drive which was held at the Tawa & Loreto Community Centre.

A big thank you to all the people who donated their items. Tawa Intermediate and College uniforms to be shared with other similar families. Also a big thank you to the volunteers that helped to get this organised!

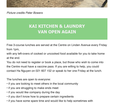
I'm sure this will be organised again, so please consider donating your school uniforms, ready for the next Tawa Community Uniform Drive.

Picture credit M. Cutliberd

RAILWAY ISSUES

Over the summer there have been some issues with the railway barriers. We can't emphasise enough is always cross for trains before crossing a railway.

Call 0800 808 083 (case 4 in your phone) to report any issues, such as level crossing barriers not working, or if there are any broken lines, damaged overhead wires, faulty alarms or bells etc.



Picture credit: Tawa Community Island Facebook page

AQUARIUM CLEAN EXTENSION

Tawa Squash Club is about to get bigger with the addition of an additional court. Peter Browne the club manager let us know.

The club has been approached by the Aquarium to build a fish pond, especially Crown related costs which have already released the project by a year.

The additional court will include grandstand seating and a glass back square wall making for a much better viewing experience and which will now qualify the club to apply for floating maple events. It will also allow the club to accommodate more members.

The new court, it's same as the planning and the ball rollers ramp some day has been cast by pavers, member pickups, and consolidated funds. Where funds will come from for the court, the aquarium extension, the grandstand, the floating maple and as the architect, kitchen renovation and other plans that are proposed in the new month.

Picture credits Peter Browne

KAI KITCHEN & LAUNDRY VAN OPEN AGAIN

Filipo Tuuvunai Iomitea are owner at the Centre on Linden Avenue every Friday from 3pm.

with only left-overs of coastal or unsoiled food available for you to take home for a bargain price.

You do not need to register or book a place, but those who wish to come into the Centre must have a vaccine pass. If you are willing to help, you could contact Kai Nguyen on 027 287 1124 or speak to her over Friday in the van.

The Iomitea are open to everyone.
Kai Kitchen & Laundry van is for people who:
- If you are struggling to make ends meet
- If you would like company during the day
- If you want to learn a new skill or share your skills
- If you have some spare time and would like to help someone who needs a little extra support

Bread, and sandwiches other food, is available at the Centre doorway on the sharing shelf on weekdays 10am-2pm for anyone.

The Change Big laundry van is also on site on Fridays from 12-2pm. You can have your laundry washed and dried for free.
and there is also a shower available in the van.

Picture credit: TCC

SAFER PLATES

The Tawa Community Patrol is creating number-recognition Tawa Plates' screen-printed, laser-cut plates.
All proceeds will benefit Tawa Community Patrol, for general patrol operating expenses eg. Supervision running costs.

Pop down on the day, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2022 AT 10 AM - 2 PM to Tawa Community Hub, Tawa Community Hub Carpark, Main Road.
Look out for the gazebo at the end of the New World carpark, and please follow the directions of the crew on the day.

Info and image from the Tawa Community Hub Facebook page

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that if you have the fire alarm alerts in Tawa, you can read on their Facebook page what is happening?
Tawa and Fire Page: https://www.facebook.com/FireTawa

Picture credits https://www.facebook.com/FireTawa

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

We are fortunate to have so many options in our vibrant neighbourhood!

Our Tawa Adult and Community Education College has many courses and workshops coming up in the next few weeks.
Have a look and find something fun to do here: https://www.tawacollege.co.nz

Picture credits Tawa school website

We also have the U3A, which was started in 1984 in Tawa with lots of courses and workshops now open to anyone. Check out the website here: http://www.u3atawa.org.nz

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There are also many activities at our Tawa library.
There is Baby Rhyme & Rhyme, Lego LEGOS, Code Club, Pan-school story time, and LINK Teachback.
Check out what's happening on their events calendar: https://www.eventfinder.co.nz/venues/tawa-2062

Picture credits eventfinder.co.nz

SHORT NEWS

Let's hope it has found its way home again!
Picture credit: Tracy Wood

This year Santa Claus came all out on Mr Christmas decorations. There are no our residents that make the effort to give so much joy to us all!
Picture credit Kim Reeve

Tawa residents enjoying their Christmas decorations

Linden Station is getting an upgrade
Picture credit Eric Reeve

Mystery wine painted rock bottles in the wonderful town. St Agatheans Wine Bottle 2020 was found in Tawa. Congratulations to the finder!

NEW MOVIE FROM KIWI DIRECTOR

New Zealand's Director Nicholas Grant's movie Bitter Harvest Rice Wayne is about the whanaunga. The movie is about the UK Greenham Common anti nuclear camp 120 years since it begun.

One of our local residents was a part of these events and demonstrations in the 1980s when she was still living in England. A lot of people will know Jane Campbell, and her Tea & Scones with ... well as well, also!

Watch the trailer here: https://www.bit.ly/3Mbu1dRQ

3 MINUTES WITH.... JANE

5 minutes with Jane Langham

Can you tell us something about your life growing up?

I was born in Birmingham, in the English midlands, second in a family of 5 children.

Because of my father's work with the civil service, we moved a few times and I went to 3 primary schools and 2 secondary schools before I finally settled down to revise again a Teacher at the same time that I was doing school work myself!

What schools did you go to?

I started at Primary school and then I was fortunate that all my secondary schools were in one place. St Wilfrid's Convent in Pontypool, South Wales.

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

My tertiary study was in Twickenham, Greater London, at what would now be called a polytechnic. I was fortunate to be able to follow what was one of the first such courses in the country - 'computers in business'.

I spent some years working for the manufacturers of early desk-top office computers, doing programming and systems analysis, which is where I met my husband, Paul. After we were married, we moved to Southampton, and I worked for a user of such computers, doing all their IT related work and programs.

As was the norm in the 1970's, I gave up work with the arrival of our first child, Rachel. A while later I was asked if I would please go back to do some more work for the company, but at that stage our second child, John, was due, so that didn't happen.

Two more children later (Peter and Sam), Paul was invited by the shipping company he worked for in Southampton to transfer to the related organisation in Wellington.

What can you tell us about your current daily life?

As is often the case, children leave home and move away. We are very fortunate that three of our children returned to Tawa and live here with their own children. So we are privileged to still be a part of their lives in a grandparenting role.

Sam, our youngest, died in an accident in 2005, so he is with us always in our memories, forever 20 years old.

I retired from paid employment 6 years ago, but continue to keep busy with assorted voluntary groups: Super Grans, Kai Kitchen and various activities with our church community at Our Lady of Fatima in Tawa.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy creative things, like knitting and sewing. The knitting has gone by the board as my hands deteriorate, but I do mending and making with a Super Sewers group that is a behind-the-scenes support to the Porirua St Vincent de Paul shop, Pregnancy Help, Kenepuru Hospital and various other charities. There is a wonderfully creative organiser of this group (Marie Nicol) who can spot damage to be repaired on any donated items and come up with useful things to make to assist the needs of these charities.

Much to the dismay of my very musically talented husband and family, music has never been a significant part of my life. I enjoy many different musical styles (though not all) and am happy to listen to them without feeling the need to learn to play or sing along.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

When we arrived from the UK in 1987, we found a house in Tawa that 'felt right' and it became our home. We have lived here ever since.

What do you like about Tawa?

It has been said by so many people so often that it almost feels like a cliché, but it is the community that makes Tawa special. Everything you could need is to be found within the suburb, most of it having been set up/built/organised or first established by locals seeing the need and then working together to make it happen.

From when we first arrived, we felt welcomed and accepted.

What would you like to see improved?

The Community Board does a great job of lobbying for Tawa needs – the zebra crossings on the northern part of Main Road took very many years petitioning to get installed to make safer crossings, in particular for school children. One thing that is still a 'campaign in progress' by the Board, that I would (in a perfect world) like to see completed before Transmission Gully opens, is getting a better, safer junction at the Takapu Road/SH1 exit.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Since we have lived in New Zealand, we have aimed to visit a different place for every holiday. This was camping with a tent whilst the children were at home, but we have given that up now! We are still making our way around the multitude of interesting and beautiful places to visit and haven't yet found anywhere we didn't enjoy being.

What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you the most satisfaction/pride?

My family – Paul and I have been happily married for almost 50 years now, and our children are reaching their potential in families that get on well with each other and all their in-laws. This is something I am very content about.

What are two or three interesting things about you that local people may not know?

That I can be quite a stirrer, in my own way! Someone put a 'Women's Lib' sign on my desk within a short time of my starting my first job (and not in a friendly way!) This was when I 'pointed out' that a male colleague, who started at the same time as I did, having just completed the same course, was being paid 50% more than I was.

I have always been a letter writer and campaigner for justice and equality and anti-war/anti-nuclear. Whilst in England, I was part of the women's movement that had the camp at Greenham Common to protest about US nuclear weapons being stationed there. I took my daughter with me when we formed a human chain all around the US base!

I was also one of the earliest distributors/promotors of Fair Trade goods in the UK through Traid Craft, an organisation similar to Trade Aid here. Though at that time in England (from the mid 1970's) the goods were all sold and promoted through voluntary reps going to homes and groups.

What are three things you would like to do before you die?

Even though I like to be organised and have a contingency plan for every conceivable 'what if …', I have never had any interest in 'bucket lists', nor even long-term goals and plans. I've always just wanted to live each day as it comes and make the most of whatever opportunities arise.

NEXT TRA MEETING

The Tawa Residents' Association monthly meetings are open to the public. 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, usually on the second Monday of the month, 7.30pm.You can always contact us to confirm the correct date on vibrant.tawa@gmail.com.
You can find the agenda on our website here https://tawa.org.nz

We look forward to meeting you!

Tony, Robyn, Peter, Susan, John, Jackson, Anna, Jill, Richard & Monique

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