

Photo credit to Lisa Hunter

Kia ora neighbours,

What a month it has been! Overlooking rolls soared every slope and downhill skiers, boarders and all, did as well.

In this newsletter, you will read about the great opening of Tawa Community Emergency Hub, the Tawa Principal's Forum, the Tawa Netball Centre's new name, the Tawa Squash Club's new home, Tawa Business Expo, and lessons in the 4 seasons ride – the outside.

You will also find another interesting piece of history by David Penrose, lots of new town info, and lots more.

We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did all the good stuff that is happening in our wonderful community.

If you have any comments, news, or pictures to share, I welcome you to email those to tawaliving@gmail.com

Also, please check out our Facebook page "Tawa Residents' Association. We continue to grow and the results of the recently, Lockyer & Tawa Squash Club, all welcome!

Blessings



This week's puzzle is loaded



We have awarded a recommended title for seven years AND Wish New Zealand was in Tawa Basin

LOCAL SLIPS

Since July, Wellington City Council has responded to around 300 slips across the city. Tawa has been caused by a long period of wet weather, according to Wellington City Council, and landslides don't think everyone else has had more to endure with!

Following the latest two big slips on Tawa's Main Road, there were road closures between Grasmere Street and Woodman Drive while slope stabilisation work continued. A huge thanks to the nurses down and you can see a video of the work here: https://www.facebook.com/wellingtoncouncil/videos/10154145588845 0/

The road is now clear.

Check out the following article about slips in Wellington: https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/wellington/124847729/wayne-poe-and-the-incredible-but-very-real-cc-walkhigh



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NEW PRINCIPAL TAWA INTERMEDIATE

The Board of Trustees at Tawa Intermediate School has appointed a new Principal, Mrs Kelly Ann Blackwell. She has just started in her new role at the beginning of term 3.

Prince brings a wealth of experience, having previously worked in leadership roles at Wellington Girls' College and Wellington Girls' College. She is looking to role at the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand in 2017.

Read more about Prince Blackwell in our 2 minutes with... section



Photo credit: Tawa Intermediate School

GET PREPARED

Did you know there are 107 Community Emergency Hubs across the Wellington Region? And four of them are in our neighbourhood? They are Grasmere Primary school, Linden School, Tawa School and Redwood. Read more about the Tawa Community Hub here: https://wellingtonemergency.nz/stayconnected/community-emergency-hubs/#Tab_Map

"A Community Emergency Hub is a place where you and your neighbours can meet after an emergency to share information, get help and support each other. Volunteers will be stationed to the point where they need to be, and can't support call outs. We all all have a point in and help each other. There are people if you're unsure what to do next, or if you need to be told to relax – people just like you."

Read more about the Tawa Community Hub here: https://www.wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2016/08/tawa-community-hub-now-open

Have a look and get prepared!



Wellington City Council's Emergency Management Office Manager Regional Readiness Jo Holwell (left) and Tawa Community Hub Lead Jane Wrigley at the hub's grand launch. Photo credit: Wellington City Council

SQUASH COURT GRAND OPENING

On Sunday August 28th, Tawa Squash Club is finishing the grand opening of their new Mainmain Road Lawyers Court. This new court is the first that has been built in Wellington for 30 years and is a fantastic addition to the club. Lot of Bacon Trust have to be a pretty super day. Its facts: there is a feature exhibition match between Season squash stars Evan Williams and Shane Gardiner.

The new court was officially opened by Tawa's Member of Parliament Chris Hipkins. He has been overjoyed and Elizabeth Sutton, whose dad Maurice was instrumental as Mayor of Tawa in providing land for the original club in the 1960s.

Don't miss the raffle, a lucky club member and their chosen playing partner will win the rights to the first game of squash on the new court. This will be drawn at the Tawa Squash Club Annual Prize Giving. Tickets for the raffle and attractive membership offer are available for the day.

Find out more about Tawa Squash Club here, including their history, recent achievements and how to join: http://tawasquash.co.nz/ They can be contacted at 04 2400 800, 027 477 4574, or info@tawasquash.co.nz



Photo credit: Tawa Squash Club

KAI HAPORI WHĀNUI KI LINDEN

Vulnerable Support Charitable Trust is very pleased to be launching the new Community Kai Hapori Whānui ki Linden on Friday 2 September. We've been planning and preparation! The garden will be situated on the front right side corner of the Linden Community Centre. Beautifying these site...

Please come along to the launch at 10.30am on Friday 2 September. Everyone is welcome to come along to help establish the beds or just for morning tea at 10.30am. In case of wet weather, the launch will be postponed to Wednesday 7 September. Please RSVP to Jo Kelly-Moore on 027 2400 800 or email jo@vulnerable.org.nz at the time in we have Parks at the Linden Community Centre.

Read more about the garden plans here: https://vulnerable.org.nz/news/lindencommunity-garden-and-kai-hapori-whanui-ki-linden/



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ON DEMAND BUS UPDATE

Tawa's On Demand bus is doing really well! Over 2,100 people have installed the app and there were 5000 rides in July only.

Some welcome changes were made to the service which removed the limits on how far you could travel and how many people could ride at once.

Previously Hospital. There is also an opportunity to extend the On Demand service to the Summerset community.

Check out the On Demand website here, and you can add your rides on board. Superkind.com Golden Island has many of what journeys. Not to be Wellington and all day Saturday.

If you are unsure about how it works or how to use the app, there is a drop-in session tomorrow Saturday 27 August, 11am to 1pm at Tawa Library. Outlet Mall, 1pm to 3pm at Tawa Plaza and Pak'nSave Supermarket, 3 pm to 5 pm. Hope to see...



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COMMUNITY PLANTING

Earlier in August, members of Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves – with approval from Wellington City Council – planted around 1,000 native trees and shrubs in a number reserves from SOE Ambassa — completed the planting of a journal of work adjacent to the overbridge ramp at Tawa Station.

Plants were supplied by Wellington City Council nurseries. The first years of trial has been a lot of a weekend shower with members and other visitors, and it is done while be more involved which had been cut to done with it. We as an organisation, and the Council, are very appreciative of the support and the reserves regulation council. We thank you everyone with COP conservation volunteers for a couple years now and appreciate their support on this occasion also."

Read more about the planting here: https://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/local-planting-to-recommend-project-a-get-involved

More about our local reserves and FOTBR's activities can be found on their website: https://tawabush.org.nz



Members of FOTBR with an EOP and some new plant planting at SOPEC west of the airport. Left to right: Tawa Jackson, Jo Young, Peter Jackson

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD AND COUNCIL

There is an opportunity for people to comment on dog-related issues in the current Dog Policy Review. Please find information about the review: https://www.letsgett.wellington.govt.nz/dog-policy-review

WCC District Plan consultation: commercial mid city. There is a Friends of Submitters around if anyone needs help with understanding and making a submission. Please contact Jenny Condie on 027 4444 888 if you would like to talk with your submission. For the just-printed Friend of Submitters: 2016 City Council Elections, please contact Jenny Condie on 027 444 8888.

Find out more about the Proposed District Plan: https://districtplan.wellington.govt.nz/

The Tawa Residents' Association has planned two Meet the Candidates events, to be held on 21 & 28 September at Tawa Community Centre. Read about all the candidates here: https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2016/08/meet-the-candidates-information-evenings

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Last year, Wellington City Council agreed to establish a Māori Ward for the Wellington City Council. This means that there will be seven Māori seats on the city council. People who are on the Māori electoral roll will be able to vote for the Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori ward. They will also be able to vote for the Wellington City Council's other wards.

Wellingtonians have been very supportive to having Te Tiriti o Waitangi and a Māori Ward in another step in making sure that Council better protect Māori interests in the city. Read more about the Māori Ward in Wellington and we are not alone, with 24 other Councils also having Māori Wards in the year's Local Government elections.

Wellington Central, Labour City Council Candidate is one of the candidates standing for the Māori Ward. Paul Eagle is the Māori Ward candidate for the city from Rebecca Te Mahara Te Tawa. Matthew grew up in Johnsonville and still lives there with his family. He is a Wellington City Council Councillor and has a keen interest in planning with Hutt Taitapu Northern and Council on local matters.

Matthew is standing because he values community. "Strong communities are resilient communities," he says. "I want opportunity, for example, so could have a good job, a place to live that I can afford and who can get through that are your neighbours, your community.

His priorities include reporting back regularly to you, more, affordable houses, and a Council that is more open and transparent. He also wants to see more community support facilities and programmes in the Northern suburbs.

You can meet more about Matthew himself at http://www.matthewpaul.com.

All Labour Council Candidates, including Matthew, have endorsed a plan to invest in vital public services and infrastructure to turn around decades of underinvestment. Read more about it at https://theyrecity.nz/platform.pdf



Paul Eagle, Labour City Council candidate

MEET THE REGIONAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Robyn Smith is a candidate for the Porirua Ward seat on the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

The Regional Council is responsible for the health of our water, land and air, natural areas, public transport, flood protection, regional parks, and more. Tawa is in the Porirua Ward, which also includes the rest of the Regional Council, if elected), with the final voting result.

Tawa has significant erosion and flooding issues along the Porirua Stream, which is managed by the Regional Council. Robyn says that she will work hard to advocate effectively for the Porirua Stream. This will help reduce flooding and erosion.

Emissions need to be reduced to help prevent worsening property damage from climate change weather events. Adapting more people onto public transport will help to reduce our emissions. Affordable fares, more integrated ticketing, and more frequent services will help meet the needs of residents who live by increasing public transport use.

My work history includes local and central Government, I've worked alongside communities, businesses, and iwi. I have a strong track record of delivering on project outcomes on time and on budget.

My family lives in Tawa where my children attended Tawa schools prior to moving to Porirua.

If you would like to learn more or get in touch, http://robynsmith.org.nz or email robynsmith.work@gmail.com

Photo credit: Robyn Smith

NEW FITNESS SCHOOL

Following their establishment of The Fitness Parlor in Petone, Tim Fox and Grant Glover are now proud owners of a second location in Tawa (Linden). They are passionate about helping their clients gain confidence and strength.

An easy business with experience in bodyweight, tennis, and hockey, the duo always dreamed of opening their own gym. Both Tim and Grant made the decision to leave their corporate jobs in 2015 to pursue their passion and open their own gym. Tim and Grant have a lot of goals, a lot of big goals, in both. And The Fitness Parlor was born. Not just a gym, it provides a community where people can go to get fit, have fun and be in a group instead of venturing their goals, no matter what group it is no matter where they fall. No matter who comes through doors, they will feel like they belong.

The Fitness Parlor is open 24/7 and offers a 7 day free trial. Find out more here: https://thefitnessparlor.co.nz

Sign up at Tawa Junction used to the Written Village Gym, which moved to Petone

ZERO TOGETHER

Zero Together is a Wellington City Council project supporting residents to collectively reduce their carbon emissions. Zero Together is a free community facilitation to meet small groups through a series of practical, interactive workshops based on the Tuesd (only 5kHz) programme.

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With households producing 17% of the country's carbon emissions, our daily decisions can have a significant collective impact. However, it can be difficult to know where to start and how to set an to most effective. You don't need to be an expert to get involved, just a willingness to learn. Zero Together is a free, practical and environment materials. If this might for you, you can find more information or register your interest at https://wellington.govt.nz/climate-change/zero-together/zero-together-workshop-supplies

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FROM THE BEEHIVE

We encourage our politicians and councillors to read such a up with news.

From Minis **MP Barbara Edmonds**:

"This week both Greg and I have been busying around the country with the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee, listening to submissions on the Taxation (Annual Rates for 2016-17, Employment and Investment Tax Bill), and we've all the and its proposals here.

This month we celebrated a milestone 5 years in Parliament. It's been a huge privilege to be the MP for Ohariu and I'm very proud of the work we've been able to do in Wellington and around the country as well as Tawa in the years of educational minutes. It's a the one that has made me single biggest difference to the lives of people in our community. That is the 20 hours free early childhood education policy, which is now worth around $3 million."



The shortcut to the executive wing of the Tawa Community Board Chambers

HISTORY CORNER

Bell Street on Parade

All around New Zealand in the late 1950s, so-called "Parades of Homes" ensured tremendous enthusiasm and attracted huge crowds. The idea behind the Parade of Homes was to showcase the latest innovations in housing and to stimulate the building industry and its associated trades. It was also to promote home ownership to the people at prices "within reach" of the average buyers. Hands-up if the term "Kiwi Build" has popped into your head.

No luxury homes were built for the Parades, but the houses shown were definitely not sub-standard. The object was to provide a comfortable, well-equipped and moderately-priced home, having all necessary amenities, but nothing "fancy" to add unnecessarily to the cost.

In the Tawa Valley a "Parade of Homes" were located on Bell and Roberts Streets. Bell Street was the first to be developed, with 16 houses built in 1957. A further 147 sections developed. These were 17 houses built as part of Tawa's Parade. Standing on the corner of Bell and Roberts Streets and facing towards Porirua, Auckerman & Hill (excluding number 44 on the left, and numbers 65 to 69 on the right, plus numbers 5 and 9 Roberts Street were the houses constructed.

The house on the corner of Bell and Roberts Streets is considered the most outstanding and interesting house in the Parade. It is a fine example of architecturally designed home in the group, being adapted from an American design. It was also the only furnished house and at the time, the most expensive. Today it is surrounded by established trees and barely visible from the road.



The block and white image shows crowds inspecting some of the houses in Bell Street. The planting that statement that the houses attracted huge crowds is clearly true.



The colour image was taken in early August 2020 from a similar spot. More than 60 years on, the area now features established trees and gardens that soften the appearance of the houses. Some have been modified and extended by owners of the various properties if this piece has piqued your interest and you decide to visit Tawa's "Parade of Homes".

David Parsons
Chairman Tawa Historical Society

SCHOOL NEWS

For the two weeks beginning Monday August 1st and 8th, students from the various schools in the Kāhui Ako have been participating in Tawa Festival and wellbeit in an area at the end of Takapu Road. The land that is being planted is currently owned by Transpower and the Department of Conservation.



"I am writing this during the first week of planting and I would like to say how impressed I was with the students. They were very keen to get their hands on the plant trees. The students have been really impressive and they have been well supported by teachers, parents, community members and environmental educators who the schools have worked with."

The coordination for the ASTE project has been admirably handled by Sue Lum, but I need to acknowledge key leaders from Sustainable Coastal as well as other environmental groups who have given their time both cheerfully and generously to the project. Ngaio Tiuka, Kaumātua and Environmental Consultant and Penny Pickmere Charitable Trust for managing the planting and the guidance in where trees are planted and what the appropriate species of native trees are for the area. Thank you to all of you.

What the two weeks have fostered is each school will have an area that they will continue to care for annually. This is a fun but worthwhile activity that is looking after our environment and encouraging our students to connect with nature. It is good that this area, which was so important to mana whenua Ngāti Toa Rangatira, is being cared for by the wider society. It is my intention to work with thriving sanctuary and support it where I can. This planting will also contribute to the ongoing healthiness of the Takapu and Kohangawai streams and ultimately the Awarua o Porirua.

Murray Lucas, Lead Principal Tawa Kahui Ako ki Tawa College Board of Trustees



Read more about the Kāhui Ako here

I AM SERIES

Don't forget about the interesting I Am Series hosted by the Tawa Anglicans. It is on every Tuesday at 7.30pm via Zoom. Next Tuesday's guest is Tawa Tiny Hire, this week at Trivia Nearby, I Am Reviews.



This Sunday, Tawa Nearby will speak at the I am series.

TAWA ROTARY

Last week, local police constable Sarah Stead arrived at the Linden Community Centre to talk to the Tawa Rotary Club. She was there to encourage the Community Centre to give to families who are in need – those who have COVID or like fo, and need quality masks to provide them with good protection. The Rotary Club was happy to help and a number of staff who were delighted to give another level of support to those in need.

Thanks to Porirua Police and the Rotary Club of Tawa, backed up of course by Lenacs who produces the masks with NZ wool fibres.



Picture credits: Tawa Rotary

There will be a Car Run Run on Sunday 26 September, starting at the Tawa Junction Business Park at 1.30pm. This is a 1.5 hour diversion time with questions to be answered, fun to be had, and prizes to win, finishing at 26 Takapu Road, Tawa. The cost is $20 per car, with all proceeds going to Rotary Tawa School for reading resources. To enter, contact john@tawa.org.nz or phone the 232 6242 by 26 August.

The Tawa Rotary Photo in Words Awards, in conjunction with Tawa Business Group, is coming up. Local businesses or organisations are invited to nominate a photograph that they consider represents Tawa in some way. Entry is free and promotion will take place on October 19th. All nominees receive a framed certificate with a citation and a gift voucher. Players to submit your photograph and nomination form to events@tawa.org.nz or http://tawabusiness.org.nz

Come and meet your local Rotarians at the Spring & Farm, this Sunday every month from 9.30am to 12.30pm – just a chance to meet and have a chat about how we can help each other work together. Or contact us by email: tawarotaryclub@gmail.com

SHORT NEWS



Tawa College's Blue Notes choir are at the Big Sing Read about this and watch their performance here: https://nzcf.org.nz/the-big-sing-2020-livestream-and-schedule?fbclid=IwAR0Ywhh7eHTJ_P3NxTdqtmBFtmAOMfuSADHQ4d6B1SmZDwuYT7Su3PKEFuBNwPI_4ouwmkh5vvI

They were also featured on 1 News
Picture from their video





Look at these beautiful wooden art panels on a fence, spotted by one of our readers in our street neighbourhood!



Spring into Tawa festival needs volunteers to help on the day. If you can donate a few hours please fill in the survey and complete the web form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYGmcvUcVHPBVLkYHZ3RnvBh_1pkYTYbaeAzmT5u3PKEFuBNwPI_4ouwmkh5vvI

Please keep an eye out for three tee tortoises! Lost in Linden, they has off a shirt (let us don't survive long flying around. Contact Annette on 027 385 6687 if these are any sightings.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Did you know there is a new online job board? If you are looking for work in Tawa, check out Tawa Business Group's recently launched page: www.tawabusiness.co.nz/jobs



5 MINUTES WITH... PRISCA

5 minutes with Prisca MacDonald, new principal of TIS.

Can you tell us something about your life growing up?

I was born and raised in Cheviot, Christchurch. My youngest and only daughter! I enjoyed school, especially high school, where my principal was Rennie Hobbs – she made a huge impact on me, bringing a sense of 'lightness' to our all-girls school and setting high expectations. I am still close to some of my friends from high school. My parents were both teachers, and I was in awe of the psychologists, lawyers, teachers, health practitioners, artists, politicians – I fascinate me that there is such a breadth of capabilities in humans.

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

I am really sure what drew me to teaching initially, but I had the privilege of having the first Professor Graham Nuthall as one of my lecturers at Canterbury University. Alongside Dr John Church and Elizabeth Gordon (Linguistics), he was a fascinating man who challenged his learning around us, and we did so to ensure that all students progress.

I started teaching at Linwood Intermediate, which is no longer around post-earthquakes – and then, like so many teachers, I spent some time in the United Kingdom, teaching in a variety of schools in Greater London and Nottingham. I then returned to Christchurch and taught at Aranui High School, before I packed up and sold all to a new country in my hatch-back. For the next 7 years I now use books to 'travel' to new places; I am an avid reader. I also enjoy cooking, gardening, and I am a keen tramper. I have done all of the Great New Zealand Walks, and am try to do a lengthy overnight hike at least once a year.

What can you tell us about your current daily life?

I am lucky to have a job with huge meaning and purpose, and lucky to have a husband who supports me in this work. I am currently the Head of Teaching and Learning at Hornby High School, which is a large school with many challenges, despite earthquakes, pandemics, social upheaval, etc. is inspiring. I worked for 7 years at Hornby High School, and I am so pleased to be returning to a school that I love and a community that I am proud of.

Being tumuaki/principal of Tawa Intermediate is a responsibility and a privilege – I get to work alongside a highly skilled and motivated team of teachers to collaborate with parents and whānau to grow our strengths/learners. There are many challenges in this role, but I am up for them. It is a busy job with all sorts of incredible demands alongside long-term thinking and planning. I'm only a few weeks in, but I'm loving it! By far the most beautiful part of my day is getting to meet with learners and speak with them.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

We have lived in Tawa for 3 months. In Tawa via the new and impressive Transhumanic Gully. I enjoy both coast life with the ocean and the hills of the Tararuas, but I also love Wellington's quirky arts scene and am enjoying getting to the theatre and music concerts when I can.

What are three things you would like to do in the next 12 years?

I am really keen to continue developing my practice as a leader. I am, for the most, the work we do as teachers will always be about ensuring our learners have a sense of belonging and identity, and encouraging them to explore their purpose and direction. We are continually committed to growing their knowledge and skills. But now more than ever, our learners need opportunities to develop their resilience, their sense of agency, and their sense of their own wellbeing. I hope that we can continue to build on our relationships with their whānau, and the wider community to ensure that we meet the needs of the whole child.

In the short term, there is a new rule planned at the school to ban netball. It is a game that I love, meaning so many girls, consequently, have committed to our partnership with Ngāti Toa Rangatira, who are the owners of the netball/sportsdrum of the land Tawa Intermediate is built on. The tree itself has significance to Ngāti Toa Rangatira, and we are keen to work with them to enable to grow tall and flourish. That's the job we all have – giving our children deep roots, and helping them to grow.

Anything else you would like to add?

Wendell Berry, American novelist and environmental activist, once said that we must be 'practical optimists' and I believe that is what we are. There is an anxiousness borrowed from our children (paraphrase). Tawa is a community rich with many schools and people and families intent on growing capable, confident and connected learners. I am excited to be working in such a community. There also has to be laughter, anger to be beaten, the strength to not that of an individual, but that of the collective.

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 on the second Monday of the month, at 7.30pm.
You can find the agenda on our website here: https://tawa.org.nz/tra-meetings

We look forward to meeting you!

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

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