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Hi Everyone,

The remaining cover photo this month is from Cheryl Watson, with a view of the morning train departing from Kowiparo Street.

In this April newsletter, you can read about Anzac Day in Tawa, the new or recent visitor attractions happening with the organisation.

Find out about our local organisations, clubs and your shops. There is also a book review, a recipe, a DIY project, a reminder about Tawa Resident Rachel Allan, and a lot more!

Please keep sending all your news and pictures to - tawanewsletter@gmail.com - by the end of each month.

We hope you will enjoy reading about all the good stuff that is happening in our vibrant community.

Kind regards on behalf of the Tawa Residents' Association, Our next meeting is on Monday 8th May, 7.30pm at Tawa Council Chrs, which is the AGM. We will have Gary Bancroft to tell us all about the Tawa Flat Wind Farm Proposal, all welcome!

Michael

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## ANZAC DAY

It was a well attended Anzac Day service this Saturday 25 April 2020, starting at the Tawa War Memorial, followed by a wreath laying ceremony. The service was led by the Wellington Red Neckties Pipe Band.

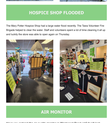
Some comments from the public were: "A wonderful event. Very moving. Good to see many younger people. Proud to be a New Zealander today" and "A very moving service. Well done everyone."

See more pictures and videos of the event on the Tawa Returned Services Association Facebook page here: https://www.facebook.com/RSATawa/

Pictures courtesy John Pearce

## HOSPICE SHOP FLOODED

The Mary Potter Hospice Shop had a large water flood recently. The Tawa Hospice Pre Shop's insurance has now paid. Staff are currently sort out of the damage for all items that were done open open on Thursday.



## AIR MONITOR

Here's you notice that air quality monitor in Westwood Road yet? It will look similar to the one in the photo.
This was done by Porirua City Council after concerns in the Tawa community around odour from Spicer Landfill.

The air quality monitor will give data to corroborate or discount what they think is the odour causing chemical. It will also tell us if the odour causing chemical is at levels, but it will not, as it hangs around in a power (including landfill gas). If there is monoxacin that is the end and what this is doing, it will tell us. It will also tell us what other gases are in the air.
The air gun tests the data and sends it to the cloud.
https://www.facebook.com/PoriruaCityCouncil/

## NANA'S SHED BOOKS

**New centre for Nana's Shed Books**
Nana's Shed Books in Tawa has now finished the publication of its tenth book with two new centres. The launch of a Greek Tertiary collection in Greek and Cypriot Greek, and a Tertiary collection in Tongan and Rarotonga Rarotonga versions of both books in English and Māori.

Brian and publisher Maria Morris, along with illustrator Rachel Stringer, began writing in 2014 with the intention of creating four new centre books for Maria's Nana's Shed Books organisation. Nana's Shed Books is a charity that aims to give free to various stages of the publication process, including an early reader, and a book for 14 to 15 year olds. The audiobooks are available through Spotify, Google Play and Apple Podcasts. The audiobooks are available including US book giant Barnes and Noble and the Swedish audiobook platform, storytel.com.

The team of Brian and Maria and Illustrator has become a team of two retirees, four grandchildren and a dog. Nana's Shed Books is the Wellington region arm of Nana's Shed Books support services and book as well. Literacies North primary schools, and Tertiary accounts(TA), with website management by Pacific Communications.

Maria Morris with the book that started it all, "Mele – Mia", the latest book and that in the Nana's Shed Books collection.

## JIGSAW LIBRARY

The jigsaw library volunteers have been super busy, longstanding. Fabulous new volunteer were generously donated and all jigsaws are now back in the library. Thanks to Tawa Residents Association for the donation of the jigsaws to the Tawa Community Centre. This is a free service, there are over 100 jigsaws, and there are also jigsaws for children.

We will now donations of XL pieces jigsaws. We are also on the lookout for a new volunteer to take over the jigsaw library, please contact tawanewsletter@gmail.com, including name from Tawa Please email Michael on michaelbrown@xtra.co.nz if you would like to help.

## TWISTED WILLOW

Recently, from Ken Tomson Wines, the floral on 1884 Main Road, closed her store. Tomson Made the Tawa Community Garden and all by beautiful local customers. Twisted Willow was a very popular shop, with a very loyal customer base. Ken's store and shop in Ada Crescent have been on so many occasions with an open door for the community, and Ken and her staff will be very sorely missed. It is sad to close, way to lifetime and share your stories with her. I will miss that, and I know many people will miss that too. Ken has been a great friend to the Tawa Community Garden and Tawa's wider community.

This week the new nomenclature has opened the doors again. Zoe has 15 years of experience and "can't wait to continue providing fresh, professionally arranged flowers (supply with hand-tied customer service)

Twisted Willow in Ada Crescent

## WATERMAIN RENEWALS

Wellington Water, representing Wellington City Council, will improve Tawa's water network by renewing an old section of wastewater pipeline between Ada Crescent and Main Road. The work will improve the network's resilience, provide a more reliable water supply, and reduce the risk of wastewater overflows.

Construction begins in late May and will take around four months, resulting in the closure of the northbound lane of Main Road. Wellington Water has worked with the community, including St Francis Xavier School and Redwood Primary School, to develop a plan that minimises the impact on residents and school parents. Through the work to schedule, it is necessary and will unfortunately benefit the community.

Map: Road Closures Tawa Tawa Ada Crescent Tawa Ada Wellington Main Tawa Main Road Tawa Main Road Tawa Main Road

Hello everyone and welcome to our April edition of the Tawa Community Board newsletter. We have been very busy since our last newsletter, with a number of projects underway. Reopen and Sport stakes were presented by Wellington City Council with support from Conservation Volunteers.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on maps to report every tree or shrub planted, and for information on upcoming events. Contact TCNA committee members would supply. If you are keen to help out, please email: secretary@tawacommunity.nz

Our Mayor Andy Foster and Tawa Community Board Member Nicola Ellis at the Tawa Community Garden

## CARDYLING GARDEN CORNER

**It's Kale time!**

True. The bloom are a few months off yet, but if you have planned ahead, Cardyling Garden Centre has kale plants for sale. Kale is a nutritious vegetable, seemingly frequent inclusions in crash cash accounts. Make sure you bulks you kay pon first and best from spacing, but a little green by showing up.

Black kale can go straight into the garden now, but kale and cabbages need a little protection from the cabbage white butterfly. Cover the plants with a fine net for a few weeks, but a couple of weeks is better than none. If you are unable to shift them, make sure the bulks are kept in a cool shady spot until planting time.

Bulks should be planted in well cultivated free draining soil at a depth three times the depth of the bulk. Firm the soil around the bulks and water well. Water in a cup of plant and fertilising. Make sure bulk the soil when the leaves are through, they will perform better.

Tawa Community Garden is a very productive ground covering for kale and always bulk bounty, but also not by something a little different? Try sweetpea Penny Black. Sweetpea Penny Black is a dwarf variety, with dark purple flowers and a very strong scent and muscle display. Beautiy ground of bright red orange or orange. Sweetpea Penny Black is a dwarf variety, with dark purple flowers and a very strong scent and muscle display

Earlier this year, Oliver won the NZ Under 17 title at the national age grade championships in Wellington.

He has had an impressive rise through the grades over the recent past, reaching A Grade last year and taking out both the "Junior" and "Senior" Tawa Squash Club Championships for the last two years as a 15 and then 16-year-old. He also represented Wellington at the Under 17 Nationals in Hamilton in 2024 – Evan went on to represent NZ (including at the Commonwealth Games and also was the NZ Open and) now coaches CN.

The future looks bright for CN and with two more years as a junior, he looks destined to be a National Junior Champion in the near future and then on to even more prestigious honours.

**Registrations now open for Junior Coaching** Term 2, starting back 1 May. A great way to learn new skills with one of NZ's best coaches. Nail Green: There are two sessions on the Monday afternoon. Try a free session for free! Email coaching@tawasquash.co.nz for info and registration.



**Revolve Fitness**, 210 Main Road Tawa is one of Wellington's longest-serving gyms! They have been operating since 1998. Six of years, as a personal training gym. They have no contracts, and cater to all ages, abilities and goals. Read more about them here: http://www.therevolveforme.com/

## SHORT NEWS AND EVENTS



Age Concern is having a Linden Pop Up Hub for seniors on Tuesday 9 May, 1–2.30pm. This is a free event at the Linden Community Centre. Enjoy a cup of tea, a light lunch, and meet new people. Please call 04 499 8640 or email allcomments@agewellington.org.nz for more information.



Flamingo scooters are coming to Tawa from 27 April. Pricing is $1 to unlock, 35c per min. Find out more and sign up here: https://flamingo.nz/cities/tawa




Join Erica Stanford, National's Education Spokesperson and Nicola Willis, National's Deputy Leader and List MP based in Wellington, for a public meeting to discuss New Zealand's education system, and to hear about National's commitment to improve it for all Kiwi kids.
**Where:** Tawa Community Centre, 24 Cambridge Street, Tawa
**When:** Thursday 1st May, 6:30pm



Clare Lowe run catacuer recently opened her new shop with hand-crafted soul through crochets and a lot more at 5 Collins Ave, Linden.



A new light was installed at the Redwood Dog park.
Picture credit: Grant Miller



There are still some places available in our term 2 courses. If you want to keep active, learn some weavings, sheet out ours.
Website: www.tawaweavers.nz Email: tawaweavers@gmail.com
Picture: L from the Kapiti/Horowhenua Cooking and Asian Cooking & Dim Sum classes. Details on the web page: https://www.tawaweaver.co.nz/Tuesday%20Day

Other courses include: Knitting, crochet, lace, woodworking, various cooking classes, guitar, ukulele, yoga, Bollywood, flower arranging, NZ Sign Language, sewing family memories, digital photography, sewing, Gagana Samoan, landlocking, self defence and more. As an NZ approved provider we offer Defensive Driving courses both for learner and experienced drivers. This term we are running a Parents as Driving Coaches evening as well.



**Jasmine Hunt & Marianne Wren**
Tawa Community Centre
Today's musical performers are Jasmine Hunt, a guitar & bass player, and Marianne Wren, a violin player. Jasmine is a recent graduate of Victoria University, studying jazz guitar.
**Monday 4 May, 1.30pm**



**Richard Prosser: Sky B and Jack Jack Boards**
Tawa Community Centre
Listen to Richard, a double amputee, who will share his journey with amputations, cancer, and a life-threatening motorcycle accident.
**Saturday 30 May, 12pm**



**Wellington Rock Guide Lower Hutt**
Tawa Community Centre
Learn to climb safely! Instructors will show you how to climb safely, learn knots, and directions magnet navigation.
**Thursday 1 May, 6pm**



**Dog Club with Pat**
Tawa Community Centre
Dogs are welcome at Pat's Dog Club! Pat is a dog trainer who has been training dogs for over 50 years. Pat teaches dog obedience, puppy classes, and specialises in problem behaviours.
**Tuesday 13 May, 6pm**



**Sun Jam**
Tawa Community Centre
Sun Jam is a friendly and inclusive jam session for all levels of ukulele and beginner ukulele players. Bring your own ukulele or use one of our ukuleles provided.
**Tuesday 13 May, 1.30pm**



**Kevin 'K' Avram**
Tawa Community Centre
Kevin K Avram is a Wellington based singer-songwriter who is a regular at the Kilbirnie Club.
**Saturday 25 May, 2.00pm**

For **NZ Music Month** there will be concerts at the Tawa Library, starting on Monday 4 May, 3.30pm with ukulele duo Gemma Nash & Marianne Wren.



Fantastic photo by Harley Lyl, can you guess where this is?



A flyer for Tawa News was spotted in the On Demand tout!



Cute socks at the river near Linden Pluntuk from Tracy Wood.



Letterboxes(x) of the month.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that from 1 July, more plastics will be banned? Single use plastic cutlery, plastic plates and bowls, polystyrene food and drink containers, and Plastic produce labels will also be banned.
Read all about it here: https://environment.govt.nz/what-you-can-do/waste/waste-on-people-use-and-feed-to-recycle-plastic-items?utm_source=Big+govt+Newsletter+%2Bgeneral&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Plastics&utm%5Bsource%5D=%2C%2BFacebook&utm%5Bmedium%5D=Social&utm%5Bcampaign%5D=Plastics%2BBan&utm%5Bterm%5D=Plastic%2BBans%2BBans%2C%2BWaste%2BPrevention&utm%5Bcontent%5D=Bans+-+Term+3+April+2025



No, more plastic produce labels. Picture credit: stuffnewsfeed.govt.nz

## 5 MINUTES WITH RACHEL



**5 minutes with Rachel Allan**

***Can you tell us something about your life growing up?***
I was born in Upper Hutt, the youngest of four children. I attended several primary schools and then secondary school in Lower Hutt.

***Can you tell us something about your life after finishing school?***
After finishing secondary school I attended Victoria University but dropped out after a year. I worked for a couple of years before heading overseas on my OE which lasted about 2 years – a mixture of travelling and working. I was lucky to experience some amazing places and meet some lifelong friends and memorable some from. I then returned to NZ to complete my study and earn some money!

***What can you tell us about your current daily life?***
I work full time as the Administration & Services Manager for the NZ Resuscitation Council which is the standard setting body for resuscitation and CPR training in NZ. My role covers all the administrative functions, developments within resuscitation, and apply the evidence to the New Zealand environment in the form of our guidelines.
My husband works at Parliament and we have two adult children.
Meghan is a primary school teacher and Sean is studying mechanical chemistry at Canterbury University. We also have two extremely spoiled cats – Filly and Kitty.

Hugh and I have lived in Tawa for almost 30 years – I guess we are almost locals now!

***What do you like about Tawa?***
I love the community feel and we are lucky to have great community and recreational facilities, nearly all within walking distance for most residents. I also love the easy accessibility to the Wellington City, Lower Hutt, Porirua and Kapiti Coast. I also appreciate the fine Tawa weather – it is always a little better than Porirua! I also enjoy the awesome farmer's market – Pukekawa, Tuj, Kaney are all regular visitors to our garden, and most nights we hear a Ross calling.

***What would you like to see improved in Tawa?***
I would like to see the On Demand bus service become a permanent fixture. This service has made life so much easier for many residents.

***What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?***
Everywhere I go becomes my new "favourite". I love visiting new places and am lucky to have family all over the country.

***What accomplishment in your life are you the most proud of?***
My children.

***What are two or three interesting things about you that local people may not know?***
I'm a knitter, weaver (although very much a novice) and I used to do Smallbone target shooting.

## NEXT TRA MEETING

The Tawa Residents' Association monthly meetings are open to the public. There will be no meeting in April. The next meeting will be on Monday 5 May, which is the ANZAC Field Day 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, William, Peter, Richard, Susan, Jarrod & Tony

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