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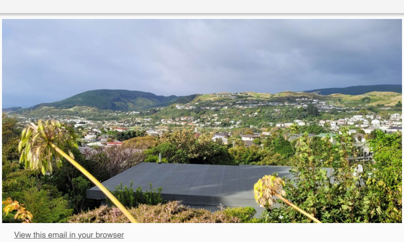

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Kia ora,

In this March newsletter, you can read about the recent new mural celebration, the whānau ride and the Concert in the Park. The last two events were such a success that there are plans to repeat these next year!

We are happy to have Carolyn join us with her own Garden Corner. Together with David Parsons' History Corner, and the Tawa Books & Post Book Corner, this adds a lot of interesting substance to the newsletter. With the growth of the newsletter, we are now on the lookout for three more people to create a small team. Please get in touch if you are keen. Tasks include social media and email communications, writing and editing.

We have lots of activities for youth coming up in the school holidays. Read information from the Community Board, council and MPs, a *5 minutes with Kareen* (did you know she had dinner with Tom Jones?), and a lot more!

Please keep sending all your news and pictures to newsletter@tawa.org.nz! We love seeing your stories.

If you are keen to have your own corner in the newsletter, why not contact us on newsletter@tawa.org.nz. A sports column for example would be welcome.

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

Have a good weekend from us all at the Tawa Residents' Association. Our next meeting is on Monday 8th May, 7.30pm at Tawa Squash Club, which is the AGM. We will have Gary Beecroft to tell us all about the Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserves. All welcome!

Monique

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NEW MURAL CELEBRATION

A beautiful collaboration between people and the environment helped shape this mural! If you live in Tawa or happen to be passing through I highly recommend checking out this art installation!

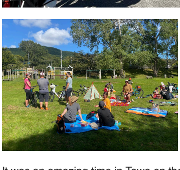
The art travels up the wall and across the ceiling – making it immersive and unique. The manu (birds) seen in the mural are special to the Tawa community. Pīwakawaka (NZ fantail) are friendly flying manu. Their chatty presence can be heard in most Tawa gardens, and reflect the welcoming nature of Tawa residents.
Kererū (NZ woodpigeon) are frequent vistors in the community, their large puku and appetite for juicy berries reflect the many neighbourly street BBQs that occur in Tawa annually. Knowing your neighbours and bonding over yummy kai is what makes our community so well connected!
Ruru (morepork) make Tawa feel like home. Their calls lull us to sleep and have such a comforting presence! It's in our nature to share with others when we've heard/seen a ruru at night!

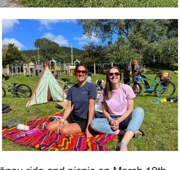
Thank you to Sheyne Tuffery, for creating something special for our community.
From Elizabeth Werner.

Pictured top left, from left to right: Tony Hassed (TRA), Richard Herbert (TRA & FOTBR), Sheyne Tuffery (the artist), Katie Taylor-Duke (WCC), Bernadette Palliser (BID), Elizabeth Werner (TRA & FOTBR), MP Greg O'Connor.

Many thanks to David Gray from Streetwise Coffee who donated the coffees and teas for the evening and to Jennifer Nicholas at Gorgeous Goose Cakes who provided the amazing cupcakes. Thanks to WCC for their generous grant, and thanks to Cyrus Ranchhod for allowing Sheyne to paint on his wall.

WHĀNAU RIDE





It was an amazing time in Tawa on the whānau ride and picnic on March 19th. What a day! As part of Neighbours Month Aotearoa, Women in Urbanism hosted a whānau cycle ride along Ara Tawa. The group started at the Tawa Skate Park and finished with a picnic at Willowbank Reserve.
Special thanks to: Patrick at Pedal Ready, Andrew and Charles for volunteering, Simon at Get Fixed Bicycle Cafe for the bikes and treats, WCC for their playsets and games, and all the neighbours who came out to celebrate.
Special thanks to the Alastair Smith Fellowship for supporting this mahi in this space. They can't wait to do it again!

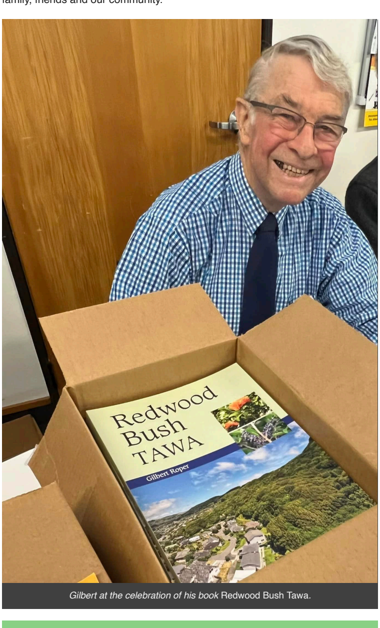
GILBERT ROPER OBITUARY

We are saddened by the loss of Gilbert Roper, who died on February the 26th. Gil was born in Palmerston North on the 20th of July in 1943. Gil and his wife Helen have five sons and have been residents of Tawa for almost 13 years. Gil began his teaching career at Tawa College in 1968. He had a highly successful career as a science and biology teacher before joining the NZQA. He was also a polished singer and loved music, in particular opera, and performed in many musical productions.

After retiring, he became Systems Advisor at Wellington College. Gil also instigated the planting of the greenery around the Wellington College Alan Gibbs Centre and coordinated the delivery and layout of each and every plant that now flourishes so verdantly around the building.

Gil was also a volunteer at Zealandia and a tutor for the Tawa Community College. His love for flowers and fauna saw him write two books on Tawa's conservation. His book *Redwood Bush Tawa* was published and launched at the end of 2022, by the outgoing Wellington Mayor Andy Foster. This was the final book in a series about Tawa's history, parks, and botany.
He also wrote *Tawa, its recreational parks and reserves (2020)* and *Tawa the tree, the community and its reserves (2017).* Gil also contributed to the Tawa newsletter. You can read a *2 minutes with Gil* here: http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/gil_roper.pdf

Gil's botanical knowledge was also utilised by VUW Botany Department, for which he would lead Botanical field trips. He was also a committed and long-time member (and historian) of Newlands Baptist Church.
Gilbert was praised by many for his generous spirit, he always had a smile on his face and a friendly word for everyone. He will be missed very much by his family, friends and our community.



Gilbert at the celebration of his book Redwood Bush Tawa.

55 YEARS OF TAWA LEARNERS' BAND

You may have seen Tawa Learners' Band playing at Spring into Tawa or after the Christmas Parade, but did you know that the band has been a fixture at the Tawa Union Church for the last 55 years?

In 1968, the local Boys' Brigade company set up a drum and bugle band. Through the years, the Boys' Brigade company added trumpets and other brass and percussion instruments, and the band became the Boys' Brigade Brass Band.

In the picture below, you can see a selection of the drums, bugles, mace and flag that were used by the original drum and bugle band.

In 2009, the Boys' Brigade company was disbanded, but the band played on under the leadership of Robin Thomson and the name BB Learners' Band.

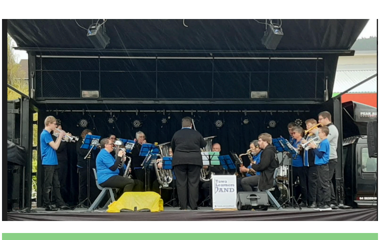
By 2014, the band was ready to move away from its Boys' Brigade roots and the current brass/wind/percussion band was born with the new name of Tawa Learners' Band. With a new logo, uniform, and playing well known music, the band became the one you know today.

The band's purpose has always been to provide a friendly and relaxed environment to introduce musicians to ensemble/band playing. They give musicians the opportunity to move to established bands when they are ready and willing. One of the band's longest serving members started playing with the band at nine years old and is now playing solo cornet for Trust Porirua City Brass.

People can sometimes be surprised that the majority of the band's members are adults. Some are learners and some have returned to music having not played since they were at school. Some have retired from more formal bands and others just like the relaxed atmosphere after a long week at work.

The band sees itself as Tawa's community band and is available to play at events run by charitable & community organisations in the northern suburbs. If you have an event coming up, please contact Keryn by emailing tawalearnersbandtrust@gmail.com.

Contribution from Keryn, Band Manager of Tawa Learners' Band.



CONCERT IN THE PARK

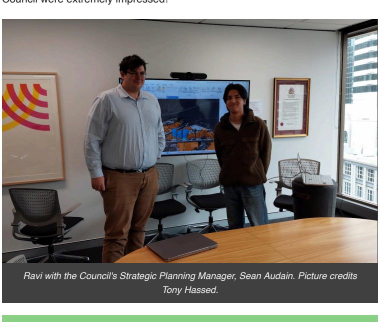
The Tawa Rotary Family Concert in the Park was a resounding success, with some 1,000 people sitting and relaxing with their picnic food and the option of a barbecued sausage when needed. Broadcaster Jason Pine introduced the various musical items, getting audience participation in his inimitable fashion.

The concert was opened enthusiastically by the Tawa College Kapa Haka Group, with the crowd responding to their movement and the sounds as they worked through their performance. The Royal New Zealand Air Force Band then entertained the audience with a variety shop of music from throughout the Americas. A pause, then vocal entertainment from Grace Notes, the Tawa College Barbershop Quartet, who held the audience captive to their amazing voices. Lastly on the programme, the selected members of the Air Force Band that make up the Jive Bombers had the audience on their feet, dancing on the grass in spite of the drizzle which started and then continued. This did not deter the more hardy of the concert goers as they took shelter under the tress and continued to listen and move to the music.

The concert certainly achieved the intended goal of providing a no-cost opportunity for families in the Tawa Community to come together and appreciate themselves and their community. Tawa Rotary is to be congratulated on their initiative in making this event happen, and would gratefully acknowledge the support received from Mexted Motors, New World Tawa, Lyn Calman – Ray White, Rutherford and Bond, Whittaker's and the Tawa Community Board.
From Elizabeth Sutton.

LOCAL CELEBRATED

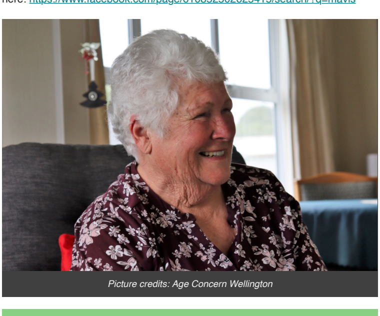
The Tawa community is proud of Ravi Machacon, who was Deputy Head Boy of Tawa College last year. He built a 3D model of central Tawa in conjunction with WCC. It is a powerful planning tool - it's possible to look at wind/shade/parking effects around Tawa and what's happening below ground (sewage, freshwater). Tawa College hopes that new students this year will build it out. It is a fundamental tool which Council recognises the importance of. Ravi presented the model this week at WCC to the deputy mayor, Laurie Foon. The Council were extremely impressed!



Ravi with the Council's Strategic Planning Manager, Sean Audain. Picture credits Tony Hassed.

LOCAL CELEBRATED

Local resident Mavis Woodman was recently celebrated by Age Concern Wellington in a wonderful article.
"If Mavis isn't lawn bowling, swimming, taking voice lessons, or participating in a Steady As You Go exercise class, she's probably home baking the most delicious scones you've ever tasted. Or perhaps she's sewing or knitting a useful gift for a friend. Despite Mavis being nearly 84 years old, she keeps more active than most."
Read the full story here: https://www.facebook.com/page/610852502625415/search/?q=mavis



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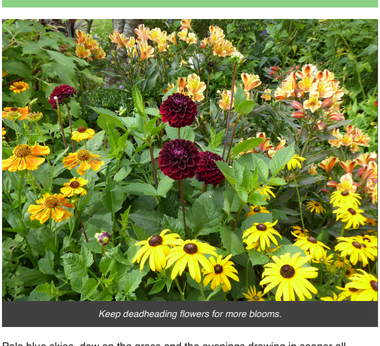
CAROLYNS GARDEN CORNER

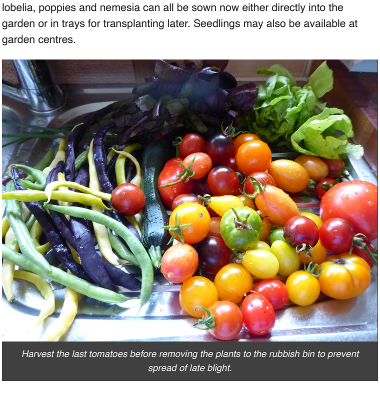


Keep deadheading flowers for more blooms.

Pale blue skies, dew on the grass and the evenings drawing in sooner all indicate that autumn is here. It is a time of change in the garden with summer perennials and annuals throwing out their final blooms and, hopefully, much to harvest from the edible garden.

In the potting shed, seed sowing is in full swing. It is important to read the instructions for each variety as germination conditions and times vary according to the species.
Always use fresh seed raising mix, soak the trays in water and drain prior to sowing seeds. The mix should be constantly moist, not wet. Misting with water is the best way to achieve this.

Flowers such as primula, pansies, violas, cinerarias, alyssum, calendula, stock, lobelia, poppies and nemesia can all be sown now either directly into the garden or in trays for transplanting later. Seedlings may also be available at garden centres.



Harvest the last tomatoes before removing the plants to the rubbish bin to prevent spread of late blight.

In the edible garden, brassicas, especially Asian greens, are the star of autumn and winter. Tat soi, Komatsuma, Pak choi, Mibuna all grow very easily from seeds scattered directly onto finely raked soil. Seedlings of broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage get off to a great start in the still warm March soil and you should be harvesting in late winter. These plants don't like sitting in their punnets for long, so when purchasing make sure roots are not protruding from the bottom or you will likely end up harvesting golfball sized heads. Net the rows to prevent white butterflies laying their eggs and their resulting larvae feasting on the seedlings.
Tomato plants may still have fruit on them but are often plagued by late blight. Harvest the fruit and put the plants in the bin, not compost as the spores can carry over to reinfect your soil.

March heralds the start of bulb planting season, but if your soil is still hot it is wise to hold off for another few weeks.
Bulbs to plant now if your soil has cooled: daffodils, jonquils, muscari, anemones, ranunculus, snowdrops, snowflakes and crocus. Hyacinths and tulips need much cooler temperatures so can be placed in paper bags in the fridge for 6 weeks ready to plant in May.

From Carolyn Campbell.
You can find her on Facebook here: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067872369384

WREMO

Emergency Preparedness – Community Emergency Hubs

This is the start of a series of articles in the Tawa newsletter sharing information and advice around emergency preparedness. The topic of this month is the Community Emergency Hubs.

In a disaster such as a big earthquake, there is likely to be widespread damage to power lines, water pipes, buildings, roads, and phone networks so the people you live nearest to will be your most immediate, and ongoing, source of support.

Although there are robust plans in place, immediately after a disaster official services may be stretched to the point where they must prioritise the most urgent callouts. We have seen this in recent events such as Cyclone Gabrielle and the flooding around the North Island. We will all have to pitch in and help each other, at least for the first seven days.

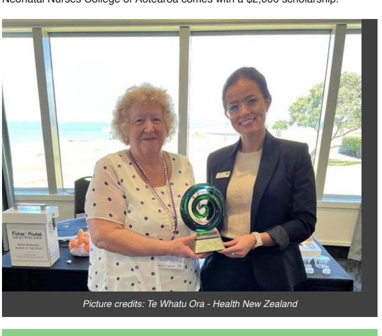
A Community Emergency Hub is a place where you and your neighbours can go to help each other in a major emergency. Community members run a Hub without official assistance, it's essentially a place for neighbours to help each other in a coordinated way. There are no huge piles of supplies in a Hub, apart from a hub kit which has a VHF radio and a hub guide, role lanyards, and the stationary you need to get yourself up and running.

There are four Hubs at schools around Tawa: Greenacres, Linden, Redwood, and Tawa. Find out more about community emergency hubs on the WREMO website: https://www.wremo.nz/get-ready/community-ready/community-emergency-hubs/

From Heather McCaskill.

NURSE OF THE YEAR

We are super proud of Rosemary Escott, a long time Tawa resident, for receiving her award for Neonatal Nurse of the Year 2021. No, you haven't read that wrong! Rosemary has recently been awarded her trophy because last year's symposium was cancelled due to Covid-19. The award from the Neonatal Nurses College of Aotearoa comes with a $2,000 scholarship.



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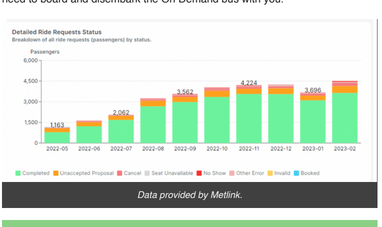
BUS ON DEMAND UPDATE

We are entering the evaluation phase of the trial. A questionary will be going out to everybody who has signed up for the service. That feedback will play an important role in the report we give to our councillors.

Metlink staff will be out on the service talking with passengers, collecting stories and feedback. If you have enlightening stories or anecdotes, please send them to Stephen Hay on Stephen.Hay@gw.govt.nz This service has had a big impact on people's lives and we want their voices to be heard when decisions are made.

The new on demand times are:
Monday to Friday: 6.30am – 8pm
Saturday: 8.30am – 7pm
SuperGold off peak travel is 9am – 3pm and after 6.30pm Monday to Friday, and all day Saturday and public holidays.

Travelling On Demand is better with two
Travelling around Tawa on Saturdays and want to bring a friend? Now you can. When booking your Metlink on Demand ride, simply just add another rider to your Saturday booking and their trip is on us.
This offer applies to all Saturday bookings until 30 April 2023. Your friend will need to board and disembark the On Demand bus with you.



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HISTORY CORNER

Saturday Best

While 'Sunday Best' is the more common phrase, the gathering captured here on film was actually on a Saturday, 30 April 1966.

The gathering in question was for the laying of the foundation stone for the Tawa Anglican Church (St Christopher's) on the corner of Main and Lyndhurst Roads. The foundation stone, which is located next to one of the Lyndhurst Road entrances to the church, states that it was laid by Mervyn Kemp, the long-time mayor of Tawa Borough, with the blessing of the Assistant Bishop of the Wellington Diocese, the Right Reverend G. M. McKenzie. The image is from the Tawa Anglican Church's collection.

The building in the background is still in place as the church hall. Many readers may recall attending the church's pop-in activities there, either as parents or children. The hall started life as part of the mess facilities for workers involved in the construction of the current rail route into Wellington back in the 1920s and 30s. However, its days are potentially numbered as the Tawa Anglican Church plans to redevelop much of the site over the next few years.

Other points of interest are the fashions of the times, both clothing and baby transport. It's hard to see any ladies not wearing fashionable hats and most of the men are in suits and ties. For children, school uniforms or knee-length coats are the norm. The style of prams shown are rarely seen these days and are probably in museums now.

Up on the hills in the background, the start of housing development in the Westhaven Drive area appears to just be starting. The highest houses that appear to be complete and lived in are in Chester Road.

David Parsons
Chairman Tawa Historical Society
Contact David on tawaparsons@xtra.co.nz

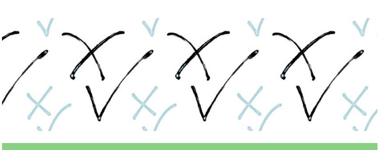
HOT CROSS BUN COMPETITION

Congratulations to Nada Bakery! They have been announced as the winner of second place nationally and Best in Wellington for their hot cross buns! First place nationally went to Auckland Bakery Daily Bread, and third place went to the Copenhagen Bakery in Christchurch.

HAVE YOUR SAY

There is a proposed change to Collins Avenue, Tawa, to relocate the pedestrian zebra crossing. The consultation period recently opened and finishes at 5.00pm Wednesday 5 April 2023.
You can find the document about this here or by Googling "TR69-23 Collins A".

There are also currently 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



BOOK CORNER

Great news for Board Gamers and Fans of NZ Made!

Castleshire, a great fun NZ made board game is set to be released in May, but as Tawa Books and Post was one of the retail partner backers of the game, we will have it available from late March.

In Castleshire, you enter the mystical kingdom ruled by an eccentric Majesty besotted with the idea of building the perfect castle. You are a rising master-builder and dream of leaving a lasting legacy, driven by one goal: to become the most famous master-builder of all time.

During play, everyone is always active. In your turn, you set out to build the castle and increase your fame. You either do this carefully planning out your limited resources or chaotically. When not on your turn, you endeavour to bring your adversaries down when they attempt the latter. At any time, everyone is able to force a turn of events to a certain degree with the help of allies who are sprawling in the vicinity of the epic construction site.

As a backer, we also received an early test and review copy a while back, so we can confirm it is great fun and has really strong repeat playability. You need to be clever, witty, tricky, strategic, good at reading your opponents, and sometimes just downright lucky to win at this game as player strategies can constantly evolve.

As always, looking forward to seeing you, our wonderful community in-store.
Paul
https://www.tawabooksandpost.co.nz

KETE UPDATE

New logo

Kids Enhancing Tawa Ecosystems is excited to share our new KETE logo with you! You will see it out and about in the community and on social media. The logo embodies the values and vision of our programme which involves all the Tawa schools working together and leading environmental projects together with our community to make a lasting positive difference in Tawa.

KETE
KIDS ENHANCING
TAWA ECOSYSTEMS

The logo represents Kids Enhancing Tawa Ecosystems' values (developed by our senior student leaders and endorsed by our Strategic Leadership Group):

Kaitiakitanga

Mana whEnua

Tuakana Teina

PanekirEtanga

Kaitiakitanga – protecting/preserving our environment.

Mana Whenua – working together with mana whenua.

Tuakana Teina – building relationships and leading by example to teach and learn.

Panekiretanga – we strive as one to fulfil our goals.

The blue in the logo represents the streams that are central to Tawa, leading to Te Awarua o Porirua; the leaves represent the bush being restored; and the sun which nurtures our environment.

Picture credits: Sue Lum

Gil Roper

We would like to acknowledge with sadness the passing of Gil Roper. He was a firm ally of KETE and freely offered advice and support to our programme. Teachers will remember with pleasure the guided walk that he led as part of a professional development day where he generously shared his amazing knowledge and stories of Redwood Bush.

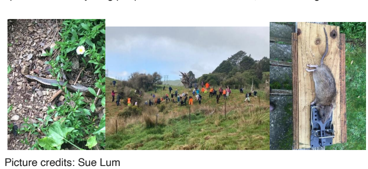
Student Leadership Team

Ko au ko te taiao, ko te taiao ko au.

Students interested in being part of the Student Leaders Team for KETE this year have been submitting their applications and the number received currently stands at 30 keen committed tamariki and rangatahi who want to make a difference in their local environment, with still more coming in.

The leadership programme involves selected students from each school coming together to develop, work on and lead community and individual school backyard projects, providing opportunities for the Tawa community and schools to work together and every student to be involved.

During this year, the young leaders will learn and hone their skills in pest management, planting, litter intelligence and stream health monitoring, whilst growing their understanding of New Zealand Aotearoa's unique flora and fauna through some exciting field trips. You may even find some of our senior students leading some community walks in Tawa! All are excited to make a positive and important contribution to Tawa, to grow their leadership skills, to meet and work with likeminded people, and protect our unique New Zealand species. If these young people are the future of Tawa, then it is in good hands.



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KETE Community Planting

Planning for KETE programmes is gearing up already for this year, with our community planting in the Takapū Valley due to kick off at the beginning of May. This is part of the restoration of the Takapu Stream which ultimately ends up in the harbour. By caring for this area, we are contributing to the care of the harbour.

Special thanks to Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves for their continuing support of KETE.

From Sue Lum, KETE Programme Coordinator.

FRIENDS OF TAWA BUSH RESERVES

The Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves 2023 AGM meeting will be held at Tawa Community Centre, Cambridge Terrace, Tawa starting 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th April 2023.

The guest speaker this year will be Tawa local, Ian Armitage. Ian is a key member of the Wellington branch of the Ornithological Society, which is now known as Birds NZ. This group is responsible for the national Bird Atlas (https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/schemes/nz-bird-atlas-scheme/) and is an enthusiastic supporter of eBird (https://ebird.org/atlasnz/home).
A light supper will be provided at the conclusion of the AGM. Visitors Welcome.

The next weekend working-bee is scheduled for Sunday 2nd April, from 1.30pm.
Meet at Tawa rail station park'n'ride area, Melville Street, Tawa.
The objective of this working-bee is weeding around recent plantings along the riparian strip between the Porirua Stream and station overbridge ramp.
Recommended to bring: a spade, boots, gloves, and clothing appropriate to the weather.

The next mid-week working-bee is scheduled for Tuesday 18th April, from 1.30pm.
Please meet at Tawa MenZshed carpark, access via driveway south of Tawa Swimming pool carpark. Walking access from 86 Oxford St.
The objective of this working-bee is weeding blackberry from plantings area besides Porirua Stream and general clean-up of the area.
Recommended to bring: boots, gloves, loppers, and protective clothing.

For further information or directions please contact Richard Herbert, phone 027 4455942.

This month, FOTBR were assisting Tawa Rotary with the pruning of previous plantings to restore the viewpoints.

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD

Just a reminder that Tawa Community Board grant applications close on the 13th of April. See the link for more information:

https://wellington.govt.nz/community-support-and-resources/community-support/funding/council-funds/tawa-community-grants

Please report any Spicer Landfill odour complaints on the Porirua Government website here: https://poriruacity.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/spicer-landfill/spicer-landfill-odour/landfill-odour-complaint-form/?fbclid=IwAR3ferg_NetcTd31beBJd8Er73Uo4qPrb_B-BGlt-O83-QAcjiL0Hdy-lmo

If you see a water leak, please check here to find out if it has been reported yet: https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/resources/maps/job-status-map/
If it is not visible on the map, you can report the leak here: https://services.wellington.govt.nz/report/

FROM THE COUNCIL

Update from Councillor McNulty
Kia ora Tawa, it feels sad to turn the page officially on summer. Here's hoping for a less chaotic winter than we experienced in 2022. As always, remember that Fixit is available to report any problems to Wellington City Council (Fixit - Wellington City Council) and feel free to get in touch if you're having any issues dealing with the council (ben.mcnulty@wcc.govt.nz).

Water
There has been a lot of media recently given the decision of the council not to fully fund the request from Wellington Water for $10m in the draft Annual Plan due to go out to public consultation shortly. There is a short response and a long response I can offer. The short version is that if we have the confidence that Wellington Water can scale up and get the work done, we'll give them most of the money they requested.

The long answer is there has been a historically poor relationship between WCC and WW. WCC haven't provided the funding required for WW to do their work over decades and in turn that has created a lack of trust between partners and a WW org with issues around delivery.

In November, we had a briefing with WW where the core issue of contractor constraints was explored in some detail. Due to a tight labour market and staff jumping ship to the new Entity C under the 3 Waters Reforms, WW can't find enough staff to do repair works. We asked them to bring us a training/recruitment pipeline which we were happy to fun; to date, this hasn't occurred.

With the recent major weather events, the contractor market has become even more restricted in Wellington so at this stage pouring more money into the market is likely to mostly result in an upwards bidding war for work, rather than the delivery of more repairs.

Slips
The Environment & Infrastructure Committee of Council will be receiving a paper (download here: Environment and Infrastructure Committee - 16 March 2023, 9.30AM - Meetings - Wellington City Council) on March 16th, detailing the impacts of the August slips from 2022 including Main Road, Tawa.

Unfortunately, like with our water infrastructure, there are limited resources available in both the professional services and construction industry to rectify the 2022 slips as well as other areas at risk across the city. What is planned for Main Road is reshaping and subsoil drain works to occur initially, with anchored mesh to be installed at a later point.

This is the new normal of climate change and underpins the massive challenges we face not only as a city, but country.

FROM THE BEEHIVE

We encourage our politicians and councillors to reach out to us with news.

From local **MP Greg O'Connor:**
Some very good news for Tawa families this month, as pensions will rise by $66.86 for a single person and $102.84 per week for a couple. Also, student allowances will rise by $20.21 per week, and the incomes of 1.4 million kiwis will be boosted to help with the cost of living. New Prime Minister Chris Hipkins has prioritised government spending towards dealing with the increases in the cost of living, while of course ensuring we can fund the flood recovery.
Another of Tawa's mighty totaras fell this month, and we farewelled Gil Roper who has left a great legacy of books about Tawa, and of course a great family. He was farewelled in style.

You can contact Greg with any concerns by emailing greg.oconnor@parliament.govt.nz or calling 477 3332.

From Mana **MP Barbara Edmonds**:
We understand how important Working for Families is for many whānau across Aotearoa, so to help further support whānau, we are boosting Working for Families from April 1st, as well as significantly increasing support for seniors, students and beneficiaries. On top of this, we are making childcare and after school care more affordable for many low and middle income families through changes to the childcare assistance subsidies. In addition to the support of these changes, to address one of the biggest expenses for households, fuel tax cuts and half price public transport has been extended until the end of June!
For further information you can email mana@parliament.co.nz or read about the changes here: http://nzlp.nz/cinf0 on the Labour party website.

Contact Barbara at mana@parliament.govt.nz or 237 9842.

The Beehive is the executive wing of the New Zealand Parliament buildings.

TAWA BID

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.

DENTISTRY NEWS

Jaideep Vijayasenan runs the Central of Dental Excellence at 220A Main Road, Tawa. He has a team of seven with two dentists and two hygienists and took over the practice in December 2019. Having previously worked in the Wellington CBD, he is pleased with the transition to Tawa and really appreciates the friendly Tawa community.

In 2021, he purchased a revolutionary, non-contact form of dental maintenance and prevention in the form of AIRFLOW®. It is a high-pressure water and air system that cleans your teeth much faster and more gently than traditional hygienists. Initially a dye is rubbed over the teeth, which shows areas that need a more thorough clean and AIRFLOW® works away at the plaque, discolouration, and stains.

Jaideep has patients that have followed him from his previous practice and people will travel all over the Wellington region to have their teeth gently exfoliated. The machine has proved so popular that there are now two machines available. More information on their website here: https://www.dental.net.nz

Tawa Dental Care at 196 Main Road also offer a similar equivalent high pressure water and air system called Prophyflex. This machine rids plaque, biofilm, discolouration, and stains (from teeth, implants and dentures). Dr Colin Wong has been serving the wider Tawa community for over 30 years. He purchased the latest Prophyflex version 4 model in 2022. The dental practice has also been offering this type of technology for a number of years.
Their friendly team welcome new patients, find Tawa Dental Care here: http://www.tawadental.com

Please note that although both the Airflow and Prophyflex are high tech dental tools, they don't suit all patients in all situations.

TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Every home should have at least one 200L emergency rainwater tank, and we have just had a new order arrive, available for pickup at the centre Monday to Friday, 9.30am – 1pm, 2pm – 4:30pm. If you would like to order one come see us at the centre or send us an email at tawacc@wcc.govt.nz with your name

SPRING INTO TAWA

Planning for Spring into Tawa 2023 is underway! This year's event will be held on Saturday 15th October, from 10am - 2pm in the same area of the Main Road Tawa (between Churchill and Duncan Roundabout and the Rurku St Roundabout).

We're continuing with our zero waste journey, including reducing the amount of single use plastic and waste on the day. We'll be encouraging people to bring their own and biodegradable tableware as we work, either by stallholders or entertainers, to help reduce the amount of plastic waste produced.

We're always on the lookout for new stallholders, entertainers and activities for kids for our event, so if you are interested or have suggestions, please get in touch with us on Facebook page or email info@springintotawa.co.nz

We want the Tawa to be a very small volunteer run community event that's great for our community, so we need your help! Please consider joining the Spring into Tawa committee, or volunteering on the day. Please contact us if you can help, or have any questions or suggestions.

Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram, and our website www.springintotawa.co.nz and we'll provide training, news and announcements coming ahead as we confirm details for this year's event.

Spring into Tawa 2022 Photo credit: Stacey Photography

ANZAC DAY

Tawa Returned Services Association (inc.) Anzac Day Observance, Monday 25th April 2022

This year's Tawa Community Anzac Day observance will commence with a parade, which will assemble at the Rata Worlds car park at 9.30am and march to the Tawa War Memorial for the commencement of the service. The parade will be led by the Wellington Pipe Band Hutt Valley Pipe Band. The Civil Service will commence at the Memorial at 10 hours.

Tawa RSA, in conjunction with the organisation, and the public are most welcome to march in the parade, attend the service and pay tribute on this special day of remembrance.

Poppy Day collection will be during the week prior to Anzac Day.

We can thrive only because all of you. The Kiwi commitment to the Tawa Community Patrol is a great example.

COMMUNITY PATROL

Are you wanting to give back to your community? The Tawa Community Patrol are recruiting for more volunteer patrollers – night patrollers in particular!

Get in touch if you:

- Live in the Tawa area
- Are at least 18 years of age
- Have a car, a valid driver's licence and pay your rounds
- Can attend a monthly training weekenga throughout the year
- Are able to commit to a regular patrol roster

Full training is provided – you will be buddied up with an experienced patroller to teach you everything you need to know, and patrollers always patrol in pairs for safety and to share knowledge and skills.

Tawa Patrol is a community patrol, not a security company, so it's a small community initiative where people use regular a property with CCTV and upload CCTV footage to keep some crime in their neighbourhood.

When a crime is committed, the NZ Police can refer to Community Cam to request footage from a property in the neighbourhood that may be of interest at the crime. This then allows the police to contact you to help with an investigation.

Your details are confidential and secure. Only the NZ Police can see your information and if you choose to upload your CCTV footage, the footage is encrypted and only the Police can view it. Tawa Patrol does not have access to the CCTV system to ever visually view any recordings.

Read more about it here: https://www.tawapatrol.co.nz

MARY POTTER HOSPICE SHOP

Mary Potter Hospice Shop on Main Road Tawa would love your overflow of Spring items and clothing. We are in need of good clean items:

- Clothing
- Shoes & bags
- Bedding
- Home ware/ware
- Good quality homeware

Please donate to us - if you have a lot of items you can call for a pick up on 0327760 or come around to the back of the shop where we can help you unload.

Warm wishes
Team at Tawa

YOUTH HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Te Rito Holiday programme at Tawa Recreation Centre
The Te Hihiwa Harvest Rec Run x Tawa Remodelled Centre, the in-house holiday programme, offers a fun day of sports and games.
This programme offers a full day of sportsall activities including children, ideal for only tamariki aged 5 to 12 who are keen to be in an environment that encourages fun and fitness.
Te Hihiwa Harvest Rec Run x Tawa Recreation Centre is eager to staff who are Kaiarh Te Reo Māori and English and will incorporate the use of Te Reo Māori. Tamariki could use the core skill this programme, as well as to Māori language.
You can book online for the school holiday programme
https://www.tawarec.co.nz/programmes/holiday-programmes/school-holiday-programme

Tawa Rackettes Holiday Programme 22 hours of squash, 2 hours of tennis
Tawa Rackettes Squash Club is offering a holiday programme for ages 5 to 12 in 2022 from 9am to 3pm. $50 for one session, $80 for both. Open to children 5-12 years. Register here: https://bit.ly/3cGq8Ki
Tennis: Tennis Wellington is offering a free Open Tournament over Easter weekend, 15 April 2022. For players from around the country with ability playing. Come along and watch some fantastic high class matches. Free entry.

School holidays at Tawa Community Centre
Puzzles and games, Wednesday 13th April, 10am - 12pm
Lego club
Join us for a morning of puzzles and board games with morning tea provided. For ages 5+

Let's go LEGO!!
Tawa CC drop in, Wednesday 13th April, 10am - 12pm
Come along to our Lego club and build, build, build. Fun filled, interactive LEGO session that will stretch your creative skills.
For ages 5+
Tawa Library Sessions (and as well a aged for children 12-16 years, read about here: https://www.tawarec.co.nz/blog/category/)

Animal Kinds extra info
Tawa Library, Friday 8th April, 10.30 - 11.30am
Join us for an interesting hand'on lecture where your multitalented librarians will incorporate many different instruments into their storytelling. Stick around when the lessons are done to get up close to and learn about the instruments you heard.
For ages 5+

Activities at the Tawa Library
There is a wide range of holiday activities coming up in the holidays for children and young people, such as:
- Crazy Cuatro Crossword, Tuesday, 12 April 2022, 11 - 14pm , Event Calendar tawa.govt.nz
- Tawa Library Puzzles, Friday, 15 April 2022, 11am - 12pm , Event Calendar tawa.govt.nz
- Tawa Library Tinkerpuzzles, Friday, 22 April 2022, 11am - 12pm , Event Calendar tawa.govt.nz
- Tawa Library Puzzle Club, Wednesday, 13 April 2022, 10.30 - 11.30am , Event Calendar tawa.govt.nz

Youth banquet space
Tawa Substation Entry Hawa a youth banquet space with foam, table tennis and board games for year 7- 10 students on every Wednesday afternoon, from 3pm - 5pm. Free entry. Contact Tawa Substation for more information.
Tawa Substation 04 803 8 email www.tawa@wellingtonyouth.co.nz

Hop in sessions
Hop in sessions are drop-in sessions and activitiesfor
- for opportunity for adult company while you are consumer ships a safe environment, Plenty of toys and activities!

Hop in sessions are held every Wednesday afternoon and on Thursdays 10h-12h. Hop in sessions are held at the Tawa Community Church, Bing Place. Enquiries to admin@tawacommunitychurch.co.nz

Super Gyms popular Adult Holiday Programme Icemaxx gym room from Tawa are limited, you can book online here: http://www.icemaxxgym.co.nz

Easter egg hunt
Come along to Community Pre'k Easter egg hunt! Tamariki aged 2 to 10 years are invited to join the hunt for a chance to win a prize. Bring your own basket, wear colour-coded clothes to our colours pack and trade flyer for some yummy chocolate Easter eggs.

SPORTS

Four former Tawa College students played in the game against Ohiro.

Wearing Jung Jaka Kindergarten jerseys as a through a national "Tawa 21" Tribute Match against Ohiro College Old Boys, Tawa College Old Boys Rugby Club fielded four ex-pupils who had all represented the Tawa College First Rugby XV before. Only in the 21st Century different players in the 1 Team points scored for

SHORT NEWS AND EVENTS

There is still time to complete the survey. If you do not have what you need to do so, please contact us and we will provide you with a hard copy of the survey. Have your questions, please call 0800 STATS(0) (0800 782 287) TBTL https://www.tawa.govt.nz

Responsibles at KGB are seeking participants for an online survey on how two parents create a sense of belonging in suburban Aotearoa. Are you a parent of children aged between 0-5 years living in suburban Tawa? If you are approached 5-20 you could spend 15-10 minutes of your time to fill out the anonymous survey. Go to https://qualtrics.wgtn.ac.nz/ The sign-up link the direct to can be found on the Facebook page. Contact Dr Jessica Gerrard, Victoria University of Wellington Research Office (Contact Number 0300000234).

Livestream classes have resumed! Every Wednesday at 5.30am, there is a live class, and a 7am class is also available. Find out more information here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1512844000000000/ Or you need to be a member. Find information about the online class here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1512844000000000/

Tawa Medical Centre and Lower Surgery are now on Facebook together. You can find us at Tawa Medical Centre here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1512844000000000/ 0800 8 Tawa Medical Centre and Lower Surgery are now on Facebook together. You can find us at Tawa Medical Centre here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1512844000000000/

The Tawa College Formal Committee are seeking donations of formal wear for the upcoming senior ball in June. The committee need some student to help with the organisation of the formal wear donations. Please contact the Tawa College office for more information, or the Substation Entry, at Main 17 Main Road Tawa. Thank you in advance. Thank you for your support! The donation deadline is 6th May.

Lacoste is organising another Pre-Loved Sale, coming up on 1st of April. This time it will be a pop-up shop at Lacoste Tawa, from 10am to 3pm. Lots of great stuff. For more information or to be a pre-loved buyer, please contact Lacoste on 027 246 7339 or lacoste.pre-loved@gmail.com

The 2020 Tawa Group Fitness Timetable will be held on Sunday 3rd April from the Arena 3a Fun Pool Rotiki, through to the 24th Blackpool and 4th Southbrook Pools, Tawa Community Pool, Tawa Pool, Tawa Pool Rotiki, Tawa Pool Rotiki, Tawa Pool Rotiki

5 MINUTES WITH... KAREEN

5 minutes with Kareen Holland

Can you tell us something about your life growing up?
I was brought up in Tawa and went all around the world, and ended up buying a house a street away from our family home in my Mothers' best friend's old house. My family were also from Tawa and stayed in the community all their life, being involved in rugby, tennis (founding members of the Linden club – mainly Gwen Donaldson), bowling club. Ray was the local plumber in Tawa at the time.

Where else did you live?
Mainly Australia and England and travelled around from there. Places like central Europe, USA and across Australia from Perth to Gold Coast.

What schools did you go to?
Linden School and Tawa College.

What was important to you?
I loved art and science, hence ending up being a make-up artist in the film industry and creating scientifically proven skincare & cosmetics.

Can you tell us something about your life after finishing school?
I left NZ when I was 18 and lived in Perth and travelled around Australia. In Australia I worked at the National Crime Authority, working on the actual inquiries that are now TV series on the 'Underbelly' programmes. I lived in London and travelled around Europe and worked for City Bank in London. They loved Kiwis as we were hard workers.

I studied make-up artistry in London and came back to NZ in 1987 to work in the film industry. I worked with Sir Richard Taylor and Peter Jackson way back when we were making zombie films and lots of special effects. Lots of fun. 'Xena' & 'Hercules' based in Auckland – I worked on those series for many years where the actors were wanting more natural products.
I also worked on 'The Strip', a Wellington based series for TV3 based in Cuba Street, where we were having to oil up actors from top to toe so I started using almond oil instead of cheap chemical oil. This was the start to the road into making natural skincare and cosmetics

What can you tell us about your current daily life?
I have two children, a girl and a boy; Morgan and Aiden Holland. Morgan is working at Waikato Hospital as a dietician and Aiden lives in Sydney studying dance. I now work locally with my shop Kd One Skincare & Cosmetics at 220 Main Road Tawa. I still love the creativity of make-up and enjoy making people look their awesome best.
I am part of Inner Wheel Tawa and will be taking over as president at the next change over. I'm also on the Tawa Business Group executive to help with the Tawa business community.
I enjoy my aqua aerobics on a Monday morning with Sarah, who runs Tawa Hospice Shop. Plus George at Evolve Gym keeps me fit.
I love to go on holidays when I get a chance, and enjoy visiting Australia to see Aiden dance.

If you live in Tawa, how long have you lived in Tawa?
I have lived here since I was a child and still live here in the community.

What do you like about Tawa?
Very active community with a lot of people that care about the community.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?
Anywhere warm. I love the upper North, Coromandel and also love to go south as well.

What accomplishments in your life are you the most proud of?
Having awesome children, my careers and being able to use my skills I gained in the film industry in the local community.

What are two or three interesting things about you that local people may not know?
With working in the film industry you meet lots of people.
I went out for dinner with Tom Jones.
Being a make-up artist supervisor, I had to have Taika Waititi body waxed from top to toe as he was one of our strippers on the TV series above.

What are three things you would like to do in the next 10 years?
I would like to be a vibrant explorer and get a camper van and explore NZ. Also, I would like to travel overseas and teach people how to use their native plants to make skincare and medicinal products.

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 8th of May, which is the AGM. 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, Janryll & Tony

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