

This newsletter has been sent out monthly since 2005. See www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html for back issues.

Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

www.neighbourly.co.nz • www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa • www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard

THIS IS A SUPPLEMENTARY EDITION. THE NEXT FULL NEWSLETTER IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MAY.

POPPY DISPLAYS IN TAWA

With ANZAC Day this Saturday, a number of local houses are currently displaying a poppy or poppies in their front window or somewhere close by.

The RSA are requesting: "Join us at 6.00am on Saturday 25 April. Stand at your letterbox, at the front door, in your lounge rooms, balconies, in your driveway. Wherever you are in the world, stand with us and take a moment to remember our fallen – but please stay within your 'bubble'."

You are also encouraged to make a donation in lieu of purchasing a poppy. Go to <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/letsnotforget>



Preparing for ANZAC Day in Grenada North – Sophie and Lucy Clark with dad Chris Clark



Above: Bing Lucas Drive

See the article at <https://i.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/121224194/minimemorial-set-up-on-berm-by-tawa-girl-for-lockeddown-anzac-day?cid=app-android>



Left: The Drive



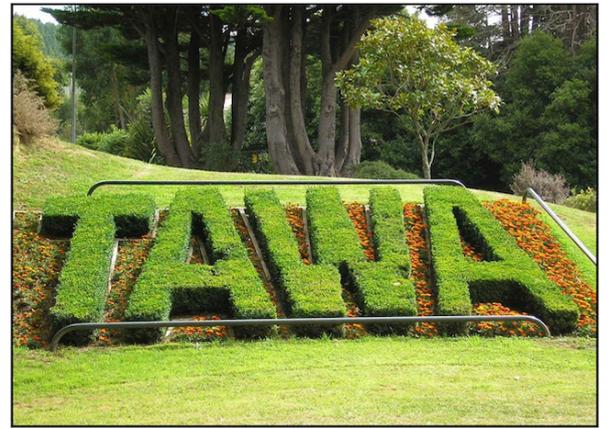
Left: 136 Main Road, Tawa

Above: Lincoln Ave

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

There is a lot of useful community stuff on the Tawa Community Noticeboard Facebook site, like the following post from Tuesday 21 April:

“Hi Tawa! Please comment below if you are a small to medium business that will be operating during Level 3, along with what kind of service you are offering. It would be good for people to know how to support your small to medium business as you are an essential part of our economy.”



There were 125 responses to that post as at 11am on Friday. Many local (and some not-so-local) businesses are mentioned there. Most, if not all, are worthy of community support! Also see Take Note Tawa information on the next page.

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE STILL HARD AT WORK

Facebook post on Wednesday 22 April:

“Kiwi Community Assistance (KCA) would like to thank New World Tawa and Countdown Tawa for allowing our volunteers to do food rescue from their stores.

In the 12 days that we have been open in April, KCA has rescued and redistributed 27 tons of food.

Food donated to KCA is redistributed to local foodbanks.

Please note that we are not set up to work with the general public as you need to contact your local foodbank.

If you see our food rescue vehicles out on the road please wave at our volunteers who have been working throughout the lockdown.”



TAKE NOTE TAWA

Kia ora everyone
Hope all is good in your bubbles
taking care and staying safe

Level four

we are closed & looking after our bubbles, while preparing for the next levels

From Tuesday 21 April
we can take orders via
messenger : search Take Note Tawa
Email : tawa@takenote.co.nz

Level 3

limited services, ensuring our community & bubbles are safe and again preparing for the next levels

Taking orders over messenger & email
Payment via internet banking
Contactless pickup at the store
Contactless delivery within local area

We are missing everyone & looking forward to catchup soon

Kia kaha

from Steve, Karen, Rowena, Katrina, Gaylene & Dana
the team at Take Note Tawa



**Just saw a
burglar kicking
in his own door.
I asked him what
he was doing.
He said “Working
from home.”**

NO RECYCLING IN LEVEL 3

As you know, we'll be heading into 'Level 3' next week. However Wellington City Council's kerbside recycling collection will remain on hold at this stage.

"With strict guidelines still in place, the safety of staff and the public is still a priority while there is any risk of contamination," says Mayor Andy Foster.

"Level 3 is unlikely to see many changes in our services, and that includes kerbside recycling collections. We are working through how we can resume our normal waste services in Level 2 and Level 1."

ALPHA 2020 ONLINE IN TAWA

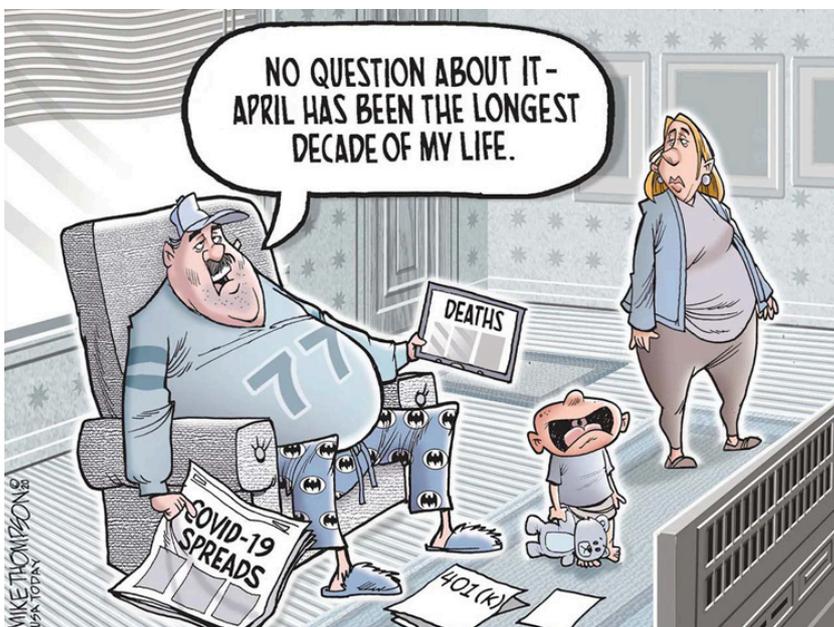
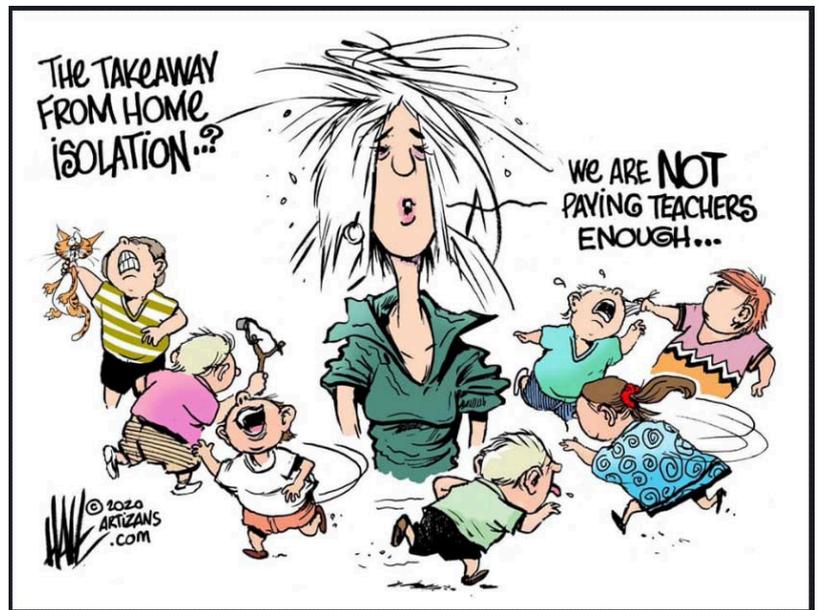
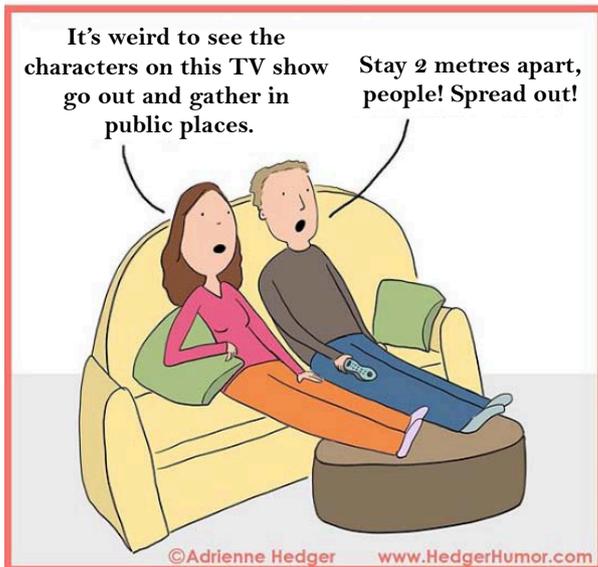
Tawa Combined Christian Churches are offering the 11 week Alpha programme as an online option starting Sunday 3 May at 7.30pm.



Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith & meaning together with others in a small friendly 'Zoom' group. Each session has a video and then an opportunity to discuss together. This video gives you the chance to watch an introduction to Alpha at a time that suits you: https://youtu.be/7BOWa9-_qAE

Contact Metua Parr on metuaparr@gmail.com to register for the sessions.

Scenes From Quarantine



CONTACTS FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE

There are three agencies currently offering free food parcels where needed. They are:

Wellington City Mission 0800 245 0900
The Salvation Army Free text 4114
St Vincent de Paul 04 237 5968

enquiries@wgtncitymission.org.nz
wellington.foodbank@salvationarmy.org.nz
www.facebook.com/StVincentdePaulPorirua

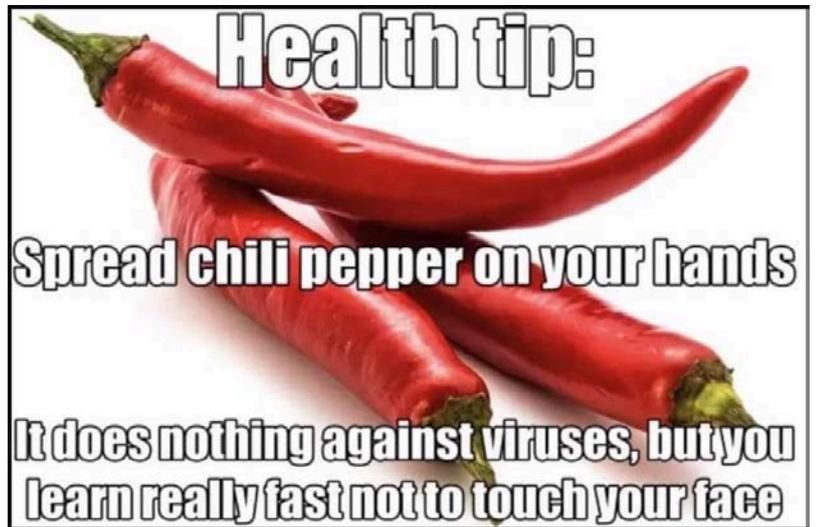
NEEDING HELP OR HELPING OTHERS

Just a reminder that if you would like someone to buy some groceries for you or to assist you in some other way, there is a Facebook group called Keep Connected, Tawa (Self Isolation Support) which you can visit. This is being monitored by people in the community who are willing to assist.

See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/683251612412811> to request assistance or to offer assistance, or phone Mandy on 021 227 8566 or Malcolm on 027 232 2320 or 232 5030.

COUNCIL SERVICES

For details of what Council services and facilities are operating, see <https://wellington.govt.nz/about-wellington/emergency-management/civil-emergency-news-and-information/covid-19/services-and-facilities>



TAWA ROTARY DONATES EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS FOR CYCLONE RELIEF

As seen on Neighbourly:

Following Cyclone Harold that caused major damage in the Pacific on April 9th, Rotary has distributed 600 Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) for needy families in Tonga, Fiji and Vanuatu. Distribution has been a massive undertaking given the scale of the need, the damage to infrastructure, disruption to normal transport systems, and the remoteness of some of the islands and villages.

These kits are designed to include everything that is needed for basic survival and are valued at \$600 each. The 600 ERKs must now be replaced with urgency, ready for the next disaster.

The Rotary Club of Tawa has donated three. If you or your company could help by donating towards this great cause we would be very grateful. Donations can be made through:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/emergency-response-kits-erks-rotary-nz>

TAWA ROTARY: supporting global initiatives for 50 years.



Above left:

Remembering ANZAC Day at the Tawa Fire Station. Photographed by Richard Herbert.

Above:

The Editor's granddaughter in her bubble(s).

**I'm having a
quarantine party
this weekend.
None of you
are invited!**

Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.



Sunrise Boulevard



Biking in Bing Lucas



Main Road



Roadworks at southern end of the Main Road



Oriel Ave



Woodman Drive



Ngā mihi

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Tawa Community Board Zoom session on Wednesday

WORTH READING

As seen on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/jaydeonceuponadesign/posts/3121541607895956>



Child: How old are you, Grandma?

Grandma: I'm 81, dear.

Child: So does that mean you were alive during the Coronavirus?

Grandma: Yes, kid, I was.

Child: Wow. That must have been horrible, Grandma.

We were learning about that at school this week.

They told us about how all the schools had closed. And mums and dads couldn't go to work so didn't have as much money to do nice things.

They said that you weren't allowed to go and visit your friends and family and couldn't go out anywhere.

They told us that the shops ran out of lots of things so you didn't have much bread, and flour, and toilet rolls (*child giggles*).

They said that summer holidays were cancelled. And they told us about all those thousands of people that got very poorly and who died.

They explained about the NHS and how hard all the doctors and nurses and all NHS workers worked, and that lots of them died, too.

That must have been so horrible, Grandma!

Grandma: Well, that is all correct.

And I know that because I read about it when I was older.

But to tell you the truth, I remember it differently ...

I remember playing in the garden for hours with mum and dad and having picnics outside and lots of bbqs.

I remember making things with my dad and baking with my mum.

I remember making dens with my little brother and teaching him how to do handstands and back flips. I remember having quality time with my family.

I remember mum's favourite words becoming "Hey, I've got an idea ...". Rather than "Maybe later or tomorrow, I'm a bit busy."

I remember making our own bread and pastry. I remember having film night 3 or 4 times a week instead of just one.

It was a horrible time for lots of people, you are right.

But I remember it differently.

Remember how our children will remember these times.

Be in control of the memories they are creating right now, so that through all the awful headlines and emotional stories for so many that they will come to read in future years, they can remember the happy times.

(Author unknown)