

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.

TIME TO THINK ABOUT POPPIES

Most of us have had (and in many cases still have) the teddy bears in our windows, then it was the turn of the Easter eggs leading up to Easter – not forgetting its special significance for many people. Now we can think about putting up poppies because it will be Anzac Day in just over a week's time.

On the RSA's "Stand at Dawn" website it says:

"The RSA and New Zealand Defence Force would like you to join us to remember those who have given their lives for our country. This is a time to pay respect and acknowledge the many thousands of our military people who are serving or have served, who are called upon to support New Zealand in times of war, conflict and disasters.



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'."

A CHANCE TO DONATE: Because there won't be an opportunity to buy a poppy and make a donation to the RSA this year, you can still do so by donating \$2-3 or more at "Givealittle" to assist current and former serving personnel and their families. Go to <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/letsnotforget>

SOS BUSINESS – HOW YOU CAN HELP

Missing your haircut, your morning coffee or dinner out? A site has been set up where you can support your local small business by buying a voucher now for a service you will get in the future. Give these small businesses the money they need NOW to pay the bills while they have their doors shut. There are several local businesses you can support. See <https://sosbusiness.nz> and search for 'Tawa'.

If you know of a business not listed on this site, you could encourage them to join!

You can also order bakery items from Nada Bakery in Tawa to be delivered to you within the next day or two. See <https://www.thebakerybasket.co.nz/>



Support your local.

VERY BUSY TIME FOR KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

April started for KCA with a hiss and a roar!

As reported by Tracy Wellington, "In the month of April we have already distributed in seven days what we normally do in a month."

Nearly 19 tons of food was rescued and distributed back into the local community in that seven-day period. It has been a very busy time for all involved!



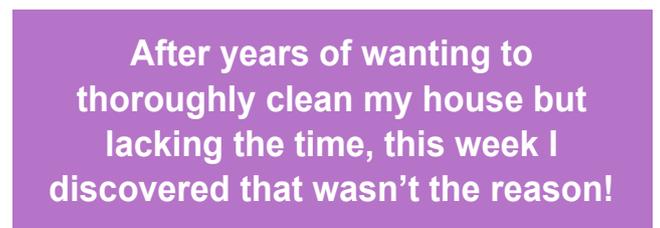
ALPHA 2020 ONLINE IN TAWA

Tawa Combined Christian Churches are offering the 11 week Alpha programme as an online option starting on 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.

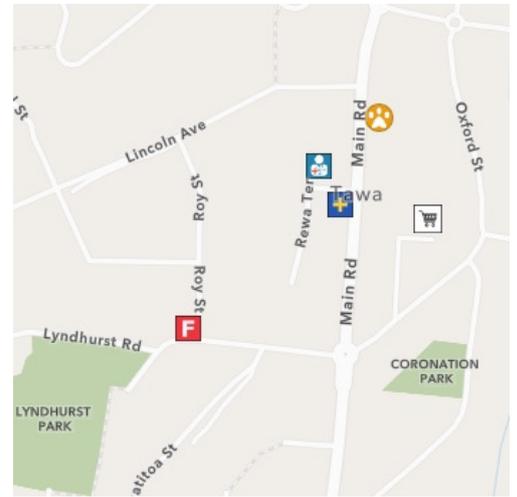


KEY SERVICES IN TAWA

On the Tawa Community Board's Facebook page:

"In case you missed it, Wellington City Council have launched a new Support Services Map to help Wellingtonians find support and essential services during lockdown.

It's an online, interactive map and directory showing Wellingtonians exactly where they can find all the key services in their neighbourhood. This includes pharmacies and supermarkets, local volunteer groups, social services and food banks – zoom in and click on icons to obtain full contact details for each organisation."



See <https://wellington.govt.nz/about-wellington/emergency-management/civil-emergency-news-and-information/covid-19/help-and-support/services-map>

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN TAWA

We may all be housebound but unfortunately there is a small criminal element which isn't. Property crime is still being committed and we need to be on our guard.

A report came through recently of "an intruder issue" at a local residence in the small hours of the morning. Fortunately it didn't escalate and there wasn't a need to call the emergency 111 number. In this situation it is still important to report an occurrence like this to the Police by calling 105 (the non-emergency number) or by filling in a form at <https://www.police.govt.nz/105support>



It is also well worthwhile informing your neighbours to be on the lookout too!

CONTACTS FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

Wellington City Mission 0800 245 0900

enquiries@wgtncitymission.org.nz

The Salvation Army Free text 4114

wellington.foodbank@salvationarmy.org.nz

St Vincent de Paul 04 237 5968

www.facebook.com/StVincentdePaulPorirua



First time in the **history** of mankind...

**Divided We Stand
United We Fall**





Making good use of the Tawa Valley Pathway (Ara Tawa) south of Redwood Station – thanks to Richard Herbert for the photo

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communication
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
Life itself.

When this ends
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst.





Easter pics



Below:
Many more people are currently walking in the bush on the hillsides of Tawa. These two pics are in Redwood Bush.



COUNCIL SERVICES OPERATING?

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>

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IN THIS COUNTRY
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TWO WORLD WARS.
LET US GET THEM
THROUGH THIS CONFLICT.
THEY DESERVE IT.

