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## THE MAYOR HAS SPOKEN

Mayor Andy Foster was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves last week. His talk covered the development of Zealandia over the years, enhancing the Outer Green Belt (relevant to Tawa), preservation of the Porirua Stream, and flora and fauna in the Tawa Basin.

Conservation efforts by Wellington residents over the past two to three decades have made a huge difference to the numbers of native birds we are now privileged to see in our neighbourhoods and even our backyards, especially kereru and tui.

Reducing the number of creatures that prey on native birds has been key to seeing them thrive. Ongoing efforts by the likes of Pest Free Tawa are much appreciated.

Despite the frequency with which we see native birds in and around Tawa today, it wasn't that long ago they were a somewhat uncommon occurrence.

There is a plaque (see pic) at the foot of the tawa tree sculpture in Tawa Plaza (the 'whirly-gig' in the central shopping area) which reads in part:

"A favourite food of the *rarely seen kereru* is the berries of the tawa tree, one of the dominant native trees in the forest that once covered Tawa.

The return of the kereru would signal the rebirth of the tawa forest, and this sculpture symbolises the renewed vigour in Tawa Village. The kereru is a metaphor for the regeneration of the village."

That was the year 2000. 20 years later kereru are abundant in these parts and we have a Vibrant Tawa!

## APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications are now open for Spring into Tawa 2020, which will be held on Saturday 17 October.

Get in fast – applications close on 9 August. Successful stallholders will be notified by 14 August.

All the information that you need to register is here: <https://springintotawa.nz/stallholder-info/>



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Come along to the Linden Community Centre to celebrate Eid with the whole family!

Enjoy awesome free activities including:

- Magic show with Nigel Kennedy The Magician and Funny Bunny
- Circus workshop with Rainbow Circus
- Stories and games with Elsa from Disney's Frozen
- Craft workshop
- Cultural performances
- Zumba for kids
- Food and craft market
- Virtual reality and robotic workshop with the Wellington City Libraries team
- Free Henna and face painting

We can't wait to see you there!



## PIANO LESSONS IN TAWA

Private piano lessons are available from an experienced, caring teacher.

One-on-one piano or keyboard lessons for school-aged children (from age 6 up), through to adults of any age, from complete beginners to advanced levels.



Lessons are personalised and include learning to read music and music theory.

I (Mei Rideout) have been a music educator my entire life, with a Bachelor of Music and I was a Music Specialist Teacher in the public school system.

Lessons can be at my home in Tawa or at your home if within reasonable distance, weekdays – daytime or after school.

Contact: [mei.rideout316@gmail.com](mailto:mei.rideout316@gmail.com)

## NEW BUSINESS STARTING

A new retail store will be opening in Shop 4, The Plaza, on Saturday 15 August.

SoulyNZ, selling only “lovingly beautifully kiwi” products, will be opening its doors to the public on Saturday 15 August. Supporting New Zealand artists and craftspeople, the team at SoulyNZ are totally committed to creating an environment where a wide range of high-quality products are showcased.

Products will include jewellery, artwork, handbags, skincare products, baby accessories, preserves, jams and honey, clothing – new vendors are coming on board each day.

Get the date in your diary and check it out – let's support local!

# SOULYNZ

LOVINGLY BEAUTIFULLY KIWI

## INTERESTED IN BROWNIES?

As seen on the Tawa Community Noticeboard Facebook page:

We have a small number of places available for Term 3 at Tawa Brownies. Girl Guiding is a great way for girls to learn new skills, get involved in the community, develop as leaders, and have lots of fun with their friends each week!

Tawa Brownies for 7-9 year old girls meet on Thursday from 3.45pm - 5.15pm in central Tawa.

Girl Guiding is usually \$90 per term but our Term 3 fees are being offered with a 50% discount to support families post-COVID.

See more at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/>



**GIRLS DISCOVERING THEIR PASSION AND INDEPENDENCE**  
– BROWNIES (7 - 9 ½ YEARS)

At Brownies, girls take charge! Working together or independently, they explore what matters to them – from science and technology to creative arts or conservation.

0800 22 22 92  
GIRLGUIDINGNZ.ORG.NZ

Girl Guiding New Zealand

YOU BE THE GUIDE

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

As seen on the Tawa Community Noticeboard Facebook page:

Coneheads is a motorcycle skills club based in Tawa. Our shipping container was broken into recently and our race timing equipment and tools were stolen. We are fundraising to replace this equipment. See notice at right.

Please make contact if you are interested in having a go or would like to help with our fundraising efforts. See Coneheads on Facebook.



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155  
MOTORCYCLES

CONEHEADS

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER**

SATURDAY JULY 18  
OUTLET CITY, TAWA



**TOMMO'S**  
Low 'n Slow

TRADITIONAL  
American  
BARBECUE

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**TAWA RSA**

FRIDAY JULY 17th - 5pm til 8pm



## TAWA RSA FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL

In conjunction with Tommo's Low n Slow Traditional American Barbecue, the food truck will be parked outside the Tawa RSA at 89 Oxford Street (the northern end), Tawa. So please grab your food and enjoy a drink in the Club Rooms – 17 July 2020 from 5pm till 8pm.

If you are not a member of the Tawa RSA you are more than welcome to join us in the Club Rooms. We just ask that you sign in at the door.

## WCC KIOSK IN TAWA

“Planning for Growth” is a project about the people of Wellington and bringing the things we love and value about our city into the conversation about how WCC plans for the city’s future growth.

In 2019 WCC asked people to have their say on the pros and cons of four scenarios <<https://planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz/your-views/consultations-and-engagements/growth-scenarios>>. People have given a clear indication that they think intensification of the city centre and suburban centres offer the best balance overall.

Council has now developed a draft “spatial plan” which shows the future shape of our city that will then feed into the District Plan Review <<https://planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz/about/district-plan-review>>.

A pop-up kiosk will be visiting Wellington communities during the engagement, where they can provide information and visuals, and businesses and members of the public will be able to talk to the Planning for Growth team. The dates that have been set for Tawa are Friday 14 August from 12pm to 4pm and Saturday 15 August from 10am to 2pm. The kiosk will be set up at the start of Tawa Plaza, close to the Main Road.

## COUNCIL PLANS FOR UPPER STEBBINGS AND MARSHALL RIDGE

*As on the WCC website:*

“Upper Stebbings, Marshall Ridge, and the western hills of Glenside comprise 260 hectares of undeveloped, rural zoned land. The land is located between Glenside and Churton Park in the south and Tawa to the north. The land has the potential to provide up to 2000 new houses over the next 10-20 years. This is one of the last undeveloped greenfield areas within the existing urban footprint of the City.

Late last year the Council undertook engagement with the Tawa, Glenside and Churton Park communities on a proposed plan for this area (a “Structure Plan”). People told us that the future community should be inclusive and diverse with green spaces, have quality transport systems, and infrastructure that helps improve water quality and prevents flooding.

Other considerations are the impact of development on existing infrastructure and transport networks and specific design issues such as how and where to connect the future communities to Tawa and Churton Park. Further investigations are currently under way.”

You will have the opportunity to ask further questions about this at the pop-up kiosk in Tawa Plaza on Friday 14 August from 12pm to 4pm and Saturday 15 August from 10am to 2pm.



February 2003 – before the bars were put into place

## MATARIKI FLAGS IN TAWA

You may have noticed the Matariki flags now flying in Tawa's central shopping area. The Tawa Business Group is responsible for organising these, in recognition of the Māori New Year.

When is Matariki?

As on the Te Papa website ([tepapa.govt.nz](http://tepapa.govt.nz)), Matariki is a star



cluster which appears in the night sky during mid-winter.

According to the Maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar),

the reappearance of Matariki brings the old lunar year to a close and marks the beginning of the new year. Hence, Matariki is associated with the Māori New Year. Celebrations are currently taking place (mid-July).

Wellington City Council: "From Monday 13 July, tune into Mana Tangata, a five-part online Zoom series exploring kaupapa Māori. Then from Friday 17 July, experience live performances, large scale digital projections, fire, and kai at Ahi Kā.

More information is on our website: <<https://govt.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ea258b1df943178660013ccd9&id=d14d9cbd15&e=4065731858>>. Plus, don't miss the exciting programme of Matariki events at Te Wharewaka o Poneke <<https://govt.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ea258b1df943178660013ccd9&id=71c1bd1f74&e=4065731858>>."



Tawa's:  
**Upcycling Competition**

**What is 'Upcycling'?**  
It is to reuse (discarded objects or material) in such a way as to create a product of higher quality or value

**From: Sustainable Tawa and Tawa Residents Association**  
Celebrate Plastic Free July by entering in Tawa's upcycling competition!

\* Rules: You must create something new from something old or pre-used.

Categories: Under 5, 5-12, 13-17, Adults

**Zero waste prizes up for grabs!**

**Ends: Friday 31st July, 2020 6.00 p.m.**

Submit photos and description to: [sustainabletawa@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabletawa@gmail.com)



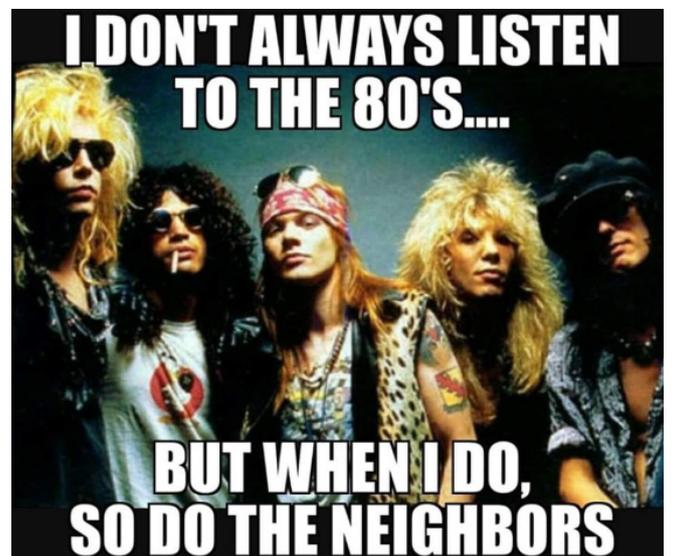
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## UPCYCLING COMPETITION

The notice at left is from a sustainability group in Tawa which wants to bring the community together and help our neighbours to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste.

This month is Plastic Free July and the sustainability group is putting together an upcycling competition with prizes!



## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Sharon McKenzie

Sharon McKenzie is the Tawa BID\* Manager, employed by the Tawa Business Group (TBG). She has been in the role since February this year and is responsible for managing the day-to-day activities of the TBG – working with the Executive Committee, BID members and other stakeholders to develop and enhance the success of Tawa businesses for the benefit of the wider community.

\* BID = Business Improvement District under the Wellington City Council.

See <https://www.tawabusiness.co.nz/about-us/tawa-bid-faq>



*Where were you born?* Auckland

*Where did you grow up?*

We moved around a lot because of my Dad's job [in insurance], so I grew up in Auckland, Dunedin, Whangarei and then Dunedin again before moving to Christchurch and eventually Wellington.

*Where were you educated?*

Rutherford Primary (Te Atatu, Auckland), Corstorphine Primary (Dunedin), Kamo Intermediate and Kamo High (Whangarei), and Queen's High School (Dunedin).

*How long have you lived in Tawa?*

Just over six years now. We were in Johnsonville for 17 years before we moved to Tawa.

*What do you like about Tawa?*

I love the sense of community – to be honest, until I started my role as BID Manager with the Tawa Business Group I wasn't aware of just how much goes on behind the scenes! Just watching Tawa grow will be exciting.

*What about family?*

I've been married to my husband, Dwayne, for 21 years now. Most of my immediate family (my Mum, sister and brother and their families) are all still in Christchurch.

*Work experience over the years .....*

My most recent roles have been either office management, event management or facilities management – I guess because I like organising things! Over the years I've worked for both government and private organisations, with staff numbers from 1 to about 4,000. I've also been involved in Incident Management and have completed a number of CIMS [Coordinated Incident Management System] training courses.

*What are your interests and hobbies?*

I love walking, especially walking on some of the beautiful beaches we have relatively close. I enjoy reading and baking and have just started trying to make leather earrings – still a work in progress! I think my favourite thing is spending time with friends and family – there's nothing quite like it.

*Favourite sports team and/or sports person?*

I know this may not win me many Wellingtonian friends, but I'm a staunch Crusaders supporter. I also love one day cricket.

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*Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?*

I don't know that I have a single favourite – I like a lot of music – a lot of it is old stuff though.

*What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?*

Probably the Wairarapa – there's so much to do and explore and I always come back feeling refreshed and recharged. I've also got a lot of great memories of holidays on Waiheke Island.

*What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you the most satisfaction/pride?*

The feeling that I've done something to make a difference – things as simple as supporting someone through a tough time or helping someone get to where they want to be in life.

*What are two or three interesting things about you that local people may not know?*

I live on a lifestyle block in Tawa. I'm quite a home-body so am lucky to be able to hang out with not only Dwayne and our two dogs Baxter and Archie, but also with six chickens, 12 sheep and five goats (all of which have names by the way).

*What are two or three things you would like to do before you die?*

Finishing our landscaping would be a good start – our five year plan keeps extending!  
And perhaps visit Stewart Island,  
.... and Ireland.



## **Kai Kitchen at Linden Community Centre (LCC)**

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**Every Friday, 1pm-2.30pm**

Please join us for a FREE meal. All welcome.

Keen to help? Volunteers always welcome.

Contact LCC at 04-2326196 or email to [lindensc@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:lindensc@wcc.govt.nz)

if you need more information.



Big slippers to fill!



New addition to  
another family

## FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES IN TAWA

Wellington City Council has approved project funding for the Vulnerable Support Charitable Trust to deliver a pilot project providing school lunches to a range of schools and early childhood centres. Three of these are in Tawa:

Ngahauranga Te Kohanga Reo, Victory Crescent; Te Iwi Kohanga Reo, Coates St; Tawa Intermediate.

## JP SERVICE AT THE TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

There is a JP (Justice of the Peace) at the community centre every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm. No bookings are required.

## WATER TANKS AVAILABLE AT THE TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

You can buy your own 200L emergency water tank in Tawa for \$110 from the Tawa Community Centre. Call Mandy on 232 1682 or email [mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz)

### Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm and 2-4.30pm on weekdays, or hire a room or hall for your community group / birthday party / meeting at reasonable rates.

Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres> and sign up to our newsletter by clicking the email signup button.

Ngā mihi

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*"If a man says he'll fix it, he'll fix it. There is no need to nag him every 6 months about it."*

*"I'm aware that the voices in my head aren't real. But their ideas are just awesome sometimes!"*

*"I hate to rain on anyone's parade or burst the enthusiasm bubble, but talk is especially cheap during an election season."* – Meghan McCain

*"It's much easier to be convincing if you care about your topic. Figure out what's important to you about your message and speak from the heart."* – Nicholas Boothman

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# Tawa Bowling Club



Every Sunday in August  
At the Tawa Bowling Club, 13 Davies St, Tawa  
10.00 a.m. to Mid-day



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10.00 a.m to 12.00 mid-day

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