

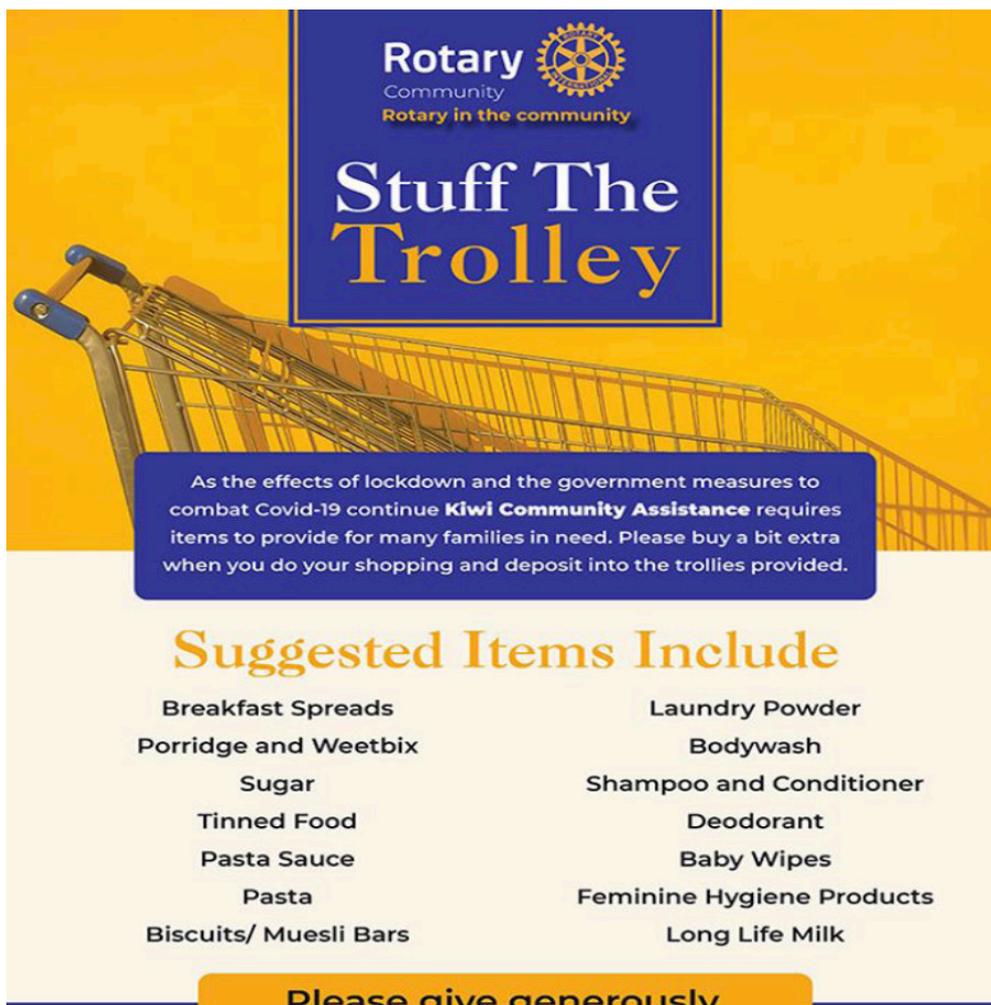
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## STUFF THE TROLLEY

Shopping at Tawa's Countdown or New World supermarkets in the next few days? Then please buy an extra item or two of non-perishable food or household products to donate to Kiwi Community Assistance.

KCA provides food and essential items for families and individuals in the community. Please give generously.

This is a Tawa Rotary and Inner Wheel community support initiative.



**Rotary Community**  
Rotary in the community

# Stuff The Trolley

As the effects of lockdown and the government measures to combat Covid-19 continue **Kiwi Community Assistance** requires items to provide for many families in need. Please buy a bit extra when you do your shopping and deposit into the trollies provided.

### Suggested Items Include

Breakfast Spreads	Laundry Powder
Porridge and Weetbix	Bodywash
Sugar	Shampoo and Conditioner
Tinned Food	Deodorant
Pasta Sauce	Baby Wipes
Pasta	Feminine Hygiene Products
Biscuits/ Muesli Bars	Long Life Milk

**Please give generously**



Rotary President Judith Gray with some of the donated goods

**“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”**  
– John Bunyan



## KCA BOOSTED BY STUFF THE TROLLEY CAMPAIGN

We received this from Kiwi Community Assistance (KCA) just over a week ago:

“Just to let you know that the food that KCA has already received from Rotary’s “Stuff the Trolley” is going out to families working with our partner agency Supergrans in Tawa.

Michele [Rowe] has been taking photos of the daily deliveries that we are receiving from Rotary and they are in this week’s photo album on KCA’s Facebook page.

As of today KCA has redistributed 30.7 tonnes of food in 19 days that we have been open in May 2020. We have had a few volunteers return at level 2 so are up to 10 people assisting us.”



The photo above is from KCA’s Facebook page with this caption: “Sincerest thanks for the generous donation received from Stuff The Trolley campaign running at New World Tawa and Countdown Tawa.

Sincerest thanks to everyone who is purchasing items and popping them into the trolley that is being cleared daily by Tawa Rotary and Inner Wheel.”

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TERRY ROCHE ON HIS QSM

Terry Roche, a volunteer in the Tawa community for almost 50 years, has been awarded the Queen’s Service Medal for services to the community.

It all began in 1972 when Terry joined Tawa Jaycees and wife Jill joined Jaycee Wives. They joined for community involvement and for the opportunity to meet like-minded people. “To quote my late wife, they were memorable years,” he says.

Terry, now 86, was widowed a long time ago, but the friendships have held firm and he has continued with memberships of many local groups.

An active member of the Tawa Lions Club for 44 years, he has been both president and Deputy District Governor.

For 25 years he was a volunteer for the Kapi Mana Police, primarily with phone contacts in Victim Support services. Terry admired the police staff who supported him as a volunteer. “They were fabulous, absolutely superb,” he says.

Terry is a Senator and Life Member of New Zealand JCI Senators Inc, a Jaycee alumni group, and has been treasurer since 2002.

An active member of St Christopher’s Church in Tawa, he has volunteered at Redwood School, initially as a Religious Instruction tutor, then for the past five years with the Bookworm Club. That collective of parents and grandparents works with students who are struggling or disengaged with reading.

A member of Tawa Indoor Bowls for 25 years, he was club captain for 17 years and president for two.

Terry joined the Tawa Midweek Table Tennis Club in 1992 and is the current treasurer, serving 20 years in that position.

*Article by Glenise Dreaver in the Independent Herald, 4 June 2020 – used with permission.*

NOTE: Terry Roche was recognised with a Tawa Community Civic Award in 2010. See [http://www.tawalink.com/civic\\_awards\\_2010.html](http://www.tawalink.com/civic_awards_2010.html)



## THE DEADLINE APPROACHES

Wellington City Council is seeking community feedback on the proposed 2020/2021 Annual Plan, which includes increased funding for the water network, and projects such as the new central city library network and planning for Let's Get Wellington Moving.

Mayor Andy Foster and Councillors agreed to go to consultation on a recommended 5.07 percent increase in rates for the next financial year.

Public consultation will conclude this coming Monday, 8 June.

The Council is seeking feedback from Wellington residents on two options for rates. The preferred option is the 5.07 percent rates increase and to borrow to cover revenue lost due to Covid-19 restrictions on Council facilities.

The other option is a 2.3 percent rates increase. This would result in big increases in future years.

Let Council know what you think at <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations>



### Tawa Winter Clothing drive!

Please donate any winter coats, PJs, thermals, gumboots etc – anything that you no longer need.

All donations will be distributed to those in need, through local schools, kindies, kohanga, and Community Centres.

Items must be clean please, and in good wearable condition. All sizes accepted.

\*\*\* PLEASE DROP OFF BY MONDAY 8 JUNE \*\*\*

Please drop washed items to:

Mandy at Tawa Community Centre,  
between 9am-1pm only.

or contact Steph Knight 0275319161



## PROGRESS WITH THE NEW PETROL STATION

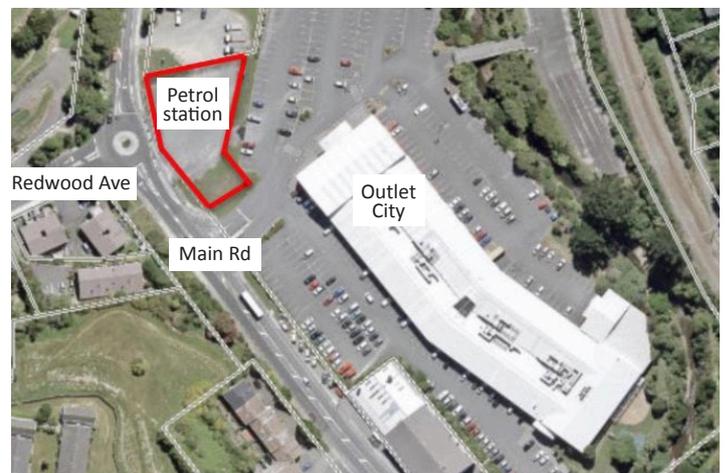
Resource consent was granted recently for “construction of an unmanned petrol station and associated earthworks at 26-28 Main Road, Tawa ....” The applicant is Waitomo Energy Ltd. The site adjoins the Outlet City carpark.

“There will be two vehicle access points, one from the roundabout on [the] Main Road where the vehicle crossing will form a fourth leg to the roundabout. The other vehicle crossing will be on the east boundary, providing access through to the Outlet City carpark for loading trucks which will then utilise the internal access for Outlet City out to [the] Main Road.”

We have no details as to when the new petrol station might be open.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: I was in Christchurch a couple of weeks ago. Most unleaded 91 petrol was in the low to mid \$1.70s range. This pic shows unleaded 91 in Redcliffs, Christchurch at 172.9/litre (before any discount). At the same time the same fuel in Tawa was costing 196.9/litre.

A quick look on the Gasp app on Friday showed the lowest price in each of these centres: Napier 160.9; Christchurch 162.9; Invercargill 167.9; Dunedin 172.9; Hamilton 172.9; Whangarei 181.7; Wellington 183.8; Auckland 197.9.



**Got your  
200L  
water tank  
yet ?**



## **MORE WATER TANKS IN TAWA**

People often tell us they've been meaning for a very long time to get their own 200L water tank! If you haven't already obtained yours, don't put it off any longer!

The experts tell us we should arrange for our own emergency water storage of 140L per person (based on 20L per day per person for seven days). The same 'experts' will ensure that water will be available in each Wellington suburb from day 8 after a major disaster.

You can buy your own 200L 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 RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM**

Notice of Annual General Meeting, Tawa Residents' Association (Inc)  
– all welcome

Meeting date: Monday June 8th, 7.30pm via Zoom

(Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85226827188>  
Meeting ID: 852 2682 7188)

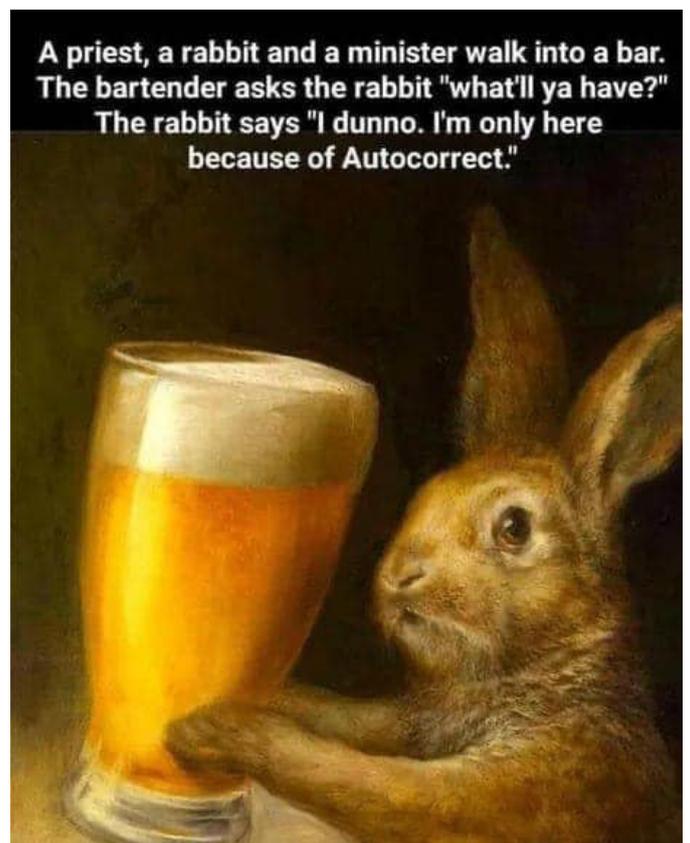
To join this meeting, use the Zoom link (above). If you haven't used Zoom before, please allow yourself 5-10 minutes beforehand to access the Zoom software.

When you join the meeting you'll be put in a "waiting room" and then manually let in. Everyone will be muted on entry.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic"**



**A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender asks the rabbit "what'll ya have?" The rabbit says "I dunno. I'm only here because of Autocorrect."**

## HANGING BASKETS TO BE 'REPLACED' SHORTLY

As you probably already know, the flowers in the hanging baskets in the central Tawa shopping district are replaced every six months. The intention is to hang an updated lot of baskets later this month.

The Tawa Potted Colour Committee is responsible for maintaining the baskets. The annual cost of the baskets is \$3000+. The Tawa Community Board usually assists with part of this, and the Tawa Business Group has previously made a generous contribution.



Rotary members replace the baskets twice each year

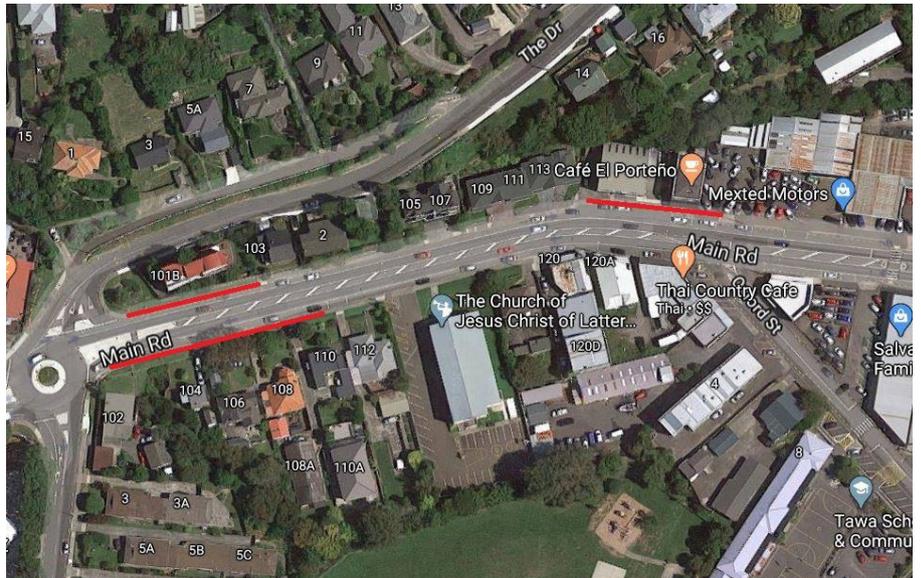
Unfortunately there is still an ongoing “financial shortfall” which needs to be made up with assistance from members of the community. There are already several local individuals and some businesses sponsoring baskets at \$60 per basket per year, and their generosity is very much appreciated. If you would like to assist in some way, please email Malcolm Sparrow on [malcolm@tawalink.com](mailto:malcolm@tawalink.com)

## ROADWORKS IN TAWA

From Wellington City Council:

“From Wednesday 3 June to Tuesday 16 June (weather dependent), footpath maintenance will be carried out on [the] Main Road, Tawa between The Drive and number 145.

Stop/go traffic management will be in place between 9am - 4pm on weekdays and there will be no weekend work.



We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding and patience.”

Any major issues should be addressed to Charlotte Wiggins on 021 828 763 (Downer Contract Administrator), or use the Fixit app to report to Wellington City Council, phone 499 4444.



## ROADING IMPROVEMENTS

As advised in last month’s newsletter, improvements to the pedestrian island and crossing in Oxford St at its intersection with Melville St are now being carried out.

“The main objective of the proposal is to improve pedestrian safety and connectivity on Oxford St, between the New World carpark and Melville St which leads to the Tawa train station.”

## TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

Tawa College Community Education is offering Woodwork and Sewing classes starting next week. Skills you may have wished you had over the last month. Enrolments for both are still being accepted.

Sewing Beginner Thursday

<https://www.tawacommed.co.nz/Course,sewing-beginner-Wellington,1167>

Sewing Intermediate Monday

<https://www.tawacommed.co.nz/Course,sewing-dressmaking-wellington,1133>

Woodwork Tuesday

<https://www.tawacommed.co.nz/Course,woodwork-class-Wellington,1147>

Woodwork Thursday

<https://www.tawacommed.co.nz/Course,woodwork-class-Wellington,2448>



How much forethought went into this?

(Not a Tawa scene)



## Tawa College and Tawa Intermediate uniforms...

After such a successful uniform drive earlier this year, we've decided to keep it going!

If you have uniform items for Tawa College and Tawa Intermediate that are no longer needed, please donate them for others in our community to use.

If you or someone you know could benefit from help with uniform items, please contact Mandy Russell at Tawa Community Centre – 232-1682 or email [tawacc@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:tawacc@wcc.govt.nz)

This will be an ongoing initiative throughout the year, with a big drive for donations to share at the end of the year. Thanks!

**Mervyn Kemp Library  
Tawa**

Opening hours during Alert Level 2:  
Monday to Friday 10am-5.30pm  
Saturday 10am-4pm

Opening hours during Alert Level 1:  
See <http://www.wcl.govt.nz/about/branches/mervyn/index.html>

## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Jackson Lacy

Jackson Lacy is the youngest of three new members elected to the Tawa Community Board in the October 2019 local body election.

Parts of his election profile read: “I’m a university student and a current member of the Wellington City Youth Council [since late 2016], and I’m running for the Tawa Community Board. I believe in smart solutions to the big problems we face, in a diverse, forward-thinking Tawa, that truly values young people.

I support sensible higher-density housing as a response to population growth and the broken rental market. I support local solutions to the climate crisis, especially as parts of Tawa are already flooding. I believe in giving our most vulnerable people the help they need, so everyone is included in a vibrant Tawa.”

Jackson is chair of the grants subcommittee on the community board, he is the portfolio holder for youth, and shares the community development role.

*Where were you born?*

Wellington Hospital.

*Where did you grow up?*

Tawa, for all but my first six months.

*Where were you educated?*

First Hampton Hill Primary, then Scots College, and I’m now doing a BA in Māori Resource Management at Victoria.

*How long have you lived in Tawa?*

The overwhelming part of twenty years.

*What do you like about Tawa? What would you like to see improved?*

I really like our community spirit, the way we band together when things get tough, as we’ve just seen through the COVID-19 lockdown. I’d like to see us really focus on supporting our young and vulnerable people, reducing our environmental impact, and improving housing affordability.

*What about family?*

I’m the youngest of four half-siblings, my older brother living in Auckland and my older sisters in Australia – I’m a proud uncle five times over.

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

I’m predominantly a graphic designer by trade, mostly for print, but I’ve done plenty of video production, and I’ve been really involved with organising TEDxYouth events over the years.

*What are your interests and hobbies?*

I love playing and listening to music – I was in choirs all through high school – as well as cooking and going for bush walks.

*Favourite sports team and/or sports person?*

Phoenix home games are always fun, so I try to follow how they’re doing, and our very own Sophie Devine is absolutely smashing it in the cricket.



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*Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?*

I've been getting into Pink Floyd lately, and really enjoying their work, plus Lorde is amazing as ever.

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

Great Barrier Island, northeast of Auckland – my dad built a bach up there decades ago, and I've been going there since I was a kid.

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

Graduating high school, and being elected to the Community Board. The former was mostly satisfaction – Year 13 was a really stressful time for me and I worked really hard to get through it. Similarly, the [election] campaign was a big thing for me, but I'm now really proud to be able to serve the people of Tawa.

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

I'm learning te reo Māori, I played football (badly) in high school, and I spent most of Easter weekend this year calling elderly people in Linden to see how they were going through lockdown.

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

Visit my whenua tūrangawaewae – the places my ancestors are from – in Ireland and at the top of Te Waipounamu;

Get married and start a family;

Learn to play the piano much better than I currently can.

## **CORRECTION:**

Last month we ran a profile (2 Minutes with .....) on Tawa Community Board member Anna Scott. Part of the introductory piece was not quite right. The whole piece should have read as follows:

*Anna Scott is one of the three new members elected to the Tawa Community Board in the October 2019 local body election, and is now very active in that role.*

*Parts of her election profile read: "I have lived in Tawa for 13 years [2019] with my husband and our three children – at Redwood, Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College. I have a passion for Tawa and love its fantastic family friendly community. I am a Chartered Accountant and I understand the issues for business.*

*I am an enthusiastic and connected member of the Tawa community, having served nine years on the Redwood School board (five years as chair), am currently Tawa AFC treasurer, and was instrumental in driving for safer railway crossings – the installation of gates at Redwood station."*

*Anna has roading, transport, and economic development responsibilities with the community board, and is on the grants subcommittee.*

**Apology for the gremlin in the system!**



# PLAYGROUND UPGRADES IN TAWA

Two children's playgrounds in Tawa are currently being completely overhauled, Coronation Park in Oxford St and Victory Park in Victory Cres (also accessible from Davidson Cres).

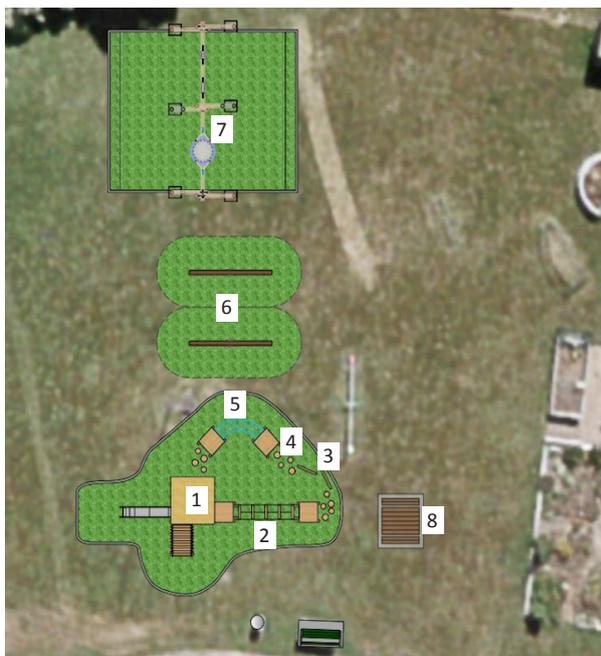
The photos show progress as at Saturday 6 June 2020.



Coronation Park



Victory Park



## Playground equipment

1. Play House
2. Wobbly log bridge with round posts
3. Balance beams
4. Stepper logs
5. Monkey bar radial
6. Seesaw (regular)
7. One-bay and basket swing
8. New picnic table

Coronation Park indicative plan  
(with the Tawa Community Garden at right of diagram)



Victory Park  
indicative plan

## TAWA LIONS MARKET OPEN AGAIN

The Tawa Lions Market at Outlet City car park re-opened today, Saturday 6 June from 9am to 2pm. It will be open at the same time each Saturday for the foreseeable future.

Visit us for Fruit, Vegetables, Free Range Eggs, Helen's Honey and Idle Kitchen Jams.

## 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.

### 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.

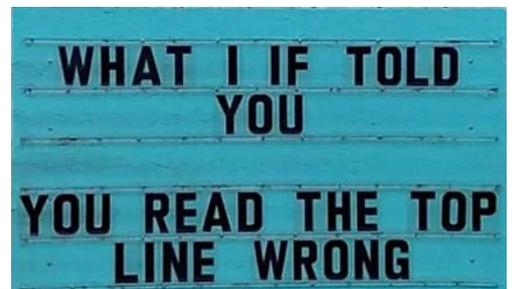
Like us on Facebook at:

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

\* We are now back to our usual opening hours.

Ngā mihi

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*"Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much."*

*I got another letter from this lawyer today. It said "Final Notice". Good that he will not bother me anymore.*

*"The best way to sound like you know what you're talking about is to know what you're talking about."* – Author Unknown

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."* – Martin Luther King Jr

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