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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/MID JULY.

FRIENDS OF TAWA BUSH RESERVES SPECIAL MEETING

Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves warmly invites the people of Tawa to attend this meeting on Wednesday 8 July, where Mayor Andy Foster will be our guest speaker. Andy has had a long association in the restoration of endemic flora and fauna in the Wellington region, including the establishment and ongoing work undertaken at Zealandia.

This is your opportunity to hear Andy talk about his and the Council's views on the way forward for ecological restoration in the Tawa Basin.

The meeting will be in the Tawa Union Church Lounge, Elena Place, commencing at 7.00pm and will conclude with supper.



Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves Inc.



Kai Kitchen at Linden Community Centre(LCC)

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

if you need more information.

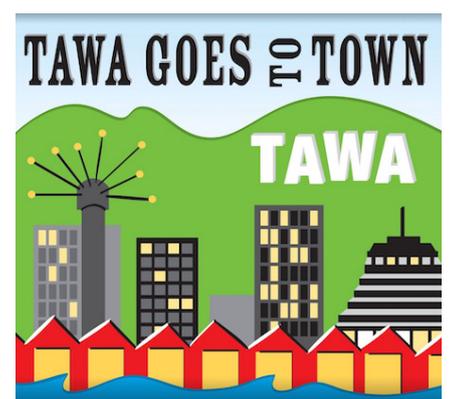
KAI KITCHEN OPEN AGAIN

Kai Kitchen is back up and running every Friday at the Linden Community Centre, starting at 1pm. Please note the change of time. You are welcome along for a free community lunch. See details at left.

TAWA GOES TO TOWN IN 2022

As you'll no doubt know, Tawa's biennial music festival "Tawa Goes to Town" had to be cancelled this year because of Covid-19.

A new date has been set for the next "Tawa Goes to Town" at the Michael Fowler Centre – it is 27 September 2022, just 820 days away!



TAWA RACKETHON

Tawa Rackethon is back by popular demand!

A Tawa Squash, Tawa Tennis and Wellington North Badminton joint holiday programme initiative. Players rotate 1.5 hours at each sport. Daily timetable 9am - 3pm. Qualified coaches will take each session.

Dates: Monday 13 July, Wednesday 15 July and Friday 17 July. Cost per day: \$50 or sign up for three days \$135.

Registration link and further details: <https://bit.ly/2XPQMvr>

LET'S GO LEGO

Let's Go Lego is at the Tawa Community Centre from 10am Tuesday 7 July. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

MATARIKI CRAFT WORKSHOP & STORYTELLING

Celebrate Matariki at the Tawa Community Centre during the holidays with some craft and storytelling. Thursday July 9 from 10am.



Matariki Craft Workshop & Storytelling

Tawa Community Centre
Thursday 9th July, from 10 am – 12 noon

Let's Celebrate Matariki together!

Join us for a fun morning creating Matariki stars and enjoy one of our special story.

For ages 5 -13 yrs. (Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.)

Booking is essential, please contact us on 04 232 1682 or email: tawacc@wcc.govt.nz



Let's Go LEGO!

Tawa Community Centre

Tuesday 7 July from 10am

Let's build – let's explore – let's create! Join us for a fun, themed, interactive LEGO session that will stretch your creative skills.

Suitable for ages 5+

Who led the digital transformation of your company?

- A) CEO
- B) CTO
- C) COVID-19

TAWA MENZSHED BREAKOUT BBQ

Breakout BBQ. Saturday 4th July at noon. At the Shed. Entry via the Tawa Pool car park. Just keep going south, past the Rural Fire Service. All welcome. Gold coin for a hot snagger in a buttered sarny with hot or cold sauce of your choice. Cup of tea or coffee as well (warning – hot!).

MENZSHED - TAWA -

If you are not a member, we will ask for your name for contact tracing purposes. Have a yarn with other members. Have a look around. Become a member? No pressure. Not too much anyway.

ROTARY CLUB OF TAWA

Tawa Rotary is resuming dinner meetings this week.

A Rotary membership is more than just a ticket to dinner meetings and community and fundraising projects. Belonging to Rotary also offers a number of other benefits:

Networking – Leadership – Personal Growth – Fun.

So it's no longer a reason of why you should join Rotary, it's a question of why haven't you done so already?

Why not join us for a meal this Tuesday (June 30) at 6pm at the Tawa Bowling Club, Davies Street, Tawa.

Email: tawarotaryclub@gmail.com or phone Judith Gray (027 440 6098) to let us know you'd like to come.



GARDEN BIRD SURVEY

The Department of Conservation's Garden Bird Survey is now under way!

It's time to dig out your lucky bird-watching hat, pull on the woolly socks, grab a chair and a cuppa tea, and head into the garden to count birds. The survey is so easy to do!

Choose a day between 27 June and 5 July, when you have a free hour. Print off or download the tally sheet (by following the link below), head into your garden to look and listen for birds and record the number of bird species you observe. You can also do your survey in a park or school.

Once you're done, head back to the Garden Bird Survey website and submit your results there.

This is a great thing to do with your whānau, friends and tamariki and is an excellent activity out in nature, that benefits your well-being.

Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/2Nvksli> Garden Bird Survey: <https://bit.ly/37UbJc3>

SPICER LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING

Porirua City Council will be holding its annual Spicer Landfill Community Liaison meeting on Monday 6th July 2020 at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held in the Doris Mills Lounge, Linden Social Centre, Linden Ave. Please feel free to invite friends.

It would be great if you could find the time to come along and listen to a presentation about what has happened at the landfill over the last year and what is planned for the future.

There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and put forward ideas. The current draft of the Landfill Operational Management Plan will be available.

Please respond to Carol Freeman on 237 3588 (email Carol.Freeman@porirua.govt.nz) so we have a rough idea how many people will be attending.

KCA (KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE) UPDATE

KCA was very privileged to have Chris Quin the CEO of Foodstuffs North Island come to visit our charity recently. Foodstuffs Wellington and Foodstuffs North Island has been a sponsor of KCA's since June 2012. Our General Manager Michele and I (Tracy) were then invited to lunch with the Foodstuffs Transport Division, Chris Quin and his management team, in Grenada North.

KCA is pleased to announce that we have recently signed a new lease for a bigger warehouse. We plan to have all of our operations under one roof for the first time in eight years. Our new warehouse is 2.5 times bigger than our current warehouse and we are currently fundraising to fit out the new warehouse.

Foodstuffs North Island, Countdown, Sutherland Self Help Trust, some of KCA volunteers and our Give-A-Little page have helped us reach nearly \$100,000 but we still need approx \$80,000 to fit out the building.

KCA is expanding its current chiller facility and would love to build a freezer room so that we don't have to store stock at Foodstuffs and at other sponsors. We will also be responsible for our power usage for the first time in the nine years that we have been operating. Plus we will have use of a free forklift courtesy of Hot Chilly.

Foodstuffs North Island Transport Division - Grenada North, Wellington North Rotary, Johnsonville Rotary, Tawa Lions, FMG, Chorus, and Singapore Airlines have all put up their hands to help us with moving. One of our charity partners Salvation Army has also offered manpower so there will be no disruption to our charity's work when we move.

In the past 2.5 months KCA has redistributed over 102 tonnes of food in the Greater Wellington community. Our warehouse team is now back, so our non-food operations are busy filling the winter orders.

The photo shows Foodstuffs' Chris Quin with KCA's Tracy Wellington.



Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | July 2020

Duncan Street, Tawa | For ages 5-12 years | To book phone 04 232 2260 or visit wellington.govt.nz/holidayprogrammes

Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July
Fame Day Today you will make an outfit from newspaper, model it, then jump in our photo booth and crack a pose in front of the camera. You will also choreograph a dance to a pop song and have a dance crew battle. Bring your best moves or learn some new ones!	Inflatables & Wheels Zoom around on our wheels and hop, jump and bounce on our inflatables. There will be lots of free play and relays and other exciting games.	Sports Fest Come along to our Sports Fest day! You will need to bring along a lot of energy to play Benchball, Badminton and Dodgeball, just to name a few. Still not enough? Come with your own favourite game ideas to share with your friends!	Burled Treasure Arr ye mateys, Captain is coming so make a message in a bottle to send out to yer friends! Watch out, there will be a cannonball attack later on today so get ready to walk the plank and draw yer pirate swords!	First Aid and Multi-Sport Do you know what to do in an emergency, like if you get stung by a bee or get sunburn? We'll teach you how to do basic first aid! See if you can be the winner of our quiz for a prize. We'll also play some multi-sport in the afternoon.
Monday 13 July	Tuesday 14 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July
Did you say Dodgeball? You love it, we love it, so why not spend a day playing it? Mayhem, leaders Dodgeball, kill the cone plus our newest game, King! Why not add to the list? Let's make a new Dodgeball game to play!	The Amazing Race The race is on! We have an amazing day today - can you make it through the challenges, crack the codes, solve the puzzles and win the ultimate grand prize?	Science & Football Tournament Put on your lab coat and be a scientist for a day, get ready to be blown away by some amazing experiments! You will then be put into teams and take part in Tawa Rec's mini football tournament. Don't like football? No worries, you can play a game of your choice or cheer on the teams.	Superpower Day What is your secret superpower? Make an awesome costume then show us your power. Get creative and draw comic strips or act in superhero skits. Can you also make it through Tawa Rec's amazing super duper obstacle course?	Cowboy or Cowgal Day It hasn't been done before! You will be designing your cowboy or cowgal sheriff badge, vest and wanted posters. Make some marshmallow shooters, take photos in the cow booth, catch a steer with a hula hoop and rob the nest. Finish the holidays with a relaxing movie - Toy Story 1, 2, 3 OR 4.

Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and sunhat every day.

 Follow us on Facebook

School holiday programmes also available at:

ASB Sports Centre
 72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie
 For ages 5-14 years
 To book phone
 04 830 0500

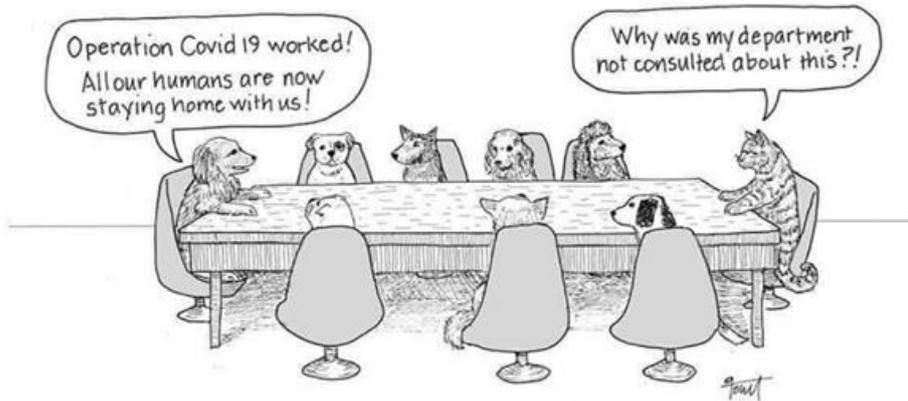
Karori Recreation Centre
 251 Karori Road, Karori
 For ages 5-12 years
 To book phone 04 476 8090

Nairnville Recreation Centre
 Cnr Cockayne Road and Lucknow Terrace,
 Khandallah
 For ages 5-12 years
 To book phone 04 479 2022

Bookings open Wednesday 10 June.
 All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved.

Cost per day	Time	Recreation Centres	ASB Sports Centre
Before care	7.45am-8.30am	\$8.50	-
On-site day	8.30am-3.30pm	\$35	\$38
Trip days	8.30am-3.30pm	\$45	\$48
Aftercare	3.30pm-5.30pm	\$14	\$14

Our canine companions enjoyed it while it lasted



Above:
 Big kereru in little kowhai tree

Left:
 Another substantial frost in Tawa

UPDATES FROM THE KENEPURU CORRIDOR TEAM AT PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL

Kenepuru Station Access

Construction work was set to begin in late June on the alleyway that connects Kenepuru Drive to Kenepuru Railway Station, resealing the surface to remove the trip hazards and improving the lighting to make people feel safer.

This will be followed up at a later date with more artwork on the building walls to make the area more welcoming.

Kenepuru Drive - Raiha intersection

Construction tenders for the Kenepuru - Raiha roundabout were being called for in mid-June.

Transmission Gully Link Road/ Kenepuru Drive Roundabout

Construction of the roundabout continues with the current focus on installing drainage works in the area.

Future projects

Design tenders have been advertised for the following projects:

- Main Road/Wall Place intersection
- Raiha Street/Broken Hill Road intersection
- Raiha Street/Prosser Street intersection
- Kenepuru Drive Cycle Crossing Point

Investigations are also under way in two areas where work will be needed before the opening of Transmission Gully. These cover Kenepuru Drive (Transmission Gully Link road roundabout to Wall Place) to ensure road users can safely continue to access all businesses, and Raiha/Prosser Streets to enable an effective alternative route to Kenepuru Drive and Titahi Bay Road following the opening of Transmission Gully.

We'll come back to you for your feedback once we've investigated the options.

To keep up to date with developments refer to our webpage:

<https://poriruacity.govt.nz/your-council/city-projects/kenepuru-corridor/kenepuru-corridor-projectupdates/>

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PICTORIAL SUMMARY OF LOCKDOWN IN TAWA

BEFORE LOCKDOWN



Thursday 19 March 2020
"Uncertain times" – pharmacy supplies at the window, not in the store.

Item from Tawa News supplement which was sent out on Friday 20 March 2020

EVENTS CANCELLED (OR POSTPONED) IN TAWA

Linden's Kai Kitchen – suspended from Friday 20 March until further notice

Neighbours Day BBQ at the Tawa Community Garden – Sunday 22 March

Tawa Business Breakfast – Tuesday 24 March

Greenacres School Mad Hatter's Gala – Saturday 28 March

Neighbours Day BBQ at Wall Park, Linden – Sunday 29 March

CANCELLED

Final weekend of Neighbours' Day BBQs in Tawa, 21-22 March.

By that stage many streets had in fact decided to cancel their proposed get-togethers. Some went ahead, with "social distancing" involved (as least for the photo) as seen here in Brasenose Place.

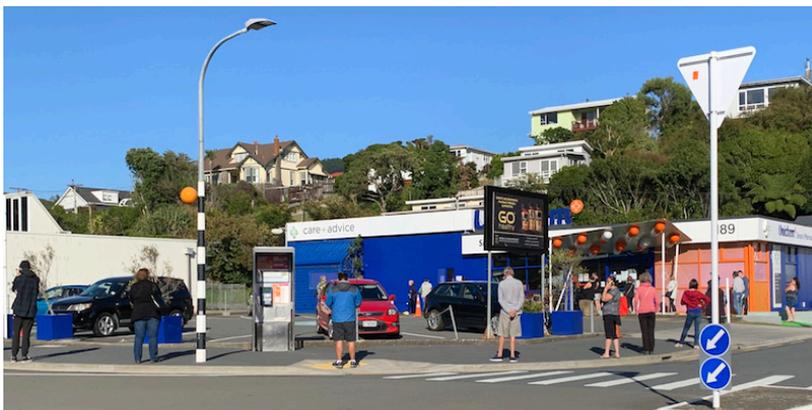


Wednesday 25 March
Last 'bought' coffee for a while.
The option of using a refillable mug was no longer available!

People were encouraged to put teddy bears and their friends in the street-facing windows of their houses. It was all about providing a bit of cheer in those 'gloomy' times, particularly for families with children taking a walk in their own neighbourhood.



**Teddies
(and friends)
on display
in one Tawa
cul-de-sac
Wednesday
25.3.20**



Wednesday 25 March
The day before lockdown commenced.

Queueing at the pharmacy and the supermarket became the new norm.



ALERT LEVEL 4 started Thursday 26 March 2020 and lasted 33 days



As we approached Easter (10-13 April), people were encouraged to put pictures of Easter eggs in their windows.



Late March – early April



Waiting to get into the supermarket



Deserted town centre



Quiet motorway



Empty shelves for products like flour



Empty Takapu Road Station carpark



Few entering or leaving Tawa this day

Tawa Medical Centre met an “Essential Services challenge” by posting an action video online. The extended Langham family and The Quarantina Band posted multiple clips on YouTube.

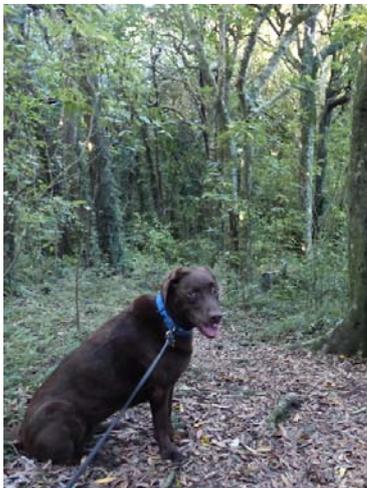


Do you need food? **We** Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council
Me Hika Ki Pōneke



Offers of assistance to buy groceries – or to help in some other way – were made to the community, and a Facebook group called Keep Connected, Tawa (Self Isolation Support) was set up.

The Wellington Student Volunteer Army was also available to provide assistance where necessary.



There was lots more walking of the bush tracks adjacent to Tawa, as well as the local streets, plus cycling on the roads which were mostly devoid of traffic.



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

It was a very busy time for Kiwi Community Assistance (KCA) with only a fraction of their usual number of staff, but with considerably increased demand for their services!



Empty Main Road – looking north from outside St Francis Xavier School



Children's playgrounds like Grasslees Park (shown here) were offlimits during Levels 4 & 3



People enjoyed seeing the Muscovy ducklings at Lyndhurst Park

Restaurants, cafes and most stores were closed for the duration



Schools were shut for many weeks



As Anzac Day approached, people started putting poppies in their windows.



Anzac Day was commemorated with people standing at the end of their driveways at dawn.



A local girl set up an Anzac memorial display on the berm in 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>



Support your local.

Because small local businesses were doing it tough, people were encouraged to go online to buy a voucher for a service they could redeem in the future.

Some businesses, like Nada Bakery, were offering an online order service for goods that would be delivered within the next day or two.

Wellington City Council provided information on its website about which Council services and facilities were operating. Recycling was one service not operating during Levels 4 or 3.



ALERT LEVEL 3 started Tuesday 28 April 2020 and lasted 16 days

A database of local businesses was set up to let people know which businesses were now open in Tawa and how we could support them.

Directory of businesses and services in the Tawa area During COVID-19 Alert Level 3			
One Stop Tawa			
Community	Education	Sport	Art / Craft / Music
Health	Service / Trade	Retail	Cafe / Food & Drink
Email address	Description of goods / services available at Level 3	Preferred way(s) for people to access or order our goods / services	Social Media Links



Zoom sessions were the new way of meeting to conduct business from Level 4 right through to Level 2.



A moment to savour: first "bought coffee" immediately on entering Level 3.



"Click and collect" was one way of conducting business in Level 3. Some businesses, like the Village Bakery (left and right), gave customers the option of texting or phoning their order and paying at the door.



Churches continued to remain closed through Level 3 and on into Level 2.



Satisfied with our combined efforts (so far!)



ALERT LEVEL 2 started Thursday 14 May 2020 and lasted 26 days, ending at 11.59pm on Monday 8 June 2020



Life was returning to some sort of 'normal' in Level 2 – however there was still the occasional wait at the supermarket.



Usage of the trains again started increasing slowly, with social distancing still in place.



Social distancing was decreased from 2m to 1m in Level 2.



Restrictions were still in place in central city elevators.



BP Tawa's Wild Bean cafe – "Please leave your own cups at home for now".



Now in ALERT LEVEL 1 since Tuesday 9 June 2020



Tawa Community Liaison meeting which takes place once every six weeks at the Tawa Community Centre. These photos show the first meeting in Level 1 which took place on Monday 15 June.

The Tawa Community Centre advocate, local principals, MPs and councillors, representatives from Tawa Community Board, Tawa Business Group, Tawa Residents Association, Police, local Rotary and Lions, plus other Tawa groups meet to discuss community issues.



Meanwhile, heading into the Wellington CBD, traffic is starting to return to 'normal'.