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THIS EDITION IS A SUPPLEMENTARY NEWSLETTER. THE NEXT FULL ISSUE IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY/MID APRIL.

INVITATION FROM OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOURS

We have received the following invitation from the Muslim community in Tawa:

“Our community have been overwhelmed by the kindness that the whole of New Zealand have shown to us post March 15. We would love to show our appreciation by hosting an event in Tawa where we can formally thank you and the wider Tawa community. We would also like to take this opportunity to continue to build on these relationships so as a community we stay stronger together.

The event itself would be informal with a short welcoming speech, open the floor to speakers and finally getting to know our neighbours in the community by way of meeting and greeting. Ideally we would like to use this time to better understand our neighbours, learn more about one another and continue to build on our relationships.”

The details of the event are:

Tawa School Hall, Oxford Street,
2pm - 4pm, Saturday 13th April.



Tawa School's tribute on Friday 22 March

ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

From the Transmission Gully Project team:

“On Monday 01 April and Tuesday 02 April we will be installing the girders for phase 2 of the Collins Ave over-bridge. Collins Ave will be closed to all traffic from 9pm to 4am with a detour in place.

The girders will be lifted into place in a tandem lift with two cranes, and the whole operation will be up in the central median of SH1 but it will be too unsafe to allow traffic under the lifting, hence the road closure.

For more information please contact us on 0800 TGINFO (0800 844636) or email info@tg.co.nz

Thank you for your patience.”



Tawa Rotary and the Tawa Business Group Business Breakfast

Guest Speaker: Dame Kerry Prendergast



Dame Kerry Prendergast
Chair Tourism New Zealand & NZ Film Commission
Former Wellington Mayor

Dame Kerry Prendergast DNZM, CNZM is the former Mayor of Wellington and former Vice-President of Local Government New Zealand and holds an MBA from Victoria University.

Kerry is currently Chair of Tourism New Zealand and the New Zealand Film Commission.

She is a Director of Oceania Healthcare, Compass Health PHO, and NZ China Council, and a Trustee of the Wellington International Arts Foundation, the New Zealand Community Trust, the Wellington Free Ambulance and the Victoria Foundation.

Kerry is also an Advisory Board member of both the Phoenix Football Club and the NZ-US Council Advisory Board.

In January 2019 Kerry became a Dame Companion (DNZM) for services to governance and the community. She was also awarded a CNZM in 2011 for her services to local government, and is a distinguished Alumni of Victoria University. In July 2016 Kerry was also awarded a Lifetime Excellence Award for Outstanding Contribution to Local Government.

Date:	Wednesday 3rd April - 7.00am
Venue:	'The Borough', Main Road, Tawa
Cost:	\$25/head – Cooked Buffet Breakfast
RSVP:	tawarotaryclub@gmail.com
Payment:	Via internet banking in advance to account 02-0552-0037039-00 Ref. code: BB4, your name

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NZ POST TO TRIAL ELECTRIC DELIVERY VEHICLES IN TAWA

You may have noticed NZ Post's Paxsters delivering the mail in Tawa recently.

This is the official blurb:

“Council has given approval for NZ Post to trial electric delivery vehicles ('Paxsters') in Tawa for 12 months starting in February 2019.

NZ Post uses Paxsters in other parts of the country to improve mail delivery services which are seeing many more parcels instead of letters, as electronic communication becomes the norm. So posties need help to deliver these heavier and bigger items. The Paxsters will ride on footpaths where practicable to give the most efficient service direct to people's mail boxes.

Northern Ward and Transport Portfolio Councillors, together with Tawa Community Board, support the trial.

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NZ POST TO TRIAL ELECTRIC DELIVERY VEHICLES IN TAWA (contd)

KEY MESSAGES:

- The Tawa trial authorises Paxsters to operate in all streets except Tawa Shopping Centre.
- Some footpaths will be unsuitable because they are too narrow or have obstructions such as power poles.
- The speed limit will be 15 kilometres an hour and the vehicles will need to give way to pedestrians.
- NZ Post has a comprehensive operating protocol in place for Paxsters, focused on safety.
- Around 70% of local authorities have now agreed that Paxsters can be used in their areas. This includes Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton and Dunedin.
- No other Wellington suburbs are assessed by NZ Post as suitable for Paxsters.
- NZ Post will carry out comprehensive communication with local residents, businesses and other stakeholders prior to their introduction.”



In July 2017 this newsletter ran an article headed “Paxsters in Tawa?” Members of the Tawa Community Board at that stage saw a Paxster in action (a demonstration) on a Saturday afternoon in Brasenose Place. 18 months later they are on our streets (and footpaths). The wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly!

KIWI ELITE CHEERLEADING SQUAD TO COMPETE WITH THE BEST AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The above is the title of the article about Tawa’s Big Air Cheer. It can be viewed at <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/sport/other/kiwi-elite-cheerleading-squad-compete-best-world-championships>

The article reads (in part): “Elite Wellington cheerleading squad, Big Air Cheer, are set to compete with the best in the world at the world championship’s next month.

Big Air Cheer’s Matt Hunter says [that the] world championships are a huge accomplishment for his team. “This is the pinnacle. I’m going to this amazing competition where I get to see the best of the best compete, and I get to compete against them.”

The Big Air Cheer side are the first team outside of the Auckland region to go to the world championships and is the only New Zealand team competing in Florida this year.”



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Outside the Tawa Mosque, 20 March

