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Other sources of online community information in Tawa:

[www.neighbourly.co.nz](http://www.neighbourly.co.nz) • [www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa](http://www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa) • [www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard](http://www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard)

**PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR BBQ .....**

If you're organising a BBQ or afternoon tea (or similar event) in your neighbourhood/street some time this month, or have already held one within the past few weeks, please let us know if you haven't done so already – simply so that we have a tally of how many are being held in Tawa. Please email Malcolm Sparrow on [info@tawalink.com](mailto:info@tawalink.com)

If you're still considering organising one in your street, we can help with an advertising sign, some name labels and a few balloons – if you'd like all those.

Thanks to all who are making an effort to connect with their neighbours this month (and other times). Everybody needs good neighbours!



**CORONAVIRUS**

City councillors have received two briefings to date on COVID-19 (coronavirus). The simple advice we have been given is “don't panic, but be careful.”

DO wash your hands thoroughly, don't touch your face, and stay home if you're sick.

Wellington City Council is guided by the Ministry of Health on all decision making around coronavirus. See <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>





11am – 2pm

**Greenacres School  
Mad Hatter's  
Gala**





**GREENACRES SCHOOL**  
60 Raroa Terrace  
Tawa

<b>DOG OBEDIENCE</b>	<b>SAND ART</b>	<b>Paddle Boats</b>
<b>Farmyard Animals</b>	<b>BIG APE SLIDE</b>	<b>OBSTACLE COURSE</b>
<b>Laughing Clowns</b>	<b>ROLLER BALL</b>	<b>Bouncy Castles</b>
<b>Tombola</b>	<b>Garage Sale</b>	<b>Mystery Bottles</b>
<b>Ride On Animals</b>	<b>STORMTROOPERS</b>	<b>BATMAN</b>
<b>Spin the Wheel</b>	<b>Coffee Cart</b>	<b>Merry-Go-Round</b>
	<b>Fire Engine</b>	<b>Little Driver Cars</b>
	<b>Iron Man</b>	<b>Hair Braiding</b>
	<b>Marble Race</b>	<b>Lucky Dip</b>
 <b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>	<b>Face Painting</b>	<b>Games Alley</b>

## CHANGE OF DATE FOR TINY HOUSE ON DISPLAY IN TAWA

Council will have a “tiny house” on display in Tawa Plaza (central shopping area) from Friday 1st to Monday 4th May. Please note that these dates are different to those indicated in the February supplement to this newsletter.

## LINDEN MURAL

Artists Ruth Robertson-Taylor and Liana Leiataua worked together in recent weeks with a number of Tawa Intermediate students to paint murals on the outside of the Linden Social Centre, as in the photo at left below. Using the Samoan tapa design process, the children were able to share what was important to them about the community in which they live.

The ‘unveiling’ of the completed designs took place last week when the participating students were presented with certificates of congratulations by Cr Jill Day.



# MANAAKI NIGHT

Mind, Health & Wellbeing  
Community Expo

For students, teachers, whānau  
and the community

Speakers, information booths, food & coffee

**TAWA COLLEGE**  
Wednesday 18th March  
5.30–8.30pm

*Me mahi tahi tātou mō te  
orange o te katoa* | *We should work together  
for the wellbeing of everyone*

# LIMITED JP SERVICES

## 9:30-12 PM

# Tuesdays only in March

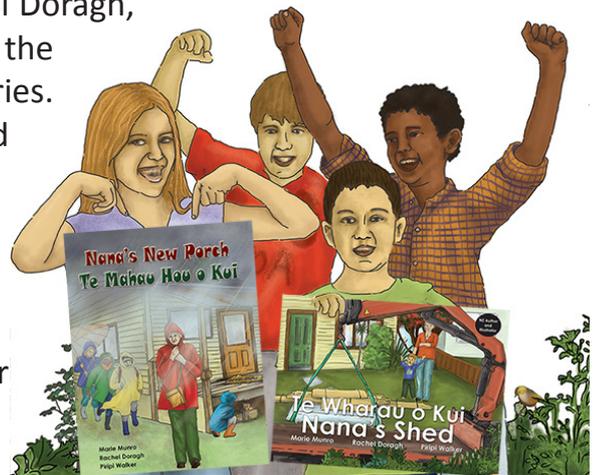
# @ Tawa Community Centre

## NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY LOCAL AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Tawa author and illustrator team, Marie Munro and Rachel Doragh, recently launched Nana's New Porch – Te Mahau Hou o Kui, the third book in their Nana's Shed children's picture book series. This time Jacob and Max, helped by Bella and Lucas, build Nana a new porch.

As well, they have published a bilingual edition of their first book, the very popular Nana's Shed.

Both books have been translated by Piripi Walker, Upper Hutt-based translator of a number of children's books, including Margaret Mahy's The Lion in the Meadow.



All Nana's Shed Books titles, including Bella's Fringe, are available online and locally from Take Note Tawa.

## COMMUNITY PANTRY IN OXFORD STREET

As on the Tawa Central Kindergarten Facebook page:

“Kia ora whānau, have you seen our new Community Pantry? It's out the front of the kindergarten – this is a place for sharing food locally, give what you can (e.g. surplus fruit from your tree) and take what you need. See the pic at right.

We are the kaitiaki (guardians) of the pantry and will be maintaining it for the Tawa Community, please feel free to pop your extra goods in. If you would like any further information please contact Lisa at the kindergarten.”



## TAWA PUMP TRACK

As seen on <https://www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa/>:

“The Tawa Pump track is pretty rudimentary, but is fun for those confident on their bike. Wedged between the trainline and Duncan Street it's not easily viewable from the road.

We hit it up during school hours and had it all to ourselves which was great. Don't know how busy it gets after school or in the hols, but it would be a bit more intimidating to smaller ones with big kids whizzing around. It's not the best spot for spectators, but buggy access is available via the path to the train station over bridge. Wear good shoes as the terrain is bumpy and there is the odd thistle around.”

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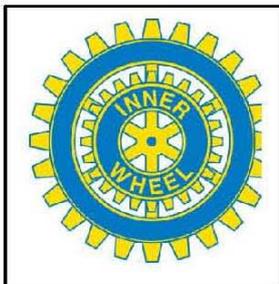
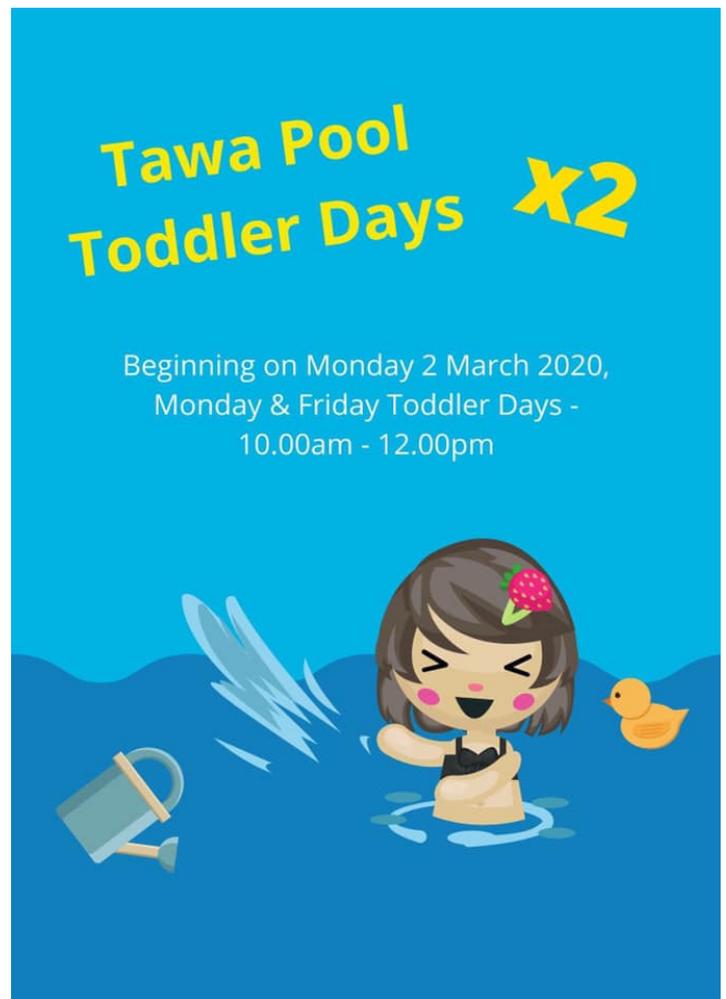
Baby swing: no

Toilets: no



## COMING UP IN TAWA .....

- Wednesday 11 March 7.30pm at the Tawa Union Church – Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves AGM with guest speaker Danielle Shanahan from Zealandia.
- Wednesday 18 March 5.30pm to 8.30pm at Tawa College – Manaaki Night. Mind, Health & Wellbeing Expo (more info elsewhere in this newsletter).
- Sunday 22 March 5pm onwards – Neighbours Day BBQ at the Tawa Community Garden in Oxford Street.
- Saturday 28 March 11am to 2pm – Greenacres School Mad Hatter’s Gala.
- Sunday 29 March 12 noon to 2pm – Neighbours Day BBQ at Wall Park, Linden.
- Tuesday 31 March 6pm at the Tawa Bowling Club – Mayor Andy Foster is guest speaker at the Tawa Rotary Club meeting. All welcome.
- Sunday 5 April or 19 April at 6.30pm – Alpha Dinner at Tawa Anglican Church (more info elsewhere in this newsletter).



## Inner Wheel Club of Tawa

Email: [innerwhelexpo2020@gmail.com](mailto:innerwhelexpo2020@gmail.com)



In March 2018 and 2019 The Inner Wheel Club of Tawa held two very successful Health and Beauty Expos in support of the “Look Good Feel Better” Charity.

Building on this concept a similar event is planned for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. This event will take the form of a “Craft, Care and Community” Expo. There will be limited space for suitable exhibitors so if you would like to be a participant in this event please contact [innerwhelexpo2020@gmail.com](mailto:innerwhelexpo2020@gmail.com) for more information. Your participation in this special event would be most welcome. A table or space for you to display and showcase your organisation will be available.

All proceeds will be donated to the Wellington Regional Children’s Hospital.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS TO HUTT MANA CHARITABLE TRUST

Hutt Mana Charitable Trust has just launched its latest grant round – open until the end of this month.

Community groups in Tawa (and certain other suburbs) should check out the link and apply if they require funding that can keep helping them do good. See <https://hmct.org.nz/grants>



## UPCOMING ALPHA DINNER

You are invited to dinner in April! Alpha dinners provide an opportunity for people who have questions about life, faith and meaning to enjoy good food and company and to hear about the Alpha course in a non-threatening way. For more details see the advertisement below.



**Mums n' Bubs**  
**MUMS...**

*Make 2020 your year to be in your best ever shape...  
Drop the kids at school and try out a brand new sport...*

**'The Healthiest Sport in the World' ...**  
**\*\*\* MUMS n' BUBS SQUASH \*\*\***  
*(bubs not compulsory - feel free to come alone).  
Thursdays from 9:30am - 11am.  
First week free... then \$5. Child friendly area.*

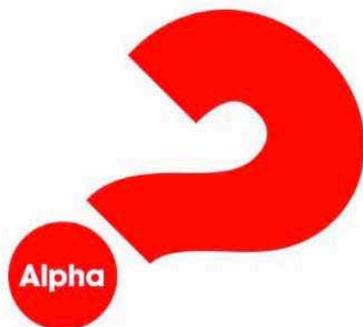
*We also have a summer special still on - \$40 for 40 days  
unlimited court time including a key tag (\$20 cost alone)  
and this will also include the cost of Mums n' Bubs.  
What an offer!!!  
Tawa Squash Club, 67 Main Road, Tawa  
(next to St Francis Xavier School)*

*PLUS \*\*\* Junior Club Night, Friday nights from 5pm-7pm  
for 5 years & up. Also free first week... then \$5.*



THE WORLD'S HEALTHIEST SPORT  
TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.

## Please Join us for DINNER



Sunday 5th or 19th April  
6:30pm

You, your family and friends are warmly invited to dinner.

**When** - 5th or 19th April at 6:30pm

**Where** - Tawa Anglican Church  
Emmaus Centre,  
165 Main Rd, Tawa

No charge but koha welcomed

After dinner video "Is There More to Life Than This?" introducing the Alpha Course

**RSVP to**

**[metuaparr@gmail.com](mailto:metuaparr@gmail.com) or**

Run by Tawa Churches:  
New Life, Salvation Army, Baptist, Catholic, Anglican

## SEEKING ALL WITH AN INTEREST IN ART

Here in Tawa we are fortunate in having a huge community of people interested in all aspects of art. We, the little group of amateur artists that meets in the Tawa Community Centre for two hours every Thursday morning, would love it if you can come along to one or more of our sessions to share your own particular interest in art with us.



Here's a sample of what could be an endless list of suggestions. (You can take anything from 30 minutes to 2 hours for any topic!):

- Talk about a painting or drawing that you are fond of (or hate)
- Show your own art work
- Discuss art history
- Demonstrate an art technique
- Debate the pros/cons of any artwork or artist
- Talk about an exhibition or art gallery you have visited
- Or feel free to choose your own topic .....



Hoping that someone out there feels able to join us one Thursday during the year. You would be really welcomed and appreciated

by the whole group. If so, please ring Maureen on 232 4555 or email [majohnston@xtra.co.nz](mailto:majohnston@xtra.co.nz)

## Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme | April 2020

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

Monday 13 April	Tuesday 14 April	Wednesday 15 April	Thursday 16 April	Friday 17 April
<b>Easter Monday</b>  No Programme	<b>EGGstra Easter</b>  We are going Easter crazy over here. Hop on over and see what all the eggcitement is about. You'll be hunting for Easter eggs and creating your own magic egg holder. We will be bouncing away our energy on the inflatable and racing through Easter themed games.	<b>Sports Fest</b>  Head along to our Sports Fest day! Its a multi-sport day with Benchball, Badminton and Dodgeball. Just to name a few. Still not enough? Bring along your own favourite game ideas to share with your friends!	<b>Buried Treasure</b>  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!	<b>First aid and multi-sport</b>  Do you know what to do in an emergency, get stung by a bee or get a sunburn? We will teach you basic first aid. There will be a prize for the winner of our quiz. Let's play some multi-sport in the afternoon.
Monday 20 April	Tuesday 21 April	Wednesday 22 April	Thursday 23 April	Friday 24 April
<b>Did you say Dodgeball?</b>  You love it, we love 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!	<b>The Amazing Race</b>  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?	<b>Science &amp; football tournament</b>  Put on your lab coat and be a scientist for a day, get ready for some amazing experiments. You will then take part in a mini football tournament or you can play a game of your choice or cheer on the football team.	<b>April Fools</b>  Today is canceled... April fools! Bring along some of your best jokes and tricks. But be careful, we may trick you!  No tricks, in the afternoon we will be bouncing away on our inflatable and having free time!	<b>ANZAC biscuits &amp; Movie</b>  Put on your aprons, we are going to commemorate our heroes for ANZAC day by baking some delicious ANZAC biscuits. We will race through relays while the biscuits bake then eat them while watching a movie.

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

Bookings open Tuesday 3rd March.  
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

## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Jenny Condie

Jenny Condie is one of the three Wellington City councillors serving the Takapū/Northern Ward, all of whom, as it happens, live in Tawa. She was first elected to Council in the October 2019 local body election.

As Associate Transport portfolio leader, her Council responsibilities include parking, roading, safety and traffic resolutions.

Her online Council profile states: “Jenny has a strong interest in future-proofing Wellington against the effects of climate change, promoting housing affordability, and building inclusive and connected neighbourhoods that promote our physical and mental health.”



*Where were you born?*

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. It is a city about halfway between Toronto and Niagara Falls. My mum is Canadian. My dad is a Kiwi who studied and then later taught at McMaster University in Hamilton.

*Where did you grow up?*

We moved to Wellington when I was six and lived in Johnsonville until I was sixteen.

*Where were you educated?*

West Park School, Raroa Intermediate, Wellington Girls' College, Victoria University of Wellington, Lancaster University.

*How long have you lived in Tawa?*

Fifteen years. We bought our house here when we came home after a year overseas.

*What do you like about Tawa?*

I love that we have great facilities – swimming pool, library, playgrounds, schools, cafes, and the train line. It feels close to the city but it's relatively affordable to live here and there is a great sense of community.

*What about family?*

I've been married to Lucas for 16 years and we have two boys who are four and seven.

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

I worked at The Treasury for almost three years after I finished my Masters' degree. I taught accounting at Victoria University of Wellington while I was completing my PhD. I've also taught research methods to MBA students at Massey University. Now I'm delighted to be a Wellington City Councillor for Takapū/Northern ward.

*What are your interests and hobbies?*

I love to read. I'm just as likely to be reading a romance or fantasy novel as I am to be reading about leadership, economics, or history.

*Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?*

We played U2 and The Cure during our wedding ceremony. Brooke Fraser got me through a lot of hard times while working on my PhD.

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

Golden Bay.

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

I lived in Switzerland for a year as a high school exchange student where I learned to speak German. My grandmother Joyce Dunmore was also a city councillor – in Palmerston North during the late 60s and early 70s.

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

Do all the Great Walks of New Zealand;  
Take the Ghan train from Darwin to Adelaide;  
See Hamilton the Musical.

## 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

Malcolm Sparrow  
info@tawalink.com 027 232 2320



*“Hard work pays off in the future. Lolling on the couch pays off right now.”*

*“The problem with speeches isn’t so much not knowing when to stop, as knowing when not to begin.” – Frances Rodman*

*“A jellyfish has existed as a species for 500 million years, surviving just fine without a brain. That gives hope to quite a few people.”*

*“Being British means driving your German car to an Irish pub to have a Belgian beer, then grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way home where you rest on Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a Japanese TV.”*



Walking the dog in Redwood, Tawa

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