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ONE STOP TAWA

Which businesses are now open in Tawa and how can we support them?

Directory of businesses and services in the Tawa area During COVID-19 Alert Level 3

One Stop Tawa

	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
Community				
Education				
Sport				
Art / Craft / Music				
Health				
Service / Trade				
Retail				
Grocery / Food supply				
Cafe / Food & Drink				

Check out One Stop Tawa,

a great database of local businesses at <https://bit.ly/OneStopTawaDirectory> This is a joint initiative of the Tawa Business Group (TBG), Tawa Community Board (TCB) and Tawa Residents' Association (TRA).

The aim is to include ALL Tawa businesses from Grenada North to Linden.

- **CUSTOMERS** – simply go to the Live One Stop Tawa Directory <https://bit.ly/OneStopTawaDirectory>, and see information about local businesses, their hours, contact details and their products or services.
- **BUSINESSES** – please click on the One Stop Tawa registration form at <https://bit.ly/OneStopTawa> and enter your information. When you complete the form, it will send you an email so your information can easily be updated as we move through alert levels and things change.

ANZAC DAY IN TAWA

Tawa RSA would like to recognise the efforts of the Tawa community in acknowledging Anzac Day 2020.

Given that we were unable to hold the Tawa Community Memorial Service and that Poppy Day scheduled for Friday 17 April was also cancelled, it was very pleasing to see the many roadside and window tributes marking this special day. Similarly it was great to hear Last Post and Rouse echoing through the district at 6am. These are special and unusual times but it was extremely gratifying to see that so many recognised in many different ways the significance of the day.

Above wording was supplied by John Plunkett on behalf of Tawa RSA

The photos were supplied by Stephanie Milne who writes: "My Dad had some of his neighbours over (at a safe distance!) and played the last post on his trombone which brought even more neighbours to stand with them.

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Dawn salute in Surrey St



POHUTUKAWA TREES ON MAIN ROAD / LYNDHURST ROAD CORNER

If you've been in the centre of Tawa lately, you will have seen that four out of the six pohutukawa trees at this intersection have been cut down. The trees are/were on St Christopher's Church property, not on Council reserve, and as they are not "protected trees" the property owner has the right to do with them as they wish.

The trees situated in Lyndhurst Road (as in the photo immediately below) have been removed for a proposed building extension to the church, as I (Ed.) understand it.

The roots of pohutukawa trees are known to cause damage to drains, and this has apparently been the case with the trees fronting the Main Road. Wellington City Council is currently working with the church, offering a solution to ensure the remaining two trees can be retained, to prevent the trees' roots from causing further damage and, hopefully, thus ensuring their survival.



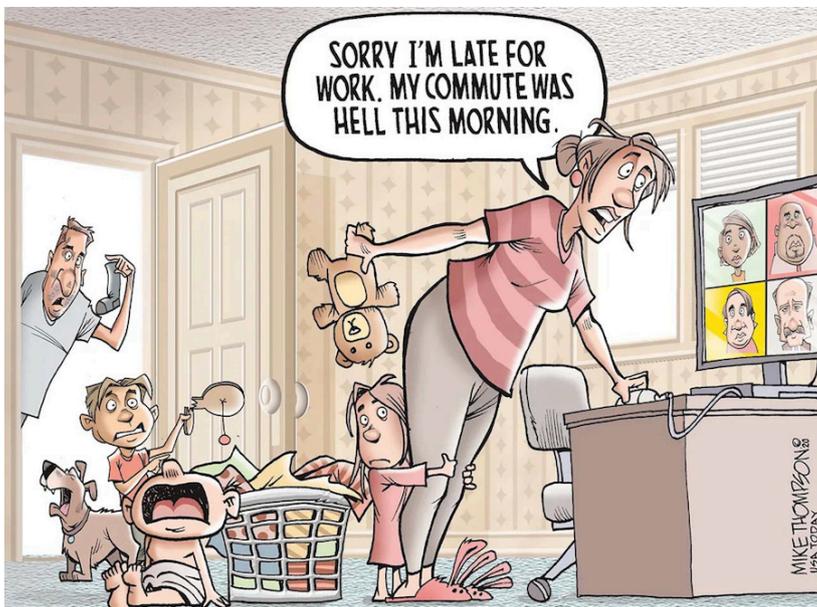
A day or two before the trees came down



Two out of four trees down at this point



Summer-time look



GIVE COUNCIL YOUR VIEWS

Wellington City Council has agreed to seek 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 take place between Friday 8 May and 8 June.

The Council is seeking feedback from the public 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>

GRANT FOR TAWA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Tawa Community Garden is delighted to have just received a grant from Transpower's CommunityCare Fund. The \$6000 grant will fund a long-awaited water main connection.

Since 2015 the garden volunteers have lugged two heavy long hoses across to the neighbouring kindergarten every two to three days over summer. It is a testament to the persistence and commitment of our volunteers that the garden has managed for so long without its own water access.

The gardeners are very grateful for the continued support and guidance of Wellington City Council staff who have assisted with the paperwork and quotes.

We're looking forward to a summer back together again in our beautiful garden, with easily accessible water!

The Garden has been closed to volunteers and the public (as it is part of a public park) during the COVID-19 restrictions for Levels 3 and 4, and will only restart in a limited way under Level 2.

It is a special place where our gardeners feel safe and happy – so to have some good news during this frustrating time is a great bonus.

See us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/tawacommunitygarden/>

Article supplied by Robyn Parkinson, Tawa Community Garden coordinator



Share the Warmth!

Tawa Winter Clothing drive!

If you're having a sort out at home, please put aside any winter coats, PJs, thermals, gumboots etc that you no longer need.

After lockdown, we will collect donations and distribute to those in need, through local schools, kindies, kohanga, and through the Community Centres.

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

All sizes accepted.

More information to come about where to donate, AFTER LOCKDOWN.

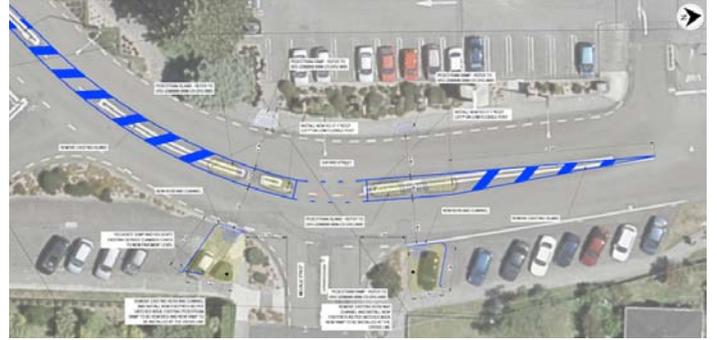


ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT OXFORD ST / MELVILLE ST INTERSECTION

As they say, good things take time!

After receiving requests from residents over the years for a pedestrian crossing in Oxford St near Melville St, Council inspected the site and determined that was not possible (for various reasons), but they would look at improvements at the intersection to make it safer for pedestrians to cross.

It was late May 2019 when we received the following advice from Wellington City Council: “We have recently completed the schematic design. 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.”



Late last month (April 2020) we received the following notification from Council: “With New Zealand now in Alert Level 3, we have resumed our normal roadworks programme (with additional safety protocols).”

Council’s roadworks programme includes the long-awaited improvements on the “pedestrian island and crossing” at this intersection. Work will be started towards the end of May, the indicative time frame being 27 May to 11 June. Watch this space!

WELCOME TO TANIA SHACKLETON

Tania Shackleton is the new minister at Tawa Union Church. Her induction took place on 4 February 2020. Before coming to Tawa she was the minister at St Clare’s, Dinsdale, Hamilton.

Tania “started her journey to ordination” in 2006 with study at Otago University (as a mature student) and then to Auckland, to the Trinity College of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

She has a daughter who is a teacher in Doha and has family in South Africa.

We asked how lockdown has affected her in her new role. She answered: “It has been a bit tough as I have not yet connected with all the Parishioners. I am

sending out a daily email and making phone calls to connect and stay in touch, and trusting that when we are let out we will know each other a little better.”



Photo: Tania Shackleton with 4-year-old Lucas Santi who attends the TUC Musical Playgroup with his own Gran.



BULK RICE DONATED TO KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Kiwi Community Assistance (KCA) is delighted to have been donated a substantial quantity of rice by a Karori businessman. The gift, says KCA co-director Tracy Wellington (of Tawa), is a 'godsend'.

Quoting from the Independent Herald (30 April): "This is a real blessing and it's going out as fast as we can get it in. General manager Michele Rowe says they have been operating 12 to 14-hour days since lockdown began, having reduced the number of volunteers from 93 to a bubble of six. It's hard work with many tonnes of rescued food being distributed as well as the rice.



Michele Rowe from KCA with multiple 20kg bags of rice

Michele adds, however, that with the rice in 20kg bags they're getting really good gym workouts without the expense of paying for membership.

Tracy says that on Tuesday [of last week] the first pallet was in and out of their warehouse within half an hour. Four more pallets went out on Wednesday morning, and four more on Wednesday afternoon.

The Tawa and Grenada North-based Kiwi Community Assistance organisation retrieves food from local sources like produce markets and supermarkets that would otherwise be wasted.

They provide many tonnes a week to the big organisations supporting those in need – the Sally Army, St Vincent de Paul, Newlands foodbank, the soup kitchen. All the big ones, Tracy explains.

In 18 days [of working] in April, they distributed nearly 43 tonnes of food, in work that is never-ending. That's good, says Michele, that's what we're here for."

KEEPING FIT WITH HEAVENLY FITNESS



With the lockdown now at level 3 many older adults have been and will continue to be confined to their homes for many more weeks. The irony is that in order to stay safe from Covid-19 older adults are becoming more vulnerable to disease progression, falls, and cognitive decline from spending more time sitting down. And while prolonged sitting is potentially hazardous for anyone, it is exponentially so for older adults and is related to a myriad of health problems.

The good news is that all of us can reduce our risk by simply getting up every hour for a good stretch. To make this simple, Julia from Heavenly Fitness, a Tawa-based fitness company has developed a basic free 15-minute online exercise and mobility class you can do at home via their Facebook page, and it's getting global attention. Many people are doing this instead of their daily commute!

Alternatively, Smooth Movers, an online class that meets twice a week via Zoom for low impact strength and balance exercise, could be for you. It's great fun and good for anyone who wants to increase the amount of exercise they are currently doing.



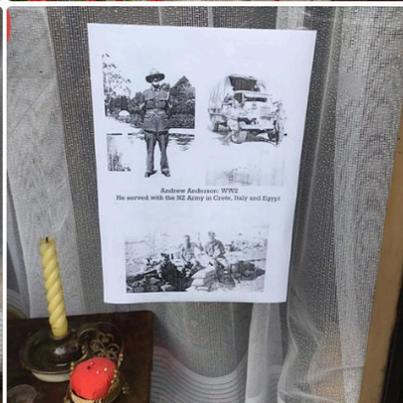
Contact Julia: 027 244 5185 or email fitnessheavenly@gmail.com



MORE ANZAC DAY RECOGNITION IN TAWA

Thanks to Bill Russell for the two photos at left above: "St Edmund Cres had a stand-to at 0600 hrs on ANZAC Day. 11 neighbours joined our group, plus a piper. A solemn occasion."

The photo above right was taken in St Johns Tce. The photos below are from Alison Davies who has had different displays in her front window in Redwood Ave over the past few weeks.



2 MINUTES WITH Anna Scott

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 committee.

Where were you born?

Waiuku, south of Auckland

Where did you grow up?

Thames and Perth (Australia)

Where were you educated?

I spent my primary years at Thames South School, then we moved to Perth and I went to Woodvale High School and Churchlands Senior High (Perth). I then returned to NZ, this time to Dunedin and spent a few months at Queens High School, then onto the University of Otago, Victoria University of Wellington, Massey University (extramurally).

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

I love the fabulous community of Tawa – fantastic schools, bike tracks, the bush and birdlife and the people. I want to grow old here.

An improvement would be an EV [electric vehicle] charger, better options for getting to our overflowing park n rides, and making Tawa stay on the radar of nearby agencies and local authorities.

What about family?

I've been married to Andrew for 19 years and we've been together a few more years than that. We have three children Ben (16), Hamish (13) and Emma (10), 3 cats – Lara and Bootsy are brother and sister, and our special kitten Dot.

Work experience over the years

Working life started with a paper round. I've been a checkout operator, cleaner and call centre team member during uni. After leaving uni with my honours degree international relations I joined a management programme at Woolworths (NZ) where I worked my way through supermarkets – Woolworths and Big Fresh (remember the singing veges) for a few years around Auckland mainly. I moved into retail management for Whitcoulls (I love books) and was second in charge of their flagship store in Botany Downs, Auckland. I then retrained as an accountant and became a CA [chartered accountant] around 13 years ago working for Deloitte. Around 8 years ago I started doing accounting work for my own clients and now have my own practice.

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What are your interests and hobbies?

I love to read, watch movies, do quizzes, hang out with friends when going for a walk or chatting over a cuppa. Hanging out with my family on travels here or overseas. Helping around the community, and I've recently rediscovered the fun of biking.

Favourite sports team?

My kids and their teams. So football, futsal, horseriding and sailing are some current mainstays.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

I love Adele, Ed Sheeran and Ronan Keating, and the Beatles will always get me singing. One of my favourite groups to be a part of on the musical scene is the adult choir for Tawa goes to Town.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

So many great spots. As a child I loved Thames and the Kauaeranga valley. Since I haven't been up there in a while, I think Christchurch for its fun attractions and people, and Mount Maunganui for its beaches and wildlife.

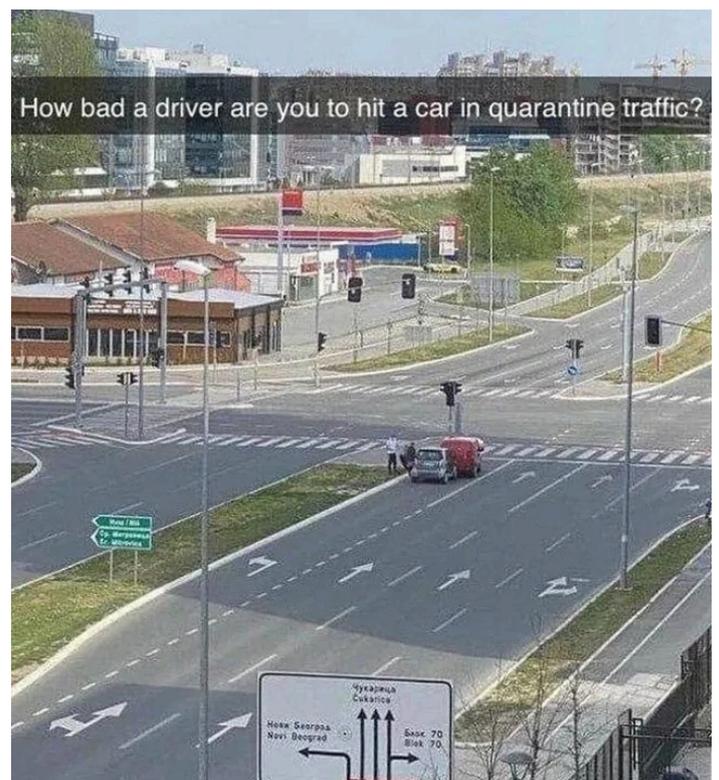
What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you the most satisfaction/pride?

My kids. Getting my chartered accounting qualification while raising two wee boys, and supporting and advocating for others in the community whether it's their businesses or access to learning support.

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

Travel heaps more – to Europe, the States, Canada among others. Happy to put this on hold for a bit. Have grandkids.

Climb a big(ish) mountain with a great view.



TAWA ROTARY ACTIVE IN TAWA

Tawa Rotary is presently formulating its post-Covid-19 Level 3 community support response. The Club is seeking community input into its plan and is keen to increase membership in order to action the plan.

- If you would like to be actively involved in this response by joining Rotary, contact Denise Garcia: tawarotaryclub@gmail.com
- If you have a suggestion or thoughts about what you see as a priority, contact Richard Herbert: tawarotaryclub@gmail.com
- If you are a community organisation or business that would like to partner with Tawa Rotary, contact Judith Gray: tawarotaryclub@gmail.com or 027 440 6098.
- **SUPPORTING THE TAWA COMMUNITY FOR 50 YEARS**

STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY OPERATING IN TAWA

To access the Student Volunteer Army's grocery delivery service, call 0800 005 902, or shop online at <https://shop.sva.org.nz/>. You can shop for yourself, or on behalf of someone else.

To assist, volunteers can sign up online at <https://sva.org.nz/>

To support the SVA, the number one thing people can do is spread the word!

If anyone would like to support us financially, donation instructions can be found at <https://sva.org.nz/donate>



STOP PRESS

Council is due to start upgrade work at both Victory Park and Coronation Park playgrounds this coming week.

The intention is to start Victory Park on Monday, and Coronation Park on Tuesday. This is all weather dependent.



My human has been working from home the last few weeks, and every so often he lets me participate in his video calls. All the other humans cheer when they see me. I am the only thing holding his organisation together.

**The year is 2022.
Only 8 people
have jobs BUT
we all know
how to make
focaccia bread.**

BREAKING: Protesters leave their homes to protest protesters who left their homes



A moment to savour:
first “bought coffee”
immediately after
entering Level 3.



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“I’m not counting this year towards my age.” – Charlie McDowell

“So, apparently we have [checks notes] eight more months of 2020? That can’t be right.”

“The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, the young know everything.”

“Making one person smile can change the world. Maybe not the whole world but their world.”

This newsletter is emailed monthly to around 1250 Tawa households, businesses, schools, churches and clubs/groups (anyone who has an interest in the community of Tawa).

Some articles in this newsletter have been sent through by members of the Tawa community and have been published ‘unedited’. They may not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor.

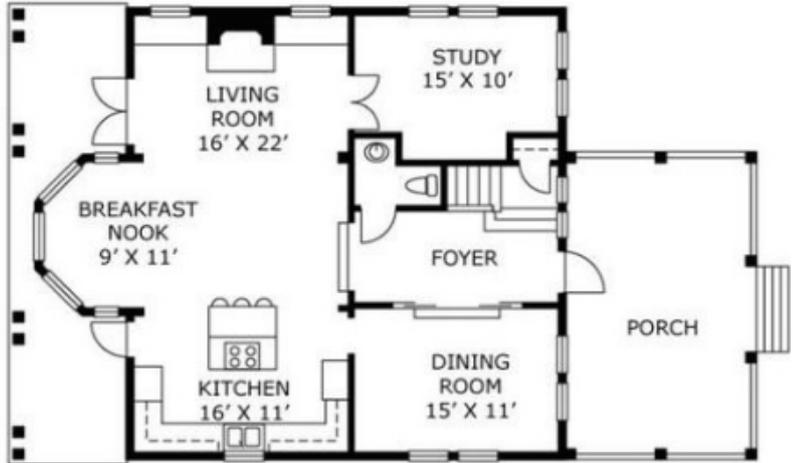
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The wife and I have been in lockdown together for 40 days now.
 One thing's for sure – there's no way on earth I'm retiring!

Looking at the map for some weekend travel ideas



VIDEO CHAT BINGO by Necessary 2020 @THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

DOG ON CAMERA	EATER	QUARANTINE BEARD	NOSE PICKER	SPILLED BEVERAGE
SELF HAIRCUT	MORNING COCKTAIL	OVERDRESSED	BORED KID	FOREHEAD ANGLE
		FREE SPACE		
LOST CONNECTION	UP-NOSE ANGLE		CAT BUTT	PANTSLESS SPOUSE
FUNNY FILTER ON	UNDERDRESSED	FROZEN SCREEN	TALKING BUT MUTED	LUDDITE
SHOUTER	BATHROOM BREAK	CRYING BABY	CAMERA OFF	CLOSE TALKER



Above: intersection of Main & Lyndhurst Roads (March 2020)

Below: view of part of town centre (March 2020)

