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## 6-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN YOUR STREET?

Council is required to change its current planning rules “to enable development of at least 6 storeys within 5 to 10 minutes walking distance of railway stations.” This could have major implications for Tawa!

To discuss this with Wellington City Council officers and to find out more about “Planning for Growth” proposals, come and visit the Planning for Growth Pop-up at the Main Road Plaza on Friday 4th September, 12pm to 4pm, and Saturday 5th, 10am to 2pm. This event has been re-scheduled from an earlier date.

There will be information, visuals and an opportunity to talk to the team to find out what the Draft Spatial Plan means for Tawa.



See more on the Planning for Growth website at <https://planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz/>

## STEPHEN AND HIS LLAMAS

“Stephen is the man from Takapu Valley who brings his llamas or perhaps the occasional alpaca to special community occasions in Tawa – like Spring into Tawa, the Tawa Christmas Parade, and various school fairs. They’re always very popular and add that “something extra” to those occasions.”

That was the introduction to the “2 Minutes with ..... Stephen Mullholland” interview in this newsletter in April 2017. You can see it here: [http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/stephen\\_mulholland.pdf](http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/stephen_mulholland.pdf)

Stephen featured with Hob the llama and Durendal the alpaca on TV1’s ‘Breakfast’ show last week. The pic above right is from that TV clip. You can see it at <https://www.facebook.com/Breakfaston1/videos/309248990302401>

The photo at right shows Stephen with Hob at the Tawa Christmas Parade in 2018. They are likely to visit Spring into Tawa next month and the Christmas parade in December.



# PEST FREE TAWA AT THE LIONS MARKET THIS SATURDAY

During the COVID-19 lockdown there was a huge upsurge in reported catches of mice and rats from existing trappers. Maybe this was just because people were being more active in checking and re-baiting their traps while at home during the lockdown.

While catch reports have subsequently gone down again, not unusual during the colder winter months, there is expected to be a resurgence of pest numbers in the spring-time. To help combat this and to protect our indigenous birds and critters that frequent our backyards, Pest Free Tawa is encouraging residents to take up its offer of obtaining a tunnel trap for your own backyard.

Pest Free Tawa has a target of traps at 5% of households throughout Tawa, Grenada North and Takapu Valley, in order to maintain pest numbers at very low levels. Help us achieve this target. That's about 1,000 households and we're currently at 520, so just over halfway.

Come and talk to us at the Lions Market on Saturday 5th September when we will also be joined by the Kereru Discovery Trust people who are giving away a free native tree to households to further help maintain bird life in Tawa and to promote the Annual Great Kereru Discovery Count later in September.



Do you enjoy the song of the tuī, the flap of kererū wings, the night call of morepork and the sight of lizards sunbathing in your garden? Would you like to see and hear more of them and other native fauna? Then join us in our quest to make Tawa pest free!

### Who are we?

We are a not-for-profit team who have come together with the aim of making Tawa pest free by getting 1 in 5 households trapping - 500 households are already on board!

### What do we do?

We encourage and assist the Tawa community in backyard trapping of rodents, possums and mustelids by providing traps and advice.

### You too can get involved! How?

1. **Get in touch: email us at [pftawa@gmail.com](mailto:pftawa@gmail.com)**
  2. **Get a trap delivered to your door**
  3. **Keep it baited and set**
  4. **Check it and report what you catch**
  5. **Extra: become a street ambassador!**
- As we are not-for-profit, a koha is appreciated.



## TAWA ROTARY CLUB QUIZ EVENING

Date: Tuesday 6 October 7pm-9pm (new date)

Venue: The Borough, Tawa

Cost: \$12 per person (make up your team of 6-8 people)

Fun evening, great prizes including \$50 voucher from The Borough

Amazing raffle prizes – \$2 a ticket, 3 for \$5

Tickets: Contact Elizabeth – elizabethsutton49@gmail.com

Proceeds to assist community projects in Tawa



## HAVE YOUR SAY

People living in Wellington City now have the opportunity to give their feedback on new controls intended to help promote waste minimisation and better manage waste.

Have your say on how we more effectively manage and minimise waste in Wellington city. Submissions may be made through to 5pm on Friday 25 September 2020.



## 16th Guide Dogs Fun Run Sunday 27 Sept 2020

*Tawa Junction:* 10 Surrey Street, Tawa. Reg 1pm; Start 1.30pm

All proceeds to Guide Dogs

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\$10 per person or  
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Classy-looking garage door in Chester Road.

The artist is 'Chimp'.

## MORE PUBLIC LAND ON OUR WESTERN HILLS

*This is part of a recent WCC media release:*

“Wellington City Council has agreed to the generous gifting of land to be used as scenic reserve, adding ecological value and more diversity to the Outer Green Belt (OGB) in Tawa.

The 16,670m<sup>2</sup> piece of land [off Peterhouse St] adjoining Te Ngahere o Tawa (Forest of Tawa) and Spicer Forest, has important natural forest remnants and has been identified as a Significant Natural Area under the draft District Plan review.

Mayor Andy Foster says on behalf of the city, he is deeply grateful for this generous gift from the landowner who wishes to remain anonymous.

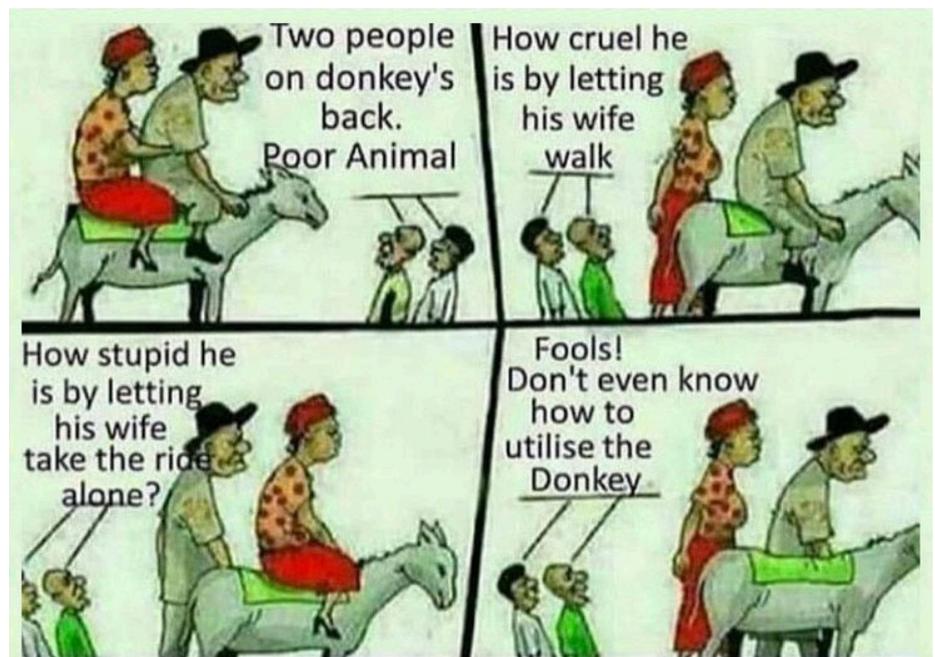
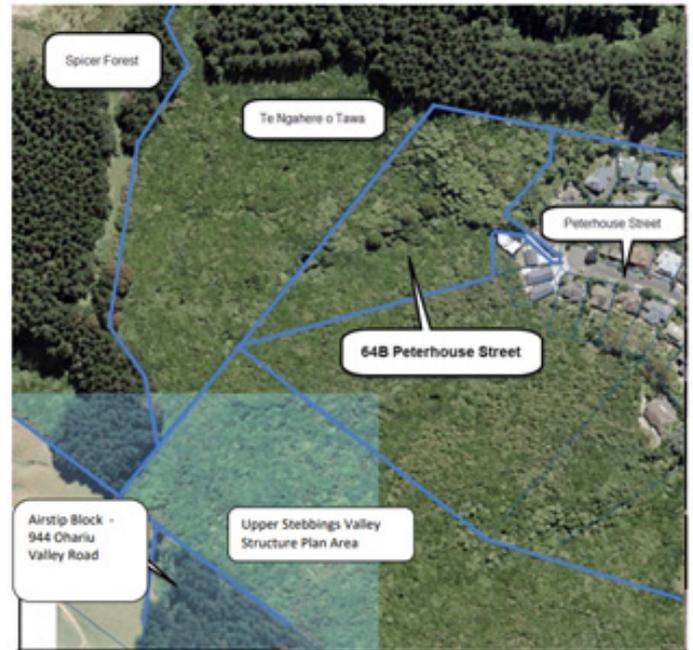
“This land will be another valuable addition to our Outer Green Belt, which is already such a precious resource for the whole of Wellington. We’ve been steadily working to complete the OGB including with recent purchases of the adjacent Te Ngahere o Tawa and 268 Ohariu Valley Road. Today Wellingtonians and visitors enjoy the Town Belt established 180 years ago.

We also want people to be enjoying and appreciating the OGB in hundreds of years’ time from now.

It’ll help us to provide protection around this important landscape and eco-systems, as well as being a future seed source for restoration planting.”

The owner has gifted it under the condition Wellington City Council will pay for the legal and survey costs required to make a separate title.

“Public ownership means we can better protect and restore the shared natural environment than under land covenant or District Plan provisions. The gift is something unprecedented – and we would like to express our gratitude for the generosity of the transfer.”



**Moral of the story:**

**You cannot please everybody.  
Whatever you do, there will be some  
people who criticise you or have  
something to say.**

**So just do what is right, and don't  
be distracted by criticisms.**

## CROQUET OPEN DAY

There is no croquet club in Tawa. However the Plimmerton Croquet Club is just 15 minutes up the road.

You're welcome to come and have a go (no charge) at our Open Day at 1pm on Sunday 20 September. Flat-soled shoes are the only requirement, and comfortable clothing for light exercise. Mallets are available.

The club welcomes new members from teenagers through to 90+ years.

For more information see [plimmertoncroquet.weebly.com](http://plimmertoncroquet.weebly.com) or phone Tom on 236 8877.

## SPRING INTO TAWA

Note the date:

**Saturday 17 October**

## RECENT TAWA BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Candidates in the upcoming General Election, Greg O'Connor (current MP

for Ōhāriu) and Brett Hudson (National candidate for Ōhāriu), were the guest speakers at the recent Business Breakfast organised by the Tawa Business Group and Biz Connect. Around 45 people attended the event held at The Borough in Tawa.



*Swing into croquet*

**Plimmerton Croquet**

- ✓ friendly people
- ✓ great facilities
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**1PM, SUNDAY**  
**20 SEPTEMBER**

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(past Palmers Garden Centre)

Visit us at  
[plimmertoncroquet.weebly.com](http://plimmertoncroquet.weebly.com)  
or phone Tom 236 8877

*Come and check us out!*



## LINDEN KAI KITCHEN

During Alert Level 2, the Kai Kitchen team will prepare food for takeaways only. Don't forget to bring your own container between 1pm-2pm to the Centre. There is plenty of food to share with the community.

Just remember to sign-in and practise social distancing. Stay safe everyone.

## YOUR OWN WATER TANK

The Tawa Community Centre has 200L emergency water tanks for \$110 each. Call Mandy on 232 1682 or email [mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:mandy.russell@wcc.govt.nz)

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



# LINDEN KAI KITCHEN

Come along for a **FREE** community meal!  
Every Friday, 1-2.30pm **See wording in far left column.**

Linden Community Centre, Linden Ave, Tawa

Keen to help? **Volunteers always welcome!**

Come along, or contact Fieza at Linden Community Centre on 04 232 6196 or [lindenc@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:lindenc@wcc.govt.nz)



## NEW EMPLOYER RECOGNITION MARK AT TAWA FIRE STATION

As seen on the Facebook page of Fire and Emergency NZ:

“Employers play a vital role in supporting communities across New Zealand by allowing Fire and Emergency’s 12,000 plus volunteers to attend incidents, whenever they occur.

On 11 August Minister of Internal Affairs Tracey Martin unveiled the new Employer Recognition Mark at the Tawa Fire Station.

The new mark acknowledges the support of the many organisations across the country who employ Fire and Emergency volunteers, as well as self-employed volunteers.”

Board Chair Paul Swain, Minister of Internal Affairs Tracey Martin and Fire & Emergency NZ Chief Executive Rhys Jones with the new proud employer mark.



## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Brigid

Staff employed at the Mervyn Kemp Library in Tawa, either on a part-time or full-time basis, are part of the “Northern cluster” which means they are also assigned to the Johnsonville Library, Waitohi, at least one day a week. Some at the library in Tawa have been there more than 10 years and are familiar faces in the community. One of those is Brigid who also happens to live in this community.

Brigid has in fact been part of the local library scene for just over 21 years now.



*Where were you born?* Christchurch

*Where did you grow up?* Wellington

*Where were you educated?*

Maraeroa School [Porirua], Viard College (now Bishop Viard), Tertiary Library qualification at Wellington Teachers’ College Karori (1980s), and got my Library degree from Open Polytechnic when I was older as there was not a degree in Librarianship earlier.

*How long have you lived in Tawa?*

38 years, but in the region all my life (other than my first year).



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

Tawa is a nice place to raise a family.

Improvements could be a public toilet in Linden; also more buses that go to town and go through the hills in Tawa and Linden as it is harder for elderly people or those with disabilities to get around when they can no longer drive.

*What about family?*

Kevin and I have been married for 32 years. We have three lovely grown sons and four grandchildren.

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

I have worked in two different Public Library systems. I started at Porirua for a few years, and in 1999 I started working for Wellington City Libraries in the Northern cluster (Tawa and Johnsonville Libraries).

*What are your interests and hobbies?*

Reading, singing, writing. I enjoy writing short stories and children’s stories.

*Favourite sports team and/or sports person?*

Watching my kids play sport. Probably my grandchildren too.

*Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?*

I have a very eclectic\* taste in music. [\*dictionary definition = deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources – Ed.]

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

I love the whole country.

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

My children and their achievements;

Getting my degree when I was older and having my children also come to my graduation.

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

1. My family came up to Wellington on the Wahine exactly one year before it sank. I was just a baby.
2. I had some poetry published as a teenager in the Evening Post.
3. I was in a team for Viard College on "It's Academic" quiz show. We came second. It is harder than you think.

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

Do some travelling as I have not seen much of the world;

Do some more writing.



The poster features a red background with a decorative green and red floral border at the top. In the center, the Lions International logo is displayed. Below the logo, the text "TAWA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE 2020" is written in large, white, bold letters. On the left side, the TAWA Wellington logo is shown. The event details "2PM, SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER MAIN RD, TAWA" are written in blue, bold letters. On the right side, the text "followed by the Tawa Rotary Christmas Party in the Plaza!" is written in blue, bold letters, accompanied by the Rotary Tawa logo.

## **KENEPURU CORRIDOR UPDATE**

Porirua City Council has advised that the contract for construction of the Kenepuru Drive/Raiha Street roundabout has been awarded to Downer, with work scheduled to begin in September 2020.

Most construction will occur at night with completion in November 2020, weather permitting. All road users will need to take care while work is under way, and temporary traffic management will be in place.

Design work is under way on the following projects with construction scheduled to begin in the first half of 2021:

- Raiha Street/Broken Hill Road intersection
- Raiha Street/Prosser Street intersection
- Main Road/Wall Place intersection
- Kenepuru Drive cycle crossing point (approximately 100m south of Flooring Xtra)



Ngā mihi

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## 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/TawaCommunityCentre>  
and sign up to our newsletter by clicking the email signup button.

*“I had a lot of stuff to do today. Now I have a lot of stuff to do tomorrow.”*

*“When your children are teenagers it’s important to have a dog so that someone in the house is pleased to see you.”*

*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”*

– Martin Luther King Jr

*“I never lecture, not because I am shy or a bad speaker, but simply because I detest the sort of people who go to lectures and don't want to meet them.”* – H.L. Mencken

*This newsletter is emailed monthly to around 1350 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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*For back issues of the newsletter see [www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html](http://www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html)*

Tommo’s Low n Slow Traditional American Barbecue food truck has been parked outside the Tawa RSA on a couple of Friday evenings in the past two months and has been very popular with locals.





**SPRING IN TAWA**

This photo was taken outside the Parsons' residence in Balliol Drive in mid-August.



Working from home but missing the train trips

A stock market crash is worse than a divorce, you lose half of your money and your wife is still around



Thanks to Alison Davies for sending through this collection of "Covid memes"

