

Tawa News – December 2022

The Christmas Parade made a great comeback this year after being cancelled in 2021. It was a great day, busy with a great atmosphere, and enjoyed by all ages! Great work from the Tawa Lions and volunteers.



Picture credits: Judith and James

TAWA STUDENTS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every year since 2008, Tawa College send all year 10 students out into the community to complete valuable volunteer work. This is a free service offered to all local residents and charities, community groups, school and kindys that give the students a chance to give back to their community and demonstrate their school values of 'Do Justly'.

This year was a bumper year! We helped 63 different clients. Out of the 33 individuals/couples we helped, some standouts included one lovely centurion who has had a fall recently and broken her hip and needed help with her garden. Another couple have helped out at a local playgroup for 45 years and have recently experienced health troubles themselves. Some of the community groups included cooking the lunch at the Linden Kai Kitchen, building the new community garden for the Vulnerable Support Charitable Trust at Linden Community Centre, and painting a huge Noah's Ark mural for St Christopher's playgroup. Fences were painted all over Tawa and students worked solidly at Willowbank Reserve weeding. Unfortunately the weather hampered our efforts to tidy up the Tawa Flat Cemetery, but still the graves were tended to and cleaned up as best we could.

The service days are as rewarding for us as they are for our clients. The students love interacting with the elderly clients especially and seeing the smiles that are brought about by their hard work. The community spirit in Tawa is well and truly alive!

From Ria Edmonds, Tawa College.

The Tawa Main Road Christmas lights have been switched on again. Along with the Tawa Business Group supplied Christmas flags, they brighten up the town center. The planting at the roundabout is also looking vibrant for the summer.

And have you had a walk or drive around our neighbourhood yet to see all the Christmas decorations? So many people have decorated their garden and property, it's wonderful to see!

You can also find lots of Wellington displays here: <https://www.lightupchristmas.co.nz/?fbclid=IwARooqJ6XSmg4QHmfqJBShMa9j4uUSMfE83RmxZP2mmCuuMvmg4739SQDkao>



Picture credits: Richard Herbert



One of the many displays in Tawa/Linden.

Tawa Volunteer Fire Service to the rescue again. Local resident Andrea had some anxious moments trying to get her sick cat from inside their ceiling.

Andrea's home has a flat roof, so nobody could get into the cavity except the cat. There is a hole in the hall cupboard which she used to get up there, but she always came back down. This time though, being sick, she wasn't coming down. The cat wasn't budging and Andrea tried different tactics to reach her, but she wouldn't move.

The fire service could see where the cat was using a handheld gadget that could sense her body heat. They then had to cut a hole into one of the bedroom ceilings to get her out. They were amazing and it worked. It was stressful though, luckily she was limited to where she could move inside the ceiling, and she wasn't moving anyway as she wasn't well. Now that the cat is safe, Andrea has started her on antibiotics. Hoping for a quick recovery!

TAWA JUNCTION SIGN FALLEN

At the beginning of the month at 8am, the big over-the-road sign of Tawa Junction came down. Apparently it got accidentally hit by a truck that was a tad too tall. A thump was heard at the gym. Luckily, nobody got hurt. It took a few hours until the road was cleared.

Picture credits: Ian Fred Dennison

We are super excited about a new mural coming to Tawa! Sheyne Tuffery will be creating a mural on the entrance into the alleyway between 123 Mart and Gorgeous Goose Cakes. He is aiming to start on Tuesday 24

January 2023 and his work will take a couple of weeks, depending on the weather.

Sheyne has worked extensively with Wellington City Council in the past and you can view some of his previous work here: <https://www.sheynetuffery.com/pages/murals>

The design will incorporate trees that are native to Tawa and birds that were recently voted on by members of the Tawa Community Noticeboard Facebook page.

Sheyne is very approachable and loves to talk about his work, so please introduce yourselves to him as you come to and go from work. He will have cones to protect his area of work and these should not inconvenience you as you walk along the alleyway or Main Road, but please be mindful that it will be a work area.

On the left the alley where the new mural will be painted. On the right a mural done by Sheyne at Rongotai Airport. Picture credits <https://www.sheynetuffery.com/pages/murals>

The results from the waste audit for Spring into Tawa 2022 are in... and they're outstanding!

81% of the waste generated at Spring into Tawa was diverted away from landfill, up from 62% in 2020! That is a huge amount of waste not just ending up in landfill, but being composted and recycled. The target for 2022 was 80% so mission accomplished.

A massive THANK YOU to:

- You – for sorting your waste at the waste stations, and bringing your keep cups, reusable bags and water bottles
- The food vendors – for using compostable and recycleable containers and packaging to support the zero waste journey
- The stallholders – for reducing the amount of waste they generated and not using single use plastic bags
- The volunteers who helped you sort your waste at the waste stations – having people on hand to help reduces contamination of waste and helps to educate
- James and the team at Organic Wealth – for partnering with Spring intoTawa on their zero waste journey

Spring into Tawa will be continuing the zero waste journey in 2023 including banning the use of non bio-degradable balloons by stallholders and more initiatives to encourage people to reduce their impact on the environment.

Spring Into Tawa is back in 2023, on October the 28th!



Many thanks to the volunteers!

NORTH CITY MOTORS NOW AUTO SUPER SHOPPE TAWA

Kevin Carmichael of North City Motors in Tawa is retiring from owning his business shortly. He has been a very committed and good citizen of the Tawa community for many, many years. He has been heavily involved with the Tawa Rugby Club over time, and has assisted with the servicing of the Tawa Community Patrol cars. He has also run his successful business, known amongst the community as a trustworthy and reliable place to get your car serviced or repaired by an integrous business owner.

According to one of our readers, "he is a super chap." A huge thank you to Kevin and all the best for the next adventures!

Rhys Lyndsay and his partner Christal will be the new owners. They are looking forward to meeting the community and continue to provide excellent service. Rhys worked for Kevin for the past 6 years. They offer a range of services including WOF inspection, repairs, maintenance and auto electrical on a large variety of cars. The workshop team will be staying the same and expanding! You can give them a call on 04 233 3235, they are happy to answer any questions. Or enquire via email: info@autosstawa.co.nz

Kevin will be around in the workshop throughout December for the smoothest transition possible. Go say hello before he is gone!

Whether it is getting your parcels safely delivered, protecting your belongings, preventing a fire or keeping your house safe over the holidays, you can find lots of useful advice on the Neighbourhood Support website here: <https://www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/summer-street-smarts>



Unfortunately parcels do disappear and houses are burgled over the Summer.

Bus On Demand recently celebrated six months in Tawa! The bus has become increasingly popular. The service started in May and during the first six months, 16,000 passengers onboarded in Tawa, with over 1,000 regular riders. Halfway through December there were 1,000 rides in just one week! The bus arrives at your pick up point within 10 minutes.

Metlink will continue to tweak the app, always with the aim of optimising the service and improving the customer experience.

If you refer a friend this month, you can get \$5 off per referral! To receive this credit, simply open the Metlink On Demand app, tap the share button in the menu bar and see your unique referral code to share with a friend.



Picture credits: Jill Day

LOCAL RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Local business Smartway Builders was recently featured on the Kāpiti Coast NZ website. Howard and Ann Woolston started The Timber Reclaimers after pulling apart a “grand old lady” of a home that had been built in the early 1900s. Tons and tons and tons of rimu weatherboards, wall framing, sarking, roof timbers, skirting and architraves were being dumped to make way for a new, modern finish.

"That's when we decided that dumping stuff, whilst very convenient, was bringing the life of that timber to an end. It would be buried and rot away. And we didn't like that concept."



Ann and Howard have a lovely variety of different coasters and hot pads for sale, made from recycled rimu.

Keep safe on the roads during these Christmas and New Year holidays

Back in the 1960s or 70s, when this photograph was taken, keeping safe on the roads appeared as though it ought to be less of a challenge than it is today. During daylight hours, even gloomy ones like this, I would be surprised if the current motorway had as little traffic as this on it.

Taken from Allen Terrace, this image clearly shows the rear of the Tawa College campus before some of the facilities that exist today were built and probably before some of the shelter-belt trees between the college and the motorway were even planted. To the extreme left, the upper playing fields of the college appear to be under development. In the murk of this winter's day some of the current suburban housing towards the southern end of the valley is just visible, with more to come.

But this photograph, from the Stan Juchnowicz collection and now held by the Tawa Historical Society, was probably taken to illustrate the stretch of motorway shown. Three southbound vehicles are visible and there might be a northbound one way in the distance where the motorway passes close to Cecil Road. Both the north and southbound routes are down to one lane, presumably due to some road works, although none are actually visible. A few strategically placed 44-gallon drums and a handful of small road cones are sufficient to alert the drivers to the lane closures.

Today, the current State Highway One route over Transmission Gully and the old State Highway One route (now SH 59) meet near this point. Painted road markings and road-side signage abound. In the event of any road works taking place, a forest of road cones would be visible.

Please drive safely over the forthcoming holiday period. Chances are you WILL meet some road works along the way. Follow the safety signage, come home safely and we will see you in the new year.

David Parsons
Chairman Tawa Historical Society



Picture from the Stan Juchnowicz collection.

The volunteers at Kai Kitchen have done an amazing job over the last year prepping and cooking a free meal to share with the community every week. The lunches are always well attended and lots of fun is to be had. They have gone all out on the Christmas lunch as well.

There was lots of food and help by Kaibosh, Kiwi Community Assistance, Ekta, VSCT, Tawa Community Board, Wellington City Mission, Community Policing Team, Wild Chef Kenepuru and Pak'nSave Porirua. Also, live music from a Linden local band who entertained the people with a Christmas-themed medley. Students from Tawa College prepared hampers for the Christmas lunch and helped in the kitchen.

See more pictures of the volunteers and the Christmas lunch here:

<https://www.facebook.com>

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If you are looking for a last minute Christmas gift and you are stuck for ideas, then you should definitely check out The Decor Room inside Devon and Patterson carpet shop on Kenepuru Drive, next to Moore Wilson's. They have updated the shop with so many awesome things. Really good quality items too.

They are open 8am–5pm on Monday to Thursday, then 8am–2pm on Friday.

The Decor Room is a local family owned store and it is super easy to get there with the new roundabout.

Check out their website: <https://devonandpatterson.co.nz/the-decor-room/>

Picture & story credits: Eric Raven

FRIENDS OF TAWA BUSH RESERVES

Have you sighted the flowering rātā tree from Takapu Road?

This lone northern rātā tree along with rimu trees dominated the native bush in the Tawa area at the time of European settlement from the 1840s onwards. It's probably the largest remaining northern rātā in the wider Tawa region. However, trees were felled for local use and possums especially decimated the northern rātā trees of their foliage, leading to their demise. It's hard to imagine this today, but northern rātā timber was a prized source of firewood for the open fires in the homes of early settlers. It was cut into two-foot timber lengths and sold for \$25 per cord, which was a pile of about 3.6 square metres.

Picture credits: Gil Roper (6 Dec 2022)

KETE celebration on Monday the 12th of December

Students, parents, teachers, members of the KETE (Kids Enhancing Tawa Ecosystems) strategic planning group, Ngātitoa iwi representatives, representatives of various environmental groups and representatives from local councils and Transport met together to celebrate the first full year of the KETE programme.

Despite the challenges of COVID the KETE group were able to make progress in three key areas:

- Native tree planting in the upper Takapū Valley
- Native tree planting in the eight schools of Tawa
- Litter intelligence particularly pertaining to the Te Kenepuru Stream

At the celebration, kindly hosted by neighbouring farmers Dave and Raewyn, the attendees were able to inspect the plantings carried out by students of the eight schools in the area.

Over 7000 native trees, flaxes and grasses have been planted and it was encouraging to see that over 87% of the plants have survived and many are thriving. At the event, student participants from Tawa Intermediate gave an effective presentation on the work that was done during litter week to clear up areas pertaining to the Te Kenepuru situation. It was evident that the students are passionate about environmental issues and are determined to make a positive difference both individually and as a group.

It was a very uplifting and encouraging event. Thanks to Project Co-ordinator Sue Lum for her inspiring leadership well supported by Elspeth McMillan. The effective leadership of Sustainable Coastlines personnel was also acknowledged.

Generous donations of food and drink were provided by New World Tawa and Phoenix Organics.

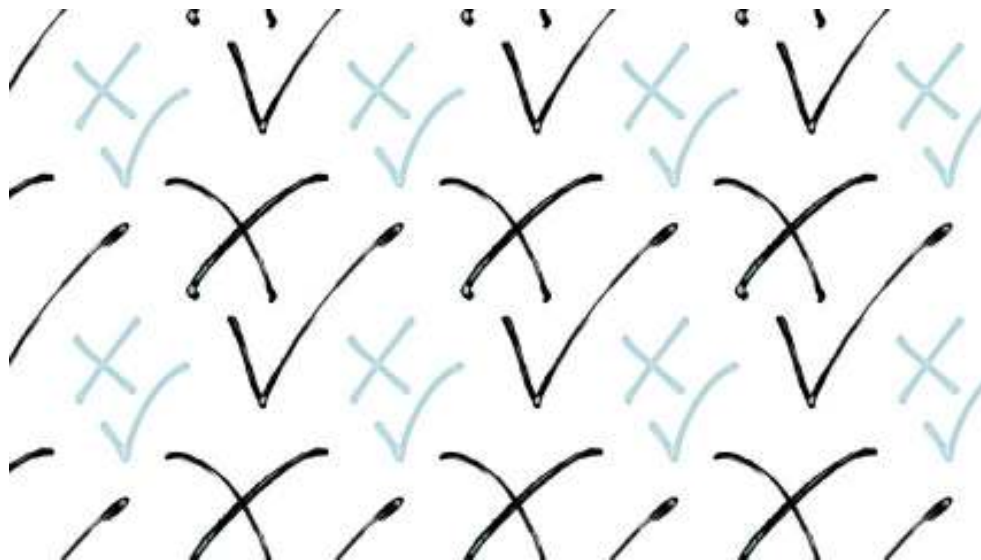
Without the generous support from the following organisations, this year's work on the Kids Enhancing Tawa Ecosystems project would not have been possible: Greater Wellington Regional Council Community Fund, Wellington City Council, Porirua City Council, Nikau Foundation, and Trust House Foundation.

If you have some thoughts about our **stormwater**, please fill out the survey for Wellington Water: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/fad17643313840cdaffa7d845978a4e0?fbclid=IwARoRpZpZQj-_rycg4gAsOhhoxu5iVFXEngFzxXCWuAK1l2UnumIBZbWAow

Wellington Water is currently planning online and in-person workshops. You can also email with written comments at stormwater@wellingtonwater.co.nz.

Have your say on the **Sale and Supply of Alcohol** (Community Participation) Amendment Bill. The bill aims to improve communities' ability to influence alcohol regulation in their area by making targeted changes to the alcohol licensing process provided for in the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. You can make a submission here: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCJU_SCF_BILL_130167/sale-and-supply-of-alcohol-community-participation-amendment

The closing date is the 2nd of February.



The board had their first meeting at the beginning of this month and will meet again in February on Monday the 20th, 7pm at the Tawa Community Centre. The meeting is open to the public and will also be live streamed. You can read the agenda of upcoming meetings and the minutes of past meetings and follow the live stream on the council website here: <https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/committees/tawa-community-board/2022/12/5>

Update from Councillor Ben McNulty

Kia ora Tawa, only a small update as we wrap up for the year. As always, remember that Fixit is available to report any problems to Wellington City Council: <https://services.wellington.govt.nz/report>

Zero Waste Strategy

Last week, Council voted to put the Zero Waste Strategy out to public consultation. Taken in conjunction with the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan that is currently being developed, it puts our city on track to stop filling up our landfills with trash. There are some hugely ambitious targets in the strategy with a 50% reduction in waste to landfill by 2030 being one of the earliest goals.

A vital part of making this happen is the Moa Point Sludge Minimisation Facility. Currently in Wellington we dump our sludge in landfill and it requires a 4:1 ratio of rubbish to sludge to be stable which means we need people to be wasteful. This plant will take sludge out of the Southern Landfill and let us get serious about waste reduction in our city.

Long-term, I am optimistic these measures together will also help us get some waste out of the Spicer Landfill and reduce the odour issues impacting Tawa residents. What we learn and do in Wellington City can hopefully be quickly applied to the Porirua Wastewater Treatment Plant as they will likely need to build a similar facility to treat the sewage from our Northern Suburbs and Porirua.

Water

I don't have much to add since my last update but the below graphic from Wellington Water provides a bit more context around how they will prioritise their response over the summer months.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy New Year and let's all hope for a great 2023.



We encourage our politicians and councillors to reach out to us with news.

From local **MP Greg O'Connor:**

"Kia ora all,

Last week, I was fortunate enough to represent the New Zealand Government as an election observer in Fiji. That meant visiting a large number of remote villages, mostly very self-contained, and working together for the betterment of their particular village. They work because of that sense of contribution to the greater good.

I couldn't help thinking Tawa is that sort of place; self-contained and where the different groups work together for the good of Tawa in a way that doesn't happen in most other places. The key to it is the fact the same people are often on different groups, and it really comes together during the Spring into Tawa, where all those helpers are there. That's why Tawa works.

Finally, Tawa's very own Argentinian Café El Porteño was stripped of its Argentinian flags by owner Lisandro Walfisch, who needed them to party around Wellington celebrating Argentina's great football win last week. He promised me they'd be back but they needed to be put to better use. Olé Argentina.

And compliments of the season to everyone."

You can contact Greg with any concerns by emailing greg.oconnor@parliament.govt.nz or calling 477 3332.

From Mana **MP Barbara Edmonds:**

"What a year it has been! Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday season.

Our office will be closed from Friday 23rd of December 2022 to Monday 9th of January 2023.

Barbara Edmonds

MP for Mana

Contact my office at mana@parliament.govt.nz or 237 9842."



The Beehive is the executive wing of the New Zealand Parliament buildings.

There is now a second garden bed for Kai Hapori Whānui ki Linden.

Thanks to Derek and the awesome team of students from [Tawa College](#) who did the hard yards to make it happen along with the fabulous team [Bunnings Porirua](#), Brendon, and Anna for not only sponsoring all the materials but leading the build of the garden. Planting will go ahead next week.

Their first harvest was in October. It was a great pleasure to provide a beautiful bunch of lettuce to the team of volunteers who make the kai for Kai Kitchen at the [Linden Community Centre](#). Many more veggies and herbs to come.

Generation Link aims to lessen the generation gap by connecting tamariki with older folk within their local communities. See website: <https://vsctrust.org.nz/gen-link/>

BADMINTON HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AND OPEN DAY

Wellington North Badminton will run a Shuttle Time holiday programme Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 January 2023, 9am–midday at their stadium. \$20 for one session, \$35 for both. This is a chance to learn or brush up on badminton skills, play games and learn more with other children 6–17 years of age. Three hours of fitness, fun and games. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3VJHVHe>

Tawa Racketlon will be two days as well, Tuesday 24 and Thursday 26 January 2023, 9am–3pm (two hours of squash, two hours of tennis and two hours of badminton). \$50 for one session, \$90 for both. Open to children 6–17 years. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3WoETy6>

Wellington North badminton are also hosting an Open Day on Monday 6 February 2023, 10am–2pm. All welcome. Come and have a go! Fun for the whole family.



These summer school holidays, Tawa Recreation Centre will be providing a bi-lingual school holiday programme, Te Hōtaka Hararei Reo Rua o Tawa Recreation Centre. This programme offers a full day of planned activities including aftercare.

This is for children age 5–12. It starts on Monday 9th of January and runs all through the holidays until Friday the 27th of January. There are lots of awesome activities, from making your own ice cream to team competitions.

Read more about it and register here: <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/activities-for-kids/school-holidays#tawa>

A great big thank you to those who donated to the Salvation Army Tawa toy appeal. Inner Wheel donated \$1000 to the toy appeal to buy toys for the families in Tawa.

Merry Christmas from the fabulous ladies of Inner wheel Tawa.



Another great fund raising initiative from Tawa Inner Wheel!

Tawa Rotary Christmas Party in the Plaza – following the Tawa Lions Christmas Parade

The weather played its part for a change with what turned out to be a very warm day. A very enjoyable and fun time was had by those who attended the Christmas Parade and the follow-on party in the Plaza where a BBQ, pop-corn, ice blocks, water cooler, music and some carol singing were provided.

Donations collected from this event, which will go towards the Rotary's ongoing support for equipment for the new Wellington Regional Children's Hospital, amounted to over \$300.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Tawa Fire Brigade for loan of BBQ, The Tawa Collective First National Real Estate, New World Tawa, Nicola Ann Harwood Shop 5, Countdown Tawa, Nada Bakery, Tawa Learners Band, Wellington City Chorus, Tawa Community Board.

Tawa Rotary also thanks the community for coming along and supporting this event and wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday break.



Picture credits: Judith Gray and John Peters

Tawa Main Road Hanging Flower Baskets Refresh

Earlier in December, the Tawa Main Road hanging baskets were refreshed once again thanks to help from members of the Tawa Rotary. A delayed changeover from the usual spring change-out due to a change of suppliers. Many thanks to the team at Twigland Gardeners World, Glenside, who came to our rescue this time at relatively short notice.



This is the 10th year that Tawa Rotary has been involved in this project since it was established under the auspices of the Tawa Community Board in 2012. Funding for the making up of the baskets is provided through the umbrella of the Tawa Residents Association, by the Tawa Business Group and Tawa Community Board, along with some private personal and local business donations. A real Tawa team effort. If you would like to become involved or contribute, please contact Richard Herbert at herbert.r@xtra.co.nz.



Picture credits: John Peters

Foster Hope Summer Pyjama Drive

Tawa Rotary is asking your help to donate new summer pyjamas for children (age 0–18 years) in foster care in the Wellington region, through Foster Hope NZ.

There are over 5,000 children in foster care in NZ, and they usually arrive at foster care with only the clothes they are currently wearing. Many of these children have never had a brand new pair of their own pyjamas. Knowing that someone has shopped especially for them is a huge boost to their self-esteem.

\$10 is all it costs for a new pair of child's pyjamas. Help us help Foster Hope by dropping off a pair at our collection point at New World Tawa. Thank you Tawa!

The Christmas window display competition brought several hundred people traipsing through the streets of Tawa and following the trail of fabulous, festively decorated windows. Each person who voted was eligible for spot prizes, which were kindly donated from local businesses.

70% of the entries came from Tawa, but people travelled from all over the Wellington suburbs and through Upper Hutt, the Wairarapa, and up the coast as far as Levin. Our furthest entry came from someone in Taupo.

Our first place winner was KD One at 220A Main Road. Owner Karen Holland is a member of the Tawa Business Group executive and chose not to accept the first prize, although she did receive a certificate. Second place was awarded to Jennifer and Jamie Nicholas from Gorgeous Goose Cake at unit 1, 182 Main Road. They are delighted to win a mystery weekend away for two. Third place went to The Salvation Army Store, based at 128 Main Road. We were able to announce their win at their Christmas party and caused much excitement with their Harvey Norman vouchers. Andrea and Janice were able to receive the certificate. Finally, fourth place went to Amanda Long at the Gift Shack, based in the New World foyer. She was pleased to receive Moore Wilson vouchers.

Windows were festively decorated to incorporate either stock or what the business is about. Some of my personal favourites include the obviously wrapped bike helmet and boots, the inflatable elf mechanics, the Christmas tree covered in nuts and bolts, the summer book collection and the handmade wooden Christmas tree.

The competition may be over, but people have still been spotted wandering around the streets with their flyers and checking out the windows.

From Bernadette, BID manager

Don't forget about the Tawa Business Group job board: [Job Vacancies \(tawabusiness.co.nz\)](http://www.tawabusiness.co.nz)

The first place winner of the Christmas window display competition was KD One Skincare and Cosmetics. Owner Karen Holland is also a member of the Tawa Business Group executive team and stepped down from receiving one of the prizes. She is keen to recognise and thank all her customers and supporters for taking the time to complete the trail and to vote for her window as their favourite.

Karen Holland started making her unique skincare range in 2003, initially with five products and now celebrates a range of over 50 skincare and cosmetic products. Starting out as a professional make-up artist, she realised that many traditional products irritated her clients so she created her own using natural organic ingredients. Based at 220A Main Road, Karen's products are made locally and use indigenous raw materials.

Did you know that Souly NZ has moved in with KD One Skincare and Cosmetics? Karen Holland is one of the original founders of Souly NZ and when the lease was up for their shop in the Plaza, many of the products moved into KD One. The shop is stocked with beautiful, high-quality kiwi products from various local artists from books, through jewellery to children's clothes.

Find more info about KD here: <https://kdone.co.nz> and SoulyNZ here: <https://www.soulynz.co.nz>



Don't forget the Summer Welly Walks. There will be a walk in Redwood Bush on Saturday 14 January 2023, 10:00am to 11:00am. The meeting point is at the end of Achilles Close in Tawa. At the meeting point, look out

for the Wellington City Council flag and friendly guides wearing purple vests. Please meet ten minutes before the walk's start time.



Tawa Community Centre still have a reasonable supply of 200L emergency water tanks available for purchase at \$118 each. They don't deliver, but will help to put one in your car. Tawa Community Centre will close for Christmas from 1pm Friday 23 December and will reopen on Monday 16 January 2023 at 9.30am.





New road signs have popped up everywhere around Tawa/Linden for our bikers!



Do you live in Tawa and love to ride your bike? Cycling Action Network chair Patrick Morgan has created a group to bring Tawa Cyclists together in one place to discuss all things bike in and around Tawa. Please join if this sounds like you!

Find the group on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1815106422202368>



Work will be done on the Takapu Road Bridge from 23 January until early April 2023. This is for bridge

strengthening and stream erosion control. Take extra time for traveling if possible. Stay in the loop and see all upcoming road works here: <https://wellington.govt.nz/-/media/parking-roads-and-transport/parking-and-roads/road-works/files/weekly-bulletins/upcoming-roadworks.pdf?la=en&hash=6619CD10FADC6C8276BAE8F6683313D774772E14>



Stay active over the summer with the Steady As You Go exercise classes in Linden and Tawa. You can also follow along online from your own home.

Read more and register here: <https://www.acwellington.org.nz/saygoexercise/>



Tawa Community Patrol have patrolled around 10,000 kilometres in Tawa this year, with 2,100 volunteer hours patrolling. They are also training new volunteers. Great work!



Once you look for them, you will see them: the yellow flowering pohutukawa trees. Beautiful, just in time for Christmas!



Did you know Netsafe is available to help all New Zealanders stay safe online? Netsafe is free to call on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723) 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm weekdays and 9am to 5pm weekends and public holidays. Here are their six tips for safe online shopping:

1. Does the website's name match the goods? If the website's name refers to boats, but it's selling makeup, it's probably fake.
2. Check the look and feel on a website. Keep an eye out for inconsistent style and grammar.
3. What payment options are available? The website should offer more than one payment option.
4. Research the seller or company.
5. Check for contact details and return policies.
6. Check the WHOIS information and a company's social media presence.

Read more on their website here: <https://netsafe.org.nz/aboutnetsafe/>



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5 MINUTES WITH... BABETTE



5 minutes with Babette McCalman

Where were you born?

Morrinsville.

Where else did you live?

Auckland, Tawa, Japan, England, Palmerston North, Khandallah.

What schools did you go to?

Tawa primary, Intermediate and College.

Can you tell us something about your family and pets?

I am married with two grown up children and a Maine Coon cat.

Can you tell us something about your life after finishing school?

I work at Wellington North Badminton as a Community Development Manager.

What can you tell us about your current daily life?

I love badminton and pickleball, I walk every day and love the great outdoors.

My favourite holiday is somewhere warm and full of natural beauty with plenty of walking tracks nearby.

What do you like about Tawa?

Great people and handy location.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Anywhere, if I can be with family and friends, good food and drink!

What accomplishments in your life are you the most proud of?

My children.

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

I spent a year in Japan on a Rotary student exchange after leaving school thanks to Tawa Rotary club, I trained as a teacher and taught for many years before going back to university to study social work, I love chocolate!

The Tawa Residents' Association monthly meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be on Monday 13th of February.

Feel free to come along! We are always open to new people joining the committee, helping out, or sharing ideas.

We meet upstairs at the Tawa Squash Club on the second Monday of the month, 7.30pm.

You can find the agenda on our website here: <https://tawa.org.nz/tra-meetings/>

We look forward to meeting you!

Elizabeth, Jackson, Monique, Peter, Richard, Robyn, Susan, Janryll & Tony