



TAWA TALK

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Tawa Business Group Update

Business and Strategic Planning

Our BID Manager and representatives of the Executive Committee held meetings with a number of our members, as well as external stakeholders last week to get input and feedback as to what they see as being key focus areas for the Tawa Business Group for not only the next financial year, but for the next five to ten years.

If you have any comments you'd like to be passed on to the Executive as part of this planning, please don't hesitate to flick them through to Sharon sharon@tawabusiness.co.nz.

Acting BID Chair

Due to a significant workload in his day job, Darcy Brittliff has stepped back from his role as Chair until the end of June 2021. Darcy continues as a member of the Executive Committee over this time, with Gary Denton picking up the Acting Chair role.

New Executive Committee Member Appointment – Tony Afendoulis



The Executive Committee welcome Tony Afendoulis to the Committee. Tony has worked, lived and played in Tawa since 1987. He has worked in retail and real estate and has two adult children both born in Tawa with his youngest son joining him in real estate. Raising children and being involved in playing and coaching cricket and soccer he has become well known in the community. Tony currently works as local Real Estate Salesperson with the Collective and is an active Tawa Lions member as well as having been a Community and Youth director and Vice President for the Tawa Lions.

Tony is passionate about Tawa and making it a better and safer community, he's approachable and friendly and really wants to see Tawa grow.

Resignation of Ant Simon

The Executive Committee recently accepted the resignation of Ant Simon from the Executive.

Ant was instrumental in the set-up of the BID, and his knowledge and contributions to the Tawa Business Group will be greatly missed. We are looking forward to his ongoing involvement as a member of the TBG through Simon's Pharmacy, and will look to raise a glass to him at our next networking event.

Resignation of BID Manager

It is with sadness that we have accepted the resignation of Sharon McKenzie as the Bid Manager for the Tawa Business Group.

Sharon has been instrumental in assisting the Tawa Business Executive in getting many projects underway and completed, along with improving our systems and processes, and building strong relationships with our BID members and stakeholders.

Sharon's last day with the Tawa Business Group will be Friday 28 May. We'll keep you updated as to Sharon's replacement, however in the interim I'm sure you'll all join us in wishing her well for the future.

Project Updates

Website

We have been working with Clarative Media (<https://www.clarativemedia.com/>) to look at creating a number of videos which better reflect all the great services Tawa has to offer. Clarative Media is a Wellington based video production company with over 30 years of combined experience in the New Zealand film industry, and who have a number of different packages from basic video promotions through to fully creative videos.

First off the rank was our "This is Tawa" video. This video will be used to showcase Tawa at events and other promotional activities. Check it out via this link:

<https://www.tawabusiness.co.nz/gallery/video>

A shorter version of this is in the process of being finalised for the home page of our website.

DISCOUNT OFFER FOR TAWA BID MEMBERS

Clarative Media are offering a \$200 discount off any video package to the first four Tawa Business Group members who would like to get a video created. If this is something you're interested in, contact Matt Sharp matt@clarativemedia.com – remember to let him know you're part of the Tawa BID.

Just a reminder that if you haven't already done so, take a couple of minutes and check out your listing under the Business Directory page on our website www.tawabusiness.co.nz. We want to make sure we have the right contact and address details, that your opening hours are correct, that the images are relevant and that we have you listed under the right categories. If any changes need to be made, please let Sharon know sharon@tawabusiness.co.nz.

Security Cameras

The TBG Executive Committee has identified the area from The Plaza to Surrey Street as the next focus for installation of security cameras. Some more work is still required in the background before installation, however this is being progressed and we will keep you informed when we have more information.

Signage

The Plaza signage has been installed! A very big thanks to Imagine That (<https://www.imaginethat.nz/>) for getting this over the line for us. We've already received positive feedback from members of the public.



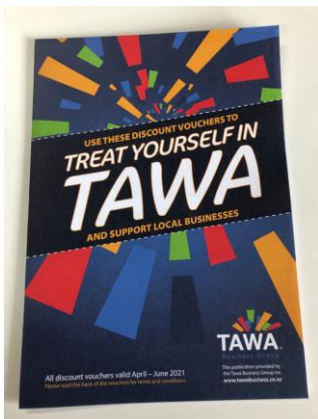
Transport and Infrastructure

We have followed up with Wellington City Council on the report they are undertaking for us regarding double parking, parking on yellow lines and other parking time restrictions. We expect to receive this in the next couple of weeks.

Again, please email Sharon sharon@tawabusiness.co.nz if you have any feedback from either yourself or your clients/visitors relating to parking in Tawa. The more information we have, the more we'll be able to come up with a solution that works, hopefully, for everyone.

Destination Tawa

Our second discount voucher flyer was distributed in the second week of May, however this time it was distributed to all households (except those with "no circular" notifications) in Porirua and Wellington North suburbs – over 28,000. Feedback to date has been very positive with one business advising they had already seen an uptake from not just Tawa residents but those from further afield.



If you'd like copies of these to display in your business, or would like any more information on the flyer, please don't hesitate to contact Sharon sharon@tawabusiness.co.nz.

Events

Business Breakfast – Dr Ashley Bloomfield

We were delighted to have Dr Bloomfield join us for a business breakfast on Friday 16 May. Hosted in conjunction with both Biz Connect and Rotary we had an excellent turnout of over 80 attendees, with over \$1,000 raised towards Rotary's fundraising for two whanau rooms at the new Wellington Children's Hospital.

Dr Bloomfield gave us an insight into his experiences of growing up in Tawa, as well as being the Director-General of Health. He reminded us that we are all “learning forward” (the new term to replace “giving it a go”) and that by working together we can achieve great results.

Thank you to both Bill Day (Chair, Wellington Hospitals Foundation) for his update on progress at the Children’s Hospital, and to Greg O’Connor (MP Ohariu) for being our MC for the event.

Kareen Holland (TBG Executive Committee member) presented a gift of fabulous baking from some of our local bakeries to say thank you and for Dr Bloomfield to take back to his team, and Greg gave him a very clever piece of “cartoon art” to hang on his wall. We also snuck in some of our “Treat Yourself in Tawa” discount voucher flyers to help spread the word!



Are You Interested in Hosting a TBG Networking Event?

We are looking to hold our next social networking event in June. We are very keen to use these events to promote Tawa businesses, so if you are interested in hosting an event, please let Sharon know (021 971 937 or sharon@tawabusiness.co.nz). We’ll organise the drinks, the food, the nametags etc, and we’ll be there to help with the set-up and manage the event (we’ll even help to tidy up afterwards!) ... leaving you to relax and enjoy the event with fellow business owners 😊

Upcoming Events

The dates for Spring Into Tawa and the 2021 Tawa Christmas Parade have been confirmed:

Spring Into Tawa - Saturday 30 October 2021

Tawa Christmas Parade - Saturday 4 December 2021 (from 2.00pm)

New businesses in Tawa

A big welcome to the following business who recently opened in Tawa:

Little Annie Pop-In Portraits

Little Annie Pop-in Portraits is located in Shop 3, The Plaza, 210 Main Road. Their pop-in open days offer the opportunity for new Mums and Dads to capture a professional portrait of their baby growing month by month. The process is quick and easy, and at \$20 a session affordable.

Check out their website for more information <https://popinphotos.com/> on dates and times available.

Urban Biker

Urban Biker specialises in safe, stylish and high-quality clothing and accessory brands for road bike and scooter riders in NZ. Mike and Delis are both passionate motorbike riders, and recognise that every biker has different needs.

Go check them out in their new store at 210 Main Road, Tawa, or check them out online <https://urbanbiker.co.nz/>

Tawa Take Note is Now “Tawa Books and Post”

You may have noticed the new branding at 181 Main Road Tawa. Take Note has now rebranded to Tawa Books and Post, under the management of Paul and Rowena.



Did You Know New Zealand’s Oldest Association is Right on Your Doorstep in Tawa!

The United Fire Brigades’ Association (UFBA) has been supporting firefighters across New Zealand since 1878. Today their advocacy and support services, Service honours and Challenge events recognise these amazing peoples’ contribution to your community - over 80% of firefighters are volunteers. Recent events included the National Waterway Challenge in Wainuiomata in April and the popular Firefighter Combat Challenge – dubbed ‘the toughest two minutes in sport’ – at Wellington’s waterfront on 1 May.

Discover more about UFBA via their website www.ufba.org.nz.

Advice From NZ Police re Dealing With Crime

Reporting offences

If a person is being abusive, threatening or committing other criminal offences, please report it. The matter needs to be reported so police and other agencies have a clear understanding of the issues at hand.

Call 111 – when you need an emergency response

Call 105 – when it doesn’t require an immediate response

If police are not able to attend immediately, follow up enquiries will be made.

Social Media

Please make an official report instead of using Social Media to detail an offence or suspicious behaviour. This is so it can be followed up and actioned by police.

Assigning blame and naming people, for offences or actions can make matters worse and add to people feeling unsafe.

Staying safe

Encourage younger children to go into a local store, or call police, if they feel scared or vulnerable because of others around them.

Walking home from school in pairs or small groups can help to alleviate some concerns around vulnerability.

CCTV is in place around Tawa CBD and Grassleas Reserve. The CBD CCTV is due to be extended so it covers more locations. Police can obtain footage from Wellington City Council if required.

With the darker nights drawing in, if you see any streetlights out or other damage, please report it to: <https://wellington.govt.nz/report-a-problem/report-a-problem-fix-it>



Do You Know About Tawa Community Patrol? ...

The Tawa Community Patrol has been active in Tawa for 13 years (established in 2008) and acts as the 'eyes and ears' of the New Zealand Police. Their purpose is to provide a highly visible community presence, to prevent, deter, and report crime while promoting a safer community. They are a non-profit volunteer organisation, affiliated to our national body CPNZ, and in Tawa they have over 40 volunteer members who are all locals of a diverse range of backgrounds, ages and skills.

They operate both day and night safety patrols. You have probably seen their day patrollers around town during business hours Monday to Friday. Currently their daytime patrols are focussed around school travel times, 8:00 - 10:00am and 2:30 - 4:30pm, with occasional lunchtime patrols from 12 - 2:00pm. You'll always see their patrollers out in pairs wearing bright yellow high-viz jackets and driving their marked patrol vehicle. They have been visiting many shops and businesses over the last month to introduce themselves and learn of any issues.

Their night patrols usually fall towards the end of the week - Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights - between the hours of 6pm and midnight. Night patrols cover the length and breadth of Tawa, making themselves as visible as possible when Main Rd is busy but also visiting many out-of-the-way corners of Tawa that occasionally attract undesirable activity. After business hours, patrols are keeping an eye on the town centre and surrounds, looking out for anything or anyone who seems out of place or somewhere they shouldn't be.

The Tawa Community Patrol's role is to observe and report what we find to Police, and also to advise Wellington City Council if it's something they should deal with. Reports over the last month have included broken water mains and broken streetlights for WCC, while our patrols reported 'boy racer' activity and the location of a stolen vehicle to Police. Patrols provide

intelligence and evidence to Police in the form of patrol logs, containing event records, dashcam footage, vehicle registration numbers and person descriptions.

All patrols receive regular updates from Police regarding areas or streets of interest, taking into account any recent crime or nuisance reported. Each shift patrollers log-on with the Police Communications Centre so Police know when they are on duty and can make contact if needed. It is always important that calls are made directly to Police to advise them of any criminal or nuisance matter that you are concerned about. If Police know about it, it can be followed up or investigated, and they can also pass it on to Tawa Community Patrol to keep an eye on locally.

Tawa Community Patrol's website is a great source of further information - tawacp.org.nz. And they always welcome new volunteers!



... or About Tawa U3A?

Tawa U3A is a group of people who are free during the day to gather for activities of interest. They organise courses to teach subjects of interest such as art, ancestry or ukulele. They hold discussion groups where you can contribute and share your viewpoints, host both indoor and outdoor games and arrange talks on a wide range of topics including health, history and travel.

Tawa U3A co-operates with other U3A groups and share sessions. For more information check out their website:

<https://www.u3atawa.org.nz/>

Tawa Squash is Expanding

Tawa Squash Club has continued to thrive since it won the Sport Wellington Sports Club of the Year in 2018, and soon after the NZ Squash Club of the Year award. (NOTE: Tawa is the only Wellington Squash Club to win either award!)

Peak time court congestion has been the catalyst for a fourth court to be added. The Wellington City Council approved resource consent for additional reserve land to be used (to the south end) some time ago but COVID-19 stopped plans in their tracks. However Tawa Squash came through the lockdown relatively unscathed and are back on track with building consent now being sought.

Building is scheduled to commence within the next 2 months and should be completed by the end of September subject to no more surprise hold ups. Fundraising is in full swing with trusts and club members, both past and present, being asked if they would like to assist while the club is stumping up with \$100,000 of its own reserves.

The new court will have a glass back wall and stepped seating allowing for 60+ spectators - criteria required to host major tournaments bringing more people and spending into the suburb. It will also allow for membership growth without disrupting court availability for existing members, a facet that has prevented serious membership campaigns being run over the last few years.

Corporate and Business opportunities are available to all commercial operations around Tawa to both assist with initial finances and to help with membership growth which will provide long term sustainability. This will include sponsorship, donations, corporate memberships (to assist work/life balance for staff) and other initiatives that will be promoted over the next couple of months.

If you would like to be part of the continuing success of Tawa Squash contact peter@tawasquash.co.nz

Useful Helpline Contact Numbers

As a result of a number of enquiries to NZ Police, our Community Liaison Officer, Constable Sarah Steed, pulled together a list of service organisations in NZ who are there to support people through challenging times:

If it's an emergency

Call 111 immediately in an emergency. (Police non-emergency number – 105)

Healthline

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, call the dedicated COVID-19 Healthline:

- for free on 0800 358 5453
- on +64 9 358 5453 if you have an international SIM.

For any other health concerns, call the general Healthline number on 0800 611 116.

Mental wellbeing & abuse helplines

These are some of the helplines available that offer support, information and help.

- **1737, need to talk?** -For support with anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, call or text 1737 to talk with a trained counsellor for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Youthline**— call 0800 376 633, free text 234 or email talk@youthline.co.nz
- **Kidslines**—call 0800 54 37 54 (0800 KIDSLINE) for young people up to 18 years of age.
- **Skylight** —call 0800 299 100 helping children, young people and their families and whānau through tough times of change, loss, trauma and grief
- **Lifeline** —0800 543 354 (0800 LIFELINE) or free text 4357 (HELP)
- **Suicide Crisis Helpline** —0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO)
- **Depression and Anxiety Helpline** —0800 111 757 or free text 4202 to talk to a trained counsellor about how you are feeling or to ask any questions.
- **Anxiety phone line** —0800 269 4389 (0800 ANXIETY)
- **Family Services 211** Helpline 0800 211 211— for help finding, and direct transfer to, community-based health and social support services in your area
- **OUTline NZ**— call 0800 688 5463 for confidential telephone support for sexuality or gender identity issues
- **Women's Refuge** by calling 0800 743 843 (0800 REFUGE) to be linked up with an advocate in your area
- **Elder Abuse Helpline** — call 0800 32 668 65 (0800 EA NOT OK). 24-hour service answered by registered nurses who can connect to local elder abuse specialist providers
- **Hey Bro** helpline— call 0800 HeyBro (0800 439 276). 24/7 help for men who feel they're going to harm a loved one or whānau member
- **Oranga Tamariki** —call 0508 325 459 (0508 FAMILY) or email contact@ot.govt.nz for concerns about children and young people

NZ COVID Tracer app

If you have questions or feedback about the NZ COVID Tracer app:

- call 0800 800 606 -
- email help@covidtracer.min.health.nz

Managed isolation and quarantine

If you have questions about managed isolation and quarantine, including charges and exemptions:

- call 0800 ISOMIQ (0800 476 647) from within New Zealand
- call +64 4 888 1670 from outside New Zealand or if you're in New Zealand with an international SIM
- email enquiries@miq.govt.nz

Deaf, hearing impaired, Deafblind or speech impaired

If you're deaf, hearing impaired, Deafblind or speech impaired you can use the New Zealand Relay Service to call.