



TAWA TALK

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Welcome to the latest updates from the Tawa Business Group. In this issue:

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Introduction from Tawa Business Group

The start of 2023 and we have hit the ground running with new projects on waste minimisation and project management for the installation of the new mural on the Main Road.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to have your say in consultations around Stormwater and the Zero Waste Strategy, as well as our own survey around what you do with your commercial waste. We also look forward to seeing many of you at our next networking event in March.

Finally, if you have ever thought about how you could become more involved in the work that the Tawa Business Group does, we have a short article this month about what it means to be an executive team member.

Bernadette
BID Manager

Destination Tawa Project Updates

Improving Safety

Wellington City Council (WCC) has been working on various initiatives to help business owners who have been ramraided. Please see page 5 for further details.

Transport and Infrastructure

The parking review and your comments have been considered by the executive team and we have a number of proposals that we will be working through over the next few months. The first project is to create a detailed map of all the parking spaces that are available for customers, clients, staff and commuters. This will give us a good idea of the total number of spaces that we have in each area and what, if any, restrictions apply to them. The aim is to have a downloadable map on our website and printed copies available in the library and community centre.

An application to change two car park spaces to P120 around 82 Main Road has been lodged with Wellington City Council and an initial meeting has clarified the requirements so that the request for Traffic Resolution can be prepared.

Job Board



The job board has been updated with over a dozen new jobs since the beginning of the New Year.

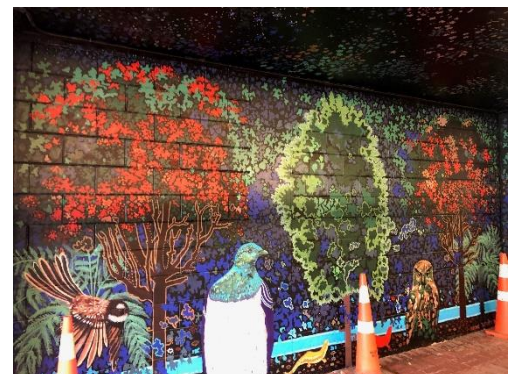
This initiative is completely FREE for all BID members and is promoted on social media, our website, in the Residents' Association newsletter and through Tawa College. You can check it out: [Job Vacancies \(tawabusiness.co.nz\)](http://Job Vacancies (tawabusiness.co.nz)). Around 3,500 people have checked out the job board since it was launched in August.

If you are looking for staff, please email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz to arrange for your vacancy to be included.

Mural

The mural now stands as a focal point along the Main Road between Gorgeous Goose Cakes and the 123 Mart. Sheyne has done an amazing job of displaying the flora and fauna of Tawa.

Bernadette has been project managing the mural project as a collaboration between Wellington City Council, Tawa Residents' Association and the building owners. The funding for this project comes directly from Wellington City Council.



Waste Minimisation

Waste minimisation is a new project that started in early 2023. It links to WCC's Zero Waste strategy and will look at how our business community deals with commercial waste. The initial stage, in conjunction with WCC, is to establish what is currently being recycled and what currently goes to landfill. This project will help WCC formulate strategies around commercial waste minimisation. There are two ways you can help: Firstly, fill in our very short survey around what you currently do with your waste. Further information on this can be found on page 5. Secondly, fill in WCC's consultation survey on their draft Zero Waste Strategy. Further information on that can be found on page 3.

Tawa Business Group Website

You can advertise for free on our website through our Business Directory. This will often rank just under your own website in the search results returned when your customers do a Google search.

Check to see whether your details are correct in our [Business Directory \(tawabusiness.co.nz\)](http://Business Directory (tawabusiness.co.nz)) and email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz if you would like them updated.

Events and Consultations

FEBRUARY

Zero Waste Strategy Consultation

The Zero Waste Strategy sets the blueprint for intergenerational sustainability in our city, outlining how a circular economy can design out waste and pollution, keep resources in use for as long as possible, and safely manage the waste that can't be reused or recycled.

Consultation closes at **5pm on 28 February 2023**. Further information on the consultation can be found at this link:

<https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/zero-waste-future>

MARCH

Tawa Business Group Networking Event

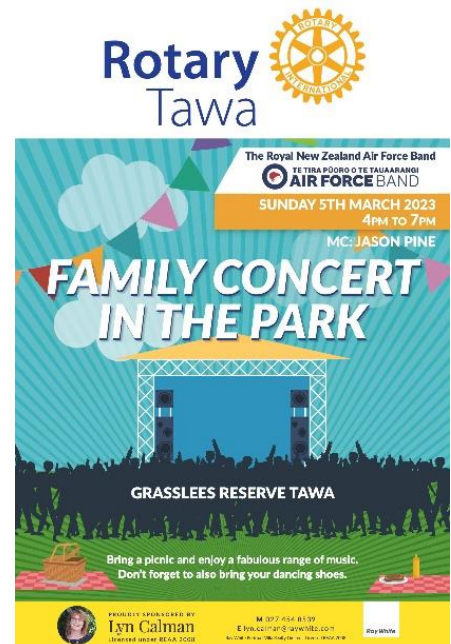
Dig out your diaries and pencil in our next networking event, which will be on **Wednesday 15 March from 5pm** at the Sprig and Fern. This will be a great opportunity to meet with like-minded business owners and many of our key stakeholders. Email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz to book in.

Tawa Rotary Family Concert in the Park

On Sunday 5 March from 4pm to 7pm, the Tawa Rotary Club will be hosting a free, late afternoon picnic concert at the Grasslees Reserve featuring the Royal New Zealand Air Force Band supported by performances from a kapa haka group and a musical group from Tawa College.

The RNZAF Concert Band will be playing music from the Americas (everything from Hollywood hits to South American rhythms) and their Jive Bombers covers band will be playing a selection of hits ranging from Stevie Wonder to Dua Lipa. Both bands will feature vocalists.

Tawa broadcaster, Jason Pine, will be master of ceremonies for what will be great family entertainment and a toe-tapping soundtrack to a relaxing late summer Sunday BYO picnic.



MAY

Wellington Water Stormwater Strategy Consultation

Wellington Water are aware that they must shift the way they manage rainwater that falls on urban areas, on behalf of councils, to help reduce pollution of our harbours, rivers and streams.

Over decades, a network of stormwater drains and pipes has been built to carry rainwater quickly into waterways or the sea, to reduce the risk of flooding.



Now, as well as carrying the water away, Wellington Water also need to reduce pollution such as litter, fertiliser, heavy metals and bacteria that stormwater carries.

They are developing a strategy to move towards healthy water over the coming decades and they want to hear what you think. To find out more, click on the link: [Managing stormwater to reduce pollution \(wellingtonwater.co.nz\)](https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz)

Tawa New Businesses and Business Updates

It's been a quiet month for new businesses, and we welcome just one new business to our community.

Low and Co

Father and son real estate agent team, Tony and Dan Afendoulis have recently opened the Tawa branch of Lowe & Co at 176 Main Road, Tawa. While they are still waiting on renovations to the building, they are open for residential sales and rental properties. A family within a business, Tony and Dan work alongside Tony's daughter Talia, who is responsible for marketing and general office duties, and join 40 agents across the Wellington Office under the Lowe & Co name.

[Lowe & Co - Home \(loweandco.nz\)](http://loweandco.nz)

We have two businesses that have updated their business model.

Nada Bakery

While the roadworks to replace the stormwater pipes are underway outside Nada Bakery on the Main Road, Nada Bakery have set up their food trailer outside Zip Plumbing. Dave is running the trailer, which stocks all the usual goodies and serves coffee throughout the day.

[Nada Bakery | Wellington | Facebook](#)



Zelati Gelato & Sorbet

Zelati has opened the factory store for cookies, coffee and scopes of delicious gelato and sorbet. The store has been open for the past couple of Fridays and regular opening hours will be announced soon. Anyone looking for a locally made ice cream can pop down to 207 Main Road. Please check out their Facebook page for more information around opening times.

[Zelati Gelato & Sorbet | Facebook](#)

Tawa Business Group Executive Team

Have you ever wanted to get more involved with the Tawa Business Group? Our executive team meets once a month, usually at lunchtime on the last Monday, to discuss the pertinent projects in progress and agree on future projects and services to be implemented.

Bernadette runs the operational side and reports progress on a weekly and monthly basis, asking the executive team for guidance on and agreement for future projects, which will benefit the entire

Tawa business community. Our current executive team represents most of the different types of business that we have.

"As a retailer, it's important having a voice for the businesses in Tawa and supporting and representing their needs."

"Having the opportunity to represent the needs of the Tawa business community to the WCC in such a direct and meaningful manner is a privilege and being part of providing solutions is incredibly rewarding"

These meetings are not to champion the team's individual businesses but to take a strategic view that will engage and enhance all businesses across the business improvement district (BID). The meetings take about an hour each month and some reading papers and reports prior to the meeting is expected. On occasion, you may be required to attend additional meetings or functions, and these can be arranged to fit around your prior commitments

If you would like to find out more about what is expected from an executive team member and/or would like to be more involved, please contact Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz or call on 021 971 937.

I genuinely care about Tawa and our business community. Having a voice to push ideas and solutions forward provides a rewarding future for our collective business endeavours!

Waste Minimisation – what do you currently send to the landfill?

Tawa Business Group is working with Wellington City Council (WCC) to identify commercial waste that is currently being disposed at landfill. The aim of this survey is to collect information that can help formulate strategies around waste minimisation.

WCC has zero-waste targets that include reducing total waste to landfill by 50% by 2030, diverting construction and demolition waste from landfill by 70% by 2035 and diverting organic waste from landfill by 50-70% by 2030.

This survey is short and should only take a couple of minutes to complete. We are specifically looking at the waste that your business currently generates.

Please answer this survey honestly. There is no right or wrong answer and if, for example, you currently store partially empty paint tins or old computer equipment in an unused part of your building, please let us know.

You do not need to sign into Google to complete this form. Please complete by Wednesday 1 March.

Click on the link to complete the survey: [Commercial Waste Survey](#)



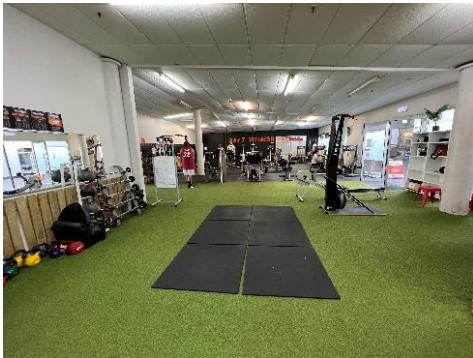
Ram Raid Support

Wellington City Council has continued to look at the issue of support that can be offered to businesses affected by ram raids. They have recently launched a Ram Raid Support page on their website, which outlines what support may be available. To read more, check out this link: [Safety in Wellington - Ram raid Support - Wellington City Council](#)

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment have also updated their website with information on how to protect your retail shop with a fog cannon. Fog cannons activate once your shop has been broken into and will fill it with dense fog in a few seconds. This stops criminals from seeing what is going on and can help prevent further damage or theft. There are subsidies of up to \$4,000 to have a fog cannon installed and you can find out more by checking out this link: [Protect your retail shop with a fog cannon — business.govt.nz](#)

Finally, the New Zealand Police have information on their Retail Crime Prevention Hub webpage. To find out more, check out this link: [Retail Crime Prevention Hub | New Zealand Police](#)

Competition: Connecting Businesses together with Fitness and Fun



The manager of 24/7 Fitness Tawa at 35 Oxford Street is currently working on a project where they want to connect local businesses together through fun and fitness.

Your team will be able to attend up to 6 group classes (2 per week over three weekends) to train and get your team ready for a Relay Fit Competition. Training sessions will be from 12:30 – 1:30pm and 2 – 3pm on the following days:

Saturday 11 March/Sunday 12 March

Saturday 18 March/Sunday 19 March

Saturday 25 March/Sunday 26 March

At the end of the training, each business will go head-to-head in competing in different challenges. First team to complete the course wins! The challenge is set for Saturday 1 April from 1pm.

Each team requires 4 people per business, 5 would be great.

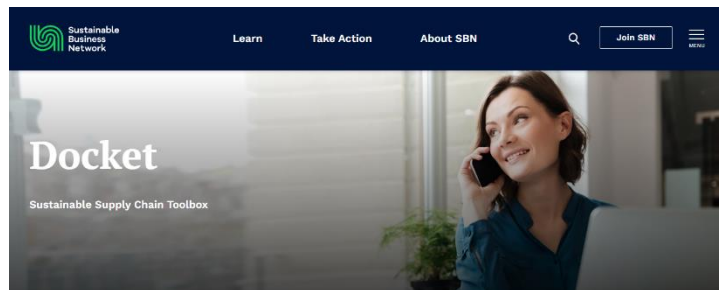
Zee, the 24/7 Fitness manager, would love for you to participate and have a friendly competition with your colleagues and other businesses. It will be a \$15 entry per person. Top three businesses will be awarded prizes. 1st prize is a cash prize, 2nd prize is a training programme and 30 min PT session and 3rd prize will be a 24/7 fitness voucher.

Please contact Zee at 24/7 Fitness at 0223917050 or at tawa@247fitness.co.nz if you would like to sign up or find out further information.

New Sustainability Toolbox for Businesses - Docket

Sustainable Business Network have just launched a new tool, called Docket, that allows business to look at the sustainability of your supply chain. The tool assesses your business over six key areas, which are:

- Reducing carbon emissions
- Reducing waste
- Regenerating nature
- Keeping workers healthy and safe
- Upholding workers' rights
- Eliminating modern slavery



Tools to help you assess the sustainability of your business and your suppliers.

Where you are doing well, you'll get information on how to share that sustainability achievement with your customers and networks. This can give you a competitive edge when bidding for contracts. It can also help increase sales.

Where there is room for improvement, you'll get information to help you meet minimum standards and develop best practices. Plus, you'll get links to more tools and helpful resources.

They are looking for you complete this tool and then share with your suppliers. You can find out more here: [Welcome to Sustainable Business Network - Sustainable Business Network](#).

Business Profile – Centre of Dental Excellence

Jaideep Vijayasenan runs the Central of Dental Excellence at 220A Main Road, Tawa. He has a team of seven with two dentists and two hygienists and took over the practice in December 2019. Having previously worked in the Wellington CBD, he is pleased with the transition to Tawa and really appreciates the friendly Tawa community.



In 2021, he purchased a revolutionary, non-contact form of dental maintenance and prevention in the form of AIRFLOW®. It is a high-pressure water and air system that cleans your teeth much faster and more gently than traditional hygienists. Initially a dye is rubbed over the teeth, which shows areas that need a more thorough clean and AIRFLOW® works away at the plaque, discolouration, and stains.



Jaideep has patients that have followed him from his previous practice and people will travel all over the Wellington region to have their teeth gently exfoliated.

The machine has proved so popular that there are now two machines available.

[Dentist Wellington, Porirua | Centre of Dental Excellence](#)

If you would like your business to be profiled, please email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz

Useful Helpline Contact Numbers

As a result of a number of enquiries to NZ Police, our Community Liaison Officer, Constable Sarah Steed has collated 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
- Kidsline—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

Deaf, hearing impaired, Deafblind or speech impaired

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