



TAWA TALK

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Tawa Business Group Update

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2022.

Adapting is the name of the game and we have moved our District Plan focus groups online. We are holding two events: one for landlords and property owners and another for business owners. We will have an independent planning professional joining us so you can ask questions and find out what the District Plan means for your business. Check out page 3 for further information.

Unfortunately, we have decided to postpone our Business Breakfast with Karen Fifield until later in the year but we will be introducing a number of online networking events shortly. Please see page 3 for further details.

We are aware that the current Covid climate is causing continued challenges for many of you and would welcome your thoughts and concerns so that we can raise this with our MPs, councillors and Wellington City Council officials. Please reach out to Bernadette either via info@tawabusiness.co.nz or on 021 971 937.

Project Updates

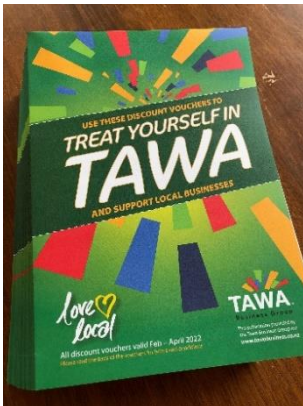
Security Cameras

Earlier this month we met with Wellington City Council and Red Wolf, their preferred CCTV supplier, to discuss installing CCTV cameras in the Plaza. Bernadette has been tasked with asking business and property owners about existing cameras that may already capture activity in and around the Plaza area. Please email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz with information about your CCTV coverage.

Transport and Infrastructure

Tawa Business Group is waiting on further information from Wellington City Council around the parking and loading around 214 to 220 Main Road. The Bike Network Plan has proposed a cycle lane that would run through the access lane beside the Pink Pineapple and this could be a reason why further information has been delayed. To find out more about the proposed bike lane, please see page 6.

Destination Tawa



The latest edition of the discount flyer has been distributed to 28,000 households from Kaiwharawhara to Pukerua Bay. The discount voucher is valid from February through to the end of April and showcases several new businesses this time. Support local by seeing how many of the vouchers you can use before the end of April.

The vouchers will be readily available in over 40 businesses throughout Tawa, including the community centre and library. If you would like copies for your customers and clients, please email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz.

We are aware that this scheme works only for a small section of our business owners and Bernadette is keen to evolve it to meet the needs of the wider business community. Please email Bernadette with your thoughts and ideas on extending this.

Flags and Banners

Banners are currently being repaired and new ones purchased so that a complete roll-out of banners can be completed soon. All the banners that are still in situ will be assessed and either tightened or replaced as necessary.

Events

District Plan Focus Groups

The two focus groups for you to share your views on the District Plan have been moved online. We have Sophie Glendinning, an independent planner from Orogen, joining us to talk about what the proposed District Plan means for you and your business. Sophie will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Your thoughts and views on the District Plan will then be fed back to Wellington City Council in early to mid-March when Tawa Business Group will have the opportunity to join an engagement forum to discuss the particular needs of the Tawa business community.

The two focus groups will be held via Zoom from 5pm on:

Tuesday 15 February – focus group for property owners

Thursday 17 February – focus group for business owners

Please email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz for joining instructions.

POSTPONED: Business Breakfast with Karen Fifield, CEO of Wellington Zoo on Wednesday 16 March 2022

We have agreed to postpone our Business Breakfast with Karen Fifield, the CEO of Wellington Zoo and vice-president of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

We plan to hold this event later in the year and will let you know as soon as we have confirmed a new date.

Staying Connected

Although still in the very early stages of development, Tawa Business Group are planning a series of online networking events that will allow access to professionals qualified to discuss areas such as:

- Business Continuity Planning
- Online Marketing and Enablement
- Wellbeing for Business Owners
- Managing Cashflow and Budgeting

Further details will be available shortly, in the meantime please let Bernadette know at info@tawabusiness.co.nz if there are any other topics that you would like us to address.

Tawa New Businesses and Business Refreshes

This month we are extending this section to include businesses that have had or are in the process of having a refresh.

We have four new business owners to introduce this month. A big, warm welcome to you all.

Mexted Motors

Established in 1925, Mexted Motors has been an iconic part of Tawa and for three generations, the Mexted family have been selling cars along the Main Road. Late last year, Alan Mexted handed over the reins to Mark Munkittrick. Mark has worked for Mexted Motors since 2015 and aims to continue to offer the same quality level of service that customers have come to expect from Mexted Motors.

www.mexted.co.nz

Jani-King New Zealand

Pravind Singh runs the Tawa franchise of Jani-King New Zealand, a company that has specialised in professional commercial cleaning for over 20 years and uses 100% chemical-free cleaning products. Pravind and his team provides cleaning services for commercial offices, schools, healthcare, retail, hospitality and industrial cleaning services.

Check out their website for further information: www.janiking.co.nz

Fusion Food Haus

Irma and Mikel Huth opened the Fusion Food Haus on 20 December at 130 Main Road. A treasure trove of East-meets-West foodstuffs and ingredients imported from Asia and Europe, with plans to open a café on site later in the year. The café will pay tribute to the Omas and Opas from each side of their family as customers will be able to appreciate the taste of two distinctly different cultures under one roof.

Check out their website for their extensive food offerings: www.ffh.nz/shop/



Sharon's Image

Daniel Lee has been in the printing industry with his Kaori-based company since 2014. After spending weekends driving through Tawa with his young children, he decided that he would like to expand his company with a branch in Tawa. Sharon's Image opened up on 24 January and is situated at unit 1, 192 Main Road, Tawa. For all your printing needs, Sharon's Image is offering opening specials on business cards and flyers. Pop by to find out more or email Daniel at sssharon.image@gmail.com.

www.karoriprintshop.co.nz

in addition to our four new businesses, we have three businesses that have undergone or are undergoing a refresh.

Outlet City



The billboards that don the front and side of the Outlet City building at 24 Main Road have been updated and replaced. Design work has been completed by the team at Tawa-based Imagine That.

Subway

Tania Pratt at Subway has recently refurbished the inside of the restaurant and added a new sign outside too. It is looking clean and fresh, and staff are looking forward to welcoming new and old customers alike.



Nada Bakery



After two floods, and with work due to commence on rectifying the flooding issues, Nada Bakery is currently being refurbished. To ensure that they can continue to serve their customers, Nada Bakery have installed a cart outside their shop, which is open and selling all their usual wares.

Update on the Draft District Plan

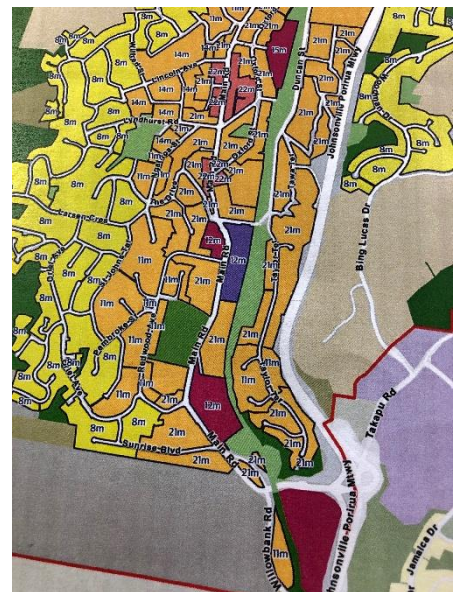
Wellington City Council (WCC) received around 800 submissions through their e-plan, email and post on the draft District Plan. Tawa Business Group submitted their views on 14 December. This submission gave us the opportunity to be involved in the engagement forums to be held in mid-March.

WCC will be working through the submissions and aim to publish their report and the submissions towards the end of the first quarter of 2022. The draft District Plan will then formally be called the Proposed District Plan and there will be a further opportunity for you to provide feedback via submissions and hearings.

It's not too late for you to have your say on the draft District Plan. Join us for one of our two focus groups on 15 and 17 February. See page 3 for further details. If you are unable to attend and would like to contribute, please email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz or call on 021 971 937.

Tawa Business Group's submission included comments around the following topics:

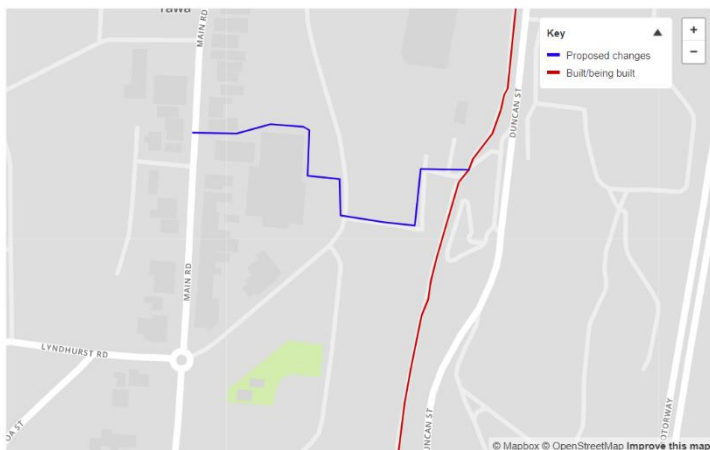
- Transport planning
- On-street parking
- Design specifications



- Investment in water, stormwater and wastewater infrastructure
- Flooding
- Co-ordinated implementation to allow for community facilities and open spaces
- Phasing of new buildings

Bike Network Plan

Bike network map



In addition to the draft District Plan, Wellington City Council also received submissions on their Bike Network Plan on 14 December. This plan includes a proposal for a bike path joining Ara Tawa bike path to the Main Road via the New World car park and entering the Main Road near the Pink Pineapple.

As a vital carpark for the main retail area within Tawa, Tawa Business Group submitted a report that raised a number of concerns and asked to be involved in all consultation around this proposal to ensure that it provides a workable solution for cyclists, car owners and business owners.

If you are interested in being involved in consultation on this project, please contact Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz.

On-Demand Public Transport

The Metlink on-demand public transport trial service is being rolled out in early March. The service does not have a set route and will have flexible pick-up and drop-off locations, offering links to/from the train stations or local shopping destinations. Users will need an app to make bookings and payments, and schedule pick-ups and drop-offs.

There are three drop-in sessions planned to explain how the system will work. Two of these have already taken place but the final one is at:

Tawa Community Centre
11am to 1pm, Saturday 19 February

Please note that these are Wellington City Council venues, and you will be required to show your vaccine pass.

Metlink and the Greater Wellington Regional Council will be looking for feedback not only from residents who use the service but also from business owners. Please pass on your feedback about this pilot by either calling the Metlink Contact Centre on 0800 801 700 or emailing info@metlink.co.nz.



Celebrating our Successes – Beyond Yoga Baby



Welcome to the world, Leith Emily Bernard. Born on 24 January 2022, Leith is the newest yogi to the Beyond Yoga family and the first child of Samantha Rozitis and Mitchell Bernard.

Sam and Mitchell both set up their companies Beyond Yoga and Pac Fitness during the global pandemic and are located at unit 4, 82 Main Road, Tawa. Beyond Yoga is currently holding a Mums and Bubs yoga class from 8 February to 5 April. Here's hoping that Leith gets out on that yoga mat shortly.

Congratulations to the Bernard family.

Advertising Opportunity – Tawa News

Run by the Tawa Residents' Association, Tawa News is an online community newsletter that currently goes out to over 1,200 residents within the Tawa area and their new editor, Monique Lubberink, is looking at advertising opportunities to help fund the ongoing associated costs.

They are considering adding a small advertisement banner at the top of the newsletter and would prefer local Tawa-based businesses to have this advertising space.

If you are thinking about advertising and want a one-off or regular opportunity to reach local residents, please contact Monique directly at newslettertawa@gmail.com to find out more.

The latest edition of the newsletter is available here: [Tawa News – January 2022 \(mailchi.mp\)](#).



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