



TAWA TALK

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Tawa Business Group Update

Welcome to our new BID Manager

The Executive Team welcomes Bernadette Pallister as our new BID manager. Bernadette started with us on Monday 12 July and has already hit the ground running. As a self-confessed “doer”, she has considerable administration and events experience both from New Zealand and the UK, where she returned from in October last year.

As the director of two small businesses and a mother of three teenage children, Bernadette enjoys a quiet spot of yoga in her spare time. She is keen to get stuck into the many projects that Tawa Business Group is working on and is more than happy for you to pop by and say hello, if you are passing 220B Main Road.



Tawa Business Group AGM

Save the date! The Tawa Business Group annual general meeting will be on:

Thursday 23 September from 5:30pm at the Tawa Community Centre

Further information to follow.

Project Updates

Website

Check out our website www.tawabusiness.co.nz with new videos of Tawa covering:

- food and beverages,
- health and beauty,
- retail,
- a beautiful and unique rendition of 24 hours in Tawa by The Breeze,
- services and both short and full-length versions of our "This is Tawa" videos.

Thank you to Clarative Media for their excellent work.

Please remember, if you have not done so recently, to take a couple of minutes and check out your listing under the Business Directory page on our website www.tawabusiness.co.nz/business-directory. 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 Bernadette know info@tawabusiness.co.nz.

Security Cameras



During the last financial year, Tawa Business Group paid for three security cameras to be installed on the Main Road between the Plaza and the library. Recently, you may have noticed that bright yellow "cameras operating" signs have been put up along Main Road to remind people of these.

Tawa Business Group is continuing to work with Wellington City Council around the next installation of security cameras. We are currently looking at the placement of cameras at either end of Tawa and around the Plaza.

Transport and Infrastructure

Now Bernadette is on board, we have again 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 look forward to sharing the results of this report with you shortly.

Please email Bernadette at info@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 for everyone.

Destination Tawa

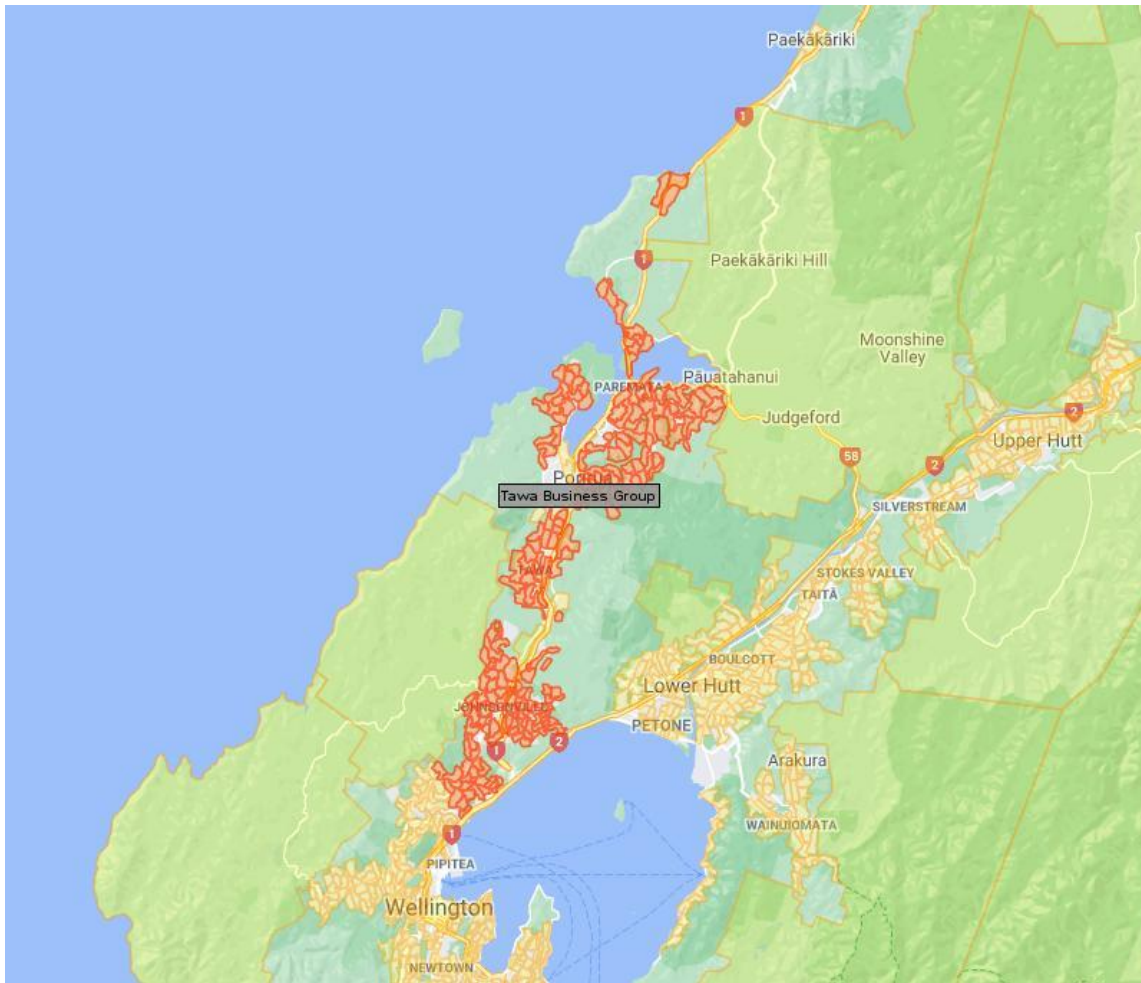
There is still time to include your advert in our up-coming discount voucher flyer, which will be distributed to over 28,000 households at the beginning of September (see below for the areas covered). The cost of the flyer will be fully covered by the Tawa Business Group so your contribution will be the cost associated with the offer you are making.

The concept is to create a flyer where businesses offer discounts in a variety of different ways, for example:

- Buy one get one half price
- Spend \$xx.xx and get xx% off your purchase
- Buy a particular item and get another item free
- A discounted price of \$xx.xx on a particular service

If you would like to have your business included in this flyer, please email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz by Tuesday 3 August.

There will be surplus flyers printed so if you would like copies of these in your business, please contact Bernadette.



Events

Building Hope Fundraising Lunch

Tickets are now available from buildinghopelunch@gmail.com for a fundraising lunch on:

Tuesday 31 August
from 12 to 2:30pm
at the Porirua Club, 1 Lodge Place, Porirua

Featuring:
Sir Graham Henry, one of the most successful sports coaches of all time,
Preston Lyons, a young man with a story of resilience to tell and
Jason Pine MC, iconic radio sports presenter.

Tickets are \$85 per person

Building Hope – Preventing Youth Suicide

Safety Hui

The Tawa community safety hui has been rescheduled for:

Thursday 19 August

from 7pm

at the Community Centre Hall from 7pm.

Join the Tawa Community Board for a discussion on how to make Tawa a safer community for everyone.

Priority will be given to questions emailed to tawacommunityboard@wcc.govt.nz.

Tawa community safety hui

Join the Tawa Community Board for a discussion on how we can make Tawa a safer community for everyone, featuring representatives from Police, the Tawa Community Patrol, and the Wellington City Council.

Priority will be given to questions emailed to:
TawaCommunityBoard@wcc.govt.nz

7pm Thursday 19 August 2021

Tawa Community Centre Hall
Cambridge St, Tawa

More info: facebook.com/TawaCommunityBoard

Are You Interested in Hosting a Tawa Business Group Networking Event?

We are looking to hold our next social networking event in September/October. We are very keen to use these events to promote Tawa businesses, so if you are interested in hosting an event at your business, please let Bernadette know (021 971 937 or info@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 following events are coming up:

- Spring Into Tawa - Saturday 30 October 2021. See page 5 for further details.
- 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:

Madam Saigon

Vanessa Cam opened this new restaurant about a month ago, serving Vietnamese lunch from 11am through to 3pm and dinner from 5pm and plenty of shared plates throughout the day.

Check them out at 209 Main Road and for further information on their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/MadamSaigonTawa/?ref=page_internal

Macs Photos and Lotto Shop

After 26 years, Margaret McLeod is stepping down at Macs Photo and Lotto Shop and Jennifer and Jamie Nicholas will be taking the reins. In addition to the photo and lotto shop, Jennifer and Jamie will be introducing their own company Gorgeous Goose Cakes Ltd into the store, offering cake decorating supplies, bespoke birthday and special event cakes.

You can find them at Unit 1, 182 Main Road and further information on their gorgeous cakes can be found on their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/pg/gorgeousgoosecakes/posts/

Thank you to Margaret for your many years of service to the Tawa community – you will be missed!

If you know of any new businesses that I may have missed or that are coming to Tawa shortly, please email me at info@tawabusiness.co.nz

Flooding of Local Businesses



As you may be aware, several businesses were flooded after the heavy rains in mid-July. These businesses are working with insurance companies to re-cover some of their losses. With the help of the fire brigade, members of the rotary club and other volunteers, businesses worked through Saturday evening to ensure that they could open again on Sunday morning.

Tawa Business Group plans to meet with Wellington Water to discuss the longer-term strategy for stormwater. If you would like to contribute to the discussion, please email Bernadette at info@tawabusiness.co.nz.

Spring into Tawa

From the Spring into Tawa team:

“Spring into Tawa will be held on Saturday 30 October. This promises to be another great event - and we're excited to be planning another great day in Tawa.

Spring into Tawa is at the heart a local event - and the local community always supports it in great numbers. We also have a goal to encourage and attract people from all over the Greater Wellington region to the event, to showcase the wonderful businesses, shops and facilities we have in Tawa.

We are also continuing on our zero-waste journey this year - reducing the impact of the event on the environment. This includes banning the use of single use plastic bags, encouraging sustainable practices (coffee keep cups, water bottles, reusable containers for food), discouraging the use of balloons (before a total ban from 2022) and support event visitors to sort their waste.



An event like Spring into Tawa is a big event to organise. A small committee of volunteers organise the event each year on behalf of the Tawa Resident's Association because we love our community - and we love seeing people have fun and enjoy the day. If you're keen to support us, we have developed a sponsorship package this year. For different levels of financial, product or services support, we can offer exposure on signage throughout the city and the event on the day, posts on our social media platforms, shout outs from the stage and acknowledgement on our website. If you're interested in supporting us, please get in touch by emailing us at spring.into.tawa@gmail.com

For businesses within the event area, you can have a stall directly outside your shop on the footpath (no event stallholders will be given space on the footpaths). If you would like to do this, we encourage you to register your stall with us using this online form <https://forms.gle/Paza718djocYte8d6> and paying the stallholder fee or an appropriate donation, to support the cost of running the event. For businesses outside of the event zone, we encourage you to apply to have a stall allocated to you - information on costs of stalls and how to apply are on our website here <https://springintotawa.nz/stallholder-info/>

We have applied for permission to close the Main Road and Essex Street from 5am - 5pm on that day, that closure will be considered by the Wellington City Council in August. Many of you will have received the letter to you explaining the road closure - we walked the Main road and delivered these to as many businesses as we could over the past week. If you missed this or are outside the closure zone and would like the information, please email us at spring.into.tawa@gmail.com and we will send you a copy.

Once again, we are focused on making Spring into Tawa a great day out for locals and regional visitors alike. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you'd like to chat about anything to do with the event and planning.

Thanks”

Consultation on Trading and Events in Public Places

Wellington City Council is requesting proposals to encourage trade and activity in Wellington that will help make our city more vibrant and exciting. Lively and energised public spaces can also increase public safety and inclusivity as more pedestrians are engaged to take part in trading and event activities.

The policy aims to regulate trade and event activity so that pedestrian accessibility is maintained, and any effects on the surrounding environment, other users, and established businesses in the area are minimised.

They are looking for information on the following issues to help explore and inform effective options:

- How the Council can maintain a predictable and consistent through zone on footpaths that is free from obstructions. We have proposed that activity should be placed on the kerb side so that the building edge is kept clear and can be used as an orientation cue for people who are blind or have low vision.
However, locating activities on the kerb side of footpaths could present difficulties for activities such as outdoor dining, retail stands, and buskers.
- How the Council can better support and increase opportunities for creative enterprise and expression in our public places.

There are many ways that you can share your views. Please use this link: <https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/trading-and-events-in-public-places-policy>

Consultation closes at 5pm Monday 16 August.

Tawa Rotary Pride in Work Awards 2021

Let's celebrate your employees' achievements!

The Tawa Rotary PRIDE IN WORK AWARDS, organised in conjunction with the Tawa Business Group, gives Tawa businesses and organisations the opportunity to publicly acknowledge employees who are outstanding performers in the workplace.

Criteria for Nomination

- Open to Tawa businesses or Tawa organisations defined as businesses based in the area between Wellington's northern boundary with Porirua City and the southern end of Grenada North, and Takapu Road to the east and the western hills of Tawa.
- An employer's candidate(s) will be an employee who demonstrates an ongoing sense of pride in their daily work that puts them on an excellent standing with their employers; and/or their work colleagues; and/or the general public whom they serve. This employee will exceed the employer's expectations in their role, and they will have gone beyond normal employment expectations, achieving excellent outcomes.

All nominees will receive an award and will be invited to attend a dinner to be held in conjunction with the Tawa Business Group, on 19 October 2021. A presentation of certificates with a citation from the nominating employer and acknowledgement of their efforts will be a feature of the event.

There will also be associated publicity and local news coverage of this event as deemed appropriate.

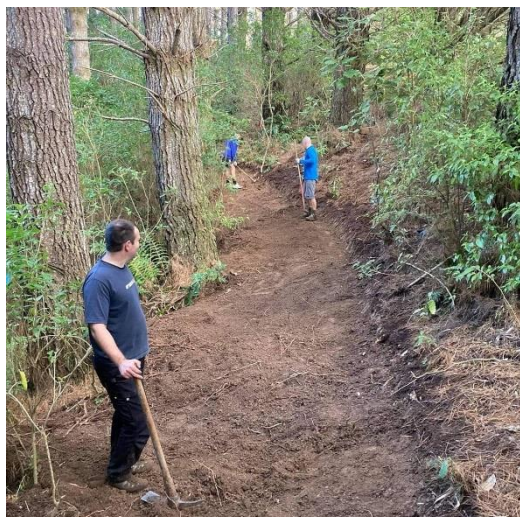
Nomination forms can be downloaded www.tawabusiness.co.nz/images/pdfs/PrideInWork_Nomination_New.pdf or obtained from the Mervyn Kemp Library and scanned completed copies should be emailed to Pat Waite: pat.waite@outlook.com to be received before 20 September 2021.

For more information, email Pat Waite: pat.waite@outlook.com.

Call to Support Volunteers Building New Tawa Cycling Connection

Two exciting trails are being built in the Forest of Tawa – Te Ngahere-o-Tawa – providing easier walking and cycling in the forest and opening up access from Tawa to the Ohariu Valley and Te Araroa Trail and Te Ara Tai Tonga shared trail to Spicer Botanical Park.

They are being built by Wellington City Council (WCC) and volunteers from the Mana Cycle Group (MCG) which has been promoting cycling and conservation in the Tawa-Porirua area for many years. MCG and WCC have a memorandum of understanding for the trails which start and end on Kiwi Crescent.



MCG's Rob Hughes said MCG had been pushing for the trails since 2019. "They'll be a great addition to Tawa's recreational facilities, but we need community support to do our bit."

A descending mountain bike trail being built by MCG is funded by the community. Great progress is being made on a hand-built section starting at the top on the Turbine Road which is a closed-public extension of Broken Hill Rd. However, funds are needed to construct the lower section which will be built by a digger operated by a specialist trail building firm.

MCG's descending trail will take pressure off WCC's trail by giving mountain bikers the more interesting option of riding down on a grade 3 trail.

You can support MCG's work in Te Ngahere-o-Tawa through a [GiveALittle page](#)

There are also regular work parties you can join. The [MCG Facebook page](#) has weekly updates on this project.

You can contact Rob Hughes at mcgmana@gmail.com

200+ Masters Squash Players and supporters to descend on Tawa for up to 5 days in October!

Tawa Squash Club has been awarded the hosting of the 2021 New Zealand Masters National Individual and Inter-District Teams Championships Event in October this year. Mana Squash Club, a great working partner of Tawa's, has agreed to co-host this as five or six courts will be required - more than either club currently has.

Socially this is the Squash event of the year with an anticipated 200+ players and supporters converging on Tawa and Mana and all keen to rehydrate after their games.

The Individual Event will begin on Friday 15th October with men's and women's divisions in each age group 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and 60+. This culminates with prizegiving and dinner at the Porirua Club on Sunday 17th (there was no facility large enough in Tawa to host this.)

Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 October sees the Teams events with districts, of which there are 11 in NZ, to provide teams of 12 with one man and one woman from each of the masters age groups previously stated.

Many Tawa businesses should see heightened activity over the five days with many out of towners and local participants and supporters with free time between their matches.

Harcourts, who already have sponsorship arrangements at both Tawa and Mana Squash Clubs, have kindly agreed to help fund the event, a gesture that will undoubtedly make it more memorable.

Tawa Squash has built up quite a reputation nationally as being great hosts and in recent years have been crowned both the Squash NZ Squash Club of the Year and the Sport Wellington Sports Club of the year. They are also in the final stages of getting building consent for an additional court which will have a glass back wall and grandstand seating allowing for more and larger events like this.

Celebrating our Successes – Nada Bakery Wins Gold Medal

Tawa Business Group is looking to introduce a new section to our newsletters where we celebrate and share our successes. Please let Bernadette know of any successes that you as business and property owners have had and would like to share with your business community. Email info@tawabusiness.co.nz with a brief description of your success along with a photo, where possible.

This edition we are going to start by celebrating PIES!



Family-owned business, Nada Bakery, was badly hit by the flood waters three weeks ago and at the time owners, mother and son, Judith and Michael Gray, stood in knee deep water saying they might not enter this year's Bakels New Zealand Supreme Pie Awards competition.

However, after a big clean up with extra help from Tawa Fire Brigade, Tawa Community Patrol and Tawa Rotary Club, the pies were made and sent to Auckland for judging. It was a good job they did because they scored a Gold Medal for the ever-popular Potato Top Pie. This is their second Gold, as in the last competition they won for their Steak and Cheese pies.

Judith and Michael said, "We are thrilled to bits and want to take this opportunity to thank the Tawa Community for their support. Not only in times of flooding but for shopping local and for continuing to help local businesses maintain their footing in trying times as well as good times. "

Local Centres Summit

On Friday 30 July, Wellington City Council organised the biennial event for Local Centres. The success of the Tawa Business Improvement District (BID) was evident as delegates walked into the room to watch our new Tawa videos being played on continuous loop until the presentations commenced, catering was provided by our local Sarah Searancke Catering and Tawa delegates commanded two full tables, with representatives from the Tawa Business Group executive, Tawa Community Board, Tawa Residents Association, local MP and Councillors and our Community Policing officer.

Councillor Jill Day opened the event and various professionals gave passionate presentations about the growing roles of local centres, connecting communities and planning for growth.



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
- **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

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.