July 2021

TAWA Wellington COMMUNITY NEWS

This newsletter has been sent out monthly since 2005.
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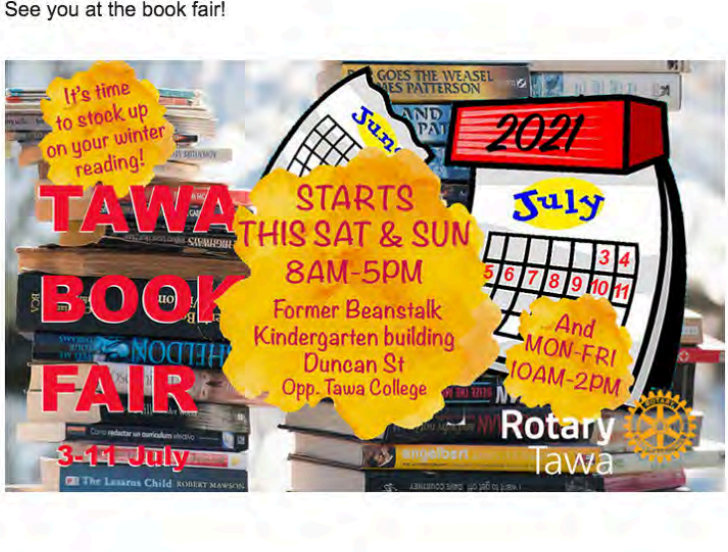
TAWA ROTARY BOOK FAIR

The Rotary Club of Tawa's annual book fair will be held this weekend, 3-4 July from 8am to 5pm, and again the following weekend, 10-11 July at the former Beanstalk Kindergarten, opposite Tawa College in Duncan St.

Please use the Covid QR code on display, wrap up warmly, and wear a mask if you wish.

Many thanks for all the book donations that have been made. We have plenty now and don't have space for any more!

See you at the book fair!


It's time to stock up on your winter reading!
TAWA BOOK FAIR
3-11 July
STARTS THIS SAT & SUN
8AM-5PM
Former Beanstalk Kindergarten building
Duncan St
Opp. Tawa College
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And MON-FRI 10AM-2PM
Rotary Tawa

KAI KITCHEN RESUMING SOON

As seen on the WCC website:

"The well-loved, weekly community Kai Kitchen meals are currently on hold but will start again on Friday 9 July.

This temporary hiatus is so we can arrange for a full clean out of the kitchen at Linden Community Centre before winter.

Our dedicated team of volunteers will continue delivering canned, boxed and packet food deliveries to people as usual. People will also be able to pick up food packages from the "Sharing Shelf" in the Centre's foyer.

If you have any questions or are keen to join the wonderful Kai Kitchen team of volunteers, please email lindensc@wcc.govt.nz"

NOTE: We will be starting free cooking classes, "Linden Kai", for the community on Thursday 29 July and each Thursday after that date. You are welcome to join us. No booking required.

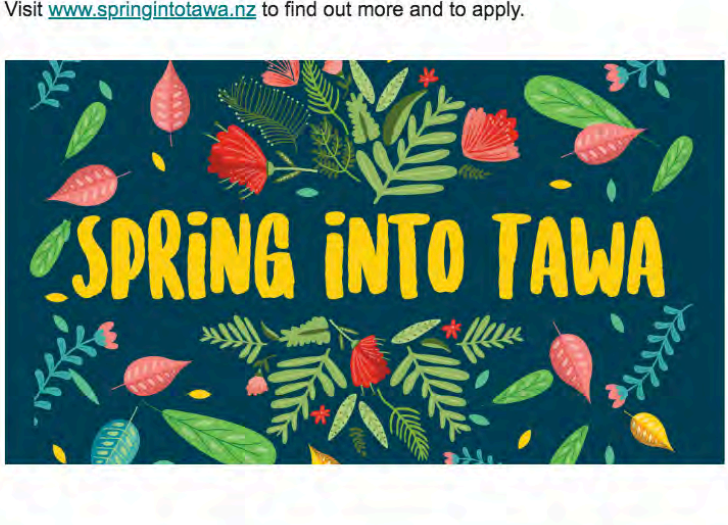
SPRING INTO TAWA APPLICATIONS

Stallholder applications are now open for Spring into Tawa 2021.

Spring into Tawa 2021 will be held on Saturday 30 October. This awesome event is at its heart about the amazing Tawa community. Stallholder applications are now open, closing on 13 July.

We're particularly keen to have more community groups apply. For a small stallholder rate ($30 per stall), you can raise awareness about your organisation, fundraise for your organisation or projects, and connect with thousands of locals (and people from around the greater Wellington region).

Visit www.springintotawa.nz to find out more and to apply.


SPRiNG iNTO TAWA

NOTE FROM ROBYN PARKINSON

Robyn Parkinson would like to clarify that given the overwhelming support of the Tawa Community Board and the wider community for her to continue as Chair, she has agreed to do so and will continue in this role.

TAWA COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING

The Tawa Community Safety meeting scheduled for last week was postponed because of Covid Level 2 restrictions in Wellington.

A new date has been set for Thursday 19 August. Please note your diary!

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

REGISTER YOUR DOG IN TAWA

The Animal Control Team will be running events for Pop up Dog Registrations over coming weekends.

Animal Control will be available onsite to answer any questions and you can register your dog(s) and be provided with a new tag on the spot. They can also accept cash and have mobile eftpos/credit machines.

Please see the Facebook page link for this event and the locations and times: https://www.facebook.com/AnimalServicesWellington/photos/a.511560675539469/4582208798474616/

Animal Control will be at the Taylor Park dog park (south of Redwood Station) between 10am and 12 noon on Sunday 4th July.

Please note that this event is for Wellington-registered dogs only.

SUNDAY ROAST AT RSA

The next Sunday Roast at the RSA (northern end of Oxford St, Tawa) will be this weekend, 4 July. Two meats, roast and steamed veges with dessert, starting from 5.30pm. $25 per head.

Guests are welcome as well – as per normal we will have you sign in at the door.

Email John on jfgplunkett@gmail.com or phone the club on 232 5788 or write your name down at the clubrooms by Friday 2 July. It will be great to see you there.

Please check out our Facebook Page as well to see up to date news: https://www.facebook.com/Tawa-Returned-Services-Association-195974464553155

Sunday Roast

UPCOMING COMED COURSES

There are many courses available at Tawa College's Community Education Centre. Two in particular are featured here.

PARENTS AS DRIVING COACHES
Tutor/Facilitator: Peter Sheppard
One Tuesday night – 17 August from 7-9pm

Development of the adolescent brain is critical when it comes to learning to drive. International research confirms parents can play a significant role in shaping and influencing the executive functions required of adolescents when learning to drive a motor vehicle. This two hour session provides tips on the learning to drive process and driving techniques to ensure their family members commence on a path of lifelong safe driving.

Fees: NZ$20

Enrolment link:
https://www.tawacomed.co.nz/Course,Teaching-someone-to-drive,1665

PARENTING WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND
Tutor/Facilitator: Danette Muollo
One Saturday morning – 18 September from 9.30am-1.30pm

Feel like whatever you say is falling on deaf ears and want new strategies for parenting? Discover a fun approach to parenting and communicating using a strengths lens. We offer tips and tools to turn 'argh' moments to 'aha' moments and find the joy in parenting.

Fees: NZ$65

Come along and enjoy the interactive tools and resources as we explore the following topics:

Understand strengths as the DNA of how we think/feel/act; illustrating the diversity of strengths and the basis of how they are developed.

◊ Strengths as compelling motivators; learning to strengths spot for your children.
◊ Brain states and emotion; appreciating the impact on behaviour.
◊ Reframing behaviour; applying a strength lens to interpret and respond to your child's behaviour and needs.

You'll take away insights and strategies to implement a strength lens at home, improve communication and find the joy in parenting.

Enrolment link:
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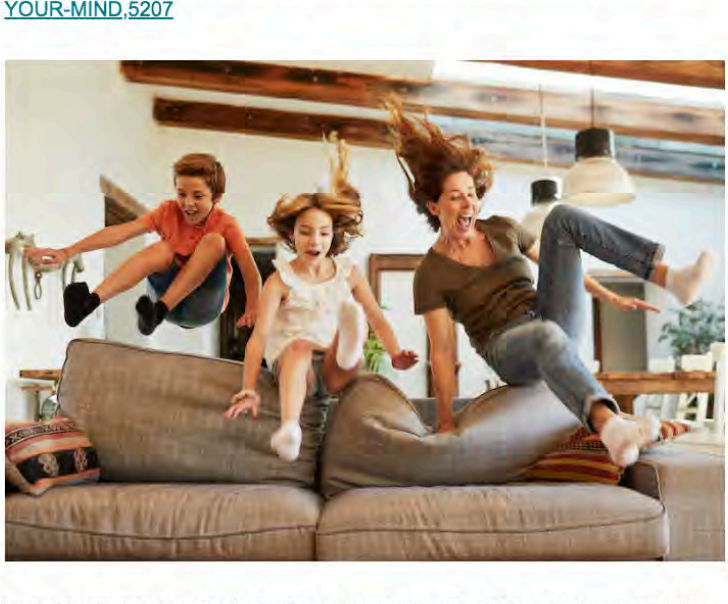

Tutor/Facilitator Danette (below) is a Tawa resident and has six years coaching integrated strengths including strength-based parenting courses and Mates & Dates workshops.

TAWA BOOKS AND POST

From Tawa Books and Post's Facebook page:

"Kia ora Koutou, more excitement!! 😍 If you haven't already noticed, our big windows have new art work. We are very grateful to local artist Ceri, and we all agree it looks brilliant!! Ceri's artwork is amazing, remember she did our Clifford inspired drawing instore (fb posted 20 July 20). Check her out at #ceriscreations

So with our new look comes the need for a new drawing for instore and our fb cover profile, by another wonderfully brilliant local artist Jill Sutton. Check her out on Instagram jillsutton4495."

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

The school holidays run from Saturday 10 July to Sunday 25 July.

Lego Tuesdays (both weeks):
10am-12pm. Come along and get creative in the drop-in lounge.
Must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Booking not required.

Movie Thursdays (both weeks):
10.30am start in the boardroom. Free and there will be popcorn. BYO other snacks.
Must be accompanied by an adult. Booking appreciated.
Title of the movie can be disclosed from the Monday before, so please contact the centre on 232 1682 for more information.

St John First Aid Course for kids
Wed 21 July. Free but donation to St John appreciated.
9.30-10.30am Junior (5-8yrs)
10.30-11.30am Senior (9-12yrs)
In the drop-in lounge. Must be accompanied by an adult.
Booking essential. Please contact Mandy on 232 1682 or email tawacc@wcc.govt.nz to make a reservation.

GO TO THE MOVIES IN TAWA

The next winter free movie (for adults) will be screened at the Tawa Community Centre at 12.55pm on Tuesday 27 July.

We aren't permitted to openly advertise the movie's title, but if you'd like to know in advance, you're welcome to phone Mandy at the community centre on 232 1682 after Friday 23 July. The boardroom (the middle room) will be nicely heated and we will supply tea and coffee. Bring your own lunch if you wish.

Tuesday
POP CORN
ACTION
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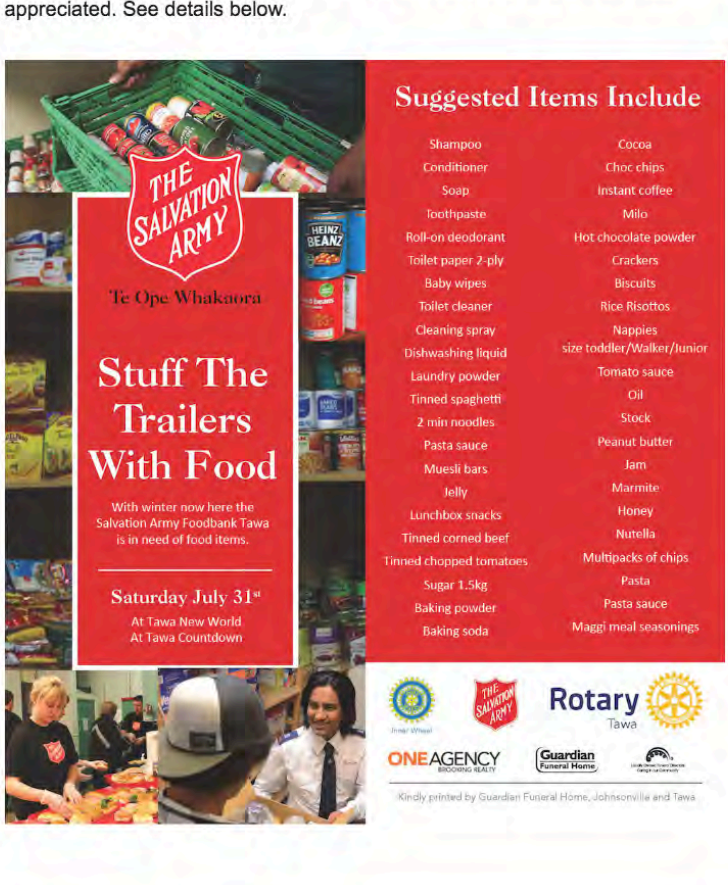
CAMERA

STUFF THE TRAILER

Your contribution(s) to "Stuff the Trailer" on Saturday 31st July will be much appreciated. See details below.


THE SALVATION ARMY
Te Ope Whakaora
Stuff The Trailers With Food
With winter now here the Salvation Army Foodbank Tawa is in need of food items.
Saturday July 31st
At Tawa New World
At Tawa Countdown
Suggested Items Include
Shampoo
Conditioner
Soap
Toothpaste
Roll-on deodorant
Toilet paper 2-ply
Baby wipes
Toilet cleaner
Cleaning spray
Dishwashing liquid
Laundry powder
Tinned spaghetti
2 min noodles
Pasta sauce
Muesli bars
Jelly
Lunchbox snacks
Tinned corned beef
Tinned chopped tomatoes
Sugar 1.5kg
Baking powder
Baking soda
Cocoa
Choc chips
Instant coffee
Milo
Hot chocolate powder
Crackers
Biscuits
Rice Risottos
Nappies size toddler/Walker/Junior
Tomato sauce
Oil
Stock
Peanut butter
Jam
Marmite
Honey
Nutella
Multipacks of chips
Pasta
Pasta sauce
Maggi meal seasonings
Rotary Tawa
ONEAGENCY
Guardian

INNER WHEEL CELEBRATION

The Inner Wheel Club of Tawa celebrated its 2020/2021 year with a special evening held at the Tawa Bowling Club on Wednesday 19th June. Invited guests included recipients of donations from club activities along with local business owners who have supported the club, in many ways, throughout the year.

$1000 was donated to Youth and Families Trust, $1500 to Tawa Community Patrol, and $2200 to the Wellington Children's Hospital Foundation. Other organisations given assistance throughout the year include Wellington City Mission, Kindergartens in Vanuatu, PJs for Hospitals, and Breast Cancer.

Groups have also been supported through products purchased and/or put together by members. These included knitted rugs for Pregnancy Help, Women's Refuge, the Salvation Army, and toilet bags for Kenepuru Hospital; 274 bags sewn and filled in total.

In this Inner Wheel year members contributed over 760 hours of volunteer work – something to really celebrate from a club of just 24 members!

Information about Tawa Inner Wheel can be found at:
tawaiwsecretary@gmail.com

The photo shows Carolyn Crutch, President Inner Wheel (at left) with Brodie Vernon from Tawa Youth and Families Trust.

CIVIC AWARDS COMING UP

The Tawa Community Civic Awards were last run by the Tawa Community Board in 2018. They will be held again this year with nominations opening later this month. The awards ceremony – featuring the Mayor of Wellington – will take place on Thursday 23 September.

These awards allow us to publicly thank those in the Tawa community who volunteer in some way or another, in sports clubs, schools, churches, or perhaps in community groups, to improve the quality of life for the rest of us.

2018 awards ceremony

TAWA COMMUNITY PATROL

Here's some information about the Tawa Community Patrol, as seen in their latest newsletter.

See https://mailchi.mp/82a807450037/supporter-news-winter-2021?e=7dc52919e6

"The Tawa Community Patrol was established in 2008 and acts as the "eyes and ears" of the New Zealand Police. Our aim is to provide a highly visible local presence to prevent and report crime and promote safer communities. We have around 45 **volunteer members** who are all Tawa locals of diverse backgrounds, ages and skills.

We operate both daytime and night patrols – currently providing the community with over **1100 patrol hours** each year. Our uniformed patrollers use our marked vehicle to patrol, or maintain a visible presence on foot, interacting with the public during weekdays and evenings. Our patrol volunteers also patrol during and after natural disasters and extreme weather events as required. Our patrol territory includes Tawa, Linden, Grenada North, and Kenepuru areas.

The Patrol maintains strong working partnerships with the Kapiti-Mana Police District, Wellington City Council, Tawa Community Board, and the local community, and is affiliated to our national organisation – Community Patrols of New Zealand (CPNZ).

Throughout 2020 we totalled **1,147 hours patrolling time** and **travelled 9,576 kms** while on patrol."

THE PATROL WINS AWARDS

The CPNZ National Training event "Educate, Empower, and Excel (EEE)" was held in Palmerston North in March 2021. Patrol representatives from all around New Zealand were in attendance, and the Tawa Community Patrol received two national awards at the event.

One of those awards was announced at the national event (and presented locally) to Night Patrol Co-ordinator Darryl Smith – the CPNZ "Order of Merit" for his outstanding contribution to the patrol's activities. The photo shows Darryl Smith (left) being presented with his award by Nick Swan, TCP Trust chairman.

Darryl Smith and Sharon Johnson (the patrol's administrator) were also the joint recipients of an award presented at the CPNZ National Training weekend for their outstanding engagement with CPNZ, the national body.

Congratulations to both of them!

TAWA INTERMEDIATE OPEN SESSIONS

TAWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
engage | grow | inspire

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5 August 2021
6.00pm – 8.00pm
Presentations at 6.00pm and 6.45pm

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 10 August 2021
9.00am – 10.20am

All Welcome

Limited places available for
out of zone Year 7 in 2022

Enrolments close 20 August 2021

Prospectuses available at the school office

Telephone 04 232 5201 www.tawaint.school.nz

TRANSMISSION GULLY PROGRESS

Transmission Gully is meant to be opening within three months (subject to no further delays). If you're interested in a progress report and to go on a fly-over courtesy of their latest drone footage, have a look here:

https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/transmission-gully-motorway/project-newsletters/june-2021#kiaora

The official word is that a lot of progress has been made in the last two months.

Kenepuru Interchange

2 MINUTES WITH ..... BRIAN COWLEY

Last month's newsletter ran an article on the Tawa Salvation Army Family Store celebrating 15 years of loyal service from staff members Janice and Brian. Our "2 Minutes with ....." segment in that newsletter featured Janice, the store manager.

This time we feature Brian who has been on the Tawa scene for a big number of years. Some of us remember when he provided service at the Caltex Station on the site on which Simon's Pharmacy now operates. Now he plays a major role at the Family Store.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?
I was born in Eketahuna, NZ and most of my growing up was in Pahiatua.

Were were you educated?
I attended Pahiatua primary school and Tararua College.

How long have you lived in Tawa?
Our family moved to Tawa in 1976, as both myself and my Dad had jobs with NZ Rail.

We have chosen to stay in the Tawa Community for the last 45 years to raise our family and to be within driving distance of most of our extended family.

What about family?
I met my wife Sue whilst we were both working for St John and we now have two adult children.

Our daughter who was working in hospitality has recently returned from the UK due to Covid. My son helps us out down at the Family Store.

Work experience over the years?
My years in Wellington have seen me working in admin at NZ Rail but my desire was to get more hands on and I began working as a mechanic on the NZR buses.

I finished my mechanic apprenticeship at Mexted Motors.

I worked at the old Caltex service station on the Main Road of Tawa, mostly forecourt/customer work until that closed down.

I was asked by the Salvation Army Family Store if I would come on as 2IC and drive their store truck.

What are your interests and hobbies?
My interests are collecting Matchbox and Hot Wheel cars.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?
I absolutely support the All Blacks. I am part of the Salvation Army Red Shield indoor bowls team which play competition games with other clubs home and away.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer(s)?
I love music from the 50s and 60s including Bill Haley and His Comets, and Bill Justis, even still have the 45 (rpm) records.

What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you much satisfaction/pride?
One of my highlights was going with the Salvation Army team to Tonga to help complete an upgrade on the local kindergarten, which included renovating safety/security wire onto the windows and repainting.

One of the things that stood out to me was the generosity of the Tongan hospitality ..... we were fed so well even when they had very little for themselves.

What are some interesting things about you that local people may not know?
I helped start St John Cadets here in Tawa and was involved as a first responder on sports fields. I was thrilled to receive the Grand Prior badge which took 3 years to achieve – back then. I was also awarded the 12-year Medal for service to St John and since then a 5-year Bar which is a total of 17 years.

I spent time studying Auto Engineering at the Royal New Zealand Air Force in Woodbourne, Blenheim.

The Outward Bound course for three weeks in the Marlborough Sounds was another highlight.

More recently (November 2019) I have been awarded a second Tawa Rotary Pride-in-Work Award.

From "The Tawa Chronicle" (1994):
"The Rotary Club of Tawa introduced its first Pride of Workmanship Awards ..... Brian Cowley of Mexted Motors was a recipient of the award ..... Mr Cowley is a forecourt manager at Mexted Motors ..... Graham Mexted of Mexted Motors said that Mr Cowley had been employed with the company for 15 years and during that time he displayed remarkable initiative and enthusiasm in his work ....."

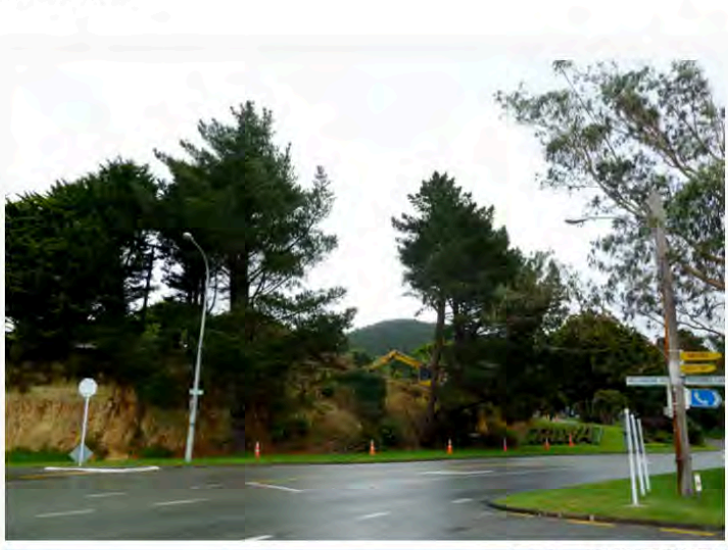
PICS FROM A FEW YEARS AGO .....

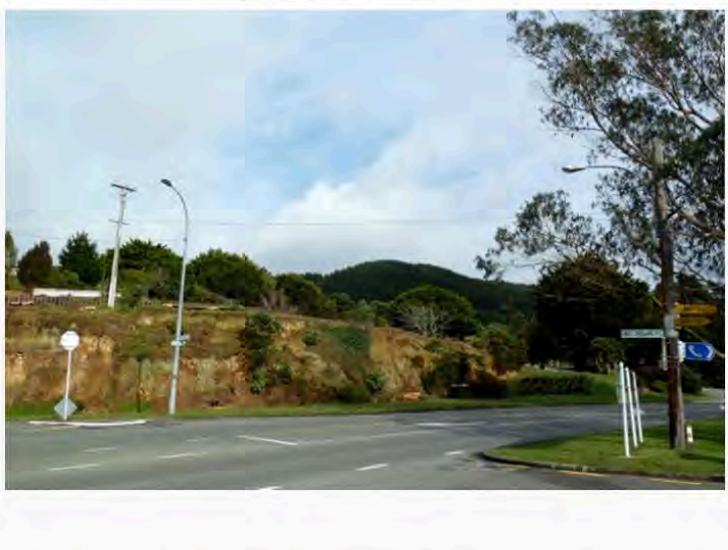
The following wording and the pics below featured on tawalink.com in July 2011. No roundabout in those days!

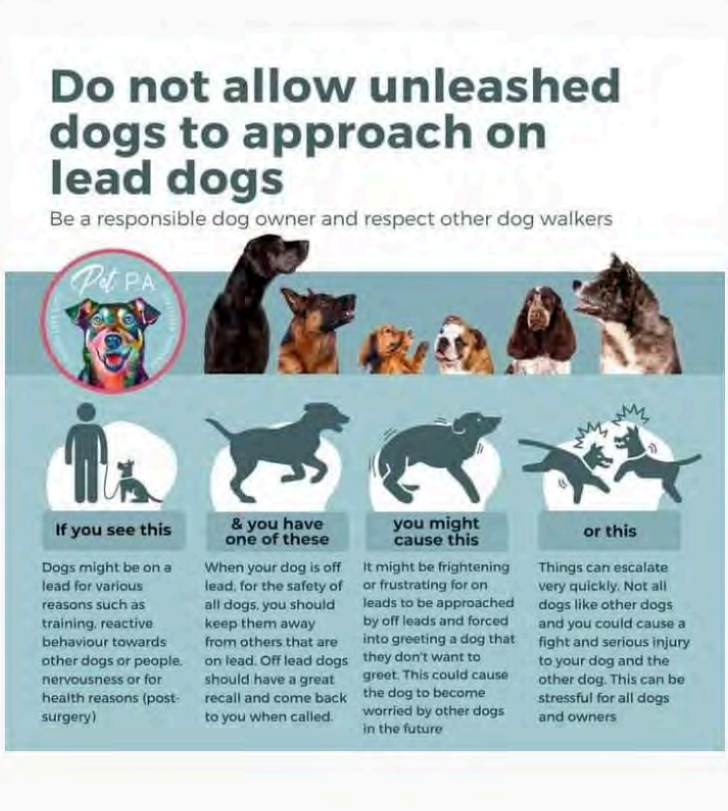
Fewer trees at the entrance to Tawa

We knew that two pine trees at the southern entrance to Tawa were to be chopped down but, as it turned out, the number of trees felled was actually 13. The first photo below was taken on Monday 11th July, the "after shot" a week or two later.

Apparently the Council had been monitoring these trees since one fell over during a storm. They were scheduled for removal sometime this year. It is hoped that replacement trees will be planted (on the lower level only) by the end of August.





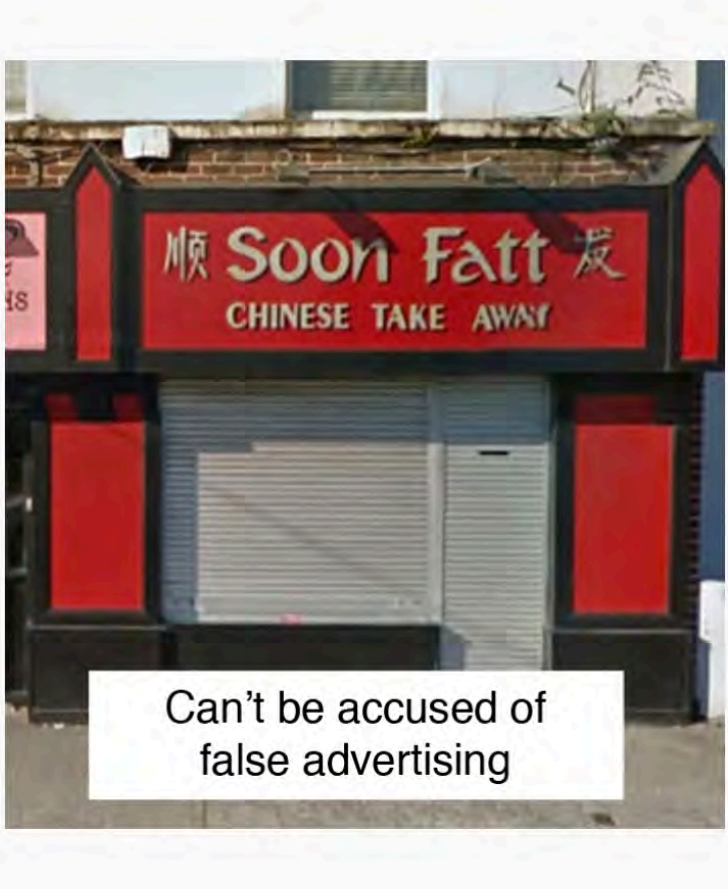

Do not allow unleashed dogs to approach on lead dogs
Be a responsible dog owner and respect other dog walkers
Pet PA
If you see this
& you have one of these
you might cause this
or this
Dogs might be on a lead for various reasons such as training, reactive behaviour towards other dogs or people, nervousness or for health reasons (post-surgery)
When your dog is off lead, for the safety of all dogs, you should keep them away from others that are on lead. Off lead dogs should have a great recall and come back to you when called.
It might be frightening or frustrating for on leads to be approached by off leads and forced into greeting a dog that they don't want to greet. This could cause the dog to become worried by other dogs in the future
Things can escalate very quickly. Not all dogs like other dogs and you could cause a fight and serious injury to your dog and the other dog. This can be stressful for all dogs and owners

"I talk to myself when I want an expert opinion."

"Don't find fault, find a remedy; anybody can complain." – Henry Ford

"I always go the extra mile at work, but my boss always finds me and brings me back."

"Do a few stupid things when you're young to give you something to smile about when you're old."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Can't be accused of false advertising

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