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PLEASE NOTE: This is Part 2 of the November newsletter.

Part 1 of the newsletter was sent out on Friday 6 November.

SENIORS' EXPO

You're invited to the Seniors' movie on Tuesday 10 November. "What we did in our Holiday" featuring Billy Connelly. Super funny, you will enjoy it. 12.30 for a 1pm start. All welcome. Free. Bring along a friend.



Seniors' Day Movie

Tuesday 10 November from 12.30pm for a 1pm start. Tawa Community Centre

Lets celebrate Seniors' week with a movie. Bring along your lunch if you like. Tea and coffee available. In the Boardroom. Enquiries to Mandy on 2321682. Movie details to follow.

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ANOTHER SENIORS' WEEK EVENT



Intro to Spin Poi Class

at Tawa Community Centre Join in the fun and come and try a free Spin Poi class. Inspired by traditional poi, it has been adapted to be a safe and effective exercise,

Tuesday 10th November, 12.30.-1.30pm

especially for older populations. Suitable for all levels of fitness. Poi provided. For further information Ph: 2321682

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GOT YOUR 200L EMERGENCY WATER TANK?



Community Centre. Every good home should have one (or more) as a back-up water supply! Your choice of green or grey, \$110 each. For more info call Mandy at the community centre on 232 1682.

FROM GREG O'CONNOR M.P.

I wish to thank Tawa for your support in the recent election.

Kia Ora Tawa,

With a majority of 10,000, you have given me a strong mandate to advocate on your behalf, with those I lobby knowing I have the electorate strongly behind

me. Tawa is something of a model suburb, and other suburbs and communities

around the country could do worse than emulate the community spirit and coordination that is a feature of this suburb. Being able to persuade Police to dedicate a community Constable to this area

was one way I was able to contribute to Tawa in the last term, and I'm working now to get a dedicated social worker to work with the schools and other

groups. Meanwhile, I will continue to be as available as possible, and you will see me and my wee red car at the market, cafes, and other places where you gather.

Either approach me directly or contact my office at Greg.oconnor@parliament.govt.nz , ph 044783332, Facebook /GregOhariu or

twitter @gregohariu

Thankyou again.

Greg O'Connor

TAWA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Tawa Community Garden has been on the ground in Coronation Park, Oxford Street, for five years.

The photos below show the first stage of the garden in November 2015, and the other is from earlier this year.

The front of the Park has also been transformed with a cottage garden style flower border.

The Garden is run entirely by volunteers, who may come once a year or once a week. There are things to do for one-off projects like making signs, as well as the ongoing gardening tasks. Doing things together makes the job fun, we learn and share, and get to see how much the community appreciates the space in so many ways.

Anything produced at the garden is free.

If you want to be a part of the action no matter how small, follow the garden on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/tawacommunitygarden or email the coordinator at tawa.community.garden@gmail.com





AMELIA KERR IS NOW 20

Ferns, the New Zealand women's national cricket team. Melie turned 20 last month.

As you probably already know, Amelia Kerr (from Tawa) plays for the White



• "I want to be remembered as a great allrounder, but also as a great team person":

https://www.espncricinfo.com/story/_/id/30246455/wbbl-2020-21-amelia-kerrwant-remembered-great-allrounder,-great-team-person? fbclid=IwAR14dQQpmwM5iecKZc1DKHWkggbuTZOrI73JH2 4njGk3MBg1cZOpiv

Gpt8 Amelia's fondness for Tawa: https://www.google.com/cameos/UQGrapye/BzL9VR?

rlz=1C5CHFA enNZ622NZ622&hl=en-NZ

By the way, it was Melie's mother, Jo Murray, who featured in our "2 Minutes with" article in Part 1 of this newsletter sent out a few days ago. And "2 Minutes with Amelia Kerr" (October 2018) can be seen here:

http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/amelia_kerr.pdf

UPCOMING ROTARY EVENT



PAELLA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WITH ROCK 'N ROLL DANCING



"STUFF THE TRAILER" LATER THIS MONTH

When you're visiting the supermarket (buying locally, of course!) this is your chance to get some extras and donate to the local food bank. "Stuff the trailer" which will be parked immediately outside the supermarket(s).

Thank you for your support!



TRANSMISSION GULLY UPDATE

See the latest update from the Transmission Gully team here: https://transmissiongullyproject.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/t/7111EE7E4DFC5AD B2540EF23F30FEDED/BBE4B35E6A2A5F63025DA65DC0D0F53A





FROM THE TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD

The Tawa Community Board has had a busy time recently, making a submission on the Draft Spatial Plan. Thank you to those in the community who also made individual submissions.

This is just part of the long journey required to think through the review of the District Plan. It requires a huge amount of work for Council staff.

The situation quickly became more complicated by the central government

release in July 2020 of a statement on urban density (the "National Policy Statement on Urban Density", or NPS-UD).

The NPS-UD **requires** the Council to 'enable' building heights of at least 6

storeys within a walkable catchment of existing and planned rapid transit

stops. Councils around the country have no choice in this matter. This includes transit stops along the Kapiti Line and Johnsonville lines. The walkable catchment is a 5-10 minute walking distance from a centre. The Council has applied a 10 minute walking catchment for Tawa Station due to its wide range amenities such as public facilities, commercial and retail activities and services nearby, which have more potential to support growth. This compares to smaller rail stations such as Ngaio, Simla Crescent, Awarua St, or the other railway stations in Tawa, where a 5 minutes walking catchment has been applied.

The Proposed District Plan (when notified in 2022) must enable 6 storeys or

more in height in these areas. This means that the Proposed District Plan could allow 6 storey building heights as a permitted activity and buildings up to 8 storeys could require a resource consent (for example be a Restricted Discretionary Activity).

Understandably there are some mistaken ideas as to what this means in

practice in Tawa, among other things, around minimum building heights.

To clarify, the Council has informed the Board:

"At this stage there is no intention to set a minimum height limit that all development must achieve. This is because there is a very real possibility in some locations that these building heights would not be attained due to lack of market demand for this sort of apartment development, and/or it may be considered too expensive to build. It could also act as a disincentive to landowners and developers who do not want to develop to these heights. The only place we are considering this is in the Central City where developable land is scarce and we want to ensure the efficient use of land.

Also the Council will need to develop new "bulk and location" controls (e.g.

building recession planes, setbacks, site coverage, etc) to protect neighbouring landowners."

These are matters which will be consulted on with the Tawa Community Board

and the wider City community when Council releases the Draft District Plan in July 2021.

The Board Chairperson, Robyn Parkinson, will be making a further oral

The Board welcomes your questions and feedback at any time.

submission to Councillors later this month.

the Tawa Community Centre.

of flooding in your area.

information to come!

All eight Board members can be emailed at once by using this address: tawacommunityboard@wcc.govt.nz

or you may contact the Chair at this address:

robyn.parkinson@wcc.govt.nz or phone 027 805 8334 / 232 5338

A reminder of the drop-in session on Saturday 14 November, 10am to 2pm at

FLOODING DROP-IN SESSION

If you've ever been affected by flooding in Tawa, or simply want to know more about flooding issues in our locality, this event will be of interest to you.

Wellington Water are giving you the opportunity to drop in to look at their upto-the-minute flood risk maps, and to share your experiences and observations

May see you there!



a group or organisation who would like to be involved, please get in touch with Eric Raven at eric.raven@xtra.co.nz.

Saturday 12 December at 2pm. An email has gone out to previous participants,

so if you haven't yet received it please check your junk/spam. If you belong to

The Tawa Christmas Parade and After Party in the Plaza is happening on

The after party will happen in the Plaza straight after the parade - more

The Parade and After Party is being organised by members of Tawa Lions, Tawa Rotary, Tawa Residents' Association, Tawa Community Board and Tawa Business Group.



Ngā mihi

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