

TDCC News

With lots of apologies to Tapawera & Districts Community Council's (TDCC) September meeting due to health-related issues, it's clear the bugs of Spring aren't quite done yet. However, that didn't stop the meeting from being productive. Firstly though, we paid tribute to Dinkie Phillips, a stalwart of this community, who passed away recently:

TDCC acknowledges the passing of Dinkie Phillips, who, over the years, undertook a significant amount of work within the community, and on the Community Council. Dinkie got things done. She is a loss to this community, being renowned as a mover and shaker, with a reputation for being straight to the point. Dinkie particularly excelled in dealing with Tasman District Council and Government bodies. We are richer for having had Dinkie in the district, involved in a variety of facets of community life, with many folk learning a lot from her. We extend our sincere condolences to Peter and the family.

TDCC's role in this community: For decades, TDCC's role and voice has meant that any project, proposal or issue involving local infrastructure, public services and public areas has community input and is widely consulted. Our mandate does not include private activity on private land. For residents encountering an issue involving infrastructure/public space etc. (e.g. flooding, pot-holes, noise etc.) before coming to TDCC for assistance, you must try TDC processes first. If that fails, bring the issue to TDCC, complete with TDC service number.

If however, you have an idea regarding a public space e.g. wanting to install a sign, or a camel resting hole, then please bring it to TDCC by email or to our monthly meeting. We will ensure the community is informed and consulted, and that any potential negative effects are dealt with before they become an issue.

Rivers, roads etc: Roy and Trish from TDCC met with John Ridd (TDC Manager) and John Gully (Ward Councillor) on 21st August. We drove around much of the draw area, including up to Dart Ford, stopping at strategic spots to point out issues. John Ridd went away with an extensive list of items which require a response/action, along with supporting evidence in the form of photos he took on the day, and he is working through them with the relevant TDC departments. One immediate result was that all TDC managers have been reminded that the proper lines of communication regarding anything which affects Tapawera & Districts infrastructure/public space is through TDCC, and we've seen this bear fruit already. The reason this is essential is so that the community can comment on proposals, not be blindsided, and be well-informed of upcoming works.

The discussion with the two Council reps regarding potential tree-fall onto roads from forestry plantation was particularly timely, given that El Nino is forecast to bring high winds, heightening the risk of tree-fall blocking the roads at sites like Kohatu.

Since the drive-around, it's been brought to our attention that the new Tadmor culvert had no water running through it during the recent 63mm weather event! We will add this to our list.

Roy, as Community Council Chair, will be attending the TDC Chairs meeting in October. He will be raising the issues of roads, rivers, representation, and TDC communication, on our behalf.

Op Shop: You will see elsewhere in the Informer an advert for volunteers needed to help out; yes, we're that close to opening! The goods are clean and shiny, the rooms are about to be furnished, and the paperwork is virtually ready. Opening hours are expected to be three days a week, within school hours, with possibly opening on Market Days also.

Sadly, one of our volunteers, who has contributed hugely to the preparation work, is leaving the area, so we are needing a couple more volunteers. Hopefully there will be a pool so that each person can do as much or little as they are able, from just a couple of hours a week, through to a whole day. We would also like a couple of folk to be available for sick-leave cover. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please let Kieri at the Four Square or Trish (0279198685) know.

We plan to cover up to five Op Shop volunteers' course fees to attend the community First Aid course set down for Saturday 31st Oct. We appreciate Tapawera Connect (TC) and Jan Barker's efforts in organising the course.

Community Centre: It's hard not to get excited about the passing of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill which went through Parliament unanimously in September. However, the detail is where it counts, so we need to be patient, and work through what it means for our Community Centre. The fact that the Bill was agreed by all parties means that the elections are not a threat to its longevity.

Regarding the area in front of the Centre, TDC have contracted CJ Industries to re-seal the village green loop over summer, and our area will be done at the same time. This will enhance that space and make it easier/safer for folk accessing the food carts, Op Shop, Museum, Tiny Gallery etc.

And speaking of the gallery, we are delighted with the impending arrival of the Tiny Gallery near the Museum, where six local artists will be show-casing miniature versions of their work. Do stop by to take a look, and support their work.



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Constitution and Youth representation: The draft constitution recently went directly to TDCC members, and was also available on our website for residents to provide feedback on. Most of the proposed changes were administrative matters, or arose from issues during last year's TDCC elections.

There is one proposed alteration which we are particularly pleased with, regarding Youth representation on TDCC. Within Tasman District, the Tasman Youth Council provides a great chance for young people to get involved in local decision-making. Activities are co-ordinated through the Tasman Youth Hub, and members can attend specific TDC committee meetings with speaking rights. The Youth Council is seen as a real asset for both Youth and TDC alike. John Gully is working on getting active engagement from youths within the Tapawera draw area. Therefore, to further encourage, and engage with, Tapawera's Youth voice, TDCC's draft constitution includes the ability to co-opt a Youth rep onto the committee, who will enjoy full speaking and voting rights.

Regarding the draft Constitution, if all goes well we are looking to adopt it at the upcoming AGM, thus saving members from an extra meeting. And speaking of membership, don't forget it's free, and easy! Fill out the form on our website, or contact us TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com. Alternatively, text Trish 0279198685.

AGM: TDCC's AGM is nearing, but we haven't been able to set a date as the Audited accounts are not yet ready. Watch for notices on the website and on our Facebook page. This AGM is not an election, but will include the Chairman's report, audited accounts etc.

Emergency planning: Richmond is getting an emergency management caravan which provides a well set up transportable facility as headquarters. The fully-equipped vehicle, complete with generators etc. costs approx. \$130k, so we will be asking Civil Defence and the Emergency planning group about locating such a resource on this side of Spooners. In the meantime, we're hoping there will be an example on display at Tapawera's Spring Show. As one of our members noted, it would be a good way to have the caravan learn the route over Spooners!

TDC savings efforts: John Gully, Ward Councillor, reported that Councillors have spent the last few weeks workshoping on where, and what, can be cut from budgets, as Council needs to pare back \$12 million. He commented that it's been a sobering task, with many savings coming in small increments rather than large chunks.

When asked if staff salaries were being looked at, John responded that the issue is that TDC has to meet the market. Good quality staff will go elsewhere if it's more lucrative. Also, regarding staff, he believes we get good bang for our buck.

Water treatment plant: The water treatment plant project,

just before the bridge on Tadmor Valley Road, will begin its next stage in October. The wells were completed earlier this year. We are assured that there will be no traffic management requirement, and the village water supply will not be affected.

Cycleways: Roy and Trish met with Belinda Crisp from Heart of Biking, to share info about the current issues for Tapawera residents regarding the cycle trail. We did a site visit to both ends of the village; the upshot is that Belinda is going to ask their contractor to look at the feasibility of grading a gravel path along the southern side of Tadmor Valley Road from the camp end to the bridge, so that there is a safe off-the-road pathway. It may include boardwalk construction in the narrow spots.

Regarding the other end of the village, we understand that if TDC ends up having to go to the Environment Court to attain the land required there will be a fairly intensive financial hit, but a favourable outcome would smooth the path for other similar situations, thereby saving Council money in the long run. Landowners in these situations are likely to incur similar heavy costs. It is hoped that a solution can be found before that step begins, saving all parties from large financial outlay, and protecting the kids at the same time.

Regarding the current closure of the Wakefield to Wai-iti section, Tapawera is missing out as day-tripping cyclists are not coming through. This particularly affects local businesses. We wrote to Tim King, TDC Mayor, asking that the issues be resolved as quickly as possible, and he has responded positively.

Ngatimoti residents have been calling for the cycleway to link to Motueka from the Alexander Bluffs bridge via the east bank. Planning work had started on this, with all affected landowners supportive, but then one withdrew, rendering the project challenging. We believe that such a link would help draw folk from Motueka up to Tapawera for day trips, just as the Wakefield side brought Nelsonians out, and thus assisted the local economy. And who knows, some local folk may find it useful for biking to town!

We have written a letter of support to the folk working on the project, based on these factors.

Village matters: Regarding a Dog Park, we have asked TDC for the process for identifying a site and creating a suitable space.

Drinking fountain and water bottle refill: TDC advised it's \$7k to install from new. We would like to think that a suitable facility could be achieved considerably cheaper, with fittings added to the existing tap outside the toilet block, or nearby. All village water on TDC supply is potable.

Toilet signage: A local business owner commented that travellers seem unable to locate the public toilets, and upon checking, we discovered that there is no roadside signage indicating where the toilets are! We are requesting a blue sign be installed as soon as possible.

Local residents are also noticing an increase in traffic not seeing the 'No entry' signage outside the shops in the village, thus creating safety and traffic issues, so we are asking TDC to review the situation.

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Locky dock proposal: Further enquiries have led to some concerns regarding this e-bike charger proposal. For instance, there appears to be no way to make the chargers user-pays. Also, we understand that at no stage have existing businesses in our area been asked how the charging station may affect them i.e. do they have plans underway? We note that Flat Rock Cafe already offers charging on-site. Whilst we fully support providing opportunity for cyclists to charge their bikes, we feel there is more work to be done before we can endorse this particular scheme.

Hub & Existing public facilities: We have asked TDC for the process to get the previously-proposed Hub off the LTP. We understood that we had agreement from Tapawera Connect (TC) regarding scrapping the proposed hub, based on written material from them, and the fact that TC has not objected to relevant statements in our previous minutes etc., but after the release of the agenda for TDCC's September meeting TC Trustees asked why we are doing this and where the mandate came from. We note that we've only asked TDC about the process, as part of being fully informed, given TC's willingness to support looking again at this community's actual needs.

We finally received the promised list from TC regarding which services are currently using and/or looking for space within Tapawera. Unfortunately the list provided appears to be an uplift from the Hub proposal from some years ago, with the first item being our own Op Shop, which is clearly incorrect, and casts doubt on the accuracy of the entire document. We have begun the work on identifying what is actually required, and if there is a current solution available for any group not satisfactorily housed.

Adding to the challenges, whilst all other facilities' custodians have supported our efforts in gathering information, the Tapawera Memorial Hall's committee apparently voted to not fill out the form. Therefore, we have asked TDC, as the building/land owners, for the information. We are in no way doubting the Hall committee's work, but believe the community has the right to know how the Hall etc. is administered, how to contact the committee, and the Hall's hire availability.

Regarding hireable space, we discovered it's difficult to locate options, so, in order to assist folk to find a suitable site for any planned event, we are looking to list on our website the spaces available for community use, along with contact/booking details. As this won't be confined to the village area, we will be looking to the valleys for their public/hireable spaces also, including Halls, Churches, Historic buildings, open green space etc.

Facilitated meetings with Tapawera Connect (TC):

Whilst TC signed a proposed draft Joint statement, we have not. The facilitation meetings involving TDCC and TC had achieved some clarity regarding mistakes and blurring of

the lines made in the past regarding roles, but TDCC decided in early September to take a pause while TC consult with their Trustees, thinking that it may be the case that we wait to see the new understandings in action. However, recent emails suggest that there is pushback from TC.

Roy and Trish have been involved in six meetings; the first was with the facilitator, without TC, followed by a second involving the facilitator, two reps from TC, and we two. This was followed by four meetings at St Peter's Church involving just the two reps from each group. The TC reps have been friendly and welcoming, appearing to come from a place of goodwill. The meetings were developing some good understandings, but as the Facilitator said, the test is when something harder comes up. Disappointingly, we feel we've gone back to the start as the road block came when defining roles. The two TC reps are paid staff, a situation which inevitably created conflicts of interest. We have gone back to the Facilitator, asking again to meet with the volunteer Trustees; those who guide TC's policies. This request is partly driven by the situation whereby we got agreement from those we met, only to have the Trustees veto what had been agreed.

It's important that each group is respected for the role it plays in the community. We have asked TC to properly inform the community of their structure and funding model, and to be clear and transparent in all published material, so that the community understands their form and function. We also asked TC, via the reps, to correct their website, particularly in regard to how statistics are presented, but despite verbal agreement, the corrections have not occurred.

Another issue is the use of the term 'Community-led' ... the TC reps confirmed that folk can't just rock up to their meetings, nor vote on whether the community want any particular project. Residents cannot choose to become a member of TC, nor vote on who is on their committee. The term 'Community-led' continues to cause us some concern, as we struggle to see how the community is leading any aspect of their work i.e. how is the community able to raise ideas or have input into the programmes, and how does the community say no to an idea?

Roy and Geoff attended a recent Community-led Development Plan meeting, but an issue arose when the ensuing minutes did not appear to be correct nor reflective of discussions, thereby creating an ethical issue for TDCC. Can we be actively involved in a group whose minutes give us pause? Therefore, TDCC reps will not be attending these meetings for the foreseeable future.

However, we do need it to be well-understood that TDCC recognises that TC has supported, and continues to support, a lot of worthwhile ventures e.g. youth programmes, community gardens, Shedwood Bush predator control, etc., and we wholeheartedly value that part of their efforts for this community. We are looking forward to resuming the facilitation process when conditions are right.



Valley Visits

The Tapawera Emergency Management Planning Team (TEMPT) spent four Sundays visiting eight different venues across the valleys, connecting with

locals and inviting neighbours to come out and meet each other. Thank you to the 96 community members who gave up their time to attend.

A huge thanks to everyone who opened up, cleaned up and made available local halls, schools and churches — and especially to Kirstie and Ian Hogg and Marama and Mark Quinney for opening up their homes! Thanks also to Tapawera Connect for the tea, coffee and bikkies, and to One Forty One and Dave for the BBQ.

TEMPT sits under the umbrella of Civil Defence, and we shared what our role would look like within an emergency — helping coordinate welfare checks, communication and support across the community. A community emergency plan is currently under development and will soon be made available to all households. The Fire Brigade also spoke about how they can support the community during an emergency, and Rural Support and the Rural Advisory Group shared the important role they hold within our rural community.

The new Neighbourhood Support initiative was also discussed — how the system works, and how it could be used within each valley and the wider community as a communication route during both emergencies and everyday events. Check out their website for more information, or to join up if you're interested.

Keen on getting your own generator? We're currently exploring options for a bulk deal so individual Tapawera households can purchase one.

This isn't the last you'll be hearing from us — we'll be out and visible within the community.

— TEMPT



Tapawera Creative Fibre.

Hello again from Creative Fibre members.

As usual, we are busy as everyone else in the community with family, gardens, work commitments and our never ending

challenge to learn more with fibre related activities, oops, nearly forgot the ever demanding mowing of lawns at this time of the year. Oh such joy!!!

This month, Lynda has taken on the challenge to tutor us with the construction of Temari Balls.

This is a Japanese art, where we use a polystyrene ball, cover it with a base layer of cotton thread, then with precision and a fair amount of determination, place pins in

precise places, then weave cotton threads around and about these pins to create a beautiful design over the ball.



A bit of a challenge, yet when you get it all sorted, it works out very well.



There was a bit of doubt, as to whether we would succeed, yet next meeting will show the true depth of our abilities, when we come back to group on Wednesday and show off the finished balls.

During October we will be having a 'Dyeing' day at group. Hopefully we will survive!

This is always an anticipated day in our calendar. As yet not too sure who will be dyeing what, although there will be an array of methods, to turn white wool into a rainbow of colours and also colour up tips etc of coloured wool. Watch this space for next month's report, with pictures.

If you are interested in what we are doing at Creative Fibre, feel free to pop in, have a cuppa and a chat, to see what we can do, to assist you with a project you may be having trouble with, or if what we do is for you.

We meet at the Memorial Hall on Wednesdays from 10:00am to about 2:00pm.

Look forward to keeping you informed.

Janet Moffitt; Group Representative.



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Senior Snippets October 2026

Janine Leeden, 0277525975

Firstly I need to acknowledge the sad, unexpected passing of one of the long-standing stalwart volunteers in our community - Dinkie Phillips. This woman has been a bit of a force to reckon with over the decades, from all the comments shared at her funeral, which was held on Monday 31st August at Shedwood Hall.

The packed house was a testimony to her impact on our community. This woman had a wealth of knowledge about this community and I really hope it has been recorded somehow, so as not to be lost.

Dinkie was a regular at most of the Senior activities, as well as Wellby Talking Cafes, over the four years I have been facilitating them, which I valued very much. While she often challenged me and kept me on my toes, she also threw some amazing compliments or encouragements for all that Tapawera Connect was doing, and how these events had positively impacted her since she had had to step away from being so involved in the community. Our Sit and Be Fit crew are missing her very much and we've lost a great goal shooter. That woman had a good arm when it came to throwing balls around!

We continue our weekly **Sit and Be Fit** classes at St Peter's Community Church every **Friday morning 10.00-11.00**, followed by a cuppa and the opportunity to stay and get some mental stimulation with a few rounds of Mexican Trains. \$3 helps cover costs. Come along for some movement, fun and fellowship.

Bread Making Workshop

Rachel and I would like to say thank you to those who came out on the drizzly Saturday morning for our bread making workshop. We started off with learning to use a bread maker, then I did a demonstration on making bread by hand. We all had a turn at kneading the dough, which my arms appreciated, and then we were on to the proofing of the dough.



While the dough was having a rest, Rachel showed us how to make yummy focaccia, and milk bread buns using the Tangzhong method. We really enjoyed the session and the cooking room was smelling amazing by the time we left. Unfortunately, I forgot to take photos of our session (rookie mistake!) but I have a photo of the piece of yummy focaccia that we all got to take home.

Coming up in October we have 'Knead to Belong' for Mental Health Awareness Week. Come along and connect with other locals while we make pizza together and have a yummy lunch. We also have a first aid course coming up on Saturday 31st October if you need to update your skills. If you have any questions or would like to register for these workshops, please email me at: jan@tapaweraconnect.org or text 027 391 5424.

Do you have any ideas for a workshop in the future? We are thinking about workshops we can hold in 2027. If you have any ideas, please get in touch!

Jan



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Tapawera Clinic

We have just secured a further year of funding for our Tapawera clinics, at our clinic at 3 Rata Ave. This will allow us to continue offering both GP clinics on a Monday morning and nurse clinics on a Tuesday morning during term time at reduced rates.

We have recently revised our reduced rates for our Tapawera clinics, please see the table below:

Consult Type	Tapawera Charge
GP Consult	\$40
ACC	\$30
Mental Health Consults	Free
Sexual Health Consults	Free
CSC Holders	\$10
14-17-year-olds	\$20
Children under 14 years of age	Free

All change

We are sadly farewelling two of our nurses at the end of September and beginning of October. Both Gill and Chrissy, who may have got know will be taking their expertise elsewhere in NZ. We have appointed two new nurses; Danique and Morgan who we know will make a huge success of their roles here and who you will get to know over time.



Tapawera Netball Club September News

Thank you to our players, coaches, managers, supporters and sponsors - **Blue**

Rock Hops Glen and Sara, and Brian and Sarah Clayton; **Fry Contracting Ltd** Kevin and Andrew Fry; **Bushend Farms Ltd** Phil and Jocelyn Riley; **Sivad Farms** Stu and Paula Davis; **Nelson Hops NZ** Andrew and Rebecca Clayton. Without you all, the season wouldn't have happened.

Congratulations to all of our teams this year. On the 5th of September, we had our annual prizegiving; it was great to have all the teams together. You can see the results here:

Tapawera Nelson Hops:

Most Improved: Izzy Mason

Most Valuable Player: Sierra Winwood and Cooper Anglesey

Tapawera Sivad Farms:

Most Improved: Aaliyah Winwood

Most Valuable Player: Marlee Omlo and Aylah McDonald

Tapawera Bushend Farms:

Most Improved: Atlanta Linstead

Most Valuable Player: Breeze Streeter-Mantell

Tapawera Fry Contracting:

Most Improved: Lissie Anglesey

Most Valuable Player: Aroha and Kiana Collins

Tapawera Blue Rock Hops:

Most Improved: Kiahna Telfer-Eggers

Most Valuable Player: Renee MacDonald

Club Trophies:

Best Supporter Trophy: Emma Bannister and Mel Heine

Pin: Atlanta Linstead (Student Coach)

Best Defensive Player: Renee MacDonald

Best Attack Player: Shakaia MacDonald

Most Committed Team: Tapawera Blue Rock Hops

Most Committed Family: John, Aroha and Kiana Collins & Shaye Walker, Atlanta and Ayana Linstead

Most Committed Committee Member: Lissie Anglesey

Contribution to Netball: Tania Higgins

Life Member:

Tapawera Netball Club proudly awarded Life Membership to **Tania Higgins** in recognition of over two decades of extraordinary dedication, exceptional leadership, and unwavering commitment both on and off the court. Joining the TNC Committee in 2005 at just 17 years of age, Tania has been the operational heart and financial anchor of our club. For her 28 years of active playing, 21 years of

continuous committee service, 15 years as Treasurer, and selfless dedication to the culture of Tapawera Netball Club.

Tapawera Netball Club Life Members List

Sandy Warnes 2005

Jan Higgins 2006

Susan Fenemor 2014

Tania Higgins 2026

South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

Alyse Clarke, Atlanta Linstead, Breeze Streeter-Mantell, Ella Walker, Kasey Mitchell, Keetah Jones, Kiana Collins, Maddy Pronk, Natalie Doig, Paige Derbyshire (Vice Captain) and Shakaia MacDonald (Captai), attended SISS in Nelson, August 31st - September 3rd.

Coach: Toni Derbyshire

Manager: Melissa Walker

TAS v Darfield High School 11-17

TAS v John Paul High School 15-27

TAS v Ashburton Christian School 18-26

TAS v Mountainview High School 20-20

TAS v Reefton Area School 23-9

TAS v Rai Valley Area School 26-26

TAS v Hurunui College/South Westland Area School 20-42

TAS v Darfield High School 12-31

This was the first time in a decade that a Tapawera Area School team had attended this tournament. They ended up finishing the week 12th in C Grade. A special thank you must be made to Mel Heine for volunteering her time as our team umpire for the week. SISS is a special long-standing collaboration between TNC and TAS; it was very cool to see several TAS Senior Staff on the sideline supporting the girls over the event.

'We came into this tournament to give it our best and that's exactly what we did. There were some challenging games, a couple of draws and a good win. The highlight of the week was the game against Rai valley resulting in a 26 all draw. The team played a beautiful controlled game with forward movement. The skill level the girls played helped improve their netball so much it was such a fantastic experience for them to be a part of. Be proud for giving it your all and representing Tapawera with great effort and determination.'
Toni

Our final meeting of the 2026 season will be advertised on the **Tapawera Netball Club Facebook** page. Also, feel free to reach out to us at tapaweranetballclub1988@gmail.com.

TNC Committee



Tēnā koutou from Tapawera Connect

September has brought plenty of signs that spring is well and truly here, with baby animals bouncing around the paddocks, longer days, and some wonderfully well-supported gatherings bringing people together around our community. Anyone else feeling the spring defrost?

There have also been plenty of colds and flu doing the rounds, so we're sending our thoughts to everyone who has been under the weather or caring for sick whānau. Hopefully the warmer days ahead bring a healthier spell for us all!

Knead to Belong – Monday 12 October

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we're bringing people together for a relaxed pizza-making session at **12pm on Monday 12 October**.

Knead to Belong is a chance to make some pizza, share lunch, have a chat and spend a bit of time connecting with other people in the community.

The usual cost is \$15 per person, but Tapawera Connect is covering this, so it is **completely free for the community**.

****Places are limited to 20, so registrations are essential.** Head to our website to register, or pop in to Pizza Plus to let the team know you're interested. ****<https://www.tapaweraconnect.org/calendar/knead-to-belong>**

Sometimes connection doesn't need to be complicated. It can be as simple as making something together, sitting around a table and having a yarn.

Celebrating our older people

International Day of Older Persons is on 1 October this year, a lovely reminder to celebrate the older people in our community and the knowledge, stories, friendship and experience they bring with them.

Here in Tapawera, we're pretty lucky to have plenty of opportunities to stay connected, whether you're an older person yourself, or simply enjoy spending time with and supporting the older people in our hapori (community). These gatherings are about much more than filling the calendar. They're a chance to catch up, have a laugh, meet someone new and stay connected with the people around us.

A big thank you to all of our wonderful older locals who continue to contribute so much to our community.

Parent Support in Tapawera

Emelie is our Parent Support Coordinator. This role supports local parents and caregivers who might need someone to talk to, practical help, or support finding the right services and information.

You don't need to wait until things feel overwhelming before reaching out. Sometimes simply having someone local to talk things through with can make a big difference.

If you'd like to know more about Emelie's role or how she may be able to help, give her a call or text on 0274361937 or email emelie@tapaweraconnect.org.

What's in a name? Celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

September 14-20 was **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori language week)**; we spent some time looking at the stories behind the names of the places around us.

That led us down a fascinating rabbit hole, including the story of the name **Tapawera** itself and some of the other place names we see and use every day without always stopping to think about where they came from.

We've put together a story called **"What's in a name? Exploring the te reo Māori place names around us"** on the Tapawera Connect website. If you haven't had a read yet, have a look. There's some pretty interesting history sitting right under our noses. <https://www.tapaweraconnect.org/blog/exploring-the-local-te-reo-maori-place-names>

Community garden tunnelhouse

A few people may also be wondering where things are at with the planned work on the community garden tunnelhouse.

The project is **still happening**. We're currently waiting for the work to align with the contractor's wider workload in our area before things can get underway.

We know it has taken longer than we had hoped, and we're looking forward to seeing some visible progress too. We'll share more once we have a confirmed timeframe.

Wellby Talking Cafes

Are you looking to connect with some other locals for some relaxed chat over a cuppa?

Wellby Talking Cafes are open to all adults who want to meet some new people and learn about other activities happening in the community.

Tapawera's Wellby is held on the 2nd Tuesday each month - **13th October - at 10.00-11.30am at St Peter's Community Church**, Main Road, Tapawera. For a \$3 donation, you get a lovely morning tea. Come along and see why Wellby is well supported around the region.

Tea and Talk

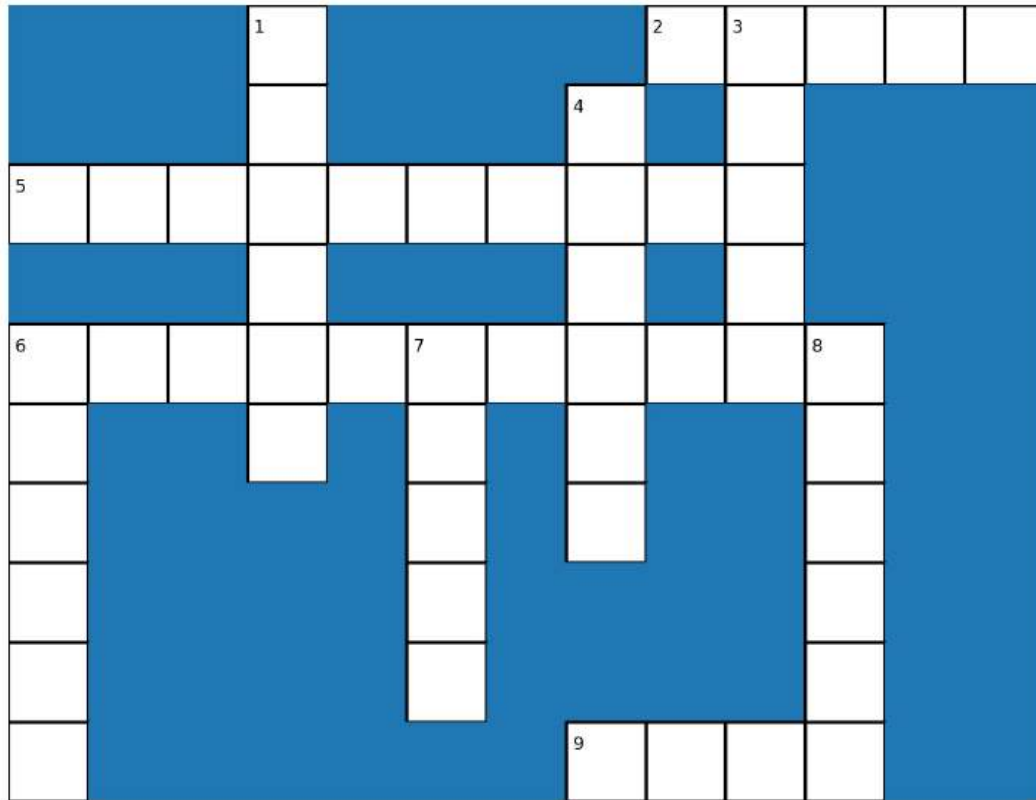
This is another regular opportunity for interested adults to connect over morning tea at the church, with an educational element each month. This month, on **27th October**, Heather Lackner will provide an **easy-to-understand overview of dementia**, common signs and symptoms, and positive steps we can take to maintain brain health and reduce risk factors. Again \$3 helps cover morning tea.



WERE YOU PAYING ATTENTION?

Every answer is hiding somewhere in this month's Tapawera Connect update.

No Googling!



ACROSS

2. What will people be making at Knead to Belong?
5. Where might you spot Rachel and tap her on the shoulder?
6. What structure at the community garden are we still waiting to get underway?
9. How much does Knead to Belong cost the community?

DOWN

1. What season is finally making itself known around Tapawera?
3. What are people encouraged to bring to the table about community facilities?
4. What te reo Māori word for "community" appears in Seniors Snippets?
6. How many places are available at Knead to Belong?
7. What baby animals have been bouncing around the paddocks?
8. Who is Tapawera Connect's Parent Support Coordinator?



Community facilities

While the original community hub project is no longer going ahead as planned, there are still plenty of conversations happening about the future of community facilities in Tapawera.

It's very clear that whatever comes next needs strong community involvement behind it. This isn't something one organisation can lead alone. We need to work together as a community, bring ideas to the table and turn those ideas into action.

If you have ideas, thoughts, or would like to be part of the conversation, we'd really like to hear from you. Get in touch online, email rachel@tapaweraconnect.org, or tap me on the shoulder next time you spot me at Four Square.

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes, volunteers, turns up, shares an idea, checks in on a neighbour or simply helps make Tapawera a good place to call home.

See you around,

Rachel Moffitt
Tapawera Connect

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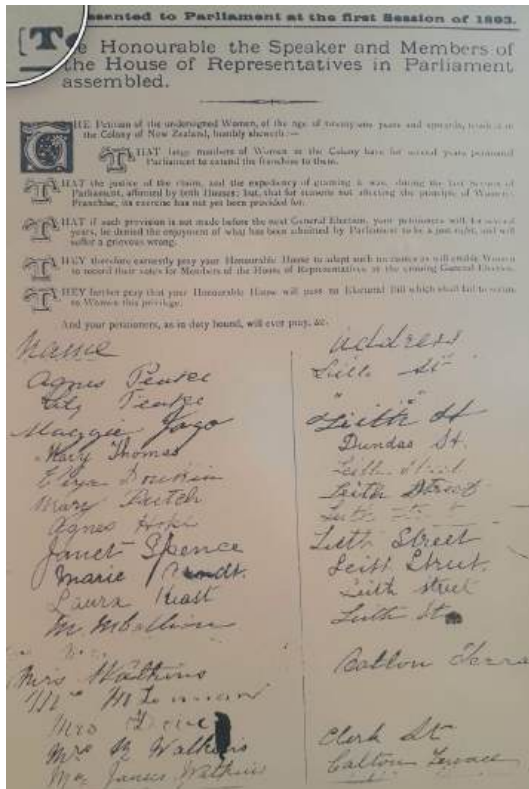
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Your Opportunity in November

One of my most valued possessions is a framed page from NZ's 1893 Women's Petition to Parliament that secured the vote for NZ women. That page includes signatures of three members of my family - my dad's aunts whom I didn't ever know, but would like to have, to say 'Thanks!'. Those family women are just one reason I will ALWAYS vote in parliamentary elections - to honour their commitment and their part in giving NZ women a voice in choosing the government.



Another reason I'll always vote is because every person on the electoral role who votes, has a voice in NZ's future. And of course, voting's not just for women only.

September's Informer reminded each of us to ensure we're enrolled to vote. As a reminder, the last day you can enrol is 25 October, the Saturday of Labour weekend. If you're not sure how to enrol, a very easy way is to call **0800267656** or **FREE TEXT 3676**. If you're not enrolled yet, how about doing it now?

We each have two votes; a **candidate vote** for the person to represent West Coast Tasman in parliament, and a **party vote** for the political party that you want to be our government. Party votes have the greatest influence on which party or parties (in a coalition) wins the election; party votes decide the government. How could anyone not want to be part of that decision?

As last month's Informer said in 'Get a Move On!' (on 8th page), voting's a precious opportunity to have a say in your family's future. Who will best represent and progress your wishes in Parliament? Please, please, do your homework

on the political parties' policies and promises, and vote for the one that's most likely to have the most positive impact on your life. **You can vote any time from 26 October to 7 November.**

Vote like your children's lives depend on it - because they do. (Jane Goodall, 2024)

(Heather Spence)

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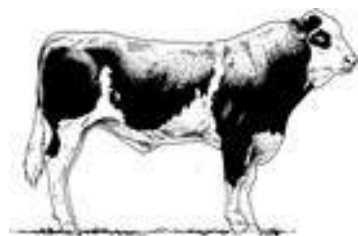
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Do you administer/look after a public space e.g. Hall, Church, Historic building, picnic area?

Tapawera & Districts Community Council is looking to set up a website-based contacts and promotion list for all hireable public spaces in our draw area.

This can help your space be considered when folk are looking for a venue for their event.

From Hope Saddle to Woodstock, Golden Downs to the Wangapeka; we would like to include every option.

Please send contact details and a brief overview of what's available to TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com.



Letters to the Editor

Re: TDCC's draft constitution and the loss of online meeting access

I am writing to raise a concern about the draft constitution currently out for consultation with Tapawera & Districts Community Council (TDCC) members.

Under the current constitution, General Meetings can be attended remotely by audio or video link. The draft removes this option entirely, requiring members to attend in person.

TDCC's catchment takes in Atapo, Baton, Glen Rae, Golden Downs, Hinetai Road, Kaka, Kikiwa, Kiwi, Kohatu, Korere, Lower Wangapeka, Main Road Tapawera, Matariki, Motupiko, Rakau, Sherry River, Stanley Brook, Tadmor, Tapawera Village, Tui and Upper Wangapeka. For residents at the outer edges, attending in person can mean a considerable return trip, often on gravel roads. With fuel prices climbing, and people juggling shift work, farms or young families, that trip can be the difference between having a say and not.

Tasman District Council granted TDCC over \$3,500 to purchase video-conferencing equipment, which has previously been used successfully to run remote meetings. Removing the option to meet remotely would set aside equipment already funded, and already proven to work, to widen participation.

It's also worth asking whether wider engagement has slipped in other ways. A privately-run survey, whose results were made public through TDCC's meeting minutes earlier this year, does not appear to have reached the wider community, raising similar questions about whose voices are actually being heard.

TDCC's own website (tapaweracommunity.nz/wp/tdcc) states that it aims to "give a voice to the residents of the Tapawera district" and to represent the interests of the wider community. Both the draft constitution and how the survey was shared sit uneasily alongside that purpose.

I'd encourage the Committee to retain a hybrid meeting

option, and to ensure future community engagement genuinely reaches the whole district, so distance, cost and time don't decide who gets a say.

Ngā mihi,
Mike Drake, Tadmor

Celebrating 18 Years with Civil Defence

On Thursday the 20th August 9am at the First Response rooms I made my last reply to the Civil Defence radio checker Andrew who would go through every other station like our Tapawera one. He would ask 'How is copy today?' by rote and then if they were on station would respond as to the clarity of their receiver typically if hopefully reply 'Your signal is loud and clear' or poor as may be. Nelson, Harbourmaster, DHB, Richmond, Motueka, Motueka Mobile, Tasman Church, Marahau, Ngatimoti then Tapawera CD last and I would respond as to the clarity and being last on that channel we might chat a bit before he changes channels. I close it all down and go home. But it was decided to seek a younger radio checker as I'm 81 now and 82 'ere you are reading this.

I think Rodger Bint was doing the checks but 18 years ago he talked my old neighbour Ian Swafford and me and we shared fortnightly spelling if either couldn't do it. Ian was retired and I often went hunting or trips overseas. Latterly Ian had health problems so it devolved on me by then retired and so I did pretty reliably until this week. But after 18 years I figured I had done my bit. I always said 'A pigeon could do it but they make a mess'. So I did the check at 9am and by 10am Rodger and Marie Bint brought Ian up from Wakefield care home (Ian is 93 or 94). Joe who is taking over put on a spread and the two young gentlemen from Civil Defence gave me a glass inscribed memento. We, Ian and I, saw it as a 'civic duty' a bit like being on TDCC where I once served.

So there we are, end of an era for me and Ian, 18 years I told the CD gents. Ian might like a King's Service Award, he earned it (a member of Search and Rescue Ian what's got one and he was our team SAR leader on the Jamie Stothers Abel Tasman search which was my first SAR callout. I'm pretty knackered at 81 but I still volunteer fundraise for SAR and write amusing accounts for the newsletters as I've done many years now.

I have then the honour to be your long-winded long-serving community member.

Maurice Taylor





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Letters to the Editor

To the person who helped yourself to our diesel on Tadmor Valley Road.

Please know I am not angry with you anymore. I was at first, but I got over that. I forgive you, and I am not going to report you or judge you. I give you my word. What my family would really love, though, is to have a conversation with you. Not to make you feel bad; perhaps there is some way we can help you find your way through it.

We all go through hard seasons in life. Sometimes we end up in places we never imagined we would be, and sometimes the things we do when we are struggling are not who we really want to be. So please, don't struggle alone.

This letter is also bigger than the diesel that was taken from us. It is about all the things that have been happening in our community — cars being stolen, fuel being taken, things disappearing, the Four Square being broken into, and all the other things happening around our valley. Perhaps none of these things seems huge on its own, but together they begin to change something very important.

For years, we have never locked our cars. We have left the keys in them. Our house has always been unlocked. Our gates are open. We have never really thought twice about it. That, to me, is one of the most beautiful gifts a community can give one another: trust.

It is the feeling that you can live alongside your neighbours without constantly looking over your shoulder. That you can leave something outside and expect it to still be there in the morning. That you can ask someone for help without wondering what they might think of you. That you can walk down the road and know the people around you are looking out for one another.

But when things like this start happening, something slowly changes. Fear begins to creep in. People begin locking their cars. Then they lock their houses. They stop leaving things outside. They install cameras all over the place to protect what they work so hard for. They become more cautious about who they trust.

Fear has a way of shrinking a community. It makes people put up walls. It makes us suspicious. We start looking at our neighbours differently and wondering who we can trust. We begin questioning people who may have done nothing wrong simply because we no longer feel safe.

That is the part that saddens me the most. Mistrust is like a cancer in a community. It can spread quietly, changing the way people see one another and slowly eating away at the sense of belonging that makes a place feel like home.

We don't want that for Tapawera. And I don't believe you want that either. I believe you care about this place. I believe there is a part of you that wants to belong here, just

like the rest of us. I do believe you wish there was a better way for you. You do want to add value and not hurt people, and I believe you can!

There is something incredibly powerful about being vulnerable enough to say, "I'm not doing okay". Because when you are willing to share your struggle, you give someone else the opportunity to show up for you. You give people the chance to meet you where you are, instead of watching you struggle from a distance.

There is an old saying that a trouble shared is a trouble halved. I believe there is a lot of truth in that.

So if you are reading this, please know that there is no trap here. We would rather sit down with you, have a cup of tea, listen to your story and see if there is some way forward. You don't have to come with an explanation. Just come and talk to us.

Perhaps, in doing that, we can protect something that belongs to all of us: the trust between neighbours.

Perhaps you can start something powerful here — a first step towards ownership and vulnerability. It has the potential to create a powerful momentum of healing and cultivate a spirit of generosity in Tapawera. There is so much treasure inside of you; share it.

Your neighbour.

Are you Free???

Tapawera's Op Shop is opening soon! The goods are clean and shiny, and the rooms are about to be furnished. Opening hours are expected to be three days a week (within school times), and possibly Market Days also.

We are looking to establish a pool of volunteers, so each person does as much or little as they are able; anything from just a couple of hours a week, through to whole days. We would also like a couple of folk to be available for sick-leave cover.

It's fun! Be part of an amazing community asset, get to meet lots of folk, and check out the array of items which come in the door!

And if you're quick enough, you may be one of the five lucky volunteers who get to attend, for free, the First Aid course on Saturday 31st Oct.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please contact Kieri at the Four Square, or Trish (027 919 8685). Let's get this done!

Garden 2026

In May 2026, we met again as a fantastic Working Group. We always have a bit of Morning Tea but this time we also had a BBQ.



The new generation of helpers is incredible and full of surprises.



Amanda was our Grill Master and it was delicious.



These are the new lids of our Potting mix boxes. Thanks Jeff Moffitt, they are beautiful.

The winter crop is growing and it is delightful to see the results from some hard work.



In May we also had our first propagation day with our tamariki.

Thank you Kate for helping us learn all about Native Trees. We will be planting these trees next year in our Shedwood Bush Reserve.



Garden 2026 cont.

In our early September working bee we prepared the area around the tunnel house. The tunnel house will be refurbished this month and we are ready. Looking forward to a beautiful and full working greenhouse.



Fred (4 years old), our new digger driver, has been practising and it is wonderful to see how happy he is in his dad's digger. Thanks Jeff for sharing your toys and doing such a fantastic work for all of us.

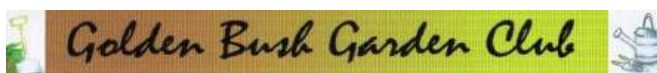


And a big THANK YOU to all the usual working crew in the garden. It has been a successful year.

If you would like to join the garden crew, please contact Sabine at sreinert@tapawera.school.nz to be added to the email list. We meet once a month on the first weekend.



Sometimes
Saturday
and
sometimes
Sunday



A group of GC members gathered together to decorate Shedwood Hall on 31st August, as a tribute to a long-time member, Dinkie Phillips. Despite the challenge of the end of winter doldrums, Peter had inspired us to go in search of heather that used to be abundant around the area, especially on the roadsides. Now that contractors for TDC spray the roadsides, it is rarely seen there, so the search was on. Many of us were unaware of its presence but once we started asking the right people, lots of amazing bunches turned up on the day. A special thank you to Tom Carson who loaded up buckets of it for Allyson to bring along. What a show it all made!

Thanks also to Charlene and Ian for their bunches of daffodils also.

Peter was especially touched by our efforts, and the personal touches like utilizing some of their old hessian potato sacks in creative ways. He insisted on making a generous donation to the Garden Club in appreciation. Our sincere condolences and best wishes to Peter and the family.

Our September meeting was a lovely day visiting Waimea Plains Retirement Village where a couple of members now reside. One of the Arvida official gardeners spoke about how the grounds and gardens have been developed from the architect's conceptual plans through to today, with experience and plant success or failure - or amount of maintenance required to maintain - has seen the gardens evolve to what they are today. Strolling around the estate definitely brought a lot of pleasure to the eye, especially as Spring has come a bit earlier to Richmond than to Tapawera. It was a lovely experience.

In October we are having a long-awaited bus trip into a variety of gardens in and around Nelson. We have a limit of 31 members able to attend - via bus. Total numbers needed to be to Eve by 28th September to secure a place. It is shaping up to be a wonderful, full day. Lunch will be at Melrose House where you will buy your own.

Thanks so much to Linda and Eve (so much telephone and online time involved) for doing the bulk of the organising for this much anticipated event. Also thanks to Ann for all the tedious Treasury work done, especially trying to ensure people pay their subs, as well as taking care of all the raffle and auction proceeds each month, then reporting it all. What a great club we have.

Janine



Congratulations, Shakaia MacDonald Year 13

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Shakaia, who has been selected as one of just five students from all of the 112 Area Schools and Kura across the whole of New Zealand to receive a New Zealand Area Schools Association (NZASA) National Student of Excellence Award!

Shakaia has been recognised for her outstanding achievements, leadership and contribution to our school and community.

Having already achieved NCEA Level 3, Shakaia chose to return to school this year to work towards University Entrance (UE), with plans to study towards a degree in Social Work. Her commitment to her education and future is truly inspiring.

This year Shakaia was also selected for the TOSI National Area Schools teams in both Volleyball and Basketball and went on to be selected for the New Zealand Volleyball Team, and is one of our Head Students, where she is a positive role model and supports students, our school and wider community.

Shakaia is one of our cultural leaders, a high quality academic student, a great sportsperson and a wonderful community and school representative.

Congratulations, Shakaia!

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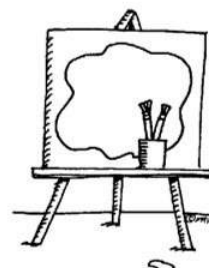
Horticulture, Cooking, Handcrafts, Photography

1. **One entry** per person per class
2. Entries to be staged by **9:30am** in the School Hall - Judging will take place from 10-12pm.
The hall will be open on Friday from 2pm – 6pm to take entries.
3. Each entry is to have attached name inside a folded paper with section & class on outside
Unnamed entries will be eliminated.
4. Entry must be all exhibitors own work - unless otherwise specified.
5. **Photos to be at school office by Wednesday 14 October by 3pm**

SECTION 13 –Pre-schoolers

Art

- 13/1 A painting (A4 size)
- 13/2 A drawing (on A4 paper)
- 13/3 3D sculpture/creation (e.g.. Wood/Clay/Playdough/Lego)
- 13/4 Any other item – whatever you've made that you'd like to show off!!



Horticulture

- 13/5 Arrangement in a jam jar
- 13/6 Nature arrangement in sand (natural materials eg. weeds/stones/flowers)

Cooking

- 13/7 1 cupcake or biscuit decorated (adult provide cupcake/biscuit and child to decorate)
- 13/8 1 slice of pizza (adult provide base, child top with favourite toppings)

SECTION 14 –Horticulture

Years 0/1

- 14/1 Sandsaucer
- 14/2 Arrangement in a jar
- 14/3 Creation or arrangement using flax
- 14/4 Vegetable creation
- 14/5 Any other horticultural arrangement

Years 2/3

- 14/6 Sandsaucer
- 14/7 Arrangement in a jar
- 14/8 Creation or arrangement using flax
- 14/9 Vegetable creation
- 14/10 Any other horticultural arrangement

Year 4

- 14/11 Sandsaucer
- 14/12 Arrangement in a jar
- 14/13 Creation or arrangement using flax
- 14/14 Vegetable creation
- 14/15 Any other horticultural arrangement

Years 5/6

- 14/16 Sandsaucer
- 14/17 Arrangement in a jar
- 14/18 Creation or arrangement using flax
- 14/19 Vegetable creation
- 14/20 Any other horticultural arrangement

Years 7/8

- 14/21 Miniature Garden
- 14/22 Arrangement using flowers and greenery
- 14/23 Any other horticultural arrangement

Years 9-13

- 14/24 Miniature Garden
- 14/25 Arrangement using flowers and greenery
- 14/26 Any other horticultural arrangement



SECTION 15 –Cooking

Years 0/1

- 15/1 2 pieces of uncooked slice
- 15/2 2 Simple biscuits decorated
- 15/3 Any other cooking

Years 2/3

- 15/4 2 homemade biscuits
- 15/5 2 pieces of uncooked slice
- 15/6 2 Scones
- 15/7 Any other cooking

Year 4

- 15/8 2 homemade biscuits
- 15/9 2 pieces of uncooked slice
- 15/10 2 Scones
- 15/11 Any other cooking

Years 5/6

- 15/12 2 homemade biscuits
- 15/13 2 cupcakes decorated
- 15/14 2 Scones
- 15/15 Any other cooking

Years 7/8

- 15/16 2 scones
- 15/17 2 cupcakes decorated
- 15/18 A piece of pizza
- 15/19 Any other cooking

Years 9-13

- 15/20 2 muffins
- 15/21 Decorated cake (*judged on appearance only*)
- 15/22 A piece of pizza
- 15/23 Any other cooking

SECTION 16 –Handcrafts & Hobbies

Years 0/1

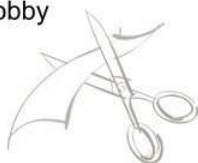
- 16/1 A handmade card
- 16/2 An article made using wool
- 16/3 An article made using fabric
- 16/4 Building construction i.e. Lego, Meccano, K'nex etc. – must fit on A4 paper
- 16/5 Any other handcraft / hobby

Years 2/3

- 16/6 A handmade card
- 16/7 An article made using wool
- 16/8 An article made using fabric
- 16/9 Building construction i.e. Lego, Meccano, K'nex etc. – must fit on A4 paper
- 16/10 Any other handcraft / hobby

Year 4

- 16/11 A handmade card
- 16/12 An article made using wool
- 16/13 An article made using fabric
- 16/14 Building construction i.e. Lego, Meccano, K'nex etc. – must fit on A4 paper
- 16/15 Any other handcraft / hobby



Years 5/6

- 16/16 A handmade card
- 16/17 An article made using wool
- 16/18 An article made using fabric
- 16/19 Building construction i.e. Lego, Meccano, K'nex etc. – must fit on A4 paper
- 16/20 Any other handcraft / hobby

Years 7/8

- 16/21 A handmade card
- 16/22 An article made using wool
- 16/23 An article made using fabric
- 16/24 An article made from wood
- 16/25 Building construction i.e. Lego, Meccano, K'nex etc. – must fit on A4 paper
- 16/26 Any other handcraft / hobby

Years 9-13

- 16/27 A handmade card
- 16/28 A hand sewn article
- 16/29 A machine sewn article
- 16/30 An item made from wool
- 16/31 An article made from wood
- 16/32 An article made from metal or any other hard material
- 16/33 Any other handcraft / hobby

SECTION 17 – Art



Years 0/1

- 17/1 A painting (A4 size)
- 17/2 A drawing (A4 size)
- 17/2 3 Dimensional Artwork eg: clay
- 17/3 Item of jewellery (1 piece)
- 17/4 Artwork (any materials)

Years 2/3

- 17/5 A painting (A4 size)
- 17/6 A drawing (A4 size)
- 17/7 3 Dimensional Artwork eg: clay
- 17/8 Item of jewellery (1 piece)
- 17/9 Artwork (any materials)

Year 4

- 17/10 A painting (A4 size)
- 17/11 A drawing (A4 size)
- 17/12 3 Dimensional Artwork eg: clay
- 17/13 Item of jewellery (1 piece)
- 17/14 Artwork (any materials)

Years 5/6

- 17/17 A painting (A4 size)
- 17/18 A drawing (A4 size)
- 17/19 3 Dimensional Artwork eg: clay
- 17/20 Item of jewellery (1 piece)
- 17/21 Artwork (any materials)

Years 7/8

- 17/22 A painting (A4 size)
- 17/23 A drawing (A4 size)
- 17/24 3 Dimensional Artwork eg: clay
- 17/25 Item of jewellery (1 piece)
- 17/26 Artwork (any materials)

Years 9-13

- 17/27 A painting (A4 size)
- 17/28 A drawing (A4 size)
- 17/29 3 Dimensional Artwork eg: clay
- 17/30 Item of jewellery (1 piece)
- 17/31 Artwork (any materials)

SECTION 18 – Photography



To be left at the school office by Wednesday 14 Oct 3pm

Preschool

- 18/0 Print: Any subject

Years 0/1

- 18/1 Print: Animal
- 18/2 Print: People
- 18/3 Print: Landscape
- 18/4 Print: Black & White
- 18/5 Print: Any Subject

Years 2/3

- 18/6 Print: Animal
- 18/7 Print: People
- 18/8 Print: Landscape
- 18/9 Print: Black & White
- 18/10 Print: Any Subject

Year 4

- 18/11 Print: Animal
- 18/12 Print: People
- 18/13 Print: Landscape
- 18/14 Print: Black & White
- 18/15 Print: Any Subject

Years 5/6

- 18/16 Print: Animal
- 18/17 Print: People
- 18/18 Print: Landscape
- 18/19 Print: Black & White
- 18/20 Print: Any Subject

Years 7/8

- 18/21 Print: Animal
- 18/22 Print: People
- 18/23 Print: Landscape
- 18/24 Print: Black & White
- 18/25 Print: Any Subject

Years 9-13

- 18/26 Print: Animal
- 18/27 Print: People
- 18/28 Print: Landscape
- 18/29 Print: Black & White
- 18/30 Print: Any Subject
- 18/31 Print: Manipulated
eg: photoshop

Adults

- 18/32 Print: People
- 18/33 Print: NZ Scene
- 18/34 Print: Farm Scene
- 18/35 Print: Nature
- 18/36 Print: Black & White
- 18/37 Print: Any Subject
- 18/38 Print: Manipulated
eg: photoshop

SECTION 20 –Mini-Show - for Adults

NO ENTRY FEE OPEN TO ALL

School children must be Year 11 or above to enter in the Mini-show.

1. **One entry** per person per class
2. Entries to be staged by **9:30am** in the School Hall - Judging will take place from 10 - 12pm.
The hall will be open on Friday from 2pm – 6pm to take entries.
3. Each entry is to be accompanied by a name inside a folded paper, with section and class number on outside. Unnamed entries will be eliminated.
4. Entry must be all exhibitors own work

Note the Stewards reserve the right to re-class entries.

Cooking

- 20/1 Jar of homemade jam
- 20/2 Jar of preserved fruit
- 20/3 Homemade chutney/relish
- 20/4 Homemade sauce
- 20/5 2 slices of your favourite fruit loaf
- 20/6 3 pieces of shortbread
- 20/7 3 muffins
- 20/8 3 scones
- 20/9 Creative loaf of homemade bread
- 20/10 Wedge of homemade cheese made by exhibitor
- 20/11 Decorated cake (*judged on appearance only*)



Relish/Chutney Competition

Bring a jar to be tasted by the locals
Let's see who has the best relish/chutney
In Tapawera!!!

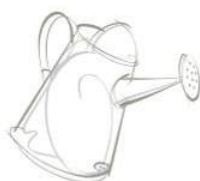
Artistic Impression

- 20/28 2 dimensional artwork
- 20/29 3 dimensional artwork
- 20/30 up-cycled jewellery
- 20/31 Artwork (any materials)



Workshop Craft

- 20/32 Creation predominantly in wood
- 20/33 Creation predominantly in metal
- 20/34 Creation in any other material



Handcrafts

- 20/12 A Handmade card
- 20/13 A soft toy
- 20/14 A knitted article of clothing
- 20/15 Any other knitted article
- 20/16 An item made of crochet
- 20/17 An item made of lacework
- 20/18 Cross-stitch
- 20/19 Embroidery / Tapestry
- 20/20 A woven article (any material)
- 20/21 A felted article
- 20/22 A hand sewn article
- 20/23 A machine sewn article
- 20/24 Scrapbooking page
- 20/25 Any other handcraft or hobby
- 20/26 Quilted article
- 20/27 Homespun wool/fibre



Floral

Where stipulated materials must be grown by exhibitor

- 20/35 House plant (grown by exhibitor)
- 20/36 Best bloom – large (over 5cm) grown by exhibitor
- 20/37 Best bloom – small (under 5cm) grown by exhibitor
- 20/38 Best cluster – grown by exhibitor
- 20/39 Best spike - grown by exhibitor
- 20/40 3 flower arrangement (greenery allowed)
- 20/41 Posy
- 20/42 An arrangement using no flowers
- 20/43 An arrangement using flowers (greenery allowed)
- 20/44 Arrangement in a Gumboot



SECTION 10 – Animals

1. **One entry** per person per class
2. Animals to be onsite by 10:30am, judging will take place from 11am
3. Participants will need to be with their animals during judging and will be asked questions about the care of their animals and will be asked to lead them.
4. Please note: Calves will be judged at home the weekend prior.

Pet Lambs

10/1 Pre-schooler
10/2 Years 0-4
10/3 Years 6-8
10/4 Years 9-13

Pet Dogs

10/5 Pre-schooler
10/6 Years 0-4
10/7 Years 6-8
10/8 Years 9-13

Pet Calves - NB: These will be judged at home prior

10/9 Pre-schooler
10/10 Years 0-4
10/11 Years 6-8
10/12 Years 9-13

Entry form - for calves only

Please hand in an entry form into the school office or email tapaweraspringshow@gmail.com by Friday 25 September.

Pamela Irvine will make contact to arrange visiting calves for judging at home.

Lambs, and dogs can be entered on the day.

Parent Name:		Contact Number:			
Child's Name:					
Entry Numbers:					
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Tapawera Area School

Kia ora, Moghrey Mie,

Week 9; Term 3:

Spring is with us, the weather is getting warmer, the grass is growing and our students are flourishing!

As you receive this newsletter, just one more week until the end of term. I am not sure where the year has gone but we will then only have one term left of 2026. This will be 10 weeks for our Year 1-10 students but only 4 weeks for our Year 11-13 students before they go on study leave and complete their external exams for NCEA. This also then gives them a chance to still come into school to complete any outstanding work or internal assessments still on the go.

Our NCEA progress in 2026 is transformational, we have students from Year 9 and 10 already achieving their external CAA (Literacy and Numeracy) exams plus some year 10s at least half of their whole NCEA Level 1. Our Year 11-13 students are off the chart for successful completion of their NCEA Levels, including many students completing the NCEA Level a year above their age grade. Our Year 13 students are all passing or have passed NCEA Level 3 and three students who wish to go to various Universities are also well on track to achieve these goals. This has come from hard work from our students and staff but also a targeted approach to our individual students and being able to offer them the subjects, courses and opportunities that they wish to pursue to get them to where they want to be. The absolute joy of a small school that knows our students inside out. Opportunities versus achievement can and is producing amazing outcomes! This is not forgetting our Year 1-8 students, we have put an awful lot of effort, additional resources and help into this area also. Some of our targeted maths (MAP) and literacy (SLA) work has also seen amazing results with students gaining between 6 months and a year's additional progress in these areas. Alongside all of this academic work, there are so many other areas within our school that are great to see and be part of. Our sport remains very strong in all areas and we continue to offer many, many opportunities for our children to experience and take part in various sports and outdoor education. Horticulture and our community garden is taking on a life of its own and looks better day by day.

We have our Kapa Haka festival in term 4 and our group continues to work hard to practice and learn new routines and cultural performances.

We recently introduced a new concept to the whole school of "being the best that you can be". This is an extension of our FIRE Way, but a little more prescriptive, so that students, parents and staff know exactly what they are trying to achieve in each area of school to produce well

rounded future members of our community.

Alongside the many recent events such as the 3 x 3 basketball, the BoT and Senior Leadership are aware of a few questions and issues around school uniform. I realise that apart from the introduction of the school hoody, it would appear that nothing else is happening. That is not actually the case and at this week's BoT meeting we are discussing the various feedback we have received recently and indeed last year under the previous principal. We are actively looking at solutions to concerns about both cost, suitability and availability of uniform and hope to be able to announce some very positive changes in Term 4.

A few events to highlight coming up in the next few weeks

The school formal is this Friday 18th September with over 60 students from our school, Rai Valley and Murchison School here in Tapawera. I can't wait to see our well dressed and excited students enjoy their night.

We then have Senior Prizegiving at the Shedwood Hall for Years 11-13 on Thursday November 5th. This is for all students of Year 11-13 and parents and whanau of these students. It will be a great night of celebration, a sit-down meal and some speeches, presentations and performances. Tickets will go on sale at the start of next term, Year 11-13 students are of course free and other whanau tickets will just be \$10 per head. We can fit 160 people in, so get your tickets quickly next term please.

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Andy Ashworth

In **Room 3 Mararewa** we have a class reward chart called the Hundred Chart. Once it is full we discuss and vote on a theme for a party in class. This term, we had a PJ and toy party.





Room 2, we have been learning about our world. We have learnt what the world is made of and where we are in the solar system. We have learnt about the continents and how they formed millions of years ago, the different countries in our world and which countries are significant to our own families. We also made our very own little glowing Earths.



This term **Room 4 (Atapō)** has been very busy! We have written some incredibly exciting narrative stories. We have been learning about fractions and explored chemical reactions in science. The World Worst Children series has been a huge hit for our groups! We have even learned about World War 2 planes from our class novel. Thanks for all the whānau support at home with learning. Have a great holiday.



Here are our **year 5/6** Volleyball teams that are playing in a regional tournament this Friday. They have been training really hard and have quickly picked up the main skills of Volleyball. Thank you to Mr Haunch and Kiana for coaching our teams. Good luck for Friday!



A focus this term in **Room 7** has been Hauora (Wellbeing). We were fortunate to have Kym from St Johns visit us and teach us about our emotions and how everyone handles things in different ways.



The **Year 9** group at Tapawera Area School has been a lovely group of students to work with this year. They have grown heaps, both academically and personally. It has been fantastic to see their confidence develop. Throughout the year, they have built stronger relationships with each other and become a more settled and supportive class. They have embraced the challenges and opportunities that have come their way and should be proud of their progress. Overall, it has been a very successful year, and I look forward to seeing what this fantastic group achieves in the future.-- Kellie Doreen Homegroup Teacher



Year 10 is finding its feet, finding its people, and occasionally finding where they left their homework! Some are working hard, some are making new connections, and others are starting to think about what comes next. There have been plenty of twists, turns and moments of "Are we nearly there yet?", but that's all part of the journey. As the year rolls on, confidence is growing and new possibilities are beginning to appear on the horizon. There's still a little road to travel, but somehow, we know they'll get there — and they'll be ready for whatever comes next!



Year 11

All of our year 11 students are on track to pass level 1 NCEA this year. Some have also passed level 2.

They have been very focused and engaged in their work, showing some great results. From here they have five and a half weeks left at school - before their NZQA exams start. Good luck!!!!

One of the highlights for our Year 11 was our trip to Christchurch, it was such a fun and productive week! The biggest highlight was - hands down the jet boating!!!



As Senior Leaders in **Years 12 and 13**, our responsibilities extend across every part of daily school life at Tapawera. Each morning begins in our homegroups, taking the roll, running through the daily notices, and ensuring everyone is up to speed on the week ahead. A core part of our role is actively upholding and demonstrating the FIRE values (Friendliness, Integrity, Respect, and Excellence), especially as we share our weekly progress and keep the school community connected. Beyond the classroom, we take an active role in governance and school leadership by sharing information appropriate from the Board of Trustees for the students, alongside updates from our Head Boy and Head Girl from concerns within the school. Balancing these duties with our academic goals is essential, particularly as we push through our final end-of-year internal assessments while locking in our preparation for next term's external exams. On top of that, we've had our hands full putting the finishing touches on the School Ball for this Friday and organizing our upcoming student-led assembly next week. — **Senior Student Leadership Team (Years 12 & 13)**

WOW Fabulous Results in the Āko Hub



Congratulations to Sequoia, Marcus, Bailey, Eden, Hadia and Aurora for working on the **Maths Acceleration**

Programme - HUGE success as they have all improved their learning. Some have moved up a whole curriculum level!

Congratulations to Tennessee, Jack, Meka and Mylan for also working on the **Maths Acceleration Programme** - improving in their learning levels.

Congratulations to Wednesday, Kaiden and Evanna for also making huge gains in their maths knowledge in the MAP programme.

Our **StepsWeb programme** has been making some **huge learning gains**

Just look at those graphs — they are **moving up and up!** What an awesome reflection of the hard work, persistence and effort our students are putting into their learning.

A **big congratulations** to Alayah, Brook, Charlie, Emily-Roses, Enzo, Logan, Noah, Sequoia, Tennessee, Aaliyah, Arlo, Eden, Jordan, Marlee, Meeka, and Noelle. for their fantastic progress and achievements.

Jumping June spirit + September sunshine = the ultimate afternoon of fun! 🌞 🍁

We might be fashionably late, but our long-awaited Jumping June Skipping Day was worth every single second. Our jumpers brought unstoppable energy to the court yesterday afternoon—mastering new tricks, staying active, and supporting heart health.

A HUGE special shoutout and congratulations to Max, who went absolute legend-mode and fundraised over \$1,000 for the Heart Foundation! 🏆

❤️ What an incredible effort!





Special Olympics Basketball

Entering the tournament as the youngest team and the clear underdogs, our students faced a tough matchup in their first game. They stepped up immediately and played their hearts out. As the day progressed through our next two games, each player found their moment to shine and grew noticeably more confident on the court.

- **Keni** drove the ball relentlessly down the court and put quite a few points on the board.
- **Eden** demonstrated outstanding leadership, constantly mentoring and encouraging the younger players.
- **Aurora** truly found her stride as her confidence grew. She got right into the action, snagging interceptions and scoring a great basket—earning herself Player of the Day!
- **Wednesday** excelled at transitioning the ball up the court and proved to be our top scorer, racking up the majority of our points.
- **Emily-Rose** showed incredible grit, fearlessly taking on much bigger opponents despite playing with a broken arm.
- **Mackenzie** delivered a star moment, coming out of nowhere to sink a basket in a full-sized hoop.
- **Isobella** brought fantastic energy and fearlessness, holding her ground and protecting the ball against players twice her size.

Finishing 4th in Grade A is a massive achievement for this crew. Super proud of everyone—well done, team!



Year 9 artists, Duco Lind, Leah Walker, Bailey Hook and Carter O'Brien





School and Community Library Opening Times

Monday to Friday 10:30 - 1:30

Closed Holidays and weekends except by prior arrangement.

We are behind the Tennis Courts and all are welcome.

We are not just a school library but also a free community library with many Fiction and Non-fiction for adults..

To get in contact call 03 522 4337 ext 213
or email library@tapawera.school.nz



Spring Show – We Need Your Help!



Our **Tapawera Spring Show** is coming up, and we are looking for **3 more adults** to help collect the gold coin entry donation at the gates.

If we can get three more volunteers, it means that **everyone can do a shorter shift** and still enjoy the afternoon with their whānau.

If you are able to spare a little bit of time to help out, we would really appreciate it!



Please let us know if you can help. Every little bit of support makes a big difference and helps make our Spring Show a great community event.



Ngā mihi nui to our wonderful school community for always getting behind our events!

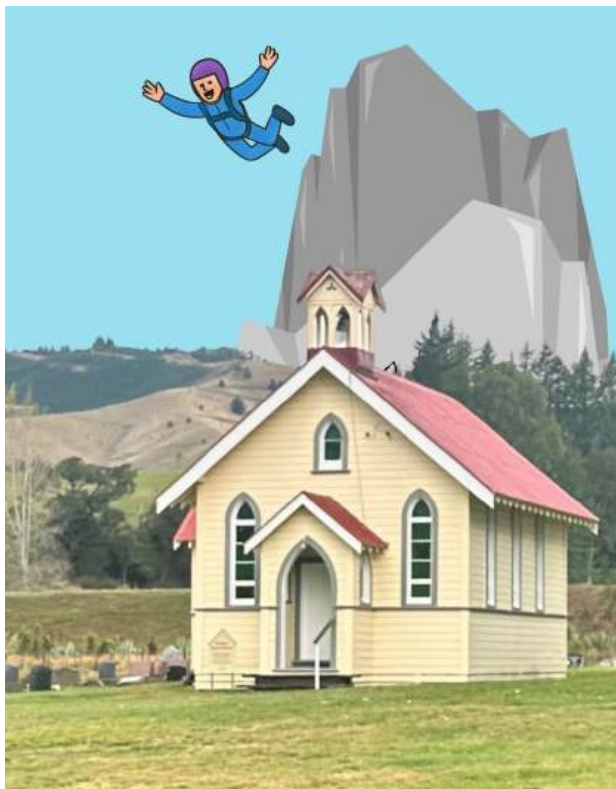
All Car Clubs and owners of vintage and classic cars are invited to come and show their cars at the



Tapawera Spring Show on Saturday 17th October 11am – 3pm

Enter via the Tapawera village gate past the Rugby Club to the school grounds

All welcome



Tadmor Valley Bible Study

Last Tuesday of every month

6pm Bible study / 7pm byo picnic tea
St James Church, 797 Tadmor Valley Road
Enquiries: phone/text 021803411

Just Get Here

#noregrets

Book Discussion Group

Meet: 4th Thursday in month, 10am
Contact: Adrienne Baigent 021408892

Federated Farmers

Contact: Harry Matthews - Field Rep -
0275078901

Golden Bush Garden Club

Meet: 2nd Thursday of month
Contact: President, Linda Milsom
02102510945, or Shirley Percy 5224924

Golf

Meet: every Sunday, Ladies 9 hole
every Tuesday
Contact: Gary Oldham ph. 0278080578

Historical Society

Contact: Barbara Carleton ph. 5224317

Informer

PO Box 15 Tapawera
Email tapawerainform@gmail.com

Justice of The Peace

Peter Phillips ph. 5224313
John Ellis ph. 021 522429
Brent Hodgkinson ph. 5224381
Susan Fenemor ph. 0275224009 (text
during school hours)

Kohatu Life Group

Sharing faith and fellowship
Meeting Wednesdays @ 10:30am
Contact: Ian & Karilyn 0274 950 470

MENZSHED

Contact: John Wilmshurst ph. 5224616

Netball

Contact: Susan Fenemor ph.
0275224009 (text during school hours)

Ramblers

Meet: each month
Contact: Shirley Percy ph. 5224924

Shedwood Hall bookings

Contact: Tania Higgins ph. 5224587

St Andrews Church Stanley Brook

Services every Sunday. Cup of tea
afterwards.
Contact: Lee Winter ph. 5224160

St John – Tapawera

For emergencies Dial 111,
Email info@stjohn.org.nz

Tapawera & Dist. Community Church

St. Peter's Tapawera: no services at
present
Contact: Church office 03 541 8883
wakefieldanglican.xtra.co.nz
Urgent enquiries to Andrea 0024169386

Tapawera Food Bank

Contact: Suzzi Lankshear ph.
0277491063

Tapawera & Dist. Community Council

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month,
7pm Tapawera Community Centre,
email: TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com

Tapawera Community Centre

Email: tapaweratdccc@gmail.com

Tapawera Connect

Contact: Rachel Moffit ph. 027 460
8728, email: rachel@tapaweraconnect.org

Tapawera Creative Fibre

Meet: every Wednesdays, 10am-2pm,
Memorial Hall
Contact: Catherine Hesketh ph. 027 522
4266

Tapawera Jujutsu Club

Contact: Tony Hammersley ph.
02108811607

Tapawera Op Shop

Currently closed

Tapawera Playcentre

Meet: Mon & Thur, 10am -12:30pm
Memorial Hall ph. 5224456

Tapawera Rugby Football Club

Bookings: ph. Judy Benjamin 5224445

Tapawera Sport & Recreation Society

Contact: Judy Benjamin ph. 5224445

Tapawera Volunteer Fire Brigade

Contact: Dean Millar Chief ph.
0279651399; Ted Oakly Deputy Chief
ph. 0210704033

TAS / Community Library

Mon-Fri 10:30am-1:30pm. Contact: Kelly
Library ph. 5224337/ext. 213

TESSI

Contact: Bruce Whyte ph. 0211567851

Visual Arts Society Tapawera

Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

Yoga with Josie

Wednesdays 6-7pm school music room
(school term only).
Contact: Josie Orr: 027 612 5813

Wakefield Police

Senior Constable Jamie White –
jamie.white2@police.govt.nz
Senior Constable Matthew Berquist –
matthew.berquist@police.govt.nz
Sergeant Craig Clayworth –
craig.clayworth@police.govt.nz

**What's on
October**

- 7 Kohatu Life Group, 10:30am
Wednesdays, Ph 0274 950 470
- 8 Garden Club bus trip to Nelson
- 12 Knead to Belong, 12pm
- 13 Tapawera Talking Café, 10-
11:30am, St Peter's Church
- 13 Digi Drop-in Session, School/
Community Library, 11am-1pm
- 17 Tapawera Spring Show, 11am-
3pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 20 TDCC monthly meeting, Rugby
Club rooms, 7pm
- 27 Tea and Talk, St Peter's
Church, 10:00am - 11:30am
- 27 Bible study, St James Church,
797 Tadmor Valley Road, 6pm
- 31 First Aid Course, Memorial Hall,
8:30am-4pm

**GP & Nurse at
Tapawera Clinic**

(during school term time):

GP clinics – Mondays
9am – 12 midday

Nurse clinic – alternate
Tuesday mornings - phone
541 8911 for dates

Wakefield Police

Non-emergency line – 105 (can ask to
be put through to on-duty officer)
Emergency – 111