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## **NEIGHBOURS' DAY AOTEAROA IN TAWA – MARCH 2013**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

To update the Board on progress being made with planning barbecues (or similar) in Tawa over Neighbours' Weekend, 23-24 March 2013 and the two weekends before that.

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

### **3. Background**

Last year's Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa was a great success with more than 50 neighbourhood gatherings taking place on either the "official weekend" of 24-25 March 2012 or the weekends immediately before or after.

That was considerably more than the rest of Wellington put together. As stated by the Mayor of Wellington, Celia Wade-Brown, "... hats-off to Tawa in particular. Their enthusiasm is really impressive." In total, between 1100-1200 Tawa people took part in the various street gatherings, mostly barbecues but with the occasional afternoon tea or pot luck meal thrown in.

The concept is being driven locally by the Tawa Community Board with support from the Tawa Lions Club and the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association. "It's all about building a community before you need one" and "Making your street a better place to live in".

A 60-minute meeting, conducted by Ngaire Best and Malcolm Sparrow, offering "Tips for a barbecue in your street" was held late on Sunday afternoon, 18 February, and attracted 32 people. Board members Margaret Lucas and Robert Tredger were also present.

The aim in 2013 is to see even more streets involved in Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa. We are concentrating on not just the official weekend of 23-24 March, but on the previous two weekends as well. Seven barbecues are set to take place on the weekend of 9-10 March.

As at 5 March, 29 streets in Tawa have confirmed their intention to run their own neighbourhood barbecues this month.

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