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Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Ordinary Meeting of Tawa Community Board Minutes

7.00pm Rāhina Monday, 26 June Pīpiri 2023 Linden Community Centre 10 Linden Avenue Linden Pōneke | Wellington



TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD 26 JUNE 2023

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PRESENT

Rachel Allan
Tim Davin (Deputy Chair)
Jill Day (Chair)
Jackson Lacy
Councillor McNulty
Miriam Moore

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Apanowicz

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.02pm with the following Karakia:

Kia hora te marino May peace be widespread.

Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana May the sea be like greenstone; **Hei huarahi mā tatou I te rangi nei** a pathway for all of us this day.

Aroha atu, aroha mai Let us show respect for each other,

Tātou i a tātou katoa. love for one another.

1. 2 Apologies

Moved Jill Day, seconded Rachel Allan

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor McNulty and Councillor Randle for lateness.

Carried

1. 3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. 4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Jill Day, seconded Jackson Lacy

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Approves the minutes of the Tawa Community Board Meeting held on 19 June 2023, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1. 5 Tawa Community Board Service Award

The Tawa Community Board presented an award to Constable Sarah Steed for her service to the community.

1. 6 Public Participation

1.6.1 Yessenia Sandoval on behalf of Endo Warriors Aotearoa

Yessenia Sandoval addressed the community board regarding the work that Endo Warriors Aotearoa does, following their application to the Tawa Grants Subcommittee.

1.7 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

(Councillor McNulty joined the hui at 7.10pm)

2. Oral Reports

2.1 Oral Updates

Moved Jill Day, seconded Miriam Moore

Resolved

- a) Police update
- b) Fire update
- c) Kids Enhancing Tawa Ecosystems (KETE) update
- d) Tawa Business Group update
- e) Tawa Members' update
- f) Councillors' update

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

Secretarial note: The hui adjourned at 7.57pm and reconvened at 8.05pm with the following members present: Jill Day, Tim Davin, Jackson Lacy, Rachel Allan and Miriam Moore.

(Councillor McNulty joined the hui at 8.16pm)

2.2 KETE Update - June 2023

Moved Jill Day, seconded Councillor McNulty

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

3. Reports

3.1 Proposed Road closure

Moved Jill Day, seconded Jackson Lacy

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

- 1) Receive the information
- 2) Agree to close Main Road Tawa between Lyndhurst Road intersection and Surrey Street roundabout to vehicles and cyclists including motorised scooters on Saturday 28 October 2023 between 6.00pm 5.00am and 5.00 pm. This road closure is required for the Spring into Tawa event.
- 3) Recommendations in this report should only be amended after further consultation with affected parties and verification from the Council's Traffic Engineer that the amendment is not likely to cause unreasonable impact to traffic movements.

Carried

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with changes supported by ELT and marked in red

3.2 Libraries and Community Spaces Quarterly Report (Tawa Library, Tawa Community Centre, Wāhi Kōrero Linden Community Centre)

Moved Rachel Allan, seconded Tim Davin

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

Receive the information.

Carried

3.3 Tawa Community Board Discretionary Fund - Monthly Allocations 2022/23

Moved Jill Day, seconded Tim Davin

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

- Receive the information.
- 2. Agree to spend the remaining \$6,339.12 as follows:
 - a) \$1,500.00 towards one period basket for Linden Community Centre by Endo Warriors Aotearoa
 - b) \$1,500.00 towards the Kids Enhancing Tawa Ecosystems programme
 - c) \$1,160.00 for Tawa Community Patrol
 - d) \$1,500.00 towards the Hanging Baskets by Tawa Residents' Association
 - e) \$679.12 for the Tawa Borough Scholarship Trust

Carried

3.4 Resource consents applications and approvals for 8 May 2023 to 31 May 2023

Moved Miriam Moore, seconded Jackson Lacy

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

3.5 Actions Tracking

Moved Jill Day, seconded Councillor McNulty

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

3.6 Forward Program	me
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Moved Jill Day, seconded Rachel Allan

Resolved

That the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Approve the work programme subject to any alterations, additions or deletions deemed necessary.

Carried

August 2023

Oral reports:

- Police Update (tbc)
- Greater Wellington Regional councillors' update (tbc)
- Tawa Members' update (standing item)
- Councillors' update (standing item)

Written Reports:

- Roading and Transport Quarterly Report
- Wellington Water Limited current issues update
- Resource Consent Applications and Approvals Report (standing item)
- Upcoming Areas of Consultation, Engagement or Surveys (if any) (standing item)
- Tawa Community Board Discretionary Fund update (standing item)
- Actions Tracking (standing item)
- Forward Programme (standing item)

September 2023

Oral reports:

- Fire Update (tbc)
- Tawa Members' update (standing item)
- Councillors' update (standing item)

Written Reports:

- Resource Consent Applications and Approvals Report (standing item)
- Upcoming Areas of Consultation, Engagement or Surveys (if any) (standing item)
- Tawa Community Board Discretionary Fund update (standing

item)

- Actions Tracking (standing item)
- Forward Programme (standing item)

October 2023

Oral reports:

- Fire Update (tbc)
- Tawa Residents Association update
- Tawa Members' update (standing item)
- Councillors' update (standing item)

Written Reports:

- Resource Consent Applications and Approvals Report (standing item)
- Upcoming Areas of Consultation, Engagement or Surveys (if any) (standing item)
- Tawa Community Board Discretionary Fund update (standing item)
- Actions Tracking (standing item)
- Forward Programme (standing item)

The meeting concluded at 9.14pm with the reading of the following karakia:

Kia whakairia te tapu Kia wātea ai te ara Kia turuki whakataha ai Kia turuki whakataha ai Haumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e! Restrictions are moved aside, so the pathway is clear to return to everyday activities. Let us be united.

Authenticated:	
_	Chair

Getting things fixed & getting in touch

Noise concern, parking complaint, or urgent service request? Call Wellington City Council any time on 04 499 4444.

For other concerns use the **free FIXiT app** or the Council's website (wcc.govt.nz/fixit), or email info@wcc.govt.nz.

If you have any issues that aren't resolved quickly, please let a Board member know so that we can help you.

Your Board connects with many people and groups. **Have we heard from you or your group recently?**

- Contact any Board member by email
- See our Facebook page (Tawa Community Board)
- See the Wellington City Council website (wcc.govt.nz)

For regular updates about local happenings, sign up to Tawa newsletters by emailing **newslettertawa@gmail.com**.

Your Community Board for 2022-2025



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Community Board newsletter

Te kawerongo o Te Poari Hapori o Tawa



Your new board for 2022-2025

Our role is to represent and be a voice for Tawa, Grenada North and Takapū Valley: "a strong voice for a connected community."



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What does the Tawa Community Board do?

We hold a Board meeting once a month in the Tawa Community Centre - meeting information can be found at wcc.govt.nz, and members of the community are welcome to attend.

We consider issues referred to us by the Wellington City Council, and bring matters of community concern to the attention of the Council.

We promote community spirit by supporting nitiatives that build up community connectedness.

We administer the Tawa Community Grants scheme.

We liaise with local organisations and interest groups within the Tawa Community.



Community Board Members and Councillors Ben McNulty and Tony Randle visiting He Huarahi Tamariki.

Upcoming Board by-election

Tawa Community Board member Janryll Fernandez is off overseas with his family, which means that Wellington City Council is now holding a by-election.

Nominations close on 22 June.

If you are interested in representing the Tawa community and want to know more, you are welcome to talk to us. We are happy to come and speak to groups about what we do.

We thank Janryll for his service to the Tawa Community and wish him and his family well in their future travels.

Wellington City Council manages the by-election process, so all relevant information will be found at the WCC website: wcc.govt.nz.

Key by-election dates

- Nominations open: Thursday 25 May 2023
- Nominations close: midday, Thursday 22 June 2023
- Voting papers mailed out to electors: Thursday 27 July 2023
- Voting closes: midday, Friday 18 August 2023

Awards

The **Tawa Community Board Service Award** is for people in paid work who go "above and beyond" the expectations of their paid role. Ask for a nomination form at the library, the Community Centre or send any Board member an email to let us know who deserves more tanks. Recipients of the award are presented with a certificate of appreciation at a Community Board meeting or other ceremony as appropriate to the person.

The **Tawa Borough Scholarship Award** for 2022 went to Victoria Li.

The Board also runs the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards - a big congratulations to the recipients for 2022:



Primary Schools' Citizenship Award winners with Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon, Board Chair Jill Day, and 2022 Awards Chair Janryll Fernandez.

On-demand transport service

Data from Metlink shows patronage of the Tawa on-demand bus service is increasing. We encourage residents to continue to use the service. With the year-long trial due to finish in May 2023, members of the Board advocated to the Greater Wellington Regional Council Transport Committee for its continuation. We also requested that Metlink consider providing an over the phone booking service for people who don't have access to the app.



Image credit: Metlink



Endo Warriors Aotearoa

Funding

Proposal to help those in Tawa & Linden with period equity



Sock



Toilet roll

this is not bleeding with dignity



Old rag



Plastic bag



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Mission

Our mission is to fight period poverty and promote menstrual equity in our community. We believe that access to menstrual products is a basic human right and that everyone should have the resources and support they need to manage their menstrual health with dignity.

We work to raise awareness of period poverty and its impact on individuals and families in our community and to provide access to menstrual products, education, and resources to those in need. We also advocate for policy changes that promote menstrual equity and support initiatives that address the root causes of period poverty, including economic inequality, social stigma, and lack of access to healthcare.

Through our programs and partnerships, we aim to empower individuals and communities to take action on menstrual health and promote greater understanding and awareness of period poverty. We believe that by working together, we can create a world where everyone has access to the resources and support they need to manage their menstrual health with dignity and to achieve their full potential.

Vision

At Endo Warriors Aotearoa vision is to create a community where every person has access to medical help for endometriosis and menstrual products, without any barriers. We firmly believe that everyone has the right to seek help and manage their period with dignity and respect, regardless of their financial situation. Our efforts are focused on increasing awareness about the impact of endometriosis and period poverty on individuals and communities. We strive to provide equitable access to menstrual products and support systems for those in need while advocating for systemic change towards a more just and equitable society. These values are not just words on a page; they are the driving force behind everything we do. They inform our actions, guide our decisions, and inspire us to work harder every day to create a positive impact in the world. At Endo Warriors Aotearoa, we are committed to making a difference and creating a better future for all.

Meet Our founder

Yessenia Sandoval Founder/Advocacy Director



This community came to life in the early hours of a Sunday morning in February 2020. I was writhing in agony, repeatedly visiting the hospital, and felt like nobody was listening to me. I was exhausted from feeling alone and ignored. So, I decided to take matters into my own hands and create a community where people like me could find help and support, where they wouldn't have to feel alone anymore.

Initially, it was just a Wellington group, but it soon blossomed into a nationwide network. My own journey with endometriosis, PCOS, infertility, adhesions, and other ailments spanning almost two decades has been anything but smooth. It has felt like a never-ending rollercoaster ride that I can't get off. More recently, I have been diagnosed with other illnesses, and I am seeing multiple specialists to find answers and manage things

I've undergone multiple surgeries to rid myself of endometriosis, suffered numerous pregnancy losses, spent countless hours in hospitals, and shed a river of tears. There have been times, as a single mother, when I've had my period for over six months. On some days, I went through more than one box of super tampons, and I needed an iron infusion because I bled so much. Between the cost of period products, taking time off work, going to doctors' appointments, and trying to manage life in general, I get it. I understand what it's like to have to fight for answers and be taken seriously. I am a warrior, just like you.

My goal is to make period items more accessible for those in our community who need them, regardless of their circumstances or cultural background.

Our Mahi

Endo Warriors Aotearoa is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and support for people with endometriosis in New Zealand. In addition to advocating for better healthcare and support for those affected by endometriosis, EWA also works to combat period poverty by providing free menstrual products to those in need. Through their period baskets, education workshops, and community outreach, EWA is making a significant impact in addressing the intersection of endometriosis and period poverty, helping to ensure that all people have access to the menstrual products they need.

Period Items Given In 2022 To Our Community



14,532 single-use pad packs



10,528 packs of tampons



896 Period Cups



2176 packs or reusable pads



867 sets of period underwear

Here is a list of all the places we have our Free Period Baskets

Lower Hutt

- ♥Koraunui Stokes Valley Community Hub.
- ♥Walter Nash Centre
- ♥ Morea library
- **♥** Eastbourne Community Library
- The Lower Hutt War Memorial Library
- ♥ Naenae Community Library
- ♥ Wainuiomata Community Hub

Wellington

- ♥Te Pokapū Hapori Wellington Community Centre (Manners St)
- ♥Hataitai Community House
- ♥ Every Body Eats (Cuba St)
- ◆ Newtown Community Centre Te Whare Hapori o Ngã Puna Waiora
- ♥ Strathmore Park Community Centre & Community Emergency Hub

Porirua

♥Oasis Community Cafe/Centre,

Waitangirua Mall Porirua

♥Wesley Community Action - Waitangirua

Mall Porirua

♥Ngā Uri o Whiti Te Rā Mai Le Waitangirua

mall Porirua

♥Porirua Women's Centre

Masterton.

♥Wairarapa Resource Centre

Project Description

We are undertaking a project to address period poverty in Wellington(Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western) as well as the Wairarapa region., which has been exacerbated by the high cost of living in New Zealand. Our organization, Endo Warriors Aotearoa (EWA), aims to expand the availability of period baskets and reusable period items in the community. We recognize that the rising cost of living in New Zealand has led to a greater number of people in our community struggling with period poverty.

Our primary goal is to provide support to individuals who cannot afford period products by offering complimentary reusable period items. By the end of 2023, we aim to reach 8,000 individuals in the Wellington area, including the cities and suburbs of Wellington (Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western) as well as the Wairarapa region.

Our focus is on supporting specific groups such as youth, Māori, Pacifica, migrants, and individuals in the LGBTQIA2S+ community who experience Gender dysphoria and body dysmorphia due to menstruation.

We understand that reusable period items may not be suitable for everyone, considering personal choices and cultural beliefs. As a result, we respect and acknowledge these preferences. To cater to a diverse range of needs, we plan to increase the availability of free single-use period baskets in various venues throughout Wellington. These venues include public toilets, which will benefit individuals who are experiencing homelessness, as well as local swimming pools and libraries. In addition to providing these single-use period baskets, we will also offer reusable period items and comprehensive period education to promote awareness and understanding.

We recognize the profound impact that the stigma surrounding periods can have on mental health. Therefore, alongside our provision of period products, we are committed to offering period education. By addressing the social and cultural taboos associated with menstruation, we hope to contribute to improved mental well-being within our community.

Ensuring we have a sufficient stock of items for our baskets to last 4-6 months is crucial. This allows us to concentrate on fundraising efforts to sustain the baskets for an additional 3-4 months beyond the initial funding period. Moreover, it provides us with time to explore options for obtaining grants to keep the baskets running.

This poster can be updated to show the logo of the main sponsor and where it says "this is made possible" we will add the name of our sponsor., this poster is displayed with all our baskets.

This basket of sanitary products will be topped up as frequently as possible by Endo Warriors Aotearoa. Please take only what you need so others can benefit.

Give as you can, take as you need.

This is made possible only by donations & fundraising. If you can help out by donating sanitary products from time to time, this will be appreciated. We are looking for volunteers to help keep our baskets topped up, contact endowarriorsaotearoa@outlook.com

No one should ever have to choose between sanitary products & food!



We also have reusable pads and period cups available please fill out the form via our web page, scan the QR code to find our webpage.



Budget Proposal

Our budget proposal outlines the financial requirements for setting up and maintaining our period baskets, which operate on a "take what you need, give what you can" basis. While we strive to find a local sponsor to support these baskets, the high cost of living has made it challenging to secure sponsors. Therefore, we anticipate relying on community donations and our own fundraising efforts to sustain the baskets.

To establish and operate one basket at Tawa Community Center and Linden Social Centre for a period of 4-6 months, along with our efforts to encourage community contributions, the average cost amounts for these two single-use baskets will be \$2896.00. The estimation of 500 packs of pads and 200 packs of tampons is based on an average of 2 packs per person, considering that some individuals may require more period products.

This cost covers several components:

- 1000 packs of single-use pad's \$1500.00
- 200 packs of tampons \$1196.00
- Administrative costs \$200

The administrative expenses encompass postage, and the basket itself, printing.

It is worth noting that we have observed variations in the activity levels of different venues, which may affect the required amount of stock. Therefore, we have built flexibility into our approach, allowing us to reallocate excess stock from less busy venues to those with higher demand. Alternatively, we can allocate the quantity of two baskets to a single venue if necessary.

"My 14-year-old bleeds so heavily and suffers every month for an average of 8 days. Trying to get her sorted is taking time and we go through a lot as she changes every few hours through super pads"

"What you're doing is great though. I cannot wear most pads due to yeast but suffer from adenomyosis. I am on disability and it's been hard. Knowing people like you help people like me is a great feeling. I will donate when I can."

"This would be amazing and so helpful, especially with the situation with the money I'm in at the moment I thank everyone there so much"

"I've been struggling to afford sanitary products as a single mum of two and quite often have to roll up toilet paper to use. I'm so thankful you guys exist and I found you."

"I'm a single mum of 4 and sometimes even just getting period products can be a struggle ... I saw your tik tok and I'm amazed at what wonderful and caring souls you guys are !!

Keep up the good work"

"Thank you so much for this, this is such a huge help to me and my family!! My period is very heavy most of the time and my period always leaks right through the regular pads that's why I usually double my pads most of the time"

"This would be amazing and so helpful, especially with the situation with the money I'm in at the moment I thank everyone there so much"

Reusable Period Items

EWA is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of menstruators in New Zealand by promoting sustainable practices and ensuring access to affordable, eco-friendly menstrual products. However, financial constraints prevent many individuals from accessing reusable options like menstrual cups and period underwear. We seek your valuable sponsorship to address this issue and make a positive impact on the lives of menstruators in our community. Our initiative focuses on providing free period education and reusable period items to specific groups such as youth, Māori, Pacifica, migrants, and individuals in the LGBTQIA2S+ community who experience Gender dysphoria and body dysmorphia due to menstruation. Through a simple process involving a distributed form, we aim to ensure accessibility for those on benefits, holding community service cards, or being referred by local organizations or schools.

Benefits of Reusable Period Items:

- 1. Health: Menstrual Cups and period underwear offer a healthier alternative to single-use products as they collect rather than absorb menstrual flow. They are free from harmful unknown chemicals and contribute to maintaining balanced vaginal health, allowing individuals to focus on their lives with confidence.
- 2. Empowerment: Reusable menstrual products empower people by relieving them of the financial burden associated with purchasing single-use items. By providing reusable options, we grant individuals the freedom to manage their menstruation without worrying about the ongoing costs.
- 3. Waste Reduction: Disposable menstrual products contribute to significant waste accumulation. Over a span of 10 years, an individual can dispose of an average of 39.5 kilograms of single-use menstrual waste. In contrast, a menstrual cup weighs an average of 15 grams and can be disposed of as clean waste, minimizing the environmental impact.
- 4. Environmental Impact: By promoting reusable options like menstrual cups and period underwear, we actively contribute to a cleaner and greener planet. Each menstrual cup prevents approximately 2,500 disposable menstrual products from ending up in landfills, reducing both waste and the environmental costs associated with producing disposable products.

Available Reusable Period Items:

- 1. Menstrual Cups: These reusable cups are a sustainable choice, lasting up to 10 years. By using a menstrual cup, an individual can prevent thousands of disposable menstrual products from being discarded, significantly reducing waste. Cost \$8
- 2. Period Underwear: Reusable period underwear provides a sustainable and comfortable option. These products can be worn for up to 2 years before disposal, diverting hundreds of pads and tampons from ending up in landfills. They offer a healthier and more comfortable choice for menstruators. Cost \$12-\$15
- 3. Period Swimming Togs: These are specially designed period togs that feature a gusset that absorbs menstrual flow while in the water and after. The leak-proof layer of the gusset is water-resistant, ensuring a worry-free experience without leaks. Cost \$25-\$55

Funding Opportunities: By helping us fund these items, you can contribute to improving menstrual health and promoting sustainability. Your support will enable us to provide free reusable period items to those who cannot afford them, empowering them and reducing the financial burden associated with menstruation. In addition, your sponsorship will support our efforts to deliver comprehensive period education to schools in our community, creating awareness about sustainable options and promoting a healthier future for menstruators and the environment.





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