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## **NEIGHBOURS' WEEKEND IN TAWA**

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

To update the Board on progress being made with planning barbecues in a number of streets in Tawa over Neighbours' Weekend, 24-25 March 2012.

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

### **3. Background**

Neighbours' Weekend in Tawa is supported by the Tawa Community Board along with Tawa Neighbourhood Support, the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association, the Lions Club of Tawa and the Wellington City Council.

An Emergency Preparedness Grant of \$2500 from the WCC is helping fund local promotion of the event.

Based on the belief that it's worthwhile to "... build a community before you need one", the goal is to see 50 streets in Tawa hosting neighbourhood barbecues on or near Neighbour's Weekend in late March. In so doing, people will better know who others in their immediate neighbourhoods are.

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, 19 February, and attracted around 55 people. Board members Margaret Lucas and Robert Tredger were also present.

As at 29 February 24 streets in Tawa have confirmed their intention to run their own neighbourhood barbecues.

Intense promotion of the event will continue through March, commencing with circulars entitled "Do you know your neighbours?" being delivered to every letterbox in Tawa in the first few days of the month.