

2 MINUTES WITH Anna Scott

Anna Scott is one of the three new members elected to the Tawa Community Board in the October 2019 local body election, and is now very active in that role.



Parts of her election profile read: “I have lived in Tawa for 13 years [2019] with my husband and our three children – at Redwood, Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College. I have a passion for Tawa and love its fantastic family friendly community. I am a Chartered Accountant and I understand the issues for business.

I am an enthusiastic and connected member of the Tawa community, having served nine years on the Redwood school board (five years as chair), am currently Tawa AFC treasurer, and was instrumental in driving for safer railway crossings – the installation of gates at Redwood station.”

Anna has roading, transport, and economic development responsibilities with the community board, and is on the grants committee.

Where were you born?

Waiuku, south of Auckland

Where did you grow up?

Thames and Perth (Australia)

Where were you educated?

I spent my primary years at Thames South School, then we moved to Perth and I went to Woodvale High School and Churchlands Senior High (Perth). I then returned to NZ, this time to Dunedin and spent a few months at Queens High School, then onto the University of Otago, Victoria University of Wellington, Massey University (extramurally).

What do you like about Tawa? What would you like to see improved?

I love the fabulous community of Tawa – fantastic schools, bike tracks, the bush and birdlife and the people. I want to grow old here.

An improvement would be an EV [electric vehicle] charger, better options for getting to our overflowing park n rides, and making Tawa stay on the radar of nearby agencies and local authorities.

What about family?

I've been married to Andrew for 19 years and we've been together a few more years than that. We have three children Ben (16), Hamish (13) and Emma (10), 3 cats – Lara and Bootsy are brother and sister, and our special kitten Dot.

Work experience over the years

Working life started with a paper round. I've been a checkout operator, cleaner and call centre team member during uni. After leaving uni with my honours degree international relations I joined a management programme at Woolworths (NZ) where I worked my way through supermarkets – Woolworths and Big Fresh (remember the singing veges) for a few years around Auckland mainly. I moved into retail management for Whitcoulls (I love books) and was second in charge of their flagship store in Botany Downs, Auckland. I then retrained as an accountant and became a CA [chartered accountant] around 13 years ago working for Deloitte. Around 8 years ago I started doing accounting work for my own clients and now have my own practice.

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What are your interests and hobbies?

I love to read, watch movies, do quizzes, hang out with friends when going for a walk or chatting over a cuppa. Hanging out with my family on travels here or overseas. Helping around the community, and I've recently rediscovered the fun of biking.

Favourite sports team?

My kids and their teams. So football, futsal, horseriding and sailing are some current mainstays.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

I love Adele, Ed Sheeran and Ronan Keating, and the Beatles will always get me singing. One of my favourite groups to be a part of on the musical scene is the adult choir for Tawa goes to Town.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

So many great spots. As a child I loved Thames and the Kauaeranga valley. Since I haven't been up there in a while, I think Christchurch for its fun attractions and people, and Mount Maunganui for its beaches and wildlife.

What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you the most satisfaction/pride?

My kids. Getting my chartered accounting qualification while raising two wee boys, and supporting and advocating for others in the community whether it's their businesses or access to learning support.

What are two or three things you would like to do before you die?

Travel heaps more – to Europe, the States, Canada among others. Happy to put this on hold for a bit. Have grandkids.

Climb a big(ish) mountain with a great view.

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