

## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Jill Day

Jill Day played a major part in behind-the-scenes work in setting up the “Bikes in Schools” track at Hampton Hill School earlier this year. She recently put her name forward for the Tawa Community Board and will be serving as a member of the board effective from this month (October 2016).

Profiles of all the other members of the Tawa Community Board featured in this newsletter from May to October 2014 (see [www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html](http://www.tawalink.com/newsletters.html)) and again last month (September 2016). Jill will also find out later this week whether she has won a place as a Northern Ward councillor for the Wellington City Council.

*Where were you born?* Palmerston North

*Where did you grow up?* Palmerston North, Christchurch and Wellington.

*Where were you educated?*

Hokowhitu Primary in Palmerston North; Kirkwood Intermediate and Riccarton High School (for one year) in Christchurch; Onslow College, Wellington from year 10 onwards.

I completed a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology at Victoria University and post graduate diploma in primary teaching.

*How long have you lived in Tawa?* 10 years. Moved here from Paparangi and, prior to that, Johnsonville.

*What about family?*

Married to Stuart Day with three children, Grace 12 (Tawa Intermediate), Liam 10 and Saskia 7 (Hampton Hill ).

*Work experience over the years .....*

I have worked in the education sector as both a teacher and early childhood educator at Tawa-Linden Playcentre. I currently teach Reading Recovery at Hampton Hill School.

*What are your interests/hobbies?*

I enjoy sewing, gardening, reading and spending time with friends. I love spending family time in the great outdoors, bike riding tramping and camping.

*Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?*

Irene Van Dyk. She is a very skilled netball player but also a positive role model. I also really enjoy watching the All Blacks.

*Favourite musical group and/or style of music?*

Stan Walker and Tiki Taane.

*Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?*

Taupo. I descend from Ngati Tuwharetoa on my mother’s side and this is our homeland. Growing up, we spent many holidays there and I always enjoyed connecting with the natural environment.

*Any accomplishments/achievements in your life (to date) that give you much satisfaction/pride?*

Our three children! I loved being home with them for their preschool years and having the opportunity to be drawn into the amazing Tawa community. Family is very important to me and I feel very blessed to live near to so much of our extended family.

Being involved with community groups and connecting with people.

Planning and implementing the Bikes In School programme at Hampton Hill school. It has been extremely satisfying seeing the children physically active and taking on new challenges.

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

Speak Maori fluently (I’m currently in my fourth year at Te Wananga o Aotearoa). I’ve always wanted to be able to dream in another language and I recently experienced this (it’s pretty cool).

Have my DNA ancestry mapped and visit the places that I originate from.

Walk all of the New Zealand great walks. We are starting this summer with walking the Abel Tasman.

