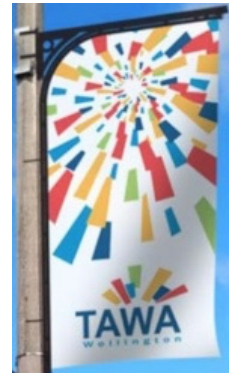


2 MINUTES WITH Kareen Holland



Kareen Holland is the founder and owner of KD One, a store at 220a Main Road in the central shopping area of Tawa (just south of the veterinary clinic), “Where Natural Skincare Is Key”. Her website www.kdone.co.nz states that she worked extensively for 23+ years as a make-up artist in the film and television industry before launching KD One, “having recognised the importance of providing skincare products that would truly enhance and support the structure of our skin.”



Kareen is also part of the Tawa Business Group executive committee.

Where were you born? In Wellington.

Where did you grow up? In Tawa and lived here until I was 18 years old.

Where were you educated?

I went to Linden School and then Tawa College. I was at Tawa College when Murray Lucas was a teacher before becoming principal of the college.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

All my life other than 12 years when I travelled and worked around the world, then returned to New Zealand and now live around the corner from my childhood family home.

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

I love the community of Tawa and the effort that everyone puts in to making the town the best it can be; all the different support groups that work together towards better surroundings, walking & cycle tracks, etc.

I would like more people to see Tawa as a destination to live, work and shop locally.

What about family?

My two children have also grown up in Tawa for a major portion of their lives, attending Redwood School and Tawa College.

Work experience over the years

I have worked overseas for banks in London and crime authorities in Sydney, working on the actual inquiries which were later made into TV programs called “Underbelly”. I studied in London and came back to New Zealand and worked in the film industry as a make-up artist, working with musicians and actors such as Karl Urban, Cliff Curtis, Taika Waititi and Tom Jones.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I enjoy being creative which make-up artistry fulfilled, and now creating skincare and cosmetics. I love to help people look their best and every year love making up the college students for their annual balls.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

I do enjoy watching rugby, mainly the big games. Also watching Aiden when he was young play rugby for the Tawa club and Morgan playing hockey and netball for Tawa College, plus softball games that both the children played. Morgan has continued playing softball.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

Love to go to live music, especially concerts. Adele’s voice live was just incredible.

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What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

I have had many memorable holidays in New Zealand, from Whitianga to Queenstown and all around New Zealand. Also working in the film industry took me to some majestic places in the South Island and, in the North Island, racing chariots along Bethells Beach.

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

Pleased to have won the Top Shop Award for my store in Tawa.

Being nominated for a make-up artist award in the New Zealand Film & TV Awards for a film by Anthony McCarten, a Kiwi who went on to do many successful movies, the latest being "Bohemian Rhapsody".

What are one or two interesting things about you that local people may not know?

I enjoyed making up everyone, especially politicians. I would go into the Beehive TV studio and make up people like Helen Clark, David Lange, Mike Moore, and all politicians of that time.

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

I would like to do more travel around the world, helping and teaching small communities how to make skincare out of their own native plants.

I would like to do more scuba diving.

I would also like to do an African safari and visit South America.

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