

## 2 MINUTES WITH ..... Malcolm Andrews

Tawa was an independent borough from the 1950s through to 1989 when it was forcibly amalgamated with Wellington City. At that point the Tawa Community Board was set up to replace the Borough Council.



There is only one member of the last Tawa Borough Council still residing in our midst. He is Malcolm Andrews, top right in the Tawa Borough Council photo from 1986 (at left). Bottom left is Kerry Prendergast who subsequently became Mayor of Wellington and, bottom right, the late Graeme Sutton who went on to serve the Tawa Community Board for 20 years.



*Where were you born?* Leeston, Canterbury

*Where did you grow up?*

As my father was a primary school headmaster, with a preference for country schools, my childhood years were spent around Canterbury and North Otago. I came to Wellington for my first job after leaving school.

*Where were you educated?*

Wakanui School (mid-Canterbury), Dunback School (north Otago) and Cust School (north Canterbury), and then Rangiora High School.

*How long have you lived in Tawa?*

We have been Tawa residents since 1978, and are now in our fourth home having moved as family needs have changed.

*What about family?*

My wife Lyn and I have been married for 44 years. We have a daughter Fiona and son Bryan who were both educated in Tawa and are living in the Wellington area. Completing our family are four granddaughters – Tylah-Jayne, Morgan, Alessandria and Helena.

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

Like lots of country teenagers, I was fortunate to have after-school jobs with local farmers and the local country store. Upon leaving school I began work at Civil Aviation, but a change of calling saw me as a professional photographer before moving into retail for 13 years with Hannahs. Lyn and I then went into business with Express Card Shop in Porirua but the onset of seven day trading and impact on family time prompted another change. I moved to purchasing / sales roles in the manufacturing industry, firstly at Rheem drum factory in Tawa, and when that closed went to Interlock at Miramar until that was sold, and then to my current role at Vega Industries, Porirua.

*What are your interests/hobbies?*

I enjoy photography, play indoor & outdoor bowls, follow most sports, enjoy gardening and value all family events and happenings. I am a member of Rotary Club of Tawa, have served on various school and sports club committees and was a Councillor in the last triennium of the Tawa Borough Council.

*Favourite sports team and/or sportsperson?*

I regard myself a Cantabrian, so Crusaders and All Blacks are my favourite teams. I admire Richie McCaw for his team leadership and the values he displays.

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

I enjoy most genres of music that are easy to listen to, but don't have any real favourites.

*Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?*

My parents' goal was "see New Zealand first", and so continuing in this vein we are still exploring what this country has to offer, although I do have an affection for "the mainland".

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

Serving the community and others has been important to me, but being part of, and keeping an eye on, the personal growths and achievements of our close and wider family will always be of greatest importance.

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

Continue to be married to Lyn

Explore more of NZ (hopefully venture afar)

See our granddaughters enjoy a good start in their lives