

## **60 SECONDS WITH ..... Councillor Malcolm Sparrow**

Malcolm is the other of the two Northern Ward Councillors serving on the Tawa Community Board, additional to the six elected members.

### *Early life .....*

Born and grew up in Christchurch.

### *Lived in Tawa since .....*

October 1996 when we moved to Wellington “for a bit of a change”. Looked at various suburbs in deciding where to live - decided on Tawa because it was affordable, within easy commuting distance of the CBD, and looked like a good community.

### *Family .....*

Married to Karen with two adult daughters, Becca (teacher at Tawa School) and Nicola (works at MPI, Wellington).



### *Work Experience over the years .....*

Worked in the insurance field for a number of years, mostly Christchurch and a short stint in the UK. Subsequently ran my own small publishing business through the 1990s and early 2000s. Coordinator of the newly-established Tawa Community Centre from 2007-09. Chair of the Tawa Community Board 2010-13. Elected as a Wellington City Councillor in October 2013.

### *Interests and hobbies .....*

Community life including maintaining “community connections” which is why I’m an avid ‘Neighbourly’ supporter; amateur photography; local church life; armchair sports fan - mostly rugby and football (enjoyed playing football in my earlier years). Enjoy travelling, mostly USA and UK, and exploring New Zealand. We hear it often, but it’s true that this is a beautiful country with superb scenery and a great outdoors. Also enjoy walking (a daily event with the dog through the Redwood Bush) and occasional cycling (ticked the Otago Central Rail Trail off my bucket list last year).

### *Which sports team(s)?*

The head supports the Hurricanes, the heart supports the Crusaders (blame my heritage), and definitely the All Blacks. And, to a lesser extent, Tottenham Hotspur, having been at Wembley to see them win the FA Cup in the early 1980s. Nothing like being in a crowd of around 92,000 revved-up football fans!

### *Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?*

Queenstown/Central Otago. We try to get there each April for the autumn colours and great outdoors. Walking the river trail at Arrowtown in autumn is magic, IMHO.

### *Why the community board, and what do you do on it?*

I was first voted on to the board in a by-election in 2005. Served as chair in the past triennium. Have played a role in the biennial Tawa Community Civic Awards since they were first initiated in 2006, also in the Tawa Primary Schools’ Citizenship Awards since 2011, and Neighbours’ Day in Tawa since 2012. The community board is important for Tawa in ensuring this suburb is kept on the WCC radar.

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