

60 SECONDS WITH Robert Tredger

Robert has been Chair of the Tawa Community Board since November 2013. He was previously Chair for the 2007-10 triennium.

Early life Born in Middlesex, near London, and grew up there.

Lived in Tawa since 1987, when I first came to New Zealand.

Family Married to Dianne, and we have two sons - David in computer security in Wellington, and Matthew at Canterbury University studying psychology.

Work experience over the years

Spent 33 years working for NCR Systemedia Division, 20 years in Africa and the Middle East before being transferred to New Zealand in 1987. Now retired apart from community board and other local roles.

Interests & hobbies Trustee and Patroller of Tawa Community Patrols, Rotary Club of Tawa, Tawa Stream Walkway committee, Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves, Tawa Historical Society, Probus Club of Tawa, and walking marathons as well as training others to do so.

Which sports team(s)? Southland Stags - because most of the team are born and bred in Southland and they produce some wonderful players. My wife's family have lived in Southland for five generations.

Favourite holiday destination in NZ The West Coast of the South Island, all the way down, through Otago and across to the Catlins - the wild side of the South Island. I love it down there!

On the Tawa Community Board since 1995

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

Having spent many years living and working in countries where democracy was not highly rated, and then settling in NZ, buying a house, finding a wife and starting a family, I thought it was time to put something back into the community. I stood for the Tawa Community Board 19 years ago and have been on the board ever since. Currently Chair, have previously been both Chair and Deputy Chair, and served in various other positions.

Responsibilities on the community board Tawa Grants, Tawa Borough Scholarship Trust, Communications, Tawa Community Civic Awards, and liaison with Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves.

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