

2 MINUTES WITH Tina Elsdon

Tina is the new coordinator for the Tawa Business Group, having been working on a part-time basis in that role since September 2018.

Tawa Business is a group of passionate local business owners, property owners and Tawa community members who would like to help make Tawa a better place to live, work and visit.

Tina has been very much involved in various voluntary roles in Tawa over the years and has been a key figure in organising the Tawa Community Christmas Carols event which has taken place at Tawa School both this year and last year.



Where were you born? Swindon, UK, and that's where I grew up.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

Since August 2007.

What about family?

We (Scott and I) live in a beautiful old house in Tawa, with our two children, Amber 10 and Rio 6.

Work experience over the years

I have had many roles over the years. It was my career in IT that led me to meet my husband Scott and he talked me into emigrating, lol. My current role is Tawa centre coordinator for the Tawa Business Group, and I also have my own face painting business Making Faces NZ.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I love to be creative, so I am always painting, colouring, making play dough and baking with my kids. I love to take bush walks and visit beaches.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

We are a camping family and have been to many beautiful places with our family tent. However we decided on a different holiday last year and went to the Abel Tasman and it was truly breathtaking. We have hopes to visit again with our extended family.

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

I am a serial volunteer (lol) and have taken on many projects since I have been in NZ. One of my proudest roles was being part of the team that delivered the new Tawa-Linden Plunket building.

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

There are so many places in NZ I would love to visit, so I would have to say:

1. Hire a camper van and do a NZ Tiki Tour.
2. Be around to watch my children grow up and be the awesome adults that I know they will become. Spend time with my grandchildren.
3. Travel around the world with my family. Scott and I are fairly well travelled, and we want to take our kids to those places that are special to us.



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