

2 MINUTES WITH Tony Hassed

Tony has been chair of the Tawa Residents' Association – under the Vibrant Tawa umbrella – for the past two years. In that time the association has been revitalised and plays a key role in seeing Tawa continue to move forwards.

Tony has been the driving force in establishing the Tawa Technology Education Trust. Part of his vision is to arrange for a 3D printer to be donated to each of the eight schools in Tawa. With his ability to get things done and with his wide range of “useful contacts”, that has already happened at Linden School and Tawa Intermediate, with Sir Richard Taylor (from Weta Workshop) playing a major part in the presentations at both schools.



It is the efforts of people like Tony (and others who feature in this section of this newsletter) that continue to ensure Tawa is a great ‘town’ in which to live.

Where were you born? Khandallah.

Where did you grow up?

Glenside, now being over-run by Churton Park.

Where were you educated?

Johnsonville School, Wellington College, Victoria University (BCA) .

How long have you lived in Tawa?

44 years.

What about family?

My first wife, Sue, known to many in Tawa, died 4½ years ago, and I’m now married to Norma. Between us we have 7 children and 14 grandchildren. My children live in Vancouver, Sydney and Island Bay.

Work experience over the years

I qualified as an accountant and worked for a chemical importing firm, IBM, General Finance, National Provident Fund. For the last 15 years I have been a consultant specialising in governance and strategic direction.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I have 2½ acres in Gladys Scott Place on which I’ve planted over 4,000 native trees so far, so that occupies a bit of time. I worship at St Christopher’s Anglican Church in Tawa, I am a member of the Rotary Club of Wellington, I chair four boards (including the Tawa Residents’ Association) and serve on three more. I’ve just launched the Tawa Technology Education Trust and am looking forward to seeing it achieve its potential. I love Sudoku, crosswords and kenken, and watching Australian V8 supercars.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person?

The All Blacks and the Hurricanes.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

Fat Freddy’s Drop; Dave Brubeck.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

I’ve just finished chairing the board of a time share in Taupo so I’ve been there 80 times over the last few years but I’m not sure that it would be my favourite, so I’ll say Taranaki.

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

I really enjoy mentoring young people and watching them grow.

The trees I have planted are drawing a range of birds, so hearing the discussions they have are rewarding.

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I'm blessed by having a family that are achieving and succeeding, and I enjoy the many community activities I have committed myself to.

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

Tour more of New Zealand – I've travelled extensively overseas but now it's time to mix in some NZ travel.
Continue contributing to my family and my community.

Clear my emails!!!

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