

TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS 2014

The biennial civic awards ceremony took place at the Tawa Community Centre on Friday 20 June, with the Mayor presenting certificates to around 47 people or groups to thank them for the voluntary service they provide in this community. The occasion went off well, with Malcolm Sparrow (WCC councillor) and Robert Tredger (Tawa Community Board chair) reading out the citations for all those who had been nominated.

There were seven categories, with a winner chosen in each of those categories. They each received a Parker pen and their certificate was framed! They also receive a little more 'recognition'. The main aim of the ceremony however is to show appreciation to everyone whose name is submitted and to express gratitude for what they do to improve the quality of life for the rest of us!



Above: The nominees (and a few 'extras')

ARTS & CULTURE

Enhancing and increasing participation in arts, including music and creative leisure and cultural activities.

Frank and Mae Clark

Frank and Mae Clark are stalwarts of the Wellington Red Hackle Pipe Band based in Tawa since the 1950s and which is currently experiencing a period of growth and competition success. For a number of years they have been active with the band as band members, committee members and office holders. Frank is currently President and Drum Major. Though retired, they give many hours of unpaid service for the band and are a vital part of its organisation.

Tom Humphries

Tom has been the musical director of the Wellington Male Voice Choir for over 30 years. He both conducts and arranges music for the choir. Proceeds from the choir's subscription concerts are donated to charitable groups such as Wellington Free Ambulance and the Westpac Life Flight Trust. The choir also frequently sings at retirement villages throughout the Wellington region. For many years they led the singing at the annual Rotary Christmas Carol event at Grasslees Reserve.

Danny Muthumala

Dhammika, aka Danny, has been an outstanding member of the Tawa Sri Lankan community for more than 10 years with his ongoing contribution to the betterment of Sri Lankan arts and culture. His tireless efforts and growing influence have helped raise consciousness and values amongst the Sri Lankan community, especially the youth. The "never say no" tireless approach that Danny has is inspirational to all, young and old. His innovation and creativity is second to none.

Sara Scott

Sara Scott has for many years contributed a huge amount to dance in Tawa. She has choreographed the last three major productions at Tawa College, playing a substantial part in contributing to their successes. She has also taken on the choreography role at recent Tawa Music Festivals. Sara's contribution has been simply outstanding, and these occasions would be the poorer without her massive input.

EDUCATION and/or CHILD/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Improving and enhancing the development of young people and children.

Rita Carroll

Rita has been in charge of the Tawa Cub Pack for a good 10 years. She has worked tirelessly to teach children from the ages of 7.5 to 10.5 yrs the scouting way. Not only does she do the work on troop night, but spends untold additional hours behind the scenes preparing programmes and logging the cubs' progress to make sure they stay on track towards the goal of the Gold Cub Award.

Christine Darnell

Christine helps run a community playgroup ("Pop-In") at St Christopher's and St Peter's Anglican churches. She has been committed to this position three days a week for 34 years, mostly on a voluntary basis and for a long time has had a leadership role within the volunteers. She is a kind, compassionate woman who is always ready to listen and help out. Christine's genuine love for every child and their caregiver is evident in the attention and care she puts into this role.

Jill Day

For the past nine years Jill has been an active member of Tawa-Linden Playcentre, holding a variety of positions including President, Session Coordinator and team leader. Her passion for the wellbeing of children and their families is second-to-none. Meanwhile she has been heavily involved with the Board of Trustees at Hampton Hill School and is the current chair. Jill also gifts time to helping struggling readers. She makes a positive difference in everything she does.

Angela Dorrington

Angela is the Guide Leader at 1st Tawa Guides. She works tirelessly to give girls between the ages of 9 1/2 and 13 the opportunity to learn a huge variety of skills while having fun in a safe and supportive environment. Some of the exciting and interesting activities at Guides include: Camping, Outdoor adventures, Learning leadership skills, Earning badges, patches and certificates, Community action projects, Cultural awareness activities.

Maureen Phipps

Maureen has worked for Hampton Hill School providing help with new entrants for the past two years, being involved with fundraising activities consistently, and has assisted in the Hampton Hill School secondhand shop. What is noteworthy about this is that although Maureen no longer has any children left at Hampton Hill, she has continued to provide volunteer services over this time.

Liz Pledger

As a volunteer at Linden School Liz comes in every week and works with the Gardening club. She teaches them all aspects of gardening, to design and build gardens, choosing what they want to grow, and to look after the plants. Liz supports the children in using the harvested plants to make a variety of foods, from sandwiches to soup. As well as growing sunflowers and raising money for the club, the children have gained so much knowledge and enthusiasm about gardening from Liz.

Pop-In, Tawa Anglican Church

The folk at Pop-In are incredible. The environment they provide our pre-schoolers is fun, creative, educational, safe and caring. There are so many different toys, indoor activities, art and craft materials, outdoor activities and experiences for our littlies, plus coffee and cake for the adults. For a gold coin donation, the lovely volunteers at Tawa-Linden Anglican Church go well and truly beyond all expectations. They are such lovely people, with big warm hearts.

John Robinson

Whilst John's twin daughters attended St Francis Xavier School he was an avid volunteer around the school. He became the general handyman where no job was too big or too small. He would be at the school in his own time to fix whatever was wrong. On a voluntary basis he also managed the school's netball team for a number of seasons, and he was a key member of the school's fundraising committee. Although John's daughters have moved on to Bishop Viard College, he continues to give of his time to St Francis Xavier School.

Barbara Scott-Hill

Barbara works tirelessly from 9-3 four days a week as a volunteer in the library at Hampton Hill School, on road patrol twice a week and in the secondhand clothing shop she set up about two years ago. Proceeds from the shop's sales have gone towards buying electronic equipment for the school. Barb spends a lot of her free time sorting the clothes and pricing them. She has been on the school's fundraising committee for seven years and has organised Hampton Hill's Spring into Tawa stall for the past few years.

Bethany Tate

Bethany is a young adult who has spent a great deal of time mentoring others. In the last eight years she has provided leadership at Tawa Baptist youth group. This has involved guiding and encouraging Year 11-13 students both on a Wednesday night and at a Saturday night fun activity. She has also attended many camps in this capacity. In the past three years Bethany has mentored three university-aged girls and supported their growth and development.

Tawa Salvation Army Mainly Music

The team of Tawa Mainly Music deserve recognition for all the fantastic work they do running the best Preschool music programme Tawa has to offer. Not only do they provide a fun and interactive music session for many children each week, they also offer the families an opportunity in between sessions to get to know one another over a cuppa and a delicious morning tea spread - prepared by the lovely ladies who volunteer. Our community is so lucky to have such an enthusiastic team.

Leaders at Tawa Scouts

The team of leaders at Tawa Scouts are awesome. They are very committed to the kids, giving generously of their time and providing them with many opportunities, both on normal Scout nights and on other occasions. For 19 years they have run a Scout camp for the first week of the school holidays in April, taking the kids to Taupo and teaching them loads of both life and camping skills, and providing lots of fun. The whole team is very impressive.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Providing services which enhance the wellbeing of people.

Dennis & Ariadne Fountain

Dennis & Ariadne are retired and spend their time quietly performing all manner of voluntary tasks for other people on a daily basis. From child minding, gardening, transporting people, mentoring and countless other tasks, all under the radar. Their home in Rewa Tce was recently burnt out, yet the following week they were still performing tasks for other people. A retired Onslow College teacher, Dennis provides leadership in the Porirua Gospel Chapel, and Ariadne is a retired ESL teacher.

Brian Frampton

Brian is devoted to the Tawa community and contributes through the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade in which he has been involved for around 30 years, also through the Tawa Community Patrol and other community organisations such as Rotary. He drives his truck in various Rotary community projects such as “Toot for Tucker”. He has supported children’s sport in Tawa and played a major part in the installation of the much-admired hanging baskets in the central shopping area.

Mal Fyfe

Mal Fyfe has been caretaking at Wellington Group Riding for the Disabled as a volunteer for over 15 years, keeping the grounds looking fantastic. With him in charge we can get on with our job of providing a therapeutic riding service. He is also the Coordinator of Volunteer Drivers for the Cancer Society and gives his time to other organisations like the Tawa Community Police Base. He is also a Justice of the Peace. Outstanding volunteers like Mal really make a huge difference.

Jim Higgins

Jim has led tirelessly the Community Police Volunteers for 21 years. He has now returned his keys from being in charge and will still be coming down to the base to do occasional volunteering. During this time Jim has worked under many Community Constables, Sergeants and Area Commanders who knew him personally. He has also played a significant role in Neighbourhood Support in Tawa over the years and helped set up new groups in the community.

Bev Johnson

Bev has been a very active member of Wellington Cancer Society Kapi Mana Auxiliary since 1996. Her roles include fund raising, providing services to cancer patients and to the organization itself. She has also been heavily involved with Daffodil day coordinating and collecting since its inception in 1991. Bev is past president of the Women’s Association of the Tawa RSA.

Kiwi Community Assistance

KCA is assisting several schools in the Tawa Community with food for their students. Through their network of charities they also assist people in need in the wider community with food, clothing and more. They are Tawa-based, but support people across the wider Wellington region. KCA works on a think local, work local basis, with many local businesses supporting them, and those businesses in turn being supported by KCA volunteers and supporters.

Liz Langham

Liz had a decade of involvement at Tawa-Linden Playcentre where she was co-president before stepping down recently to take up a Wellington Playcentre Association role. Passionate about music, she leads the very popular Mainly Music sessions for parents, babies and preschoolers in Tawa. Liz is an ardent supporter of Mana Tiaki and is a past executive member. Her contribution to the community at large was recognised when she won the Wellingtonian of the Year Education Sector award in 2013.

Eriner Pearson

Eriner's commitment to the ongoing operation of the Salvation Army Op Shop in Tawa is amazing. Not only has she volunteered many hours weekly working in the shop for the past 2-3 years, but she goes beyond the calling of a volunteer by continuing her work at home, where she spends endless hours sorting through games, toys and other goods ready to return to the shop for sale. She has also sacrificed paid hours to fellow employees who need the extra income more than she does.

Redwood Club

The Redwood Club provides a happy, caring and safe environment for members of the community who require stimulation and support of a balanced day programme. Elderly people who are dependent on others can attend for one or two days each week and receive good care. Professionals head the team supported by wonderful volunteers, some of whom have assisted there for many years. A wide range of activities including a daily outing in the club's van are available with lots of fun and laughter. A cooked lunch and morning and afternoon teas are provided.

Barbara Russell

Barbara is a very special person who provides friendship, support and the most delicious food to those in need, not just within Tawa Union Church circles. This she does on a very regular basis. At her church she helps the young folk from pre-schoolers to teenagers and has a fantastic rapport with them in helping to do craft and cooking. The church is blessed with her flower arranging, her wonderful sewing ability and her caring nature.

Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade

The volunteer fire brigade is a well-organised fully voluntary group, limited to 30 in number at any one time, who work hard for the community. They tend to a significant number of callouts each year, approximately half within Tawa and half in neighbouring areas. They are often first on the scene in medical emergency callouts. In reality they now see themselves as being a “multi-purpose emergency response provider”. Much of their service is proactive - installing smoke alarms, providing training in schools and regularly turning out at community events and galas. This is their 70th year serving the local community.

Marjorie Todd

Marjorie has served more than a decade at Enliven Longview Home as a volunteer shop Home Lady. She is a street collector for many organisations including the Cancer Society. She hosts U3A Tawa groups in her home. Marjorie's duties at the Tawa Union Church include flowers, morning teas, greeting other members and visiting the sick and infirm. She is also a member of the inner Wheel and was a leader for a two-year term, contributing to the wider community with many projects over the years. She is well respected by everyone who knows her.

Betty Watson

Betty has been a very loyal and active member since 1998 of the Cancer Society Kapi-Mana Auxiliary assisting with fundraising and all other services to assist the association. She has been a stalwart with Daffodil day for 22 years. Betty has also assisted with the Poppy Day fundraising for the Tawa RSA for many years both as the coordinator and collector.

Tracy Wellington

Tracy and KCA (Kiwi Community Assistance) have already won awards for the work they do, and they deserve recognition in their own community. Tracy coordinates the collected of goods from donors, and redistribution to people in need. She provides the bread for Tawa Intermediate's breakfast club, and other items such as spreads, also fruit when available. Tracy should be recognised in her own right for her tireless devotion to this cause and the sacrifices she has made to start it.

HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT

Improving or revitalising the environment, culture or heritage.

Alister Buckingham

For 20 years Alister has kept the gorse down on the hillside reserve opposite his home in Chastudon Place, as well as mowing and maintaining the street frontage opposite his home in a very agreeable manner - this is approximately 200m long and on a slope. Apparently the Council has been known to take truckloads of gorse away following Alister's efforts.

Richard Herbert

Richard has been actively involved with Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves for most of its ten years of existence. As its President since 2008 he has maintained and extended positive working relationships both with local government and community service and conservation groups. He also leads monthly working bees to improve and care for Tawa's various bush reserves. He is also actively involved in the Tawa Historical Society and the Rotary Club of Tawa, and also now serves on the Tawa Community Board.

Bruce Murray

As president of the Tawa Historical Society, Bruce has been instrumental in resurrecting interest in Tawa's heritage and has encouraged the collection and writing of historical materials related to the valley, resulting in the publication of a number of books on different aspects of the history of the borough. He has also been involved for many years in education and church life in Tawa.

Tawa Valley Pathway Committee

The committee was originally formed back in 2007 with the idea of developing a walkway from Willowbank Reserve to Kenepuru, following the Porirua Stream wherever possible. With the support of the Tawa Community Board, the new committee liaised with the Wellington City Council and the NZTA over the ensuing years on a shared walkway and cycle route from one end of Tawa to the other. Its completion was celebrated just last month at Grasslees Reserve - a great asset not only to Tawa residents but to all Wellingtonians.

Peter Turney (4 nominations)

"We would like to nominate the "rubbish man" who is out there rain, hail, or shine cleaning up Tawa."

"This kind man picks up rubbish. I think he does it voluntarily. He deserves to be recognised for his regular input."

"Peter tries to keep Tawa clean and tidy. He has been on the road for years."

"I would like to nominate the person who, as a voluntary act of kindness, goes around with a big rubbish bag and wears a pair of rubber gloves and picks up rubbish in some of our main streets."

TAWA ROTARY YOUNG EMPLOYEE AWARD

Displaying energy and enthusiasm in undertaking workplace responsibilities.

Steven Blackmore

Steven joined Mexted Motors Ltd about 12 months ago to take up a position as an apprentice automotive engineer. This followed on from his previous employment as a forecourt service position with BP, at one of their local area service stations.

As well as 'on the job' practical training that Steven undertakes with Mexted Motors, he has commenced the theory/study requirements of his apprenticeship which is overseen by the Motor Industry Training organisation.

Steven is a young man with an extremely positive attitude, work commitment and good humour and he achieves a good outcome in all that is asked of him.

Anton Taylor

Anton joined Aquaheat New Zealand Ltd about a year ago, after having left school to take up an apprenticeship in sheet metal/light engineering.

In addition to his day to day work with Aquaheat, which provides practical skills, he has completed two unit standards in his first year which is a considerable achievement in such a short time.

Anton has fitted seamlessly into the team at Aquaheat and is a well liked and respected young man among his fellow employees.

YOUTH (15-24 years)

Celebration and recognition of young people who provide outstanding service within the community of Tawa.

Michael Johnson

Michael Johnson is an outstanding young man very active in the Tawa community. At age 16 he became the youngest qualified bowls umpire in the world and has umpired at a number of international tournaments held in New Zealand. Five years ago he became an active member of the Tawa Community Patrol. Michael is currently their coordinator in the operations of the patrol, and has been involved in the development of recruitment, training, and intelligence gathering, working closely with the local police and city council.

Loren Marley

Loren is currently head girl at Tawa College, a role which entails substantial commitment and responsibility. She gives hours of her own time in the service of others. Whether it be coaching a College netball team, designing and painting the set for Stage Challenge, or being one of the leaders for World Vision in the school, Loren gives 100% in a very cheerful manner.

Jack Marshall

Jack has been a member of the Wellington City Youth Council for the last six years, and Chair for the past two. He was elected as a member of the Tawa Community Board at last year's local body elections at the age of 19. Jack is also a Civil Defence volunteer for WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office) and he played a key part in organising a Neighbours' Day barbecue in his own street in Tawa this past March.

Chris Pugh

Chris is a relatively recent arrival in Tawa but has already spent hours of his own time coaching the Tawa College Senior A Basketball team. He has considerable ability and it is great that he is sharing this expertise and love of basketball with the team. Chris has played a major part in seeing the Tawa College team regain Premier status in the College Sport Wellington competition.

Yannis Tiavaasue

Yannis gives of his own time to coach the Tawa College Junior B basketball team. He runs excellent practices and attends all their games. He is a great role model in that he demonstrates fair play at all times in his own playing. Yannis is also successful academically and mentors young Pasifika students. His willingness to give of his own time and talents is very impressive.

SPORT & LEISURE

Enhancing and increasing participation in physical sport, leisure activities and recreational pursuits.

Hugh Allan

Hugh is the officials' coordinator for Tawa Swimming Club as well as being a national swimming official himself. He spends at least 10-15 hours a week training officials, organising the officials' roster for competitions or officiating himself at swim meets. He officiates at all level meets from novice level to the recent Oceania Swimming Champs and it is all done on a purely voluntary basis. This includes travelling to meets anywhere in the country.

Carole Brown

Carole has dedicated many hours each week over the past 20 years to organising the badminton teams at Tawa College. She does this beyond her teaching and other roles at college, carrying out practices and trials in her own lunchtime. Every year there are approx 30 badminton teams, thus 140 to 160 students to be organised into teams. Carole arranges transport for those students who are unable to get to games. Her commitment to badminton at Tawa College is immeasurable.

Bev Lindsay

Bev has for many years coached lawn bowls amongst the young people at Tawa College whose teams since 2006 have enjoyed considerable success at local, regional and national level. This is due largely to the dedicated coaching of Bev. She generously gives of her time and expertise.

Jan Loader

Jan has organised with great skill the Redwood School hockey teams over a number of years. The teams have grown in strength and numbers and she has given great support for the coaches and managers over these years. Her dedication to this role has given many students a love of the game which has followed them after leaving Redwood School. She is also great to deal with and does not begrudge her favourite sport the time it takes to do this organisation.

Lea-anne McLellan

Lea-anne is the unsung hero of junior hockey in Tawa. Although the programme is run under the Tawa Junior Club umbrella, she has single-handedly organised it for at least 13 years. Lea-anne organises the draw, sorts out the marking and booking of grounds, occasionally runs coaching sessions and at the end of the season, produces individual certificates for all participating children and a treat bag for every single team. Hundreds and hundreds of children have benefitted from Lea-anne's efforts with Kiwi hockey.

Merv Parr

Merv has taken the Tawa College 1st IX in cricket over a number of years. His own son left school in 2009 but he continues to spend hours coaching the team. This year the team has met with considerable success, being promoted to Premier 1 having beaten Wellington College twice. His people management skills and attention to detail are superb. Merv is a real encourager, and students appreciate his wisdom and guidance.

Mike Wood

Mike has held several positions in the Tawa Association Football Club, starting by coaching kids in 1982, and is currently Club President, a position he has held for 15 years. He is very active in the Club's day-to-day running and has put substantial effort into gaining community funding for football in Tawa. Mike's leadership has ensured development of the Club, particularly in negotiation with Wellington City Council in continued enhancement of the pitches, resulting in a promise of a major upgrade at Redwood Park in the not-too-distant future.

THE WINNERS OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES

The winner of the ARTS & CULTURE category is a couple who

for a number of years have been active with a band as band members, committee members and office holders. One of them is currently President and Drum Major. Though retired, they give many hours of unpaid service for the band and are a vital part of its organisation. The band is a regular performer at the Spring into Tawa parade, the ANZAC Day parade and service, and the Christmas parade in Tawa. Currently there is a growth in members, particularly younger local learners. They are also custodians of the community hall at Taylor Park in Tawa, responsible for the management and access of all users of the hall which is in constant use. Only peppercorn rentals are charged to other users. They give their time for free so many others can enjoy the fellowship of a number of group activities. They are stalwarts of the Tawa-based Wellington Red Hackle Pipe Band.

Congratulations to FRANK and MAE CLARK

The winner of the EDUCATION AND/OR CHILD/YOUTH category is a person who

epitomises the concept of a person giving service to the community, and not doing it for any public recognition, but because she loves what she is doing. She has been in charge of the Tawa Cub Pack for a good 10 years. She has worked tirelessly to teach children from the ages of 7.5 to 10.5 yrs the scouting way. Not only does she do the work on troop night, but spends untold additional hours behind the scenes preparing programmes and logging the cubs' progress to make sure they stay on track towards the goal of the Gold Cub Award. When former cubs do well later on down the track, she takes great delight in knowing that she had some small part in educating them along the way.

Congratulations to RITA CARROLL

The HEALTH & WELLBEING category once again received more nominations than any other. On this occasion the judging panel deemed it appropriate to have two winners, one group and one individual.

The winning group in the HEALTH & WELLBEING category is

a group which was established just over 2.5 years ago in Tawa and is a distribution hub for several local charities. They assist various Tawa-based schools and agencies, like:

- He Huarahi Tamariki decile 1 school for pregnant teenagers – food for their students' meals, clothing for their students and books relating to parenthood and pregnancy
- Linden School – fresh fruit for the whole school and warm clothing for their students
- Tawa Intermediate School – supplying their breakfast club with bread, butter, and spreads on a weekly basis, and fresh fruit for the whole school

- Tawa Community Centre – providing the community with access to toys and books at the centre
 - Tawa Plunket by supplying clothing, furniture based on a referral system
 - Plus a variety of agencies with clients in Tawa – Supergrans, Pregnancy Help, Birthright
- This group has already won Wellington regional awards for the brilliant service it provides in the community.

Congratulations to KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

The winning individual in the HEALTH & WELLBEING category is a person

who has contributed to the Tawa community for decades as an unsung hero. She works behind the scenes to make a real difference to the lives of people she knows and organisations she works for selflessly, including more than a decade at Enliven Longview Home as a volunteer shop Home Lady. She was recently successful in recruiting several more volunteers for the Home. She is a street collector for many organisations including the Cancer Society. She hosts U3A Tawa craft group and quilting group in her home, and supports the U3A choir, indoor bowls and French-speaking groups. Her duties at the Tawa Union Church include flowers, morning teas, greeting other members and visiting the sick and infirm. She instigated a Sunday after-church winter friendship lunch for singles. She is also a member Tawa Inner Wheel and was a leader for a two-year term, and she supports Rotary's work for the betterment of the Tawa community. She is well respected by everyone who knows her and is a valued asset to the Tawa community.

Congratulations to MARJORIE TODD

The winner of the HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT category is a group

whose origins date back to 2007, born out of a proposal to develop a walkway from Willowbank Reserve to Kenepuru, following the Porirua Stream wherever possible, and using other off-road reserves elsewhere. The Tawa Community Board joined with the Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves to bring the concept to a public meeting in May that year. Over the ensuing years the newly-formed committee under the chairmanship of Brett Gillies, and with the support of the Tawa Community Board, liaised with the Wellington City Council and the NZTA on a shared walkway and cycle route stretching approximately five kilometres from one end of Tawa to the other. Its completion was celebrated just last month at Grasslees Reserve with both the Mayor and Mr Gillies saying a few words, and with a significant number of people in attendance.

The dedication of this committee and their incredible enthusiasm saw it through to fruition. Their input into the various plans, potential routes and negotiations with various Wellington City Council officers, as well as the engineers, sub-contractors and designers ensured that the actual pathway is a great asset not only to Tawa residents but to all Wellingtonians.

Congratulations to the TAWA VALLEY PATHWAY COMMITTEE

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joined Aquaheat New Zealand Ltd about a year ago, after having left school to take up an apprenticeship in sheet metal/light engineering.

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He has fitted seamlessly into the team at Aquaheat and is a well liked and respected young man among his fellow employees.

CONGRATULATIONS to ANTON TAYLOR

The winner of the YOUTH category is a person who

has been a member of the Wellington City Youth Council for the last six years, and Chair for the past two years. He was elected as a member of the Tawa Community Board at last year's local body elections at the age of 19. He puts considerable effort into both of these roles, particularly the Youth Council for which he spends many hours working on submissions and running the Youth Council. He is also a Civil Defence volunteer for

WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office) and he played a key part in organising a Neighbours' Day barbecue in his own street in Tawa, and which was hosted at his own place, this past March – a very community-minded individual.

Congratulations to JACK MARSHALL

The winner of the SPORT & LEISURE category is a person who

has held several positions in the Tawa Association Football Club, starting by coaching kids in 1982. He is currently Club President, a position he has held for 15 years, and is very active in its day-to-day running which includes getting gear to players when necessary. His leadership has ensured development of the Club, particularly in negotiation with Wellington City Council in continued enhancement of the pitches. He has helped the club through financial problems and puts substantial effort into gain community funding. One of the really great things about the Club is that it is predominantly a Tawa club, where most of the players learnt their skills as children, as did his own two boys, and have continued playing through the various grades and maintaining their involvement many years later. The Club has grown from two senior teams and approximately 200 junior players when it was founded in 1971 to 12 senior teams today, including 2 women's teams, and the junior club to over 350 players. He has been involved in the Club for most of that time.

Congratulations to MIKE WOOD



The winners of the various categories (L to R in the above photo):

- Mike Wood – Sport & Leisure
- Jack Marshall – Youth (15-24)
- Anton Taylor – Tawa Rotary Young Employee Award
- Tawa Valley Pathway committee, represented by Brett Gillies – Heritage & Environment
- Kiwi Community Assistance, represented by Tracy Wellington (at back) and colleagues – Health and Wellbeing (group winner)
- Mayor Celia Wade-Brown
- Marjorie Todd – Health and Wellbeing (individual winner)
- Rita Carroll – Education and/or Child/Youth Development)
- Frank & Mae Clark – Arts & Culture