60 SECONDS WITH Jack Marshall

Jack has been a member of the Tawa Community Board since October 2013 and is the youngest member of the board. He has been a member of the Wellington City Youth Council for the last six years, and Chair for the past two.

Jack was the winner of the Youth (15-24 years) category at the Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony in June this year.

Early life	Born in Christchurch.
Lived in Tawa since	the age of three (16 years).
Family	Living at home with Mum, Dad, two sisters and a cat. I also have a brother who is currently living in Finland.



Education

I completed all of my schooling in Tawa. Started at Redwood School, then Tawa Intermediate. Went to Tawa College (and really enjoyed it). Currently in my second year, of five, at Victoria University, studying Law, Political Science and International Relations, which I am really enjoying.

Interests and hobbies

Currently on the Wellington City Youth Council, advocating for young people in Wellington City is a big interest. Also a Civil Defence volunteer for WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office). I like to read when I can.

Which sports team(s)?

Big Black Caps follower after playing many years of cricket when I was younger. Hurricanes and Phoenix watcher when I can.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Probably Kaikoura. Close enough to see my extended family in Christchurch, whilst still quiet, warm and relaxed.

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

I wanted to ensure that the voice of young people in Tawa was heard. I'm really enjoying being on the Board. I am currently advocating for the Board to take steps to ensure the long term future of Tawa, so that our community is fostered and enhanced, well into the future. As a young person, thirty years into the future is when I could potentially have a family, and I want my children to be able to grow up in the Tawa that I did, a caring community with its own identity.

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