

2 MINUTES WITH Judith Havill

Judith Havill was presented with a Tawa Community Service Award at a Tawa Community Board meeting earlier this year. That was reported in the April edition of this newsletter. The following is part of the wording that was received with Judith's nomination.

"Judith has organised the Adult Community Education programme for almost 30 years. Countless adults have had the opportunity to learn subjects as varied as NZ Sign Language to Defensive Driving. Despite new Government regulations, Judith has managed to maintain and even grow the Community Education programme based at Tawa College."



Where were you born? Pukekohe

Where did you grow up? On a farm in Buckland (between Pukekohe and Tuakau).

Where were you educated?

Buckland Primary School, Onehunga High School, Massey University.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

Over 40 years and have lived in five different houses here. I came to Tawa for a teaching job at Tawa College.

What about family?

Both my husband and I taught at Tawa College (where we first met).

I have three grown-up children who went to Tawa Primary, Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College and now live in Palmerston North, Dunedin and Germany.

Work experience over the years

Teacher at Tawa College; Coordinator of Tawa College Community Education for 28 years. I took on the job which I could do from home when I had my first child; Relief Coordinator at Tawa College – I look after the staff at college and employ teachers to do relief work when staff are sick or on courses or taking students on trips, etc.

What are your interests and hobbies? Sewing, quilting, travel.

Favourite sports team and/or sports person? All Blacks.

Favourite musical group and/or individual singer?

Adele (I was gutted I missed seeing her in Auckland);

Musical Island Boys.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

Golden Bay (because I had a really enjoyable holiday with my daughter there);

Dunedin (because my son lives there).

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

Being able to work to make the world a better place, help and support other people achieve their goals. Education for myself and others is extremely important.

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

Continue travel overseas as we can learn so much from other people and other cultures.

Finish all my quilting tasks.

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