

60 SECONDS WITH Margaret Lucas

Margaret has been deputy chair of the Tawa Community Board since November 2013. She has been a community board member since October 2010.

Early life Born in Lower Hutt.

Lived in Tawa since 2002.

Family Married to Murray with two boys, Caleb & Nathanael, both at university, Otago & Auckland.

Work experience over the years

Taught in primary schools for 11 years (including 8 years in a Catholic school in Wainuiomata) and then part-time. Shifted to Levin for 6 years before coming to Tawa 12 years ago. Moved into special education, the past 8 years working as an itinerant advisory teacher supporting teachers of students with learning difficulties, and now studying towards becoming an educational psychologist.

Interests and hobbies

Faith, family, tramping family holidays, exercise (whether it be swimming, running or biking), golf, sewing, homecrafts, hospitality.

Which sports team(s)?

Started supporting Sheffield Wednesday [*English football team – Ed.*] because my son Caleb will be doing his medical elective alongside the team doctor. Passionate about watching whatever sports my kids are playing, whether it be football, lawn bowls or running a half marathon.

Favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

The Kepler Track (Te Anau/Manapouri) – the views from the top are stunning and inspirational. Also Lake Rotoiti, Nelson Lakes. We love doing the Nelson Walkers & Striders “Loop the Lake” event.

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

Acting as an advocate to ensure that Tawa gets a fair deal from the Wellington City Council. I was originally encouraged by a group of people to stand for the board as their representative. I am currently working with Bruce Murray (Tawa Historical Society chair) towards getting a peace memorial in place in Tawa before next year’s WW1 centenary celebrations. It will commemorate Tawa people who have given their lives for their country.

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