

Pōtitanga Kawanatanga ā Rohe  
**2022 Local Government Elections**



**Voting closes at 12 noon on Saturday 8 October 2022**



Pārongo me ngā Kōrero Kaitono  
**Information & Candidate Profiles**

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- Candidates are listed in the voting document under the elections they are standing for.
- We have colour coded the voting document and this profile book to help you match the elections and candidate profiles.
- This booklet may contain other elections that do not apply to you.

The successful candidates make decisions that affect us all every day. You will find all or some of these positions on your voting document:

- **The Mayor** is the leader of the City or District Council.
- **The City or District Council** provides communities with a wide range of local services and facilities. Councils make decisions to improve community wellbeing including key infrastructure (e.g. water supply, sewerage, roads), local regulations, recreational facilities, parks, planning and building issues. The council may be elected 'at-large' or divided into wards (including general or Māori).
- **The Regional Council** makes decisions about functions best delivered at a regional scale such as natural resource management (e.g. quality of water, allocation of water, land and soil, coastal planning, plant and pest control), regional transport, and civil defence and emergency management. Unitary Authorities perform the functions of both City or District Councils and Regional Councils. The regional council is divided into constituencies (which may be general or Māori).

### Important dates for this election



#### **Post**

your individual voting document in the freepost envelope no later than **Tuesday, 4 October 2022**



#### **OR**

take it to the address shown on the voting document so it is with the Electoral Officer **before voting closes**



#### **Voting closes**

**12 Midday, Saturday, 8 October 2022**

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## He āwhina i a koe ki te pōti i tēnei pōtitanga

- E whakarārangihia ana ngā kaitono i te pepa pōti i raro i te pōtitanga e tū ana rātau.
- Kua waeheretia ā-tae te pepa pōti me tēnei pukapuka kāhua hei āwhina i a koe ki te hono i te pōtitanga me ngā kāhua kaitono.
- Kei roto pea i tēnei pukapuka ētahi atu pōtitanga kāore i te hāngai ki a koe.

Ka tuku whakatau ngā kaitono angitu e pā ana ki a tātou katoa i ia rā. Ka kite pea koe i ēnei tūranga katoa, i ētahi rānei i runga i tō pepa pōti:

- **Ko te Koromatua** te kaiārahi i te Kaunihera Tāonenui, Kaunihera ā-Takiwā rānei.
- Ka whakarato te **Kaunihera Tāonenui, te Kaunihera ā-Takiwā rānei** i ngā momo ratonga me ngā whakaurunga paetata whānui ki ngā hāpori. Ka tuku whakatau ngā Kaunihera hei whakapai ake i te oranga hāpori, tae atu ki ngā hanganga matua (hei tauira, te ratonga wai, pūnaha parakaingaki, rorī) ngā ture ā-rohe, whakaurunga whakangahau, ngā pāka, ngā take whakamahere, waihanga hoki. Ka pōtihia pea te Kaunihera whānui, ka whakawehea rānei ki ngā rohe pōti (tae atu ki ngā rohe pōti auraki, Māori rānei).
- Kei te **Kaunihera ā-Rohe** ngā whakatau mō ngā mahi e tika ana kia whakahaere ā-rohetia pērā i te whakahaere rawa taiao (hei tauira, te mauri o te wai, te tohatoha i te wai, te whenua me te oneone, ngā mahere takutai, te patu tarutaru me ngā kīrearea) te tūnuku ā-rohe, me te whakahaere whakamaru ohotata. Ka whakahaerehia e ngā Kaunihera Whakatōpū ngā mahinga a ngā Kaunihera Tāonenui, ā-Takiwā rānei me ngā Kaunihera ā-Rohe. Ka whakawehea te kaunihera ā-rohe ki ngā rohe pōti (auraki, Māori rānei).

### Ngā rā matua mō tēnei pōtitanga



#### **Pōhitia**

tō pepa pōti takitahi ki roto i te kōpaki utukore i mua tonu i te **Tūrei, te 4 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022**



#### **TĒRĀ RĀNEI**

haria ki te wāhitau i runga i te pepa pōti kia tae atu ki te Kaiwhakahaere Pōti i mua i te katinga o ngā pōti



#### **Ka kati ngā pōti**

**ā te 12 i te rā-tū, Rāhoroi,  
8 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022**

**Kei te hiahia āwhina anō?** Ka taea e koe te tono ki tētahi atu ki te āwhina i a koe ki te māka i te pepa mēnā kāore i te pai tō kite, he uaua rānei ki a koe te pānui, te tuhi, te kōrero Ingarihi rānei. Mēnā kāore koe i te tino mārama me aha koe, kua tuhi hapa rānei e kore e taea te whakatika kia mārama, whakapā atu ki te kaiwhakahaere pōti mā te nama i runga i te pepa pōti.

## Waitomo District Council Mayor Electing the Mayor

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### **Andy CONNORS**

Community first

My principal place of residence is in the Waitomo District Council area.

Born here in the King Country, I am of Pākehā descent and my wife, Valerie, is of Te Ati Haunui-a-Pāpārangi descent. We've been together since 1983, have five children and ten mokopuna. I

have a passion for farming and we have a block of land near Piopio.

I have spent considerable time involved in community projects and hold strong old-fashioned values of respect, loyalty, honesty and whānau, and have proven this throughout my 27 years of policing within this community.

I would bring to the table a cohesive leadership, an ability to establish strong networks and will prioritise a greater engagement with our local youth, a stronger focus on crime and unify our councillors, whilst keeping a close eye on expenditure. I see an exciting period of growth ahead with the opening of the new sports stadium, the formation of Te Nehenehenui Trust and the Three Waters reform being implemented.



### **John ROBERTSON**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Waitomo District Council area.

I have been privileged to serve you as Mayor over the last three years. I seek your support to continue.

I promised three years ago to tackle the key issues facing Council - get debt under control, keep rate increases to a minimum, improve governance and increase transparency. All four goals have been achieved.

Additionally Council land is being released for housing, the long touted King Country Sport and Recreation Centre is under construction, a new Chief Executive is in place, and community engagement has reached new levels.

You know my background - raised in the King Country, served in leadership positions in the private and public sectors in NZ and overseas. I am now applying this experience to help guide our district council.

Experience matters. There is much more to do. Let's continue on this journey, together.

## Waitomo District Council Te Kuiti Ward Electing 3 Councillors

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### **Eady Tanirau MANAWAITI**

My principal place of residence is in the Te Kuiti Ward area.

Kia ora koutou, I am of Ngāti Rora, French and Scottish decent, born and raised in Te Kuiti by Eddie and Betty Manawaiti. Married to Catherine, father and grandfather to four mokopuna. I have

been a ratepayer, rural and urban for 27 years and with a long-term view to community development and safety as a primary reason to standing for council.

The role of councilor is diverse. To that end I will use my experience as a local coach for Bush United Rugby Club, previous Co-Chair of the Waitomo Ratepayers and Residents Association, consultant to the Ministry for Primary Industries for greenhouse gas reductions and Maniapoto Resource Management Committee representative for the Regional Coastal plan review, to ensure the interests of the people most effected by environmental, social and local government issues are embodied accordingly.

Tū mai e hoa mā - stand and vote



### **Luke MOSS**

My principal place of residence is in the Te Kuiti Ward area.

My name is Luke Moss and I am a born and bred King Country boy and have had involvement in the community since joining the WDC youth council in 2012. I am a descendant of Maniapoto

and sit on various boards at an Iwi, hapū and marae level. Including Maniapoto Māori Trust board, Te Nehenehenui Trust, The Mental Health Foundation New Zealand, Te Reo Irirangi o Maniapoto, Te Nehenehenui Group Investments Committee, Te Tokanganui-a-Noho RMC, Te Mana o te Taiao Advisory Group and the Ngā Wai o Maniapoto Co-Governance Committee.

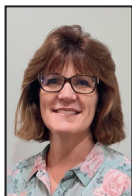
I have recently completed my Master of Māori and Indigenous Studies at the University of Waikato and currently work there as a Programmes coordinator within the Deputy Vice Chancellor Māori office. I am also a consultant for Tūmanako Consultancy that focuses on building the future Aotearoa. I am passionate about youth development, education, technology, business and Te Ao Māori.

## Waitomo District Council

### Te Kuiti Ward

### Electing 3 Councillors

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#### **Janene Louise NEW**

My principal place of residence is in the Te Kuiti Ward area.

It has been an honour to serve the Waitomo District over the last two terms of council. I have involved myself in Legendary Te Kuiti, promoting our area to create interest and pride in our town; the Sister City Committee to encourage an understanding and awareness of other cultures and the exchange of ideas and people; Creative Communities to provide funding for training and resources for arts and crafts to increase skills and audience of the arts in our district. I am forever mindful of balancing mandatory requirements, core services, district promotion and economic growth with rate-payer affordability. I enjoy working in a team with a common vision and seek your vote to enable me to continue to work for our community.



#### **Dan TASKER**

My principal place of residence is in the Te Kuiti Ward area.

A bit about me. I'm a farm boy who found his way back to the country since moving from Hamilton to Te Kuiti in 2020. I arrived here as a journalist at the King Country News - many of you will have read my stories, most covering sport and the often-amusing happenings at the council. After a year at the paper, I joined the team at King Country Rugby as a rugby developer in July 2021. Aside from developing teams through rugby and telling stories through the media, I also have a strategic management degree - a helpful tool for clear thinking and direction when guiding organisational purpose, services and measuring success. My wife and I have thoroughly enjoyed becoming part of this community through the likes of bowls, arty groups and rugby. My intent is to bring a fresh, sharp approach to the council table.

## Waitomo District Council Waitomo Rural Ward Electing 3 Councillors

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### **Phil BRODIE**

My principal place of residence is in the Waitomo Rural Ward area.

I have lived in the Waitomo District since February 1978 and have resided at my present address just outside Piopio since July 1991 with my wife Jenny. Our two daughters and their

families are now both farming locally as well.

I have been a Rural Ward Councillor since 2010. I am also a Hearings Commissioner after completing the RMA Making Good Decisions course, and have completed Institute of Directors courses on Governance, Strategy, and Finance.

I also represent Waitomo interests on some Regional Council Committees.

I am proud to have represented Waitomo District and be part of the team that has worked hard to put Waitomo into a better position to face the future.

The world we have been living in is changing rapidly, and Government policy proposals indicate that how Councils support and assist their communities will change dramatically. I look forward to supporting my community through those changes.



### **Allan GODDARD**

My principal place of residence is in the Waitomo Rural Ward area.

Following over 20 years in local government in Auckland, my wife, Mary-Anne, and I moved to Waitomo and purchased a sheep and beef farm at Kopaki. Over the last 12 years as a Waitomo

District Rural Councillor, I have made significant contributions ensuring that communities have safe drinking water and waste water disposal through infrastructure upgrades, tightening financial management, empowering rural communities, turning Inframax into a strong well managed company and the reduction of long-term debt. I am committed to the future of this district and am standing again to further reduce Council debt, to ensure the best outcome for Waitomo from the Governments legislative reforms, and making sure Waitomo is a place where people want to live, work and play while ensuring that future rate rises are kept in check.

## Waitomo District Council Waitomo Rural Ward Electing 3 Councillors

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### **Ross HEREWINI**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Waitomo Rural Ward area.

You may not know of me, but my whanau have strong roots in Te Kuiti, through my father Wiremu (Bill) Herewini Hiriaki and his parents, through Oparure, Te Kuiti, Kahotea and Maketu.

I worked as a Chartered Accountant and later as a Business Consultant in Australia, before starting my own software development, video production and electronics manufacturing companies.

My family have worked all their lives in Public and Social service, in Porirua City Council, Māori Affairs, Department Social Welfare and Unitec.

I have moved permanently to Te Kuiti, and it would be a great honour to be of service to our community in any way I can.

Te Kuiti's population is over 50% Māori, and Council should reflect that. There's much to be done, and everyone must have their say. Please get out and vote, if not for me, make sure you vote, you matter and your vote counts.



### **Janette OSBORNE**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Waitomo Rural Ward area.

Originally from a South Otago sheep farm, I moved to my husband Kim's family farm near Waitomo Caves 12 years ago and have loved becoming part of the local community.

As well voluntary activities, I am a trustee on the Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust (WESCT).

I have over 20 years' experience as a qualified accountant in both corporate and government roles as well as being a director and chair within the wool industry.

As a Chartered Director I bring negotiation, strategic thinking, problem-solving, governance and financial skills to the table.

I promise to work hard, listen and explore all views, read widely and ask questions in order to find solutions that are best for the whole community. I will work collegially with my fellow councillors and mayor to ensure as a team we form the best courses of action for our community for both now and the future.

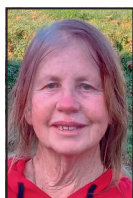


## Waitomo District Council

### Waitomo Rural Ward

### Electing 3 Councillors

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#### **Marilyn PARK**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Waitomo Rural Ward area.

I am a multi-vocational person who has moved to Mapiu in the Waitomo District to live a rural lifestyle and support family including my grandchildren who attend Aria school. I am passionate about the Waitomo District's bush walks as well as gardening and painting its natural beauty.

My life experiences and vocations have included work in the horticultural sector, (apples and hops), recreational sector (in museums and art galleries), secondary teaching (New Zealand History and Social Studies), and in Aged Care (as a Diversional Therapist).

I am standing as an Independent for the Waitomo Rural Ward because I believe in transparency in Local and National Government and community consultation and communication. This is extremely important with current Local Government Review and RMA reforms underway. I particularly support productive working environments and without good roading, water supply and stormwater maintenance they cannot prosper.



#### **Ronald TAKEREI**

My principal place of residence is not in the Waitomo Rural Ward area.

My name is Ronald Takerei, also known as Ronnie Gray. I am married to Reo Piki Takerei. Together, we have seven tamariki and 11 mokopuna.

If elected to council, this will allow me to share a wide range of practical, leadership and communication skills acquired over the past 30 years.

My hope is to strengthen the relationship between council and coastal communities through engagement, clear communication and future focused solutions.

I aspire to support and teach these key principles to our next generation with the assistance of those wanting a similar future for our coastal communities.

It will be an honour to share your views and voice your concerns, representing you all as the Rural Councillor of our coastal communities.

I stand by the words: Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini - My success is not mine alone, but it is the strength of many.

## Waitomo District Council Waitomo Rural Ward Electing 3 Councillors

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### **Gavin TODD**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Waitomo Rural Ward area.

I have had the privilege of living in the Waitomo District since 1957. During this time I have been involved in administering and helping in many local organisations.

Organisations I have been involved with are the Piopio College Board of Trustees, the committee of the Piopio Cos Club for 12 years, 4 as president. I have been a member of the Piopio Lions Club for 38 years, 30 years as secretary. I am a trustee of the Piopio Retirement Centre, and have been Chairperson for the past 7 years. I worked as a sales rep for Te Kuiti Placemakers for 31 years.

During this time I have been enthusiastically supported by my wife Sharon.

I feel with the background I have had dealing with people in many varied situations, I have the ability to contribute to local council.

I am standing as an independent Councillor.

## Waikato Regional Council Waipa-King Country General Constituency Electing 2 Regional Councillors

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### **Clyde GRAF**

Stop Three Waters

My principal place of residence is not in the Waipa-King Country General Constituency area.

The Three Waters reform currently being rushed through parliament, must be stopped. The structure and boundaries of the planned co-governed entities are undemocratic. The Water

Services Entities Bill removes local control over water management and signals privatisation.

I am an international award-winning documentary-maker. For the last 25 years I've been involved with producing outdoors and fishing TV series, under The Graf Boys name. I was elected to WRC between 2013-2016 and Chaired the Environmental Performance Committee. During my term, our Council realised a 3% reduction in overall rates. It's now the opposite.

I have the experience and track record to make a difference. A vote for me is a vote to stop Three Waters, and to oppose race-based governance appointments. I stand to promote farming, support an inclusive Waikato, and to keep rates down. A vote for me is a voice for you.



### **Stuart KNEEBONE**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Waipa-King Country General Constituency area.

I am an experienced Councillor, with a comprehensive understanding of the diverse roles the Council undertakes on behalf of the community. I am committed to ensuring Council

policies are affordable, innovative and add value, ensuring our region is well placed to deal with challenges such as climate change, freshwater management, and the increasing demands of a vibrant and progressive community.

The legislative reforms currently being imposed on Councils by the Government are challenging and threaten local decision making. I will strongly defend our Councils right to make decisions that best serve our ratepayers and our local interests. I am committed to a strategic and considered approach towards managing our regions natural resources. This needs to be done in a way that maximizes opportunities, yet ensures future generations can enjoy a healthy environment and a great life. Serving the Waipa-King Country has been a privilege. I respectfully seek your continued support.

## Waikato Regional Council Waipa-King Country General Constituency Electing 2 Regional Councillors

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### **Barry QUAYLE**

Independent

My principal place of residence is not in the Waipa-King Country General Constituency area.

I worked in Waipa for 20 years as General Manager Fielddays. I will be resident in Cambridge from early 2023.

Served as a Regional Councillor since 2017.

Council Chair 2022. Finance Chair striving for lower rate rises, with better results including improving effectiveness and service improvements. Known for sound judgement and innovative solutions.

Have ability to address issues, challenge and pursue solutions. I am challenging government on unfunded mandates.

I offer broad experience, strong commitment, and believe in being a team player rather than pushing solo issues. As a Councillor I have led notable projects including the consolidation of systems to improve service and efficiency, and the introduction of business intelligence.

Member of AgResearch Animal Ethics Committee.

Past Executive Director Regional Development Board

I wish to ensure the local voice remains in the regions affairs and seek practical common-sense solutions that sort out the malaise of change we are facing.



### **Judy SHERRIFF**

My principal place of residence is in the Waipa-King Country General Constituency area.

My name is Judy Sherriff, I reside in the Waipa region. My husband, Ali, and I have been farming, both dairy and drystock, in the Waikato region for 45 years. I am a Director, Office Manager and HR person for our multigeneration family farms having previously run my own successful rural schools' IT business.

I am committed to the ongoing guardianship of the land for my children and grandchildren. I believe in maintaining and promoting native biodiversity including protection of waterways and native bush. I strongly believe in the protection of our world class productive, food producing land including planting the right trees in the right place.

I have always been active in my community: Rotorua Councils employee (10 yrs) setting up IT systems, School Boards of Trustees, Census, Election NZ, Waiariki Polytechnic Tutor, Federated Farmers, Rural Women NZ, Playcentre Aotearoa (life member of Ohaupo and Arohena).

**Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council  
(trading as Horizons Regional Council)  
Ruapehu Constituency  
Electing 1 Regional Councillor**

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**Gail GRAY**

My principal place of residence is in the Ruapehu Constituency area.

Committed to our Community

Myself, my husband and our three children who are now adults, moved to Raurimu 13 years ago after purchasing our farm. We're privileged to be part of such a welcoming, supportive, and friendly community, and I would love to be chosen by you as your representative on the Horizons Regional Council so I can give something back to you all.

I'm a part of Ruapehu Federated Farmers Executive Committee, Taumarunui Toastmasters and was a member of the Ruapehu Lions Club.

I know that people are the backbone of a community and have a right to know what is happening to that community. I'll make it my priority to ensure that the community participates in any decisions made. It is local solutions for local people that make the important differences. I believe a practical and realistic approach is needed to protect and enhance our uniquely beautiful environment.



**Nikki RILEY**

My principal place of residence is not in the Ruapehu Constituency area.

Your vote for me, gets Ruapehu an experienced, committed Horizons councillor.

From my 20 years working in the public service, I have an understanding of rural issues and know how to network to build relationships with other Regional and District elected members

I'm a Self-employed, Rural Accountant of Ohakune, with a BBS from Massey, mother of twins.

I have been a Ruapehu District Councillor, Past Chair Visit Ruapehu & Ohakune 2000 now life member.

I stand for the big three in our Environment. Supporting Horizons protection of our prime Soil for food security, Water to remain managed within our community, Biodiversity, keeping pests under control, and one more, Climate change - be prepared. All core functions of Horizons.

It is equally important that a firm eye with a common-sense approach is kept on expenditure, keeping in mind the long-term strategic vision for our community  
Ruapehu is the Jewel.



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