

Whangarei District Council  
Hikurangi-Coastal Ward  
Electing 2 Councillors

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**Susy BRETHERTON**

Go - Whangarei

My principal place of residence is in the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward area.

I have lived on the Tutukaka Coast for over 30 years.

My husband and I own and operate a Bed and Breakfast / Wedding Venue.

As a local Councillor for Hikurangi/Coastal Ward I have actively spoken out against rates rises, race based seats, amalgamation and draconian plan changes - including restrictive rules for those in the Outstanding Natural Landscape areas that NRC forced upon us, and have actively supported your property rights.

If re-elected I will continue to argue against Race Based representation plus less red tape. I will continue to support keeping the local in local and sticking to core infrastructure in a more innovate and transparent council.

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**Robert CARPENTER**

Tū Kotahi

My principal place of residence is not in the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward area.

Robert Carpenter is a committed community leader of Ngatiwai descent with hapu affiliations to Te Uri o Hikihiki and the wider hapu collective of his constituency.

Robert is experienced in governance and Maori Tribal Land Management- Administration. He has provided strategic advice and support to WDC through his hapu/iwi responsibilities.

Robert is a passionate advocate for improving educational outcomes, and reducing the incidence of suicide amongst our young people in the Region. His children have attended local kohanga reo and kura kaupapa.

Robert is a staunch hapu/iwi advocate for capacity building and growing potential of youth, and community development. He's interested in conservation and progressing issues facing our rural communities.

He is a past member of the Manaia PHO, Community Advisory Group and a past member of Terenga Paraoa Ltd in addition providing cultural advice and support.

Robert was born and raised in Whangarei and Whangaruru and has 4 children.

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**Greg MARTIN**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward area.

For 12 years I have represented the people of the district, speaking out and asking the hard questions. Sensible spending is crucial. Needs not wants, with vision for the future.

My priorities are: roading improvements, environmental issues, sewerage, water supplies, waste water, parks and reserves, coastal erosion, footpath upgrades and community safety. I have been Chairman of Councils Infrastructure Committee for 6 years and have essential understanding of how Council works. Married to Diane for 44 years, we have 4 married children and 10 grandchildren.

Dairy farming at Matarau since 1977, family now running the farm.

I have been involved over 30 years in a wide variety of community committees including school and sports. Not standing on any ticket. No secret agenda. People have valued the hard work and full time commitment I have put in on Council. I stand on my record. I'm still passionate about representing the people.

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**Anna MURPHY**

My principal place of residence is in the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward area.

My vision is for strong communities, a healthy environment and a thriving local economy. I have worked alongside schools, businesses and community organisations as an educator in the

Whangarei District for seven years and understand many of our communities needs. It is important to me to help make well-informed, balanced decisions and be a clear voice between council and our communities. Being able to relate to people of all ages and backgrounds will help me achieve this. I am a hands-on problem-solver committed to finding positive solutions to local issues. With a degree in environmental science I understand how Council decisions affect Northlands unique ecology and how we can progress sustainably. Living in Ngunguru with my husband and our 3 sons for fourteen years, I've been proud to serve on community organisations including the Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers Association and the Save Ngunguru Sandspit Campaign.

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**Ian PETERS**

My principal place of residence is in the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward area.

I stand for the Whangarei District Council as an independent and believe that to be truly effective this is the best practise model, decisions should be decided at the board room table rather than pre-meeting coalitions.

Many years of working across various sectors of financial, commercial, social and sporting organisations have fitted me well for being an effective councillor. Strong councils need experienced, reliable, and competent people who are confident enough in their views to enter into and support robust debate. Good councils should live within their means, ratepayers cannot be expected to continually face rate increases. Any increases should be set to the inflation index with rebates for senior citizens income tested.

I believe that central government should share a proportion of Road User Charges back to local government for the betterment of rural roads. Local government needs councillors who are able to resist central government interference and demands.

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**Stuart ROBERTS**

Go - Whangarei

My principal place of residence is not in the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward area.

I am one of two Go-Whangarei candidates in the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward standing with Susy Bretherton who is my fellow Go-Whangarei candidate.

Living and farming at Hukerenui, RD2 Hikurangi I am a Kiwi with a diverse, sales, marketing, business development, event management and motor sport background. A registered electrician, I started my first company in 1987 and have accumulated a wealth of business and practical experience. Extensive involvement as an organiser, administrator and competitor at both national and international level and holding a Motor Sport New Zealand FIA International Rally Licence I am passionate about the economic benefits of such events. I believe that economic growth is vital for Whangarei and that our communities must be supported and encouraged by council. Together with my fellow Go-Whangarei team candidates I promise; No rate increases, Free parking, Cheaper rubbish services, More community funding and Less bureaucracy. Visit [www.gowhangarei.kiwi](http://www.gowhangarei.kiwi) for more information.

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**Alex WRIGHT**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward area.

Hello, my name is Alex Wright.

I am passionate about making a difference for the neglected Rural Ratepayer.

My aim is to address Rates (fair and square) Roads (better funding allocation) and Rail (keep trains going and decrease trucks off roads).

With the support of the Pipiwai Community I achieved a small but significant step in the sealing of rural roads.

Together with my husband Graham we have lived in Pipiwai for 31 years on our dairy farm. We have four adult sons and three daughters.

I have two year's experience on the Fonterra Shareholders' Council. My exposure to the Whangarei District Council draft Annual Plan submissions drives my ambition to be your elected representative. Striving to create a Fair Go for the Rural Ratepayer by speaking up and taking action.

Make the Wright choice for change in the Hikurangi Coastal Ward.

Vote Alex Wright. Phone 094300941 or 0274705365.