

Whangarei District Council

Electing the Mayor



Stuart BELL

My principal place of residence is in the Whangarei District Council area. I am also standing for Okara Ward.

I have served my apprenticeship and I am now seeking election to be your Mayor. The District Council needs a strong but fair leader with an unrelenting desire for improvement in the Council's performance when delivering outcomes for our communities. I am that person.

Throughout the last term I have seen the things council does well and the things it can do better. I believe in open and honest engagement with the community and in getting things right the first time. I will continue to advocate for more considered and equitable opportunities for you to contribute to the Council's decisions on the things that matter to you.

The Whangarei District will become known as one of the best places in New Zealand for people to live, work, play and visit. An effective Council working together with its residents and ratepayers towards achieving this is my vision for the Whangarei District.

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David BLACKLEY

Go - Whangarei

My principal place of residence is in the Whangarei District Council area. I am also standing for Whangarei Heads Ward.

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Being a Dad, farmer and businessman living here in this wonderful part of Northland is simply

awesome.

I am the founder of Go-Whangarei and have a strong vision for Whangarei and Northland and believe that there is an urgent need for change.

With over 35 years of business experience in building, forestry, farming and complex commercial and residential developments I believe I can offer considerable knowledge and practical business experience to your council and as your Mayor.

I am passionate about people and communities and as a drystock and dairy farmer, I have a good understanding of the challenges facing rural communities.

Being practical, having common sense and business experience enables me to find sensible solutions quickly and efficiently.

I don't make excuses and I always stand accountable.

As a team Go-Whangarei and I have promised: No rate increases; Free Parking; Cheaper Rubbish; More community funding; Less bureaucracy.

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Kay Elizabeth BRITTENDEN

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Whangarei District Council area. I am also standing for Okara Ward, Northland DHB.

For the last 20 years I've been working fulltime in Management role/s. It's now time for me to put something back in the community that has treated me so well, therefore I'm offering my services.

As a successful Manager my main aim was to work within budget, increasing profit while at the same time delivering good service to our client base. I believe in a collaborative style of management but can make the hard decisions when necessary.

My Management Skills are: Strategic - identify opportunities and/or problems and develop practical solutions; Staff - recruitment, retaining, training and performance management; Communication - chairing and participating in meetings, strong written/verbal skills with capacity to write formal proposals; Financial - fiscal responsibility; Project - from conception of project, setting objectives, monitoring progress and expenditure.

My priority would be to attract and retain businesses to the Whangarei District specifically concentrating on developing the CBD.

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Ash HOLWELL

TogetherTahi

My principal place of residence is in the Whangarei District Council area. I am also standing for Okara Ward.

I believe our local leaders can be bold, inclusive, and work together with the entire community to create a valuable vision for the Whāngārei we all want to live in. Born here, I loved the beautiful surroundings of my younger years, before travelling to study, work and live. Bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience back, in four short years, I have helped launch organisations, projects, and ideas that work towards new, inclusive, and exciting ways our district can flourish in a rapidly shifting world. This work values and appreciates the unique and powerful abilities Whāngārei has, something I would strive for as your mayor, your friend, and your supporter.

TogetherTahi believes that our council should reflect the diversity of our community, be more open about its decision-making, and encourage wider participation in the conversations about how we can make district a great place for everyone who lives here.

Me whakapono, ka taea ō tātau kaiārahi te tu māia, tu kaha nōki, me mahitahi ki te iwi whānui tonu kia noho haumaruru te katoa o te hunga e noho nei ki konei ō tātau hiahia katoa ki tō tātau oranga. I whānau au i konei, arohanui au i te wāhi ataahua nei. A mua atu i tera, i wehe atu au ki tawahi ako ai, mahi ai kia piki toku ora.

Nga matauranga I akona e nga tau e wha I tawahi he mea nui hei tīmata hei waihanga ngā rōpū me nga kaupapa ki ngā ara hou kia whaihua o te takiwā ki te ao hurihuri. He tirohanga nui tōku ki te riro au I te tūranga koromatua nei, he mea nui tōku ki te tuitui I te whanaungatanga o te katoa, ahakoa ko wai, no hea raini.

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Matt KEENE

TogetherTahi

My principal place of residence is in the Whangarei District Council area. I am also standing for Denby Ward.

Kia ora koutou

Born in Whāngārei, I live with my daughters near my old primary school in Kamo. I'm a partner in a

local business, went to Whāngārei Boys' High and did a business degree at Waikato University.

We have an amazing district and being part of our community is important to me. I'm chair of The Quarry Arts Centre and on the BoT at Kamo Primary. As mayor, I would aim to lead out a council culture that engages and listens to the people in our community to understand what they need to live well in Whāngārei now and in the future.

I'm part of TogetherTahi. We believe our council should reflect the diversity of our community, be more open about its decision-making, and encourage wider participation in the conversations about how we can make our district a great place for everyone who lives here.

Kia ora rawa atu.

I whānau au ki Whāngārei, kei te noho au tata ki taku kura tuatahi inaianei. he matua ahau ki āku kotiro tokotoru, he ataahua rātou ko nga tau o toku manawa rātou He marketing & finance tohu mātauranga tāku na te whare wānanga o Waikato.

Ko au te kaiwhakahaere o The Quarry Arts Centre, ā he mema au i te poari Kaitiaki ki te kura tuatahi o Kamo. He tāngata te mea nui o Whāngārei, ki te riro ahau i te tūranga koromatua māku hei arahi i nga tikanga o te runanga kia tika kia pono, hei whakarongo ki te hāpori kia marama mai ai ki o ratou moemoea o ratou wawata nooki kia piki ake te oranga o te whanau whanui.

TogetherTahi to matou roopu tautoko. Kei te whakapono matou me mahitahi te kaunihera ki ngā momo tangata huri noa kia kite te katoa i ngā hua.

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Sheryl MAI

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

We all deserve to live in a safe, prosperous, healthy, inclusive community with world-class infrastructure and amenities. We also need positive and sustainable economic development.

Through my strong community connections, collaborative leadership and genuine desire to do the very best for Whangarei, I can help make this happen.

I believe in building strong relationships with every sector of our community - youth, seniors, Maori, business people, wage earners, those seeking work, migrants, artists and sportspeople. I identify with you all ... I listen, I care.

Under my leadership we have reduced Council debt, continued investing in essential infrastructure and further developed recreational assets we can all enjoy. We have also supported and encouraged cultural events and creativity.

As your Mayor I commit to continue building a community that is economically strong, vibrant, diverse, creative and healthy - a district with a bright future that we can all proudly call home.

Te whakaaro tūturu mō tātou te hāpori kia whai wāhi haumarū, hauora, ki ngā taonga o tāwāhi ngā taonga whakaāhuru hoki.

Te haere tōrunga ki ngā ōhanga whanaketanga.

Mā taku tino hononga ki te hāpori whānui, me āku pūkenga ki te mahi ngātahi, te tino manako hei mahi mō te rohe. Ka taea e ahau te mahi.

E whakapono ana ahau te whakatakoto whanaungatanga ki waenganui i te whakaminenga, ahakoa rangatahi mai, kaumātua mai, tira pākihi mai, tangata whai moni, ērā e rapu mahi ana, Iwi Taketake mai, Kaimahi Toi, me ngā kaitākaro hākinakina. Ko hau, ko koe ko tātou.

He nui ngā mahi i oti i ahau me te Kaunihera kua heke iho ngā nama, haere tonu ngā tāpui ki ngā taonga hei painga mō te rohe whānui.