

2025 Pecuniary Interests of Elected Members of Whangarei District Council

Summary of Annual Returns

Part 4, Subpart 3 of the Local Government Act 2002, which came into force on 20 November 2022 requires Councils to maintain a register of the pecuniary (financial) interests of elected members and make a summary of the register publicly available.

The overarching purpose of the register is to record Councillor interests to enhance transparency and strengthen public trust and confidence in local government processes and decision-making. It also provides for a consistent approach to the declaration of interests across all councils.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act a link to the summary register is provided below. This register provides detailed information about each type of interest to be reported on followed by the information disclosed by each Councillor in their annual return.

For more information see the Local Government Act 2002

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0084/latest/DLM170873.html>

1. The name of any company of which a member is a director, along with a description of the main business activities of that company (section 54E(1)(a)).
2. The name of any company of which a member holds or controls more than 10% of the voting rights, along with a description of the main business activities of that company (section 54E(1)(a)).
3. The name of any other company or business entity in which a member has a pecuniary interest, along with a description of the main business activities of that company or entity (section 54E(1)(b)).
4. If a member is employed, the name of the employer along with a description of employer's main business activity (section 54E(1)(c)).
5. The name of any trust in which a member has a beneficial interest (section 54E(1)(d)).
6. The name/description of any organisation or trust where a member is a member of the organisation, a member of the governing body of the organisation or a trustee of the trust, where that organisation or trust receives funding or has applied to receive funding from Council (section 54E(1)(e)).
7. The name/description of any organisation to which a member has been appointed as an elected member (section 54E(1)(f)).
8. The location of any property in which a member has a legal interest, other than as a trustee, and a description of the nature of that property (section 54E(1)(g)).
9. The location of any property held by a trust of which a member is a beneficiary, and a description of the nature of that property (section 54E(1)(h)).
10. Details of any overseas travel including, each country travelled to and the name of any person who contributed to travel and / or accommodation costs (section 54F(1)(a)).
11. A description of any gifts received by a member worth more than \$500 and the name of the donor of the gift (section 54F(1)(b)).
12. A description of any payment received by a member other than salary/allowances received as an elected member, payments from employment or interests (i.e., directors fees etc) otherwise declared or payments for activities ceased before becoming a member (section 54F(1)(c)).

Summary of Elected Member returns for year ending 29 January 2025

Question overview

- 1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).**
- 2. Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).**
- 3. Financial interest in any other company or business entity (section 54E(1)(b)).**
- 4. External employment (section 54E(1)(c)).**
- 5. Beneficial interest in any trust (section 54E(1)(d)).**
- 6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).**
- 7. Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).**
- 8. Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).**
- 9. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property (section 54E(1)(h)).**
- 10. Travel overseas (section 54F(1)(a)).**
- 11. Gifts (section 54F(1)(b)).**
- 12. Payments received for any other activities in which member is involved (s 54F(1)(c)).**

His Worship the Mayor – Vince Cocurullo

- 1. Company directorships**
Cocurullo Limited – IT repair and Service
Cocurullo Investments Ltd – Property Company
- 2. Voting rights in any company**
Cocurullo Limited – IT repair and Service
Cocurullo Investments Ltd – Property Company
- 4. Beneficial interest in any trust**
Dora Russo Family Trust
Cocurullo/Vincent Family Trust
The Bob and Shirley Ludeman Family Trust
- 6. Member of an organisation that receives/applies for Council funding**
Rotary Club of Whangarei South
Raumanga Roopu
- 8. Legal interest in any real property**
Otaika Road, Whangarei
Kamo Road, Whangarei
Tennyson Street, Whangarei
Rust Avenue, Whangarei
Alexander Street, Whangarei

9. *Beneficiary of a trust that holds any real property*

Otaika Road, Whangarei

Kamo Road, Whangarei

Deputy Mayor Cr Phil Halse

6. *Member of an organisation that receives/applies for Council funding*

Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust

Saorsa Retirement Village

Stonehaven Retirement Village

Ruakaka Ratepayers Association

Waipu Ratepayers

7. *Council appointment to external organisations*

Joint Regional Economic Development Committee. (JREDC)

8. *Legal interest in any real property*

Property in Regent, Whangarei

Cr Gavin Benney

1. *Directorships of any company*

Gunsmoke 2015 Ltd

2. *Voting rights in any company*

Gunsmoke 2015 Ltd

7. *Council appointment to external organisations*

Ngunguru Retirement Village

8. *Legal interest in any real property*

Main Road, Kauri, Whangarei

Cr Nicolas Connop

6. *Member of an organisation that receives/applies for Council funding*

Onerahi Community Association

For Our Real Clean Environment Charitable Trust

Volunteering Northland

Whangarei Area Neighborhood Support

7. *Council appointment to external organisations*

Northland Craft Trust

8. *Legal interest in any real property*

Horahora, Whangarei

Cr Ken Couper***1. Directorships of any company***

Southend Farms Ltd – Dairy Farm

Southend No 2 Farms Ltd – Dairy Farm

Rebecca Couper Trust

2. Voting rights in any company

Southend Farms Ltd – Dairy Farm

Southend No 2 Farms Ltd – Dairy Farm

5. Beneficial Interest in any Trust

Rebecca Couper Trust

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Whangarei Art Trust

8. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property

Cove road, Waipu

Cr Jayne Golightly***1. Directorships of any company***

Treasure Island Ventures Ltd

2. Voting rights in any company

Treasure Island Ventures Ltd

3. Financial interest in any other company or business entity

Treasure Island Ventures Ltd

8. Legal interest in any real property

Hatea Drive, Kensington

Mahanga Road

Mahanga Road

Pullin Road, Purua

Kerr Rd, Parua Bay

Beachville Road, Redcliffe's Christchurch

Cr Deborah Harding***1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).***

Harding Consultancy Ltd

2. Voting rights in any company

Harding Consultancy Ltd

4. External employment

Te Hiringa Business Promotions Trust

6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding

Okara Marina

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Okara Marina

Cr Patrick Holmes

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Bream Head Conservation Trust

8. Legal interest in any real property

Wellington Rd, Waiheke Island

Cr Scott McKenzie

4. External employment

Spacecraft Architects Ltd (contractor)

6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding

Tutukaka Residents and Ratepayers Association

Ngunguru Sports Complex

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Tutukaka Marina Management Trust

Ngunguru Retirement Village

8. Legal interest in any real property

Ngunguru

Wellington

Cr Marie Olsen

2. Voting rights in any company

Kiwi North

Quarry Gardens

Kerikeri Irrigation

6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding

Kiwi North

Quarry Gardens

9. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property

Kerikeri

Maungatapere

Cr Carol Peters**1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).**

Peter Howard Partnership
Whakaora Kai

2. Voting rights in any company

Peter Howard Partnership
Whakaora Kai

5. Beneficial interest in any Trust

Peters Howard Trust

6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding

Northland Urban Rural Mission
Climate Change TaiTokerau

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Creative Northland
Chambers of Commerce
Northland Inc

8. Legal interest in any real property

State Highway 14, Whangarei
Murdoch Crescent, Whangarei

9. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property

Raumanga, Whangarei
Maunu, Whangarei

12. Payments received for any other activities in which member is involved

Honorarium for Chairing Climate Change TaiTokerau

Cr Simon Reid**1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).**

S. J Reid Ltd

2. Voting rights in any company

S.J. Reid Ltd

3. Financial interest in any other company or business entity

S J Reid Ltd

5. Beneficial interest in any trust

Diesel and Dirt Trust

6. Member of an Organisation

Kiwi North

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Kiwi North

8. Legal interest in any real property

SH 14, Whangarei (Sold)

Cr Phoenix Ruka

1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).

Lineage Collective

4. External employment

Kieki Cuture

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Sport Northland Board Member

Cr Paul Yovich

1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).

Argyle Trustees Limited

ASK 2021 Trustee Limited

Bennetto Trustee Limited

Bertram Trustee Limited

Blitvic Trustees Limited

Busck Ashburton Limited

Busck Concrete Limited

Busck Group Limited

Busck Invercargill Limited

Busck Management Limited

Busck Morrinsville Limited

Busck Prestressed Concrete Limited

Cantwell Trustee 2021 Limited

CAP Trustee 2021 Limited

Clotworthy Trustee Limited

Concrete Lifting Systems Limited

Coughlan Trustees 2024 Limited

E Bell Trustees Limited

Hallberg Trustees Limited

JFJ Trustee Limited

Joandra Trustee Limited

Kokic Trustee Limited

MAC Trustee 2021 Limited

Machiko Mama Trustee Limited
Maclean Trustees 2021 Limited
Maire Bell Stephenson Trustee Limited
Matapiko Trustees Limited
Mckolskey Trustee Limited
Mihaljevich Trustee Limited
N & L Edlin Trustee Limited
Newey Trustee Limited
Nottingham Trustee Limited
Peter May Trustee Limited
Playle Trustees Limited
Rathbone Business Centre Limited
Rayonne Investments (1994) Limited
RND White Trustees Limited
Roeun Trustees Limited
Sander Trustee 2023 Limited
Sowry Trustees 2021 Limited
Sowry No.1 Trustee Limited
Sowry No.2 Trustee Limited
Sprague Trustee Limited
Thornton Parklands Trustee Limited
TJ Managh Trustee Limited
Trimble Trustees Limited
Turanga 2021 Trustee Limited
Webb Trustee 2021 Limited
Victoria Valley Trustees Limited
Westpac Trustee Limited
YAL Longview Trustees Limited
Yovich & Co Limited
Yovich Advisory Limited
YOYO Nominees Limited
Zlatno Advisory Limited

2. *Voting rights in any company*

Yovich Advisory Limited
Yovich Co Limited
Zlatno Advisory Limited
All the Trustee Companies

3. *Financial interest in any other company or business entity*

Nomos Limited
Yovich Co Limited
Yovich Advisory Ltd
Busck Prestressed Concrete Ltd
Busck Group Ltd
Zlatno Advisory Limited

4. *External employment*

Yovich Advisory Limited
Zlatno Advisory Limited

5. *Beneficial interest in any trust*

Paskos Family Trust
Mataoak Trust
Dubrava Family Trust
Maple Lane Trust

8. *Legal interest in any real property*

Commercial Property, Whangarei

9. *Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property*

Residential and Commercial property, Whangarei

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