

## 2026 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 14 January 2026

### 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)).**

### Mayor – Ken Couper

1. **Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).**  
Southland Farms Ltd – Farming
5. **Beneficial interest in any trust (section 54E(1)(d)).**  
Rebecca Cooper Trust
9. **Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property (section 54E(1)(h)).**  
Waipu

### Deputy Mayor – Cr Scott McKenzie

6. **Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).**  
Ngunguru Sports Complex  
Tutukaka Residents and Ratepayers Association
7. **Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).**  
Ngunguru Retirement Village  
Tutukaka Marina Management Trust
8. **Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).**  
Ngunguru  
Wellington

### Cr Tangiwai Baker

1. **Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).**  
Gilding Baker Law Limited – Legal services

**2. *Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).***

Gilding Baker Law Limited – Legal services

**5. *Beneficial interest in any trust (section 54E(1)(d)).***

Farming Bakers Trust

Gilding Baker Law Trust

**7. *Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).***

Bream Head Conservation Trust

Parua Bay and Districts Community Centre Society Incorporated

**8. *Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).***

Bank Street

Parua Bay

Parua Bay

Parua Bay

**9. *Beneficiary of a trust that holds any real property (section 54E(1)(h)).***

Bank Street

Parua Bay

Parua Bay

Parua Bay

***Cr David Baldwin***

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

Firstland Group Ltd – Property development

5<sup>th</sup> Dimension Ltd – Corporate trustee

**2. *Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).***

Firstland Group Ltd – Property development

5<sup>th</sup> Dimension Ltd – Corporate trustee

**3. *Financial interest in any other company or business entity (section 54E(1)(b)).***

Firstland Group Ltd – Property development

5<sup>th</sup> Dimension Ltd – Corporate trustee

**5. *Beneficial interest in any trust (section 54E(1)(d)).***

The Baldwin Family Trust

**6. *Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).***

Kensington Stadium Advisory Committee

Saorsa Retirement Village Trust

Stonehaven Village Trust

The Misson to Seafarers Marsden Point

**7. *Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).***

Kensington Stadium Advisory Committee

Saorsa Retirement Village Trust  
Stonehaven Village Trust  
The Misson to Seafarers Marsden Point

**8. *Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).***

Waipu

**9. *Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property (section 54E(1)(h)).***

Waipu

***Cr Crichton Christie***

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

Christie Rental Ltd – Houses

**2. *Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).***

Christie Rental Ltd – Houses

**6. *Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).***

Hora Hora Primary School

Hora Hora Primary School Trust

Northland Hockey Association Incorporated

**7. *Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).***

The Whangarei Marina Management Trust

Whangarei Art Trust

**8. *Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).***

Matapouri Road

Matapouri Road

Raumanga

Raumanga

Raumanga

Whananaki

Whananaki

***Cr Nicholas Connop***

**6. *Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).***

For Our Real Clean Environment

Onerahi Community Association

Volunteering Northland

Whangarei Area Neighbourhood Support

**7. *Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).***

Northland Craft Trust

**8. *Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).***

Horahora

**Cr Brad Flower**

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

Onsite Project Solutions Ltd – Project management

Poupoua Training Ltd – Project management

Te Koko Tuatahi Ltd – Property development

Whai Manawa GP Ltd – Commercial board

**2. *Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).***

Onsite Project Solutions Ltd – Project management

Poupoua Training Ltd – Project management

Te Koko Tuatahi Ltd – Property development

**5. *Beneficial interest in any trust (section 54E(1)(d)).***

BC & DJ Flower Family Trust

CE & TM Flower Family Trust

Hontis Trust

**Cr Deb Harding**

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

Harding Consultancy Ltd – Māori business development

**2. *Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).***

Harding Consultancy Ltd – Liability training and education of Mātauranga Māori

**6. *Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).***

Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board

**7. *Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).***

Creative Northland

Northland Athletics Gymnastic Stadium Trust

**8. *Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).***

Otaika

**Cr Stephen Martin**

**4. *External employment (section 54E(1)(c)).***

Self-employed farmer

**6. *Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).***

Ruatangata Hall

**7. *Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).***

Ngunguru Retirement Village Trust

Whangarei Aquatic Centre

**8. Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).**

Matarau

**Cr Marie Olsen**

**5. Beneficial interest in any trust (section 54E(1)(d)).**

I&M Trust

**6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).**

The Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust

Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust

**7. Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).**

The Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust

Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust

**9. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property (section 54E(1)(h)).**

Kerikeri

Maungatapere

**Cr Simon Reid**

**6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).**

Whangarei Museum & Heritage Trust (Kiwi North)

Maungatapere Led Projects

**Cr Phoenix Ruka**

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

Lineage Collection – Online clothing

**2. Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).**

Lineage Collection – Online clothing

**6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).**

Sport Northland

**7. Council appointment to external organisations (section 54E(1)(g)).**

McKay Stadium Advisory Group

Sport Northland

Whangarei Aquatics Advisory Committee

Youth Advisory Committee

**8. Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).**

Whau Valley

**Cr Matthew Yovich****5. Beneficial interest in any trust (section 54E(1)(d)).**

M Yovich & Sons Limited

**9. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property (section 54E(1)(h)).**

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**Cr Paul Yovich****1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).**

ASK 2021 Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Argyle Trustees Limited – Trustee company

Bennetto Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Bertram Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Blitvic Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Busck Group Limited – Investment holding company

Busck Ashburton Limited – Property owning company

Busck Concrete Limited – Readymix company

Busck Invercargill Limited – Property owning company

Busck Management Limited – Management company

Busck Morrinsville Limited – Property owning company

Busck Prestressed Concrete Limited – Construction company

Cantwell Trustee 2021 Limited – Trustee company

CAP Trustee 2021 Limited – Trustee company

Clotworthy Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Comer Trustees Limited – Trustee company

Concrete Lifting Systems Limited – Concrete Product Sales

Coughlan Trustees 2024 Limited – Trustee company

Country Taste Investments Limited – Investment holding company

E Bell Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Hallberg Trustees Limited – Trustee company

JFJ Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Joandra Trustee Limited – Trustee company

K & P Trustees Limited – Trustee company

Kobic Trustee Limited – Trustee company

MAC Trustee 2021 Limited – Trustee company

Machiko Mama Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Maire Bell Stephenson Trustee Limited – Trustee company

Macleay Trustees 2021 Limited – Trustee company

Matapiko Trustees Limited – Trustee company  
McKolskey Trustees Limited – Trustee company  
Mihaljevich Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
N & L Edlin Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Newey Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Nottingham Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Parklands Limited  
Peter May Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Playle Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Rainbirdknight Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Rathbone Business Centre Limited – Property owning company  
Rayonne Investments (1994) Limited – Investment company  
RND White Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Roeun Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Sander Trustee 2023 Limited – Trustee company  
Sowry Trustee 2021 Limited – Trustee company  
Sowry No.1 Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Sowry No.2 Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Sprague Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
TJ Managh Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Thornton Parklands Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Titan Engineering Limited – Engineering company  
Tauranga 2021 Trustee Limited - Trustee company  
Victoria Valley Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Westpac Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Yovich Advisory Limited – Accountancy practice  
YOYO Nominees Limited – Trustee company  
YAL Longview Trustee Limited – Trustee company  
Zlatno Advisory Limited – Business advisory company  
Trimble Trustees Limited – Removed as director on 25 November 2025

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

Yovich Advisory Limited – Accountancy practice  
Zlatno Advisory Limited – Business advisory company  
All trustee companies listed under 1. *Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a))* – Trustee

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

Nomos Limited – Property leasing software  
Yovich Advisory Limited – Accounting practice  
Busck Prestressed Concrete Limited – Construction company

Busck Group Limited – Management company

Zlatno Advisory Limited – Business advisory company

Titan Engineering Limited – Engineering company

**4. *Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).***

Yovich Advisory Limited – Accounting practice

Zlatno Advisory Limited – Business advisory company

**5. *Financial interest in any other company or business entity (section 54E(1)(b))***

Dubrava Family Trust

Maple Lane Trust

Mataoak Trust

Paskos Family Trust

**8. *Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).***

Whangarei

**9. *Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property (section 54E(1)(h)).***

Whangarei

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