

Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council
(trading as Horizons Regional Council)
Horowhenua Constituency
Electing 2 Regional Councillors



Emma CLARKE

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

I have had the privilege of being Horizons Horowhenua representative for the past triennium, I have worked tirelessly to ensure the voices of the Horowhenua have been heard at

council.

With a flood of central government policy unleashed on local government we have a lot of work ahead of us.

I have the knowledge, and passion to ensure Horizons delivers the right outcomes for the Horowhenua and our region. We cannot afford another One Plan debacle which has cost industry, and ratepayers alike, and has failed to deliver workable policy in the Horowhenua especially. We deserve sustainable outcomes that help our region thrive.

Together with genuine engagement we can deliver on the ground outcomes that will help our environment and communities prosper.

I would love the opportunity to ensure your voices are heard and your rates are spent wisely to achieve this.

Emma Clarke for a sustainable Horizons.

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Sam FERGUSON

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

I'm asking for your support to allow me to continue representing our community and ensure our environment has a strong voice.

We continue to face increasing challenges and urgency with our freshwater, climate change, and biodiversity loss. We need leaders that can help navigate the complexity of these issues alongside central government and ensure we implement changes to help safeguard our future.

I have strong relationships throughout the region to allow me to achieve the best outcomes for our community and ensure future generations have an environment they can be proud of. I continue to advocate for transport, water quality, and nature, alongside the community.

With your support I will represent the Horowhenua for another 3 years and ensure people and the environment are at the heart of decision making at Horizons.

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Donald HAYES

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

Having lived and farmed in Levin all my life, I have a passion for Horowhenua and a sense of pride for all it has to offer.

Our community and its needs are of utmost importance as is the preservation of our natural resources both coastal and rural which must be managed in accordance with climate change. I encourage and support further improvements to the region's amenities and resources and would actively promote honest and clear consultation between council and ratepayers to achieve this.

Levin is unique in so far as it borders the Kapiti Island fault line. Due to this, extreme weather events will have a significant impact on Levin residents both rural and urban. I therefore intend to promote an accountability in council operations and ensure decisions benefit all our community not a few.

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Paul BAYLY

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Manawatū-Rangitikei Constituency area.

I grew up on a farm at Kai Iwi and currently farm a property near Marton. I'm committed to the success of our region and want to apply my knowledge, experience and energy to work for you on Council. We need to turn future challenges into opportunities for all. With 35 years' business experience working in investment banking, infrastructure and economic development and deep governance experience, including dealing with both local and central government. Currently sit on the CEDA and Massey University Foundation boards and trustee of the Sarjeant Gallery and Whanganui Collegiate College Board. Hard working and driven, a smart negotiator. I am standing for sustainable farming, healthy river systems, environmental protection, efficient transport and inclusiveness in decision-making. Married to Andra and father of two, I offer energy, a fresh perspective and strong connections across the region. Let's work smarter, together, for positive change for the Manawatu-Rangitikei.

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Bruce GORDON

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Manawatū-Rangitikei Constituency area.

I am seeking re-election to allow me the opportunity to continue representing our combined districts needs on the Regional Council.

As a councillor I have actively represented the Manawatu-Rangitikei districts on the urban and rural challenges that face us. This involves keeping up to date with changing central govt legislation.

Having owned an agricultural contracting business for the past 40 years from my property in Marton, I have a good understanding of the issues our districts are facing.

With my wife Carol I oversee the operation and upgrade of the valuable community asset of Dudding Lake; we value our involvement with Community Groups, I have been a member of the Marton Lions Club for 25 years, and we are active members of Whanganui Aero Club.

I enjoy my work as a Regional Councillor and will continue to give it my all.

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Gordon MCKELLAR

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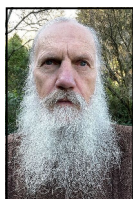
I run a successful sheep, beef and cropping family business near Feilding, proud of living in this great region for most of my life.

I have a gold medal in Agriculture from Lincoln University and International study at Minnesota University. As a previous Horizon's councillor I have wide leadership experience and I am highly committed to be a positive and effective councillor.

I am proud of my community involvement to clean up our local streams, progress with our waterways involving the community working together. I would continue to build trust and good working relationships for environmental, community and economic enhancement.

Council must focus on its core business with cost effective spending and working to reduce debt levels. It is essential to have affordable Horizon's rates in these challenging times. I would listen and bring common sense to the big issues ensuring a bright future for you and generations to come.

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Don RAVINE

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Manawatū-Rangitikei Constituency area.

I have lived in the Horizons region since 1984.

Through my work as an ecologist, I have developed a deep knowledge of much of the region, particularly its natural areas and legal

aspects of natural resource management. I have been actively involved for many years with a broad range of community groups, from dog training clubs to churches (including chairing the committee that constructed the All Saints Community Centre).

I believe the council's role is of vital importance, as the tension between preserving and utilising resources increases; and that management of these resources requires wisdom and empathy. I don't believe access to these resources should be influenced by a party's financial status, race, sex or social standing.

My highly relevant experience, passion and capabilities make me, I believe, an ideal candidate for the role of councillor for Horizons Regional Council.

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Peter WELLS

My principal place of residence is in the Manawatū-Rangitikei Constituency area.

I have been farming with my family for 22 years on a 150ha cropping and finishing property in Manawatū. I have governance and business experience in agriculture, horticulture, marketing

and logistics.

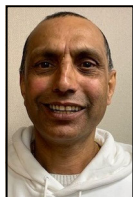
I am the chairperson of the Horizons LMS Liaison Drainage Scheme and involved in the Te Āpiti Gorge Governance Group as a recreational advocate. I have led Arapuke Trails which has built the Arapuke mountain bike park for the Manawatū Region.

I want to keep rates affordable, advocate that Government compliance is sensible and achievable for the rural sector, continue to sustainably improve our environment and support initiatives for business and recreational activities.

I am invested in our community and have the governance and financial experience to be your councillor. I work well in a team environment and will facilitate good outcomes for our community.

Our regional future will be shaped by the action we take today.
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Palmerston North Constituency
Electing 4 Regional Councillors



Bal GHIMIRE

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Palmerston North Constituency area.

I am a former refugee and have been in Palmerston North since 2008. I have been actively involved in the local community sector. I received a 2021 Civic Award from Palmerston North City

Council.

Our Mother Earth is currently facing a lot of environmental concerns. Environmental problems like global warming, acid rain, air pollution, urban sprawl, waste disposal, ozone layer depletion, water pollution, climate change and many more, affect every human, animal and nation on this planet.

I have been a committed and passionate advocate for people's well-being and environmental protection. My knowledge, skills and experience bring balance to the council team and I ask for your vote.

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Fiona GORDON

My principal place of residence is in the Palmerston North Constituency area.

I love our place - the lifestyle, landscape, environment, and our community. I believe our region needs accountable, transparent, and responsible leadership that delivers future-focused economic development, a healthy environment, and thriving communities. Through community partnership and informed decision-making, based on reliable, honest information, we will achieve this.

As a successful business owner and a mum, I understand the value of local decision making. During my first Council term, my extensive experience in resource management, working with government, non-profit organisations, Iwi, community, and business, together with my tertiary qualifications, helped me to champion and deliver on: biodiversity, climate action, environmental education, and community funding.

But there's more to do. I want to continue to be your voice, to champion our communities' values for better regional outcomes.

Nāku te rourou, Nāu te rourou, Ka ora ai te iwi.

With your basket, And my basket, The people will live.

He nui tōku aroha ki tō tātou wāhi nei - te noho, te whenua me tō tātou hapori. Me noho haepapa ngā tāngata whakahaere o te rohe, kia mārama ā rātou mahi, kia tika te mahi e whakaratoa mai ai he whanake ōhanga e ahu whakamua kia kaha tipu ngā hapori. Mā te mahi tahi me ngā whakataunga tika nā ngā mōhiohio pono ka tutuki.

Hei kaipakihi angitu, hei māmā hoki e mārama ana ki te pai mēnā mā te hau kāinga te mana whakatau. I taku noho tuatahitanga hei kaikaunihera kua piki taku mōhio me aku tohu ki te mahi tahi me ngā iwi, te hapori, ngā pakihī me te kāwanatanga hei āwhina mai kia whakatutuki kaupapa, arā: kanorau koiora, mahi āhuarangi, te mātauranga taiao me te pūtea ā-hapori.

Engari he mahi anō māku. Hiahia ana au kia tū tonu hei reo mā koutou kia whaihua te rohe.

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Rachel KEEDWELL

My principal place of residence is in the Palmerston North Constituency area.

During my three terms at Horizons, I have been a committed and passionate advocate for people and the environment. The past three years as chairperson have enabled me to shape the direction of travel, build strong relationships and ensure the environment is at the centre of council decision-making. Our economy depends on our natural resources, therefore I continually advocate for wise management to ensure a resilient and prosperous future for our region. This includes putting a strong climate change response on the agenda because our community must be prepared for the changes yet to come. By training, I am a scientist with a PhD in ecology and I bring my knowledge, skills and experience to the council table. I ask for your vote to continue serving as your councillor. I will ensure that Horizons looks at the long term, because today's decisions shape the future for our children.

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Jono NAYLOR

My principal place of residence is in the Palmerston North Constituency area.

It's been an honour to serve as your regional councillor for the past four years during a challenging period involving new government requirements and Covid-19.

Improving the water quality of our rivers is a top priority. I'm working to ensure we are protecting our natural resources now, and for future generations. We're making some progress but there's further work to do.

I'm committed to; ensuring our public transport system meets community needs, strengthening iwi partnerships and protecting our community against natural hazards.

I value collaboration and team work. I listen to the concerns and views of others and am committed to ensuring decisions are evidence-based and sustainable environmentally and economically.

We face many challenges and have limited resources to address them. It's important to me that your rates are spent wisely and achieve the best results possible.

I would appreciate your support to continue representing you on the regional council.

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Wiremu K TE AWE AWE

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

Rangitāne Tangata Rau, Rangitāne-nui-a-rangi
Tini whetū ki te rangi, ko Tanenuiarangi ki te
whenua,

Ko Tararua me Ruahine ngā pae maunga,

Ko Kurahaupa te waka

Ko Manawatū me Oroua ngā Awa

Ko Hineaute rāua ko Rangitepaia ngā hapu

Ko Te Rangimarie Marae taku haukainga

Ko Rangitāne te Iwi

Ko Wiremu Kingi Te Awe Awe toku ingoa.

Kua kaupapa i au te aroha mā koutou e whakaoti

Water is part of our wellbeing as a people we haven't given the mana it deserves. There needs to be a change for the interest of the environment and for all people. I am open minded on what that change looks like. Cleaning the Awa ensures the land to be healthy and the people to be nourished.

Kei te ora te wai, kei te ora te whenua, kei te ora te tangata

If the water is healthy, the land and the people are nourished.

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Ruapehu Constituency
Electing 1 Regional Councillor



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.

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Ruapehu Constituency
Electing 1 Regional Councillor



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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Tararua Constituency
Electing 1 Regional Councillor



Allan BENBOW

Independent

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

Born in Dannevirke, I have lived all my life in the Tararua District. My wife Kathy and I have raised our family here and run a small sheep and beef farm.

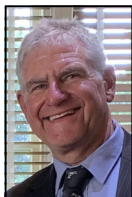
My passion for economic development and job creation has seen me managing wool processing and engineering businesses in the area.

I have served the past three years as a Horizons Regional Councillor which included chairing the Audit, Risk & Investment Committee and serving as Director on the Board of the Council's Holding Company. I also serve on the board of electricity network company, Scanpower.

The next three year term of Council will be a challenging time with RMA reforms, Local Government reforms, freshwater national standards implementation and One Plan review.

I believe Regional Council should firmly stick to its core responsibilities. These include environmental and river catchment management along with pest/weed control, emergency coordination and regional development support.

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David COTTON

Rate Restraint

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

I am committed to improving water quality, protection of our natural resources for future generations, transparent governance, seeking evidence-based solutions to decision making.

Rate restraint, as rate payers are not cash cows. I understand being financially prudent as I have been self-employed from age 26.

I believe in building relationships with all stakeholders including community, business, iwi and other councillors as together we can achieve great outcomes for all.

Governance experience includes:

Horizons Regional Council 2013-2022, Chair Catchment Operations Committee 2016-2022 overseeing \$500 million assets, Whanganui High School Board 2009-2013, Director and management team member of a number of privately owned businesses 1987-2022.

Founding member Kai Iwi - Mowhanau - Ototoka Water Catchment Group 2020.

I have made myself available to you not just in election year and would appreciate your support for re-election to Horizons Regional Council.

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Alan TAYLOR

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

Alan is a Whanganui grain farmer with seventeen years of local government experience (Whanganui Rural Community Board and Whanganui District Council). Over his two Council

terms he chaired the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee. He initiated rate reform and strongly promoted Council's Climate Change Strategy. Recently a Resource Management Act Commissioner with chairing qualifications he served on several District Plan Hearings focusing on iwi provisions, hazardous zones, and subdivision structure plans.

Formerly, Alan represented his industry nationally chairing the New Zealand Grains Council and was integral in the establishment of the Foundation for Arable Research and the Arable Food Industry Council. Holding a post-graduate honours degree in Climatology, he has lectured in Earth Sciences at three universities. These academic qualifications and farming interests encourage his advocacy for balanced reasoning around Horizons critical sustainability issues: water, land-use, and biodiversity. He farms at Westmere with his wife Bronwyn.

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Allan WRIGGLESWORTH

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

I have been a Castlecliff resident for over 30 years. I'm married with four children, have business operational and management experience, and worked briefly for NIWA. Most recently I have been a science and mathematics teacher. I bring extensive knowledge, experience and skills to contribute effectively at the Council table by engaging and communicating with the community, Council members and especially Horizons' technical officers.

I often advocate for protecting coastal environments - including as chairman of Friends of the Shoreline.

It concerns me that Whanganui ratepayers receive very little coverage on regional council activities. I intend to improve this by working with officers and media to better inform our community about horizons' relevant spending and activities. I will listen to your concerns and bring them to the Council chamber-particularly about social and environmental issues. I am standing to ensure that Whanganui has an effective voice at the council table.

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Raki Māori Constituency
Electing 1 Regional Councillor



Turuhia (Jim) EDMONDS

My principal place of residence is in the Raki Māori Constituency area.

I am of Ngati Uenuku, Ngati Ruru, Ngati Rangī, Atihaunui A Paparangi, Tuwharetoa Ngapuhi and English descent. I was married to Kume Ponga (kuamate) with five adult children and many

grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

My career has been extensive and diverse, ranging from farming, as a councillor on the Ruapehu District Council, a Trustee on Morikaunui and Atihau Whanganui Incorporations and an Executive Board member representing the Aotea District on the Federation of Maori Authorities.

I have been in a range of leadership roles and am now a candidate in the Raki Maori Constituency. I am passionate about the Raki Maori Region and believe that the future for our next generations rests in the actions and decisions we make today.

I am committed to ensuring that working together and managing positive and productive change will, I believe, prove invaluable and serve to enhance - Keeping the Waka Level.

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Tonga Māori Constituency
Electing 1 Regional Councillor



Warwick GERNHOEFER

My principal place of residence is in the Tonga Māori Constituency area.

Kia Ora my name is Warwick Gernhoefer I am of Rangitane and Ngati Kahungunu descent, I live with my wife and youngest daughter in Dannevirke.

I have been a dairy farmer in the Tararua for the past 10 years and have gone back to university to train as a school teacher. I have experience with governance by being a past member of Rangitane Tu Mai Ra Trust Board, its investment arm and Rangitane O Wairarapa, where my background as an accountant was used to set policy in finance mainly but other items as they arose.

Through Dairy farming I am familiar with One Plan and the successful riverbank plantings policies of the council from the practical side of reduction of environment damage from farming activities.

I plan to work with iwi in the environmental area to give a high-level response to concerns and bring those concerns to the council meetings.

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Tonga Māori Constituency
Electing 1 Regional Councillor



Te Kenehi TEIRA

My principal place of residence is in the Tonga Māori Constituency area.

Tena koutou,

I was schooled in Foxton, Takapau, Te Aute and have a degree in Maori and Administration from Te Wananga o Raukawa. I was a Foxton Borough

councillor in the 1980s and the Principal Maori Officer at Palmerston North City Council in the 1990s.

I then worked for Heritage New Zealand as the Kaihautu Maori and Deputy CE for 20 years. Now I am a consultant working with government departments, iwi and the Waitangi Tribunal. I affiliate to Ngati Raukawa and Kurahaupo iwi.

I believe that the Treaty of Waitangi guarantees the protection of the environment and taonga for future generations through Maori participation and partnership with iwi. Maori wards, co-governance and Maori council managers are a start. The new reforms eg RMA must include a six waters approach which include Wairua (spiritual), Waiora (health and well-being) and Waipuke (climate change) protection.

Nga mihi,

Te Kenehi Teira (Ken).