



**ELECTIONS 2022**

# Meet the Candidates



Taranaki Regional Council  
North Taranaki General Constituency  
Electing 2 Regional Councillors

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**Mike DAVEY**

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

I have lived in North Taranaki for over 40 years. From a rural management background, I support our farming sector, as I fully understand the economic importance from our rural farming

sector to Taranaki. Each year this sector earns over \$1.5 billion dollars, which flows into the Taranaki economy, from our meat & dairy farmers.

With the tsunami of legislation coming out of Wellington on water issues, we must "work" with our farmers to assist them to be compliance, so they can farm profitably and within the regulations.

(1) Continue the riparian planting of our river banks (over 5 million plants to date) - as Taranaki is the envy of several farming regions (72% plantings completed - 95% rivers fenced);

(2) Continue lobbying Wellington for more funding of our roads, as they have been neglected in Taranaki for over many years

Thank you for your support

Mike Davey

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**Tama BLACKBURN**

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

I have lived in Whatara for 37 years and worked in a variety of fields, including mining, oil and gas extraction, food production, farming, and most recently conservation. I enjoy fishing, surfing, sailing, and trapping as recreational pursuits. I am a Rongoā Mātanga and studying at Masters level with the University of Canterbury.

This experience has given me the ability to appreciate many viewpoints from our diverse communities. You can put your trust in a representative to listen and advocate for your interests in the governing chambers when they are familiar and connected with their community.

As a father of three, I embrace the idea of putting the health and prosperity of our land, water, and air before financial gain. However, as a company owner, I see the importance of fair and sustainable commerce.

I look forward to representing and working alongside our proud community.

Tick BLACKBURN for North Ward.

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**Donald Hugh MCINTYRE**

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

I'm born and bred in Inglewood. I've lived and farmed at Ratapiko for the last 28 years, before that living and farming at Waitui. Having completed 5 terms on TRC, my aim is to keep our

council user friendly while maintaining the environment to the level our community wants.

Unfortunately in the last few years central government changed a lot of rules (which were poorly thought through, making them hard to administer and difficult to achieve) these changes have made a lot of extra work for council NGO's and communities with not a lot to gain in Taranaki.

My aim is to return common sense to this mess creating a place where we and generations to come can live, work and play in the best province in New Zealand.

I'm still farming at Ratapiko with my wife Linda, we have two adult children and three grand children.

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**Lyall James FIELD**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

Born and bred in Taranaki. I'm a tradesperson working the last ten years as a coordinator which has given me the attribute of being able to bring the right people together to make goas

accomplishable.

I've come to realise and I am in a position in life where I know I can not make the change I would like to see from the outside. thus, I want to leverage off my integrity to gain your support to reduce the increasing bureaucratic costs in our lives.

A firm believer and advocate for KISS management. I don't believe our governments should be controlling our water or enforcing your health requirements. Your land is your land, no SNA or other should devalue your land without your permission and compensation. I have an appreciation for the outdoors thus Taranaki is where my heart is and I plan to make it a leader in change

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**Tom CLOKE**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

Married with 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren, have lived and worked in New Plymouth area all my life.

Currently, Taranaki Regional Councillor, Chairman of Taranaki Civil Defence, ensuring Readiness, Resilience, Response and Recovery.

Throughout my terms on Council, I have strongly advocated for improving infrastructure, along with our regional assets, e.g., Roothing Network, Walking and Cycling, Port Taranaki, Regional Gardens, Yarrows Stadium etc.

I am committed to strive for improving environmental outcomes, including water quality, riparian planting, predator/plant free programme, managing waste, supporting community lead programmes especially those within schools and Iwi lead initiatives.

Your support will allow me to continue build on the achievements of our present council, ensuring that we have the best environment, region, and city, for our families to live grow and prosper, to realise their personal goals. Making Taranaki the greatest place to live.

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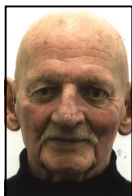
**Allen JUFFERMANS**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

I am direct and focussed on achieving good outcomes, not suffering bureaucracy but at the same time value diverse perspectives. I am an experienced Surveyor and business owner in the Taranaki region. My knowledge and appreciation of land and natural resources began growing up on a dairy farm on the Coast. I am passionate about conservation and community participation with governance and practical volunteer experience in local conservation groups.

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**David Lloyd LEAN**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

I am the current TRC Consents and Regulatory Committee Chairman and member of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee. I have proven ability to tackle Taranaki's hardest

environment issues head on.

The environment and natural resources are Taranaki's greatest assets and require careful stewardship for current and future generations. Regional waste remains our largest existing challenge - and simply dumping it in someone else's backyard in Marton is not clever thinking, in my book.

I have the experience and enthusiasm required to be your councillor and welcome the chance to work on your behalf to make Taranaki an even better place.



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**Rusty KANE**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

I am standing for the Taranaki Regional Council to be part of the decision-making process and solutions, to better protect our regions fragile environment now and for future generations.

Focusing on the region's social, economic and environment well-being. Supporting transparent sustainable workable developments that better improve the region's air, land and water quality while providing a balanced solid economy that benefits the whole region, not just part.

I respectfully ask for your vote of support for my candidacy for the Taranaki Regional Council.

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**Susan HUGHES**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

I have practised law in Taranaki for 40 years and I have considerable governance experience: IHC, TSB Community Trust, NPBHS, CAA, AvSec, MCNZ and I am currently Chair of the Len Lye Foundation

and a Gambling Commissioner.

I have the time, energy, skills and experience to commit to the work of the Regional Council. Taranaki is unquestionably a slice of paradise but there is more to be done to ensure our rivers are clean, pest species eradicated, and assets such as Yarrows Stadium and our regional gardens are promoted to enhance our region.

Elect me and I will work tirelessly for the benefit of the Taranaki Region.

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**Charlotte LITTLEWOOD**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

Let's build a region for the generations of tomorrow, as well as today.

It's been a privilege to be your Regional Councillor for the last six years and also Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee.

If re-elected, I'll continue to advocate for our rivers being clean for swimming and our natural habitat thriving; ensuring we protect and grow our region.

I'll also focus on public transport, prudent rates and resource management.

I bring a range of experience.

Co-Chair of the Taranaki Regional Skills Leadership Group.

A director of Port Taranaki and WITT.

A trustee of the Taranaki Trails Trust and Pukeiti Trust Fund.

A chartered member of the Institute of Directors.

I run my own business, with a background in policy and regulation.

I've a degree in economics and Masters in Finance.

Re-elect Charlotte for an effective positive voice for the future.

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**Darrel NICHOLAS**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

Residing in New Plymouth -14 years, I was born and raised in Waitara, gaining experience in farming, transportation, business, sports, and community.

I'm self-employed Finance Broker 24 years and Real Estate Salesperson 20 years.

I'm a founding trustee and current chairperson of the Te Tai Pari Trust - which manages the Waitara Perpetual Community Fund, and a founding Trustee for the Taranaki Trails Trust.

I was instrumental in establishing the Joes Charity Cycle Riders which has raised over \$400,000 for community, supporting mental health and education.

I embrace challenges, working within a team to find solutions to achieve the designated goal.

The result of this teamwork may not please everyone, but if the benefit is for our generation, our children's generation, and their children, then it is worthwhile.

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**Elvise VAN DER LEDEN**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

I am a young conservation professional with a background in environmental science, community and education.

I have helped with facilitating various local environmental initiatives both professionally and voluntarily. I have worked with groups such as the Nga Motu Marine Reserve Society, Taranaki Conservationists and Sustainable Taranaki as a contract educator, volunteer and community advocate. I am also heavily involved in the local arts sector.

As a proud local who enjoys exploring Taranaki's natural landscapes and contributing towards community efforts like beach cleans, plantings and predator control, I am passionate about ensuring the protection of our native ecosystems while supporting the sustainability of our local economy. I believe creativity, scientific and social literacy, and collaboration holds the key to well-balanced economic development.

I hope our region will support my re-election for a second term on council to ensure a voice that truly has the interests of people and environment at heart.

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**Chris WILKES**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

Born and raised in Taranaki, I have been dedicated to protecting and preserving our environment for future generations for decades.

I am on a mission to bring balance to TRC and reset the priorities to address the urgent issues we face as a region moving forward.

We must adopt better, more sustainable, ways to secure the wealth of the region while protecting the ecosystem we all depend on.

We need TRC to place a higher value on the health of our rivers, land and sea, as these are the things that will inevitably sustain us for generations to come.

I need your support this election and would be honored to serve this place and these people around the table at TRC.

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**Craig WILLIAMSON**

My principal place of residence is in the New Plymouth General Constituency area.

It's been an absolute privilege to have served for 12 years as one of New Plymouth's Regional Councillors.

During that time I've been advocating for plans and policies to ensure we encourage and facilitate the best possible care of our natural resources and protect our coastline and waterways while facilitating growth, prosperity, jobs and opportunities in Taranaki.

And, as the cost of living skyrockets, the demand on councils to spend even more money on infrastructure and facilities in urgent need of maintenance and upgrading keeps increasing too...

I'll therefore be lobbying on your behalf to encourage Central Government to remove the GST they charge on your residential rates (a tax on a tax), which would save the average New Plymouth ratepayer around \$300 annually.

There's plenty more to do, and with your ongoing support I'll make sure we continue working towards "World Class Care for Land, Water & Air".

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Stratford General Constituency  
Electing 1 Regional Councillor

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**Alan JAMIESON**

My principal place of residence is in the Stratford General Constituency area.

The world is a different place than it was three years ago. Taranaki must remain a fantastic, prosperous and sustainable place to live, play and do business for all of us, not just some of us.

I seek your vote to make sure Stratford's voice is heard Regionally.

My skills and representation at regional events, committees and meetings as Stratford Deputy-Mayor, and chair of Taranaki Electricity Trust, have ensured Stratford's needs were always heard and considered. I have strong relationships throughout Taranaki, built on co-operation, trust, respect and a lifetime of living here.

You can count on me to provide openness, be rational and responsible about matters that concern you, your whānau and our community. My flexible time commitments, communication skills and drive to get the best for our district, mean I will always advocate for the Stratford District.

I thank you once again for your ongoing support.



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Stratford General Constituency  
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**Andrew WOOD**

My principal place of residence is in the Stratford General Constituency area.

I am seeking your support to be elected as Councilor on the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) for the Stratford constituency

I am a qualified Associated Chartered Accountant and hold a Bachelor of Business. I am a member of the Chartered Accountants Australia-New Zealand and Institute of Directors New Zealand.

I have extensive experience as both a Trustee and as a Director, with strong governance skills from both positions held in voluntary and commercial organisations.

Current and past TRC decisions have resulted in increased rates with no increase in benefit to you and your communities.

I believe that TRC must include the values and expectations of the communities' within the boundaries that it serves and represents.

The attributes I bring to the TRC as a Councilor are integrity, fairness and independent thinking.

The communities of the Stratford constituency deserve a representative with these strong attributes

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Mary BOURKE**

My principal place of residence is in the Stratford General Constituency area.

The next three years in Local Government will be challenging as Councils throughout Aotearoa face ongoing erosion of their ability to respond locally to local need.

Now more than ever, experience, pragmatism, and strategic dexterity should be an option for communities who wish to retain direct and responsive links with decision-makers to consider. That is what I offer.

Some will know me as a former Mayor of the South Taranaki District, others have probably never heard of me.

I am Mary Bourke. I am a self-employed facilitator, coach and mediator. I have governance experience extending across the local government, health, education and philanthropy sectors. I have lived in the Stratford district for twelve years now, and my regard for the whole of the Taranaki region is undiminished. I have always Worked with People and Cared for Taranaki, and I am available to continue to do that your representative.

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**Matthew MCDONALD**

My principal place of residence is not in the Stratford General Constituency area.

Thank you for allowing me to represent Stratford interest on the Taranaki Regional Council. The issues facing rural communities in coming months will require strong representation and governance experience on your behalf. My experience from the last six years will be vital to ensure we can capitalise on the strong foundations of previous councils and take advantage of opportunities as they arise from. This last three years I have chaired the Regional Transport Committee and State Highway 3 working party which have seen major wins in Mt Messengers and SH43. I also serve on the Policy and Planning committee, Audit and Risk committees and Taranaki Ospri Board. Finally, as you know I have my office in the centre of Stratford I will always make the time to listen to your concerns and I thank you in advance for your support at the upcoming elections.  
Matthew McDonald AREINZ

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**Alan MURRAY**

My principal place of residence is in the South Taranaki General Constituency area.

I'm standing for the Taranaki Regional Council because I believe in Truth and Transparency.

My past experience includes water treatment, Agricultural advisory on soils, animal nutrition

and water quality, accountancy, Councillor and Community Board. LBP Builder more recently.

I'm a keen vegetable gardener, beekeeper and fisherman.

Our children and grandchildren live in Taranaki and we're all passionate about our province.

The Three Waters legislation must be repealed at first opportunity, if introduced. Unique circumstances do not require bureaucratic interference. Continual improvements are important however.

The recent pressures placed on our Farming Community by Central Government are totalitarian and totally unnecessary. Carbon Dioxide, flatulence, alarming disease regulations - ridiculous. We just require intelligent use of resources with minimum negative effect on the environment.

I ask for Your vote to represent Your interests.

If you wish to contact me, please phone 027 5471102.

Alan Murray

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**Deborah CLOUGH**

Independent

My principal place of residence is not in the South Taranaki General Constituency area.

Married to Stephen, we have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. We have been dairy farming for over 35 years and currently own a dairy farm east of Eltham. I have undertaken many community

volunteer roles, working as a Victim Support Worker, performing with various theatre groups, becoming an inaugural trustee for the Central Taranaki Safe Trust, a trustee for the Rotokare Scenic Trust Reserve and trustee for the Percy Thomson Trust.

Two years ago, wanting to upskill, I was accepted into the Fonterra Governance Development course, of which I have now graduated. I now feel ready to offer my time and skills to the Taranaki Regional Council as an elected councillor. I believe I would bring to the table an understanding of the Taranaki Region as a whole, knowledge of the biodiversity of the area and an empathy towards the people that live and work in our unique province.

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**Donna CRAM**

My principal place of residence is in the South Taranaki General Constituency area.

I reside in South Taranaki where I have lived for most of my life.

My husband Philip and I are dairy farmers and have two adult children who work in Hawera.

**Vision:** Thriving communities; Sustainable prosperous businesses; Education and support for Environmental issues.

I am a visionary leader who thinks outside the square with proven commitment to work hard for the people of South Taranaki.

**Qualifications and Membership:** Bachelor of Business Studies (Accounting); Member of the Institute of Accountants; Dip Agribusiness Management, Certificates nutrient management and Farm Environmental Planning, Massey; Graduate Agri Women's Development Trust Escalator programme (Leadership and Governance).

I am Founder and Chair of Taranaki Catchment Communities with 8 community groups in the South Taranaki District strengthening communities, environment, and business. I lead Awatuna/Auroa Catchment Community.

Finalist National Fonterra Responsible Dairy Award.

Environment; Business; Financially Astute; Approachable

Donna Cram

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**Neil William WALKER**

My principal place of residence is in the South Taranaki General Constituency area.

I ask for your support again in this election. It is currently a difficult time for New Zealand & for Local Government. All of us are faced with increasingly radical & complex changes that affect our daily lives. It is therefore very necessary to strongly represent the interests of Taranaki, its industries & all its people to seek the best outcomes. I can provide the experience and specialist knowledge to deal with current issues like fresh water policy, 3 Waters, a new RMA, predatorfree 2050, sustainability rules, climate change, te mana o te wai, and many others. I am a qualified scientist, and an experienced business person & administrator. I am also personally involved in environmental protection and enhancement. I own 5 QE2 covenants. I will represent the best interests of everyone in the South Taranaki District. Please vote for me.

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**Urs SIGNER**

My principal place of residence is in the South Taranaki General Constituency area.

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Urs Signer. I have lived on worked in South Taranaki with my partner and our children since 2008. I seek your support to be elected to the Taranaki Regional Council to bring a voice to the decision-making table for the climate, our waterways and struggling provincial communities. Having worked for many years in the community for environmental and social justice, my top three priorities are generating a shift towards local regenerative agriculture, public transport and ensuring all our kids can safely swim in every river across our region. For too long, the Council has just played catch-up when it comes to looking after the environment. Given the state of our planet, it is time for transformative change. In order to shift away from the dog-eat-dog mentality, we need grass-roots and collective solutions for a just, fair and regenerative future. Find out more: [www.UrsSigner.info](http://www.UrsSigner.info)