

Local Elections 2025

Instruction and
Candidate Information



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Ashhurst Four Square	Cambridge Ave
Ashhurst Library	Cnr Cambridge Ave & Bamfield St
Awapuni Library	College St
Bunnythorpe School (term time only)	Baring St, Bunnythorpe
Candy Corner Store	Cnr Grey & Ruahine St
Central Energy Trust Arena (Arena 4)	Pascal St
Central Library	George St
Cloverlea Four Square	Cnr Botanical Rd & Tremaine Ave
Cloverlea School (term time only)	Herbert Avenue
Cook St Pharmacy	Cnr Cook & College St
Woolworths- Albert St	Cnr Albert & Main St
Woolworths- Kelvin Grove	Cnr Roberts Line & Fernlea Ave
Woolworths- Rangitikei	Rangitikei St
Woolworths--Awapuni	Pioneer Ave
Woolworths-Plaza	The Plaza
Freyberg Community Pool	Vogel St
Hancock House	King St
Havelock Dairy	Havelock Avenue
Hokowhitu Four Square	Albert St
Hospital Mail Room	Palmerston North Hospital
Kaimanawa Four Square	Tremaine Ave
Kairanga School (term time only)	Kairanga Bunnythorpe Rd, Kairanga
Langley Four Square	Langley Ave
Lido Aquatic Centre	Park Rd
Limbrick Street Maxi Market	Limbrick St
Linton Camp Community Library	Bells Road
Longburn School (term time only)	Carey St, Longburn
Massey University Library	Concourse, Manawātū Campus
Merlenes Dairy	Featherston St
Milson Shopping Centre	McGregor St
Mitre 10	Featherston St
Mobile Library	per mobile library scheduled stops
New World- Aokautere	Summerhill Shopping Centre
New World- Melodys	Broadway Ave
New World- Pioneer	Pioneer Highway
Old AA	Broadway Ave
Pak'n'Save	Cnr Linton & Ferguson St
Palmerston North Airport	Airport Drive
Palmerston North I-Site	Te Marae o Hine, The Square
Parkland School (term time only)	Parkland Cres
Piggys Foodbar	Railway Rd
PN Personnel	Princess St
PNCC Customer Service Centre	Te Marae o Hine, The Square

Rebel Sport

Riverdale Store

Roslyn Library

Te Manawa Museum of Art,
Science & Heritage

Te Patikitiki Library

Te Wakahuia Manawatū

Te Wananga o Aotearoa

The Warehouse Palmerston North

Best Care (Whakapai Hauora)

Work and Income Palmerston North

Rangitikei St

Riverdale Shopping Centre

Cnr Kaimanawa St & Kelvin Grove Rd

Main St West

Highbury Ave

Pembroke St

Centennial Dr

Church St

Maxwells Line

Main St



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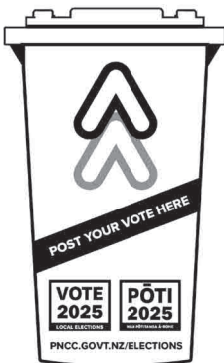


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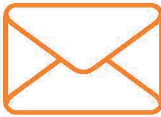
VOTE. PACK. RETURN.

Three easy steps to complete your postal voting.



1. Vote

Follow the instructions on your voting document.



2. Pack

Place your voting document in the orange return envelope and seal.



3. Return

Return via freepost, or drop your orange envelope in a ballot box before voting closes.

Helping you to vote for this election

- Candidates are listed in the voting document under the elections they are standing for.
- We have colour coded the voting document and this profile book to help you match the elections and candidate profiles.
- This booklet may contain other elections that do not apply to you.

The successful candidates make decisions that affect us all every day. You will find all or some of these positions on your voting document:

- **The Mayor** is the leader of the City or District Council.
- **The City or District Council** provides communities with a wide range of local services and facilities. Councils make decisions to improve community wellbeing including key infrastructure (e.g. water supply, sewerage, roads), local regulations, recreational facilities, parks, planning and building issues. The council may be elected 'at-large' or divided into wards (including general or Māori).
- **The Regional Council** makes decisions about functions best delivered at a regional scale such as natural resource management (e.g. quality of water, allocation of water, land and soil, coastal planning, plant and pest control), regional transport, and civil defence and emergency management. Unitary Authorities perform the functions of both City or District Councils and Regional Councils. The regional council is divided into constituencies (which may be general or Māori).

Important dates for this election



Drop

it in a ballot box at selected locations **before voting closes** - for ballot box locations see inside your voting pack or visit your Council's website.

or



Return

it in the freepost envelope no later than **Tuesday, 7 October 2025.**



Voting closes 12, Midday, Saturday, 11 October 2025

Need more help? You can ask another person to help you mark the document if you can't see well or read or write or have difficulty with English. If you are unsure what to do, or have made a mistake that you can't correct clearly, contact the electoral officer on the number shown on the voting document.

Te āwhina i a koe ki te pōti i tēnei pōtitanga

- E rārangi ana ngā kaitono ki te pepa pōti i raro i ngā pōtitanga e tū ana rātau.
- Kua whakaritea e mātou he tūtohi ā-tae ki te tuhinga pōti me tēnei pukapuka kiwhaiaro hei āwhina i a koe kia hāngai ki ngā pōtitanga me ngā kiwhaiaro kaitono.
- Kei roto pea i tēnei puka iti ko ētahi atu pōtitanga kāore i te hāngai ki a koe.

Ka whakatau tikanga ngā kaitono angitu ka whai pānga ki a tātou i ia rā. Ka kite koe i ēnei tūranga katoa, ētahi noa iho rānei, i runga i tō pepa pōti:

- Ko **te Koromatuā (Mayor)** te kaiārahi o te Kaunihera ā-Tāone, ā-Takiwā rānei.
- Ka whakarato **te Kaunihera ā-Tāone, ā-Takiwā (City or District Council)** rānei i te whānuitanga o ngā ratonga me ngā whakaurunga paetata ki te hapori. Ka tuku whakatau ngā Kaunihera hei whakapai ake i te oranga hapori, tae atu ki ngā hanganga matua (hei tauira, te ratonga wai, pūnaha parakaingaki, rorī) ngā waeture ā-rohe, whakaurunga whakangahau, ngā pāka, ngā take whakamahere, waihanga hoki. Ka pōtihia 'whānuitia' pea te kaunihera, ka wehea rānei ki ngā rohe pōti (tae atu ki te rohe pōti whānui, Māori rānei).
- Kei **te Kaunihera ā-Rohe (Regional Council)** ngā whakatau mō ngā whakahaere ka whakaratoa ā-rohetia pērā i te whakahaere rawa māori (hei tauira, te mauri o te wai, te toha wai, whenua me te oneone, te whakamahere takutai, te whakahaere tarutaru me te kīrearea), tūnuku ā-rohe, te whakamaru ohotata me te whakahaere ohotata. Ka whakahaerehia e ngā Mana Whakatōpū (Unitary Authorities) ngā mahinga a ngā Kaunihera ā-Tāone, ā-Takiwā rānei me ngā Kaunihera ā-Rohe. Ka wehea ngā kaunihera ā-rohe ki ngā rohe pōti (ko te rohe pōti whānui pea, Māori rānei).

Ngā rā hira mō tēnei pōtitanga



Me heri atu

ki tētahi pouaka pōti i ngā wāhi kua tipakohia **i mua i te katinga o ngā pōti** - mō ngā wāhi pouaka pōti tirohia tō mōki pōti, haere rānei ki te paetukutuku a tō Kaunihera.

tērā rānei



Whakahokia

mā te kōpaki koreutu i mua o te **Tūrei, 7 o Oketopa 2025.**



Ka kati te pōtitanga ā te 12pm, te Poupoutanga o te Rā, Rāhoroi, te 11 o Oketopa 2025

Kei te hiahia āwhina atu anō? Ka āhei koe ki te tono ki tētahi tangata hei āwhina i a koe ki te māka i te pepa mēnā he uaua tō kite, pānui, tuhi rānei, he uaua rānei ki a koe te kōrero Pākehā. Mēnā kāore i te mārāma ki a koe me aha, i hapa rānei koe kāore nei i te mārāma tō whakatika, me whakapā atu ki te āpiha pōti mā te nama kei te pepa pōti.

Matawaia te waehera QR, haere rānei ki te paetukutuku i raro mō ngā tohutohu mā te kaupōti

Scan the QR code or visit the website below for voter instructions

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请扫描二维码或访问以下网站获取选民须知

查閱選民投票指引，請掃描二維碼或瀏覽以下網址

I-scan ang QR code o bisitahin ang website sa ibaba para sa mga tagubilin sa botante

Scannez le code QR ou consultez le site internet ci-dessous pour obtenir les instructions de vote

मतदाता निर्देशों के लिए QR कोड को स्कैन करें या नीचे दी गई वेबसाइट पर जाएँ

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Escanee el código QR o visite el sitio web a continuación para ver las instrucciones para los votantes

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Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies Polls

Background

Following a recent law change, any council (city, district or region) that established Māori wards or Māori constituencies since 2020 without holding a poll, is required to hold a poll with their 2025 local elections.

The poll is for all electors and is a vote to KEEP or REMOVE Māori wards or Māori constituencies in your local council area.

The outcome of the poll is binding and will apply for the next two triennial elections (2028 and 2031) of your local council area.

What am I voting for?

The poll question is:

I vote to **KEEP** Māori wards (or Māori constituencies); or
I vote to **REMOVE** Māori wards (or Māori constituencies)

Who is allowed to vote in this poll?

Anyone who is enrolled to vote, whether on the Māori or general electoral roll, is eligible to vote.

What happens after we vote?

This outcome of the poll is binding and will apply for the next two triennial elections (2028 and 2031) for your local council area but will not apply for the 2025-2028 period.

What are Māori wards and Māori constituencies?

Māori wards (for city or district councils) or Māori constituencies (for regional councils) are permitted under the Local Electoral Act 2001 to sit alongside general wards or general constituencies. These are similar to Māori seats for Parliamentary elections.

Who votes for who?

Electors on the Māori electoral roll are able to vote for candidates for a Māori ward and a Māori constituency, but not for candidates in any general ward or general constituency. In the same way, electors on the general electoral roll are able to vote for candidates for a general ward or general constituency, but not for candidates in any Māori ward or Māori constituency. Everyone votes for the mayor and, if applicable, community boards.

Who do Māori ward and Māori constituency councillors represent?

Māori ward and Māori constituency councillors have the same responsibility as general ward and general constituency councillors to represent the entire community. All councillors make a declaration that they will carry out their duties in the best interests of the residents and ratepayers in the area they are elected to represent.

Where can I find out more?

For more information, please scan this QR code or go to: www.votelocal.co.nz/maori-wards-and-constituencies/



Ngā Rohe Pōti Māori

He Whakamārama

Whai muri i te huringa o te ture, ko ngā kaunihera (ā-tāone nui, ā-takiwā, ā-rohe rānei) i whakatū rohe pōti Māori mai i te tau 2020 me te kore whakahaere pōti mō te take, me mātua whakahaere pōti ināianei me ā rātou pōtitanga mō te tau 2025.

Ko te pōti mō ngā kaipōti katoa, ā, ko te pōti ko te PUPURI, te WHAKAKORE rānei i ngā rohe pōti Māori o tō kaunihera.

E herea ana te otinga o te pōti e te ture, ā, ka mana mō ngā pōtitanga o ia toru tau e rua e whai ake (2028 me te 2031) o tō kaunihera.

E pōti ana ahau mō te aha?

Ko te pātai o te pōti:

E pōti ana ahau kia **PUPURITIA** ngā rohe pōti Māori; tērā rānei

E pōti ana ahau kia **WHAKAKOREHIA** ngā rohe pōti Māori

Ko wai te hunga e āhei ana ki te pōti?

Ko te hunga e āhei ana ki te pōti ko rātou kua rēhita ki te pōti, ahakoa kei runga i te rārangi pōti Māori, te rārangi rohe pōti whānui rānei.

Ka aha i muri i te pōti?

E herea ana te otinga o tēnei pōti e te ture, ā, ka mana mō ngā pōtitanga o ia toru tau e rua e whai ake (2028 me te 2031) o tō kaunihera engari kāore e mana mō te wā 2025-2028.

He aha ngā rohe pōti Māori?

E whakaaetia ana ngā rohe pōti (mō ngā kaunihera tāone nui, ā-takiwā, ā-rohe hoki) i raro i te Local Electoral Act 2001 kia noho i te taha o ngā rohe pōti whānui. He rite ēnei ki ngā tūru Māori mō ngā pōtitanga mō te Whare Pāremata.

E pōti ana te tangata mō wai?

Ka āhei ngā kaipōti o te rārangi pōti Māori ki te pōti mō ngā kaitono o tētahi rārangi pōti Māori, engari kaua ko ngā kaitono o tētahi rārangi pōti whānui. He pērā mō ngā kaipōti o te rārangi pōti whānui ka āhei ki te pōti mō ngā kaitono o tētahi rārangi pōti whānui, engari kaua ko ngā kaitono o tētahi rohe pōti Māori. Ka pōti ngā kaipōti katoa mō te koromatua, ā, mēnā e tika ana, mō ngā poari hapori.

E whakakanohi ana ngā kaikaunihera rohe pōti Māori i a wai?

He rite tonu te kawenga o ngā kaikaunihera o ngā rohe pōti Māori i ō ngā kaikaunihera rohe pōti whānui, arā he whakakanohi i te hapori katoa. Ka tuku whakapuakanga ngā kaikaunihera katoa kia kawea e rātou ā rātou mahi mō te painga o ngā kainoho me ngā kaiutu rēti o te rohe i pōtihia rātou hei māngai.

Ki hea ahau tiki mōhiohio atu anō?

Mō ētahi atu mōhiohio, matawaia tēnei waehera QR:

www.votelocal.co.nz/maori-wards-and-constituencies/



Palmerston North City Council

Electing the Mayor



Orphée MICKALAD

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Palmerston North City Council area. I am also standing for Te Hirawanui General Ward.

I'm Orphee, and I'm 35.

I'm running for Mayor because I believe

Palmerston North is at a turning point, and we

need a change of leadership, direction, and approach.

Our city is facing mounting pressures, from rising rates and housing costs to climate challenges, population growth, ageing infrastructure and sweeping central government reforms. These issues demand leadership with a clear plan.

Grounded in my Christian faith, civic leadership, and a deep love for our city, I'm offering forward-thinking leadership that will deliver on Palmy's potential. As Mayor, I will: Deliver value-for-money; Support local businesses, housing and economic growth; Diversify Council's revenue streams, and introduce targeted user pays for non-essential services to reduce cost pressures on ratepayers; Sell underutilised Council assets and airport shares to pay off debt and reinvest in key infrastructure; Proactively lobby central government to get the best investment deals for Palmy.

www.orpheemickalad.com



Michael MORRIS

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

I represent the millions of nonhuman animals in our society who are marginalised exploited and forgotten. I stand for justice to animals, justice to the environment and justice to disadvantaged

humans. These are connected. Societies who look after one of these mostly care for all three.

I am an environmental scientist working for an iwi. I have worked as a researcher in public health, a government policy adviser and a university teacher. I am well placed to understand the complexities of animal, environmental and social justice policy.

If elected I will ensure that the animal pound is no-kill. There will be subsidised desexing for companion animals and spay and release for strays. Puppy and kitten mills will be abolished.

Humane alternatives will be found for pest control. Palmerston North will become a C40 city and will endorse the plant-based treaty for climate action.

Palmerston North City Council

Electing the Mayor



Caleb RIDDICK

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Palmerston North City Council area. I am also standing for Te Hirawanui General Ward.

I'm not a polished career politician.

I'm Māori and Pākehā - too much for some, not enough for others. But I know who I am, and I'm proud to call Palmerston North home.

I know what it's like to clock in before sunrise, work hard all day, and come home to whānau who need you and bills that don't wait.

I won't pretend to have all the answers, but I'll listen, I'll learn, and I'll fight alongside you to find the solution for us.

You won't find me hiding behind a desk. I'll be in the Square, at the game, on the street - where the people are.

When Palmy wins, we all win. When it goes wrong, I'll take the responsibility.

A mayor for the people from the people.

Vote Riddick



Grant SMITH

Independent

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

Kia ora. I'm Grant Smith, seeking your support for another term as Mayor of Palmerston North. Born and raised here, I bring strong local knowledge, proven leadership and deep commitment to our community.

Since becoming Mayor in 2015, I've led a progressive and inclusive Council. Together we've advanced major projects like the CET Arena redevelopment, Te Utanganui Central NZ distribution hub, the City Centre transformation and key infrastructure investments in transport, fresh water & waste water, housing and sustainability.

As our city grows, I'm focused on keeping Palmerston North vibrant, resilient and connected - delivering strong services, keeping rates fair and advocating for our city and people amid Government reforms.

With a background in business and community service I believe in practical solutions, not politics. My priorities are economic growth, efficient infrastructure, better housing, environmental sustainability and protecting Palmerston North's unique spirit. Let's keep Palmerston North moving forward - together!

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Wajeha AKBARYAN

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

My journey has been one of perseverance and determination. I was born in Afghanistan and spent my early years in a Refugee Camp in Indonesia, where I faced unimaginable hardships.

With nothing but hope, I arrived in New Zealand ready to build a new life.

Starting in a new country presented its challenges, and I worked multiple jobs to support my son. I eventually established a restaurant in the CBD, and through that experience, I learned firsthand the struggles faced by small businesses. When businesses succeed, our city prospers

Now, I am stepping up to become a voice for the local business community. My goal is to ensure fairer policies, create better opportunities, and contribute to a thriving local economy. Additionally, I am committed to advocating for former refugees, especially women.

Please visit my website wajehaakbaryan.org

Vote No. 1 for the Council.



Mark ARNOTT

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I take my Council role seriously and with a 100% council attendance record, I am here to ensure your voice is heard. I am committed to working hard for Palmerston North and making decisions

that consider the needs of our city. I vote with ratepayers in mind.

What I Stand For: Prioritise core infrastructure and services - roads, water, waste, and safety over "nice-to-have projects"; Fiscal responsibility and sensible decision-making to ensure a sustainable future for Palmerston North; Deferring non-essential projects; Strong stance against borrowing to fund day-to-day operations; Opposed the Featherston Street roading changes.

I Will Do This By Continuing To: Fight to reduce rates; Refocus on core infrastructure and services; Oppose unnecessary projects; Stand firm against the growing tide of unsustainable borrowing; Focus on keeping our city running efficiently and effectively, without burdening ratepayers.

Vote for a Smarter future. Re-elect, Mark Arnott, Vote#1

www.markarnott.co.nz Facebook, Councillor Mark Arnott

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Brent BARRETT

Green Party

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Our wonderful city has huge potential, and some big challenges. Wise decisions and actions are needed to ensure Palmerston North is future-ready, works for everyone and is

affordable for all of us.

Priority local opportunities include a fairer rating system, infrastructure resilience, enhanced community facilities and services, city and village centres, practical climate action, improved housing and greater transport choice.

Today I'm asking for your vote; offering my experience, energy and drive to keep contributing to our city's best future. Trained as an agricultural scientist, I'm a proven community advocate, active listener, collaborative worker and highly-engaged Councillor. I promise to keep listening and championing community empowerment, evidence-based decisions, value for money and stronger accountability.

On the referendum: our city's Māori Ward adds immense value, strengthening community-wide connections and improving Council effectiveness. Please vote to retain it.

You're welcome to get in touch anytime on 0220141749 or brent.barrett@greens.org.nz



Rachel BOWEN

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

My vision is for a vibrant, connected, and safe city where families and businesses thrive, creativity is nurtured and celebrated, and communities are supported and strong.

With 12 years of experience in local government and an extensive background in regulatory and relationship management, leadership, and training, I'll hit the ground running. With my positive attitude and professional expertise, I'll work collaboratively to ensure maximum value for every dollar of your rates, both now and as we navigate future challenges. I'm actively engaged in serving the cultural, sporting, social, environmental, and economic interests of our city, and committed to building an equitable, sustainable and compassionate community. I listen, engage, and actively participate. You can trust me to turn up, act with integrity, and work diligently on your behalf.

Passionate about Palmy and optimistic for our future? Re-elect me to deliver on the potential of our city. Vote #1 Rachel Bowen. <http://www.facebook/rachelbowenpncc>

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Melanie BUTLER

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I'm running for PNCC because it's time for accountability when it comes to your rates. Im standing Independently to represent everyday residents feeling the pressure of rising costs

across the board and that includes our ever-increasing rates. My priority is simple: focus on paying the huge council debt down, keep rates hikes down and ensure your money is spent wisely. That means focusing on essential services not pointless extras. Council spending needs to reflect what our community actually needs, not what looks good on a glossy brochure. I'll fight to keep spending transparent, challenge wasteful spending, and push for smarter financial planning. We can't keep expecting ratepayers to foot the bill for every new idea without clear value or real long term benefit. It's time for a strong voice at the council table, someone who will ask hard questions and stand up for you. Facebook page, vote Mel for PNCC



Zulfiqar BUTT

Labour

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I have called Palmerston North home since arriving in New Zealand 25 years ago.

I strongly believe in social justice, gender and ethnic equality and have been involved in

community service for the last 25 years. I am currently a serving Justice of the Peace of New Zealand.

I am a proud Massey graduate with a Doctoral degree in Natural Resources Management and have worked for Massey University's International Office for more than 10years, currently run a small business and have worked with different international organizations and agencies like UNDP, World Bank, WFP and AusAid.

I served as a Labour Party endorsed elected city councillor from 2019 to 2022. Looking to the future, environmental issues such as wastewater and government reforms pose big risks for our city. It's for these reasons, alongside my experience and skillbase, that I ask for your support in re-electing me this election.

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Vaughan DENNISON

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Councils today face rising costs, constrained funding, and complex water reforms - challenges that demand strong, practical leadership and collaboration. I bring over 20 years' experience, a positive outlook, and a reasoned voice, working hard for you, your family, and our city's future.

It's a privilege to serve. As Chair of the Strategy & Finance Committee, I've led targeted investment in core infrastructure and improved recreational spaces for our active community, while maintaining sound financial discipline. I'm proud to have helped return international softball to Colquhoun Park through my Softball NZ board role, boosting local pride, our economy, and our city's profile.

I also work with Homes for People to create meaningful pathways into homeownership and, alongside my wife, support vulnerable residents through transitional housing.

Let's build a safe, connected, future-focused Palmerston North, one that grows jobs, supports business, and delivers fairly for every generation.

Thankyou for your continued support.



Kayne John DUNLOP

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I am standing for Palmerston North City Council to bring a practical, community-focused voice to the table. I believe Council must prioritise the basics such as reliable core services like roads, water, and waste whilst keeping rates affordable for residents. I support disciplined spending and investment in infrastructure that enables smart, sustainable growth. We need to back local businesses, maintain essential services, and make sure families can thrive in a liveable, well-managed city. I grew up in the Manawatū and now raise my young family here. As a local businessman, former educator, and active community member with governance experience I have a deep connection to our city. I am committed to helping Palmerston North grow with purpose, without losing sight of what matters most to everyday people.

I am seeking election for council.

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Lew FINDLAY

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Palmerston North's future matters to me because this city is our home. I'm committed to serving our diverse community with honesty, experience, and action.

If re-elected, I'll continue voting for what's right, not what's popular. I bring independent thinking, teamwork, and a rock-solid track record of delivering results, giving you confidence that I can get the job done.

I've been proud to support local initiatives, including Age Friendly, Grey Power, Abbeyfield, and many more. I listen because your concerns are my concerns.

Council must protect what matters most, from infrastructure to community assets. We need smart decisions, not short-term fixes, to ensure a secure and prosperous future for Palmerston North.

This next term is crucial. Let's focus on progress that benefits everyone - families, youth, seniors, workers, and future generations.

Let's work together to make Palmerston North an even better place to live.

Lew Findlay Is More Than Just Talk.



Hayden FITZGERALD

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I stand for a back to basics approach. Council must refocus on core services; fixing roads, maintaining infrastructure, keeping our city clean and safe and delivering value for money.

Ratepayers deserve better. I am committed to cutting waste and ensuring your money is spent wisely to avoid large rates increases. Council has been distracted by nice to haves while essential services suffer. Anti-car ideology has led to parking issues and failures like the Featherston Street redevelopment.

Palmerston North is a provincial city. We need practical roading and parking solutions that support local people and businesses.

As a local businessman and financial adviser, I bring real-world experience, independence and a focus on accountability and results. It is time for PNCC to operate more efficiently, responsibly and with common sense. Please see my Facebook page www.facebook.com/haydenfitzgeraldpncc for further information. I can also be emailed at fitzgerald.hbr@gmail.com

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Mark GUNNING

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I am proud to have called Palmerston North my home for over 40 years. I've found PN a caring and supportive community, an ideal place to raise a family, develop a career and enjoy the cultural, sporting and educational opportunities available. Things change, but I want PN to remain a place that values community and business, and encourages sustainable growth. Decisions made at Council affect people every day. My experience in business, representing Manawatu on the sports field, trustee of a community charity and volunteer for St Johns at our hospital, has given me a rounded understanding of our community and what is important to them. I value the importance of making sensible decisions in a way that brings people together. With a heart for families, community, and our future growth, you will be proud of your choice to vote Mark Gunning for Council.



Leonie HAPETA

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I have had the privilege of being a City Councillor for the past 12 years.

I am the current Chair of the Economic Growth Committee and have championed CBD, BID program. This program assists retailers to maintain a vibrant city centre. I have supported Safari Group project to build a hotel on Old Post Office site, also supported the development of the Central freight hub and new ring road.

The world is going through tough times and we need people with balanced views to lead our city. Our community can no longer tolerate the rate increases of the past so we must look carefully at future spending. I am passionate about transparency in decision making. I have over 20 years experience in business and a good understanding of the complex issues facing our city.

For balanced and sensible decision making please re-elect Leonie Hapeta, your number One choice.

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Nelson HARPER

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Palmerston North is where I've built a business, started a family, and found community. I'm running for Council to support a city that leads in innovation, protects our environment, and

strengthens connection.

As an environmental engineer and small business owner, I work with businesses and councils across the region to solve complex challenges in waste, sustainability, and innovation. I chair the local NZ Institute of International Affairs, serve on the board of Just Zilch, and formerly chaired the Manawātū Young Chamber, supporting the next generation of local business leadership.

My priorities are practical: backing smart innovation, protecting our environment, and helping to build a thriving city for everyone. I bring hands-on experience, strong networks, and a deep commitment to seeing Palmy succeed.

I love this city. If elected, I'll bring energy, integrity, and a track record of getting things done, for today and for the future of our community.

www.nelsonharper.co.nz



Jeremy Craig HOSKINS

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I'm proud to be born and raised in Palmerston North. I'm a second-generation business owner, a homeowner and proud husband and father. I love raising my family in this City, and I am

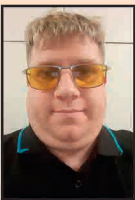
standing for Council because I want my kids, and yours, to be proud to call Palmy home for generations to come.

My focus is on getting back to basics: pipes, parks, potholes and business prosperity. That means fixing roads, improving traffic flow, supporting our business community and ensuring ratepayers get value for money.

I advocate for completing the Bridal Path to Ashhurst, hosting events, and upgrading our sports and community facilities. It is easy to sit on the sidelines and point out what is wrong - but I believe in stepping up, pitching in, and doing the work.

I am here to help make a great City, even better.

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Cameron JENKINS

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I'm Cameron Jenkins - born and raised in Palmerston North, and fiercely proud to call it home. I'm standing because this city needs bold, progressive leadership that doesn't just sit in the room - it shakes the table.

For over a decade I've fought for real people tenants, workers, the rainbow community and I've never backed down from a fight that matters. As Coordinator of the Manawatu Tenants' Union, I know what it takes to fix broken systems and hold power to account.

I believe in action over excuses, people over politics, and a council that serves everyone not just the well-connected few. Palmerston North deserves better and I bring the Charisma, Nerve, Uniqueness and Talent to make it happen.

If you're ready for a voice that cuts through the noise and pushes Council to act, I'm ready to fight for you.

Because what matters is people, people, people.



Lorna JOHNSON

Labour

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

As Chair of the Community Committee for the last six years I have been a strong supporter of the community sector including libraries, social housing and creating a welcoming community for

all. Through my advocacy Council has committed to a fairer rating system and strengthened community services and facilities.

I'm a Resource Management Act commissioner, volunteer at the Esplanade Scenic Railway, and help resettle refugees in the community.

I have a veterinary science background and I make evidence-based decisions. I have demonstrated my ability to work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for the people of Palmerston North.

The future will be challenging, with cost-of-living pressures, government reforms and changes to planning regulations. We need experienced and sensible decision-makers at the Council table, to ensure our city is looked after and that our community is put first. Please re-elect me so I can continue to work for you.

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Eric JUDD

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Married to Margaret, together we've raised five adult children. A university graduate and Australasian-trained Actuary, I bring deep expertise in governance, financial oversight, audit, and compliance. My senior management and consulting experience spans both government and private sectors, in New Zealand and internationally.

I offer a wide and varied skillset - an asset to our growing city's critical decision-making. My community service includes roles with the Make-A-Wish Foundation (volunteer and Board), a New Zealand insurance company Board, professional committees, Scouting, animal welfare, and fostering for the SPCA. I'm also a small business owner.

I'm motivated by fairer funding, affordable rates, and being a voice for the disadvantaged. As a businessman who gets things done, I believe council costs must be controlled through innovation and efficiency. I'll work to make our city the preferred home for future generations while honouring those who came before.

Thanks for your vote.



Jack KOH

My principal place of residence is not in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Greetings, my name is Jack. I am a registered Acupuncturist and I sit on the advisory committee board for the NZ School of Acupuncture in Auckland. In the past, I provided free acupuncture treatments for two years to the Māori community spending my weekends at the Manurewa Marae in Auckland. I served as a committee member of the Hope Foundation for food bank.

I worked as an aircraft component inspector for 21-1/2 years with an American Aerospace company in Singapore. During that time, I became an employee council spokesperson representing all workers to navigate fair, reasonable working environment and staff welfare. Ability to problem solve and provide sound, workable solutions on a wide range of immediate issues. My aim is to improve the quality of services and promote tourist image of Palmerston North. To justify council spending so that residence of Palmerston North does not have to pay excessive rates.

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Quintin MCGREGOR

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Standing up for Palmy

Born and bred in Palmerston North, I'm standing for council because I care deeply about our community and where we're heading. I'm not

here to sugar-coat things - I say it like it is, and I believe it's time we got real about priorities. Our roads are worsening, we need solid investment in infrastructure - not statues and nice-to-haves - to make sure Palmy works for everyone. I'm committed to honest, careful spending and getting the basics right. I'll always stand up for residents and fight for better value from our council. You deserve a straight answer, and someone who listens. That's what I will bring.



Billy MEEHAN

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Vote for passion, experience and integrity.

Palmerston North is a great place to raise a family, and I'm committed to making sure it stays that way for generations to come. My wife Cathy

and I have raised our eight children here and understand the economic pressure families face today.

I remain dedicated to delivering value for ratepayers; cutting unnecessary spending, reducing debt and ensuring services meet community needs.

As an active volunteer in our community, I work with at-risk youth, local schools, sports clubs and Grey Power.

Having represented our city and country as an athlete and coach, I know that success requires teamwork. The future of Palmerston North demands leaders who will work together to achieve the best result for our city.

If re-elected, I will lead with passion, experience and integrity. I will listen closely to the community, remain transparent in my decisions, and stand alone where required.

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Orphée MICKALAD

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area. I am also standing for Mayor - Palmerston North City Council.

Serving you as a City Councillor over the past two terms has been a privilege.

I came to Palmerston North 19 years ago as a refugee from war-torn Congo. Palmerston North gave me a fresh start and nurtured me to thrive.

Building on the progress achieved, we need to make critical investments into housing, infrastructure, and protecting our environment. We also need to build on our status as an education, and regional economic hub; make more land available for homes; support local businesses; and improve our roading and water networks in ways that offer sustainable value to current and future generations of ratepayers.

Grounded in my Christian faith, civic leadership, and a deep love for our city, I offer a positive attitude, proven experience, practical insight into Council processes, and diversity of thought. A #1 vote for me will keep a passionate, practical, and future-focused voice at the Council table.



Tobias Wilson NASH

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I'm a secondary Maths and English teacher, currently relief teaching at Freyberg High School while studying psychology at Massey University.

I've taught at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tupoho in Whanganui and Tai Wānanga Tū Toa in Aokautere, and I volunteer with Samaritans and the Red Cross refugee settlement programme.

I was born in Palmerston North and grew up in the Pohangina Valley. I went to Awatapu College and Massey University, and returned with my whānau in 2017 to complete my teacher training. We've been based here since.

In my experience working with youth and community organisations, I've seen how effective support and early intervention can make a difference. I want to help develop a youth liaison service to improve public safety, and work with men's groups and local organisations to strengthen support for men's mental health and wellbeing.

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Karen NAYLOR

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Serving as your City Councillor has been a privilege. I offer a common-sense and evidence-based approach to decision making. I have promoted financial responsibility and transparency of council decisions.

I want our city to be a safe, vibrant and caring place to live, with great opportunities for all. A city where business is supported, the environment is protected and the community thrives.

Rates need to be affordable. Our current plan received an adverse opinion from Audit NZ and debt is increasing rapidly. We need to re-prioritise to ensure spending is appropriate and more sustainable for the future.

I have actively pursued budget reductions, more affordable options for our wastewater upgrade, keeping water services within local control, and promoted more sustainable models to deliver social housing. I will continue to work constructively, listening to the community and keeping your best interests at the heart of my decision making.

<https://www.facebook.com/KarenNaylorPN>



Adrian PHILLIPS

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I'm standing for Palmerston North City Council because I believe in a city that is vibrant, inclusive, and forward-focused - a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can live, study, work, play,

or build a business with pride.

Our city should be a hub of lifestyle and opportunity, rich in culture, education, and enterprise.

With decades of experience in leadership, business, and community development, I bring a steady hand and an open heart.

I'm not politically aligned - I serve the people, not a party.

Palmerston North deserves councillors who listen, act with integrity, and champion practical solutions. I will work for a cohesive, culturally diverse community that shares a common future - where every voice matters and progress benefits all.

Let's build a city where families thrive, businesses grow, and the spirit of community shines.

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E tū ana au mō te Kaunihera o Te Papaioea, nā te mea e whakapono ana au ki tētahi tāone kanorau, aumangea, me te aro whakamua - he wāhi e ora ai te katoa, ahakoa ngā pakeke, ngā tamariki, ngā ahurea hoki. Me noho tō tātou tāone hei pokapū mō te oranga, te mātauranga, te ahurea, me te whai wāhitanga pakihi.

He roa taku mahi ārahitanga i te hapori me te ao pakihi – ka tukuna e au he ringa āwhina me te ngākau māhaki. Kāore au e herea ana ki tētahi rōpū tōrangapū – mā te iwi au e ārahi.

Ka ū au ki te mahi pono, te whakarongo, me te rapu huarahi whaihua. Me mahi tahi tātou kia tipu ai ngā whānau, ka puāwai ai ngā pakihi, ā, ka tiaho te kotahitanga o te hapori.



Eldhose POOVATHUMVEETIL MATHEW

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Kia ora, Palmerston North! I'm a proud Indian-Kiwi and dedicated community advocate with over 10 years experience in NZ. My journey includes leadership roles - from student politics to managing a Kerala community org., highlighting commitment to inclusive governance.

A registered nurse and support worker, I've worked to ensure equitable healthcare and vital support for all. My vision: a thriving, compassionate city where every voice matters.

Family is my anchor - A proud husband and father of three, deeply invested in Palmerston North's future.

If elected, I'll prioritise: Champion Right Funding: Ensure fair resource allocation for essential services and community needs; Make Housing Affordable: Work to reduce property rates, ensure safe, affordable homes for all; Improve Accessibility: Advocate for more free parking to support local businesses and ease city access.

Let's build a thriving, compassionate city - together.

Vote Eldhose Poovathumveetil Mathew for a voice that cares!

**Palmerston North City Council
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Dave POPPELWELL

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I have lived in the city for 25 years. I have worked as a Broadcaster Radio 2ZA, Newstalk ZB and Classic Hits. I have been a musician in several Bands & currently for Medlab at the Palms.

Commentator Robertson Prestige International Speedway (PN). I am standing for council because I want the city to progress and focus on the big four, Roads, Water, Rubbish & Sewerage. Stick to the basics and live within our means. I know many who are concerned about rate rises. The Council should be run like a household - with fiscal prudence and wise investment. If elected my focus will be on needs not wishes and every dollar would be studied before spending takes place. Fiscal prudence & common sense - that often appears not to be too common. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Dave Poppelwell No 1 for Palmerston North City Council.



Atif RAHIM

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

The council team should be diverse, inclusive, and professional in all areas. I stand for sensible spending, transparency, and simple financial reporting. No compromise on core services while

maintaining control over non-essentials, and for rates to increase in line with the inflation rate. I will demand clear and accurate reporting and help in improving the system, delving deeply into financial matters to ensure accountability.

I am an accounting professional with training from a Big Four firm and memberships in top accounting bodies. I bring over 35 years of experience in financial and project reporting and budgeting, having led teams on large infrastructure and facility management.

With over two decades of experience in social work and having served more than 25 community groups, my work has focused on supporting diverse populations. These include groups dedicated to the disabled, environmental conservation, adult education, ex-prisoners, religious groups, beneficiaries, and refugees.

Vote No. 1

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Caleb RIDDICK

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area. I am also standing for Mayor - Palmerston North City Council.

Palmerston North, it's time for someone on council who knows what it's like to work hard, pay the bills, and still show up for their

community, someone who will back you.

I'm Māori and Pākehā - I know what it's like to be not heard half the time and misunderstood the rest. I've made mistakes, and I've worked hard to learn from them and to do what's right.

I'm proud of who I am, and I'm proud to call Palmy home.

Whether you're raising a family, running a business, or just trying to get ahead - you deserve a council that is there for you.

If I'm elected, you'll find me out and about - ready to listen, working with you to find solutions, not just talking about problems. I believe in a growth mindset and hard work.

Vote Riddick



Zakk ROKKANNO

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I stand for fair play, equality, positive multicultural community development & support, interactivity, unity, suicide & hardship solutions, opportunities for everyone from community to

individual level.

Because i think for myself i am not easily led & make my own decisions based on the best information i can verify.

I am independent as to assess every issue & idea on its own merits without being constrained by party policy.

If I am elected, I promise my involvement in everything PNCC & to make solid voting decisions on every proposal based on urgency, genuine community value, efficiency & effectiveness while ensuring every proposal is undertaken with the most cost-effective approach that can be used in order to preserve & ensure ratepayer & community funds are able to stretch as far as they can without wasteful spending.

For all my info, videos & social media links: Facebook: search 'Zakk Rokkanno PNCC 2025'

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Dave SALISBURY

Independent

My principal place of residence is not in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Palmerston North deserves better.

The current Council plans a 6.6% rates increase in 2026, after big hikes in recent years. That's too much - and people are feeling it.

It's time to get Back to Basics. Roads, rubbish, water, housing, public spaces - these are the essentials, and they should be done right, without wasting your money.

I'm Dave Salisbury - born in Palmerston North, raised in Milson by a solo mum, and experienced in business, tourism, and small enterprise. I know how to manage budgets, make tough decisions, and work with people to get results. I believe in respect, accountability, and a Council that actually listens.

Let's bring fresh energy, common sense, and a focus on what matters most - making Palmerston North a great place to live, work, and thrive.

Vote Dave Salisbury as your Number 1 choice. Let's get it back on track - together.



Michael Paul STRACHAN

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

My name is Michael Strachan, and I'm standing for council to bring compassionate leadership, community focus, and real listening to the table.

I've walked through my own personal journey and know what it's like to feel unheard. That's why I'm passionate about building a council that values people first - where decisions reflect the real needs of our community. I believe in fairness, faith, and action. I want to advocate for better mental health support, affordable living, and stronger local services - especially for those who are struggling or feel left out of the conversation. I'm here for everyday people - not politics as usual.

With a background in teaching, support work, and men's wellbeing workshops, I offer not just experience, but empathy. I'll bring a voice of hope, reason, and kindness to council - one that listens and leads with heart.

Together, let's build a future where everyone matters.

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Jackie WHEELER

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I have faithfully served the people of Palmerston North for over 40 years in voluntary, community and professional roles. I'm standing for Council because our city needs fiscal and community responsibility. Rates are set to rise substantially, but essential services are being left behind. Meanwhile, money is being spent on non-essential projects, like the Featherston Street redesign that many residents didn't ask for and petitioned against. I believe in putting residents first, focusing on the basics, and making sure Council lives within its means. Households have to budget wisely - so should Council. As a co-founder of the Palmerston North Residents Group, and through years of community and church service, I've learnt how to listen, represent and stand up for what's right. I'm asking for your vote to be a strong voice at the Council table, calling for financial responsibility, common sense, and a Council that works for the people.



Glen WILLIAMS

ACT Local

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Ratepayers continue to be let down by Palmerston North City Council with unaffordable rates hikes, increased local debt, and wasteful spending on vanity projects and consultants.

It's time to give Council a wakeup call and focus back on the basics.

Having lived in Palmerston North for over twenty years, I deeply understand the issues facing our community. My background in governance with national and international sporting boards and owning a local manufacturing business allows me to bring oversight in management, fiscal responsibility, and better scrutiny of council expenses.

By voting for me as an ACT Local candidate, you know exactly what you are going to get. I will keep rates low, look to bring down debt, deliver our essential services and scrutinise all spending to maximise value for Ratepayers' money.

If you want to see common sense back on the Council table, please give me your first preference.

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Verne WILSON

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

Born in Palmerston North, I'm proud to have raised three children with my wife, Wendy. Starting my career as a tradesman and the past 17 years owning and operating The Coffee Club on

the Square, a business that has become a hub for community connection.

Through the business, I've supported a wide range of local groups and charities, some of which include netball, cricket, football, golf, gymnastics, and Kids Can. I've also coached senior rugby and managed the Manawātū Turbos for seven seasons, including their 2014 Championship win.

I currently Co-Chair the Business Improvement District (BID) Committee, working alongside PNCC and CBD stakeholders to promote a vibrant, safe city. Managing the Safe City Hosts programme, supporting local retailers, landlords, and events. I aim to bring strong, practical, and balanced decision-making to the Council table - focused on innovative solutions, responsible fiscal management, and maintaining deep connections with our community.



William George WOOD

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

It has been an honour to serve our community as a councillor for the last three years.

I campaigned on going through council's budget line by line and reducing 'nice to have'

expenditure. I have done this by proposing or seconding over 35 recommendations for reduced spending and less borrowing, examples include reducing consultancy spend and avoiding purchasing new vehicle fleets. This has led to lower rate increases than forecast and reduced council's intended borrowing.

I have also strongly opposed the Featherston Street cycleway, supported extending Gold Card parking until 3pm weekdays, helped reduce the new wastewater treatment plant budget, and more.

If re-elected I will continue to be a voice of common sense and sensible spending. My focus will be on increasing road and footpath maintenance budgets, supporting housing and economic growth, and closely scrutinising council spending.

I would greatly appreciate your support by voting Wood number 1.

Palmerston North City Council Te Hirawanui General Ward Electing 13 Councillors



Richard WOOLGAR

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

I know how this city runs, because I help keep it running. I understand how our city's infrastructure works, how it's built, and most importantly, how it affects everyday people. I've

served my country, worked on the tools, and led teams in engineering workshops and unlike most councillors, I've got dirt on my hard hat. I bring real problem-solving skills and hands-on experience to the table.

I understand the challenges working families face because I live them every day. We don't need a council that pays lip service to the backbone of this community. Our city needs honesty, common sense, and a creative approach to the problems we face. We need a council that serves its people, not the other way around.

It's time council reflected the people who keep this city running. Together we can build a smarter, safer and more resilient city. Thank you for your support



Kaydee Jean ZABELIN

Green Party

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hirawanui General Ward area.

First elected in 2022 I'm an open-minded Councillor who does my homework, asks hard questions, and doesn't muck around. From stormwater investment, to cutting red tape for

community gardens, to calling out dodgy process, I've worked to focus our Council on building strength and stability for our city in the face of significant change. A former analyst, legal secretary and community administrator, I actively seek your views with open ears and an open mind as I work towards: Transport infrastructure built to last; Stormwater and climate action plans for the city; A stable local economy; Intentional, careful spending; Connected and supported communities; A liveable city for all.

With rising costs, global disruption and continual change, we can't afford to be reactionary - we need a plan. For a representative who's practical, positive, and committed to looking after what we've got - vote #1 Kaydee Zabelin.

Palmerston North City Council Te Pūao Māori Ward Electing 2 Councillors



Rowland Prince FITZGERALD

My principal place of residence is in the Te Pūao Māori Ward area.

Bringing back the referendum for Maori Wards only is for many including 1000s of non-Maori, bringing back colonisation. Where referendums are not required for the General Ward, not required for the Rural Ward and not required for Community Boards, this sentiment also a reality is brought to bear. Our PNCC has enjoyed and continues to enjoy a workable open and honest partnership with Mana Whenua, Rangitane since the early 1960s. Our PNCC is also acutely aware of their responsibilities to all Maori residing in our city and all constituents alike. My first term as a Maori Ward City Councillor is a privilege that will never wain. I am putting my hand up for a second term primarily to finish one job, and that is to entrench Maori participation alongside our General Ward colleagues in shaping a prosperous future for all Palmerston North folk and families. Nga mihi nunui.



Bonnie KURU

My principal place of residence is in the Te Pūao Māori Ward area.

Ko Bonnie Kuru au.

He uri nō Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tamatea Ariki Nui, Kahungunu/Rangitāne ki Wairarapa, me Ngāti Toa Rangatira. I was born and raised in

Manawatū.

I'm standing to represent our people because I believe in action. I'm a proven leader, owning small businesses and hold expertise across property, social work, government and community development. I've spent years serving on boards, kura kaupapa and sport as a representative and a proud NZ sport māmā.

I'm committed to building thriving communities where local businesses grow, rangatahi have opportunities, and all whānau have access to safe homes, clean water, and strong infrastructure.

I bring people together, Māori and non-Māori from all walks of life, pakeke and rangatahi, entrepreneurs and educators, with aroha, integrity, and a shared vision for our mokopuna.

I embody unity, practical solutions, and bold leadership grounded in kaupapa Māori.

Not Just Talking about change, living it.

Palmerston North City Council Te Pūao Māori Ward Electing 2 Councillors



Debi MARSHALL-LOBB

Te Pāti Māori

My principal place of residence is in the Te Pūao Māori Ward area.

Tini whetu ki te rangi, ko Rangitāne ki te whenua
Tātou te whakatinana
Tātou te whakakanohi
Tātou okooko ai i ngā mana o iwi

Mō ngā mokopuna
mō ngā aitanga te take
Tihei tū, tihei mauri ora

It has been a privilege to serve the people of Palmerston North as a councillor and Deputy Mayor.

I am proud of what we've achieved together. But there's still important work ahead - strengthening community wellbeing, upgrading core infrastructure, and ensuring local voices are truly heard.

I'm re-standing to keep championing equity, inclusion, and a stronger future for all.

I believe Māori wards are about fairness, partnership, and better decision making.

Let's Go — fill the Waka with votes! We're paddling this change together!

Mā te Māori, a kaupapa Māori e tōtō mai, tōtō mai ki te tēpu nei.

Tuituia tangata whenua. Tuituia tangata Tiriti. Tuituia ki te Kaunihera nei.

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Daniel FORDYCE

Independent

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

Daniel Fordyce – Community-first, Future-focused
Born and raised in Aotearoa, I've built my life on sustainability, integrity, and service. My background spans accountancy, science, and

visual arts—uniting logic and creativity to solve complex challenges and connect across generations. I've volunteered at Just Zilch and currently speak at Radio Control, grounded in the belief that actions speak louder than words.

My campaign centres on practical, values-driven change: reducing waste, using resources responsibly, and safeguarding our environment for future generations. I believe in stewardship—honouring the legacy of those who came before us while protecting what matters most today.

Together, we can build community from the ground up, anchored in financial wisdom, shared purpose, and inter-generational care. I'm here to listen, learn, and serve—and I invite every New Zealander to help shape a future that's vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable.



Charles GEORGE

Independent

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

Hello, I'm Charles George and I'm seeking nomination for Horizon Regional council. I have lived in the Manawatū for almost 20 years and believe it's the hidden jewel of New

Zealand.

I served in the New Zealand army for over 9 years and have been associated with the Manawatū referees association for the last 10 years.

I want to support our region and feel it is time for change. I am independent and not associated with any political party.

I believe that the council needs to listen to the people of our region more. I think Council is there to support the people and the region they live in. Manawatū is a great place to live, from the mountains to the rivers to the sea. It is our job to ensure we protect our region for ourselves and our future generations.

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Fiona GORDON

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

I love our place - the landscape, environment, community and lifestyle. I believe our region needs transparent, responsible and accountable leadership that efficiently delivers future-focused

economic development, a healthy environment, and thriving communities. We will achieve this through community partnership and informed decision-making, based on reliable information, with a sharp focus on value-for-money.

As a successful business owner and a Mum, I greatly value local decision making. During my two Council terms, I've used my tertiary qualifications and extensive professional background in resource management, and experience working with government, businesses, Iwi and community, to champion and deliver on: biodiversity, community funding partnerships, environmental education, climate action, and systems improvements.

I want to continue to be your voice, to champion our communities' values for better regional outcomes.

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

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

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Nui tōku aroha ki tō tātou nei wāhi- te whenua, te taiao, te hāpori me te noho. Ki ahau, me tū he mana whakahaere e mārama ana, e pono ana, kia tika te whanake ōhanga, kia ora pai te taiao, kia puāwai hoki ngā hāpori. Ka tutuki mā te mahi tahi me ngā hāpori, mā te āta whakataunga tika me te aro ki te pūtea.

Hei kaipakihi angitu, hei Māmā hoki he mea nui kia noho te mana whakatau ki te iwi. I tōku wā hei kaikaunihera kua meatia nei aku tohu me aku wheako ngaio hei whakahaere rawa, hei mahi tahi me te kāwanatanga, ngā pakihi, te Iwi me te hāpori hei hāpai ake i ngā mahi, arā: kanorau koiora, pūtea ā-hāpori, te mātauranga taiao, te āhuarangi, whakapai pūnaha hoki.

Hiahia ana ahau kia noho tonu hei māngai mā koutou, kia hāpaingia ō tātou hāpori uara hei orange rohe.

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Emma GREGG

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

I am passionate about the practical and sustainable management of our natural resources. I have a background in veterinary nursing and currently work in healthcare.

Additionally, I volunteer for a range of community organisations focused on conservation and recreation.

Our economy depends on our natural resources, therefore I will advocate for wise management to ensure a resilient and prosperous future. As a long time resident and mother of four, I am invested in the region's future and will promote careful spending to achieve sensible outcomes both for today and for generations to come.

I believe in community and building robust relationships to enable positive change that supports our environment and the people who live in it. This can be achieved through listening to communities and working with them to make the changes needed. I know that my skills, experience and willingness to speak up will make me an ideal councillor.



Munu KARKI

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

I was born in Nepal, surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Himalayas. Life there was simple, grounded in nature and community.

We respected the land, lived sustainably without even calling it that, and looked out for one another. Those values shaped who I am.

I stand for sustainability, conservation, and climate action, turning those values into everyday practice through my natural beauty and wellness business. I live what I believe, and I bring people with me. If you know me, you know I'm all heart. I make people feel heard, seen, and valued. I care deeply about people. If you know me, you know I bring energy, fun, and comfort wherever I go. I'm a people person through and through, and service is in my blood.

I want to represent the voices of our communities, protect our environment, and help shape a future we can all be proud of.

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Jackie LINDSAY

Independent

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

I offer a wide range of experience in the Horizons region where I have chosen to live, study, raise a family, and work, for over 35 years. This includes being a Massey graduate, BOT Chairperson of

Kopane School, a small business owner/franchisee, International Student Director at PNGHS and St Peter's College, Executive Officer for Target Shooting NZ (an Incorporated Society with \$1m+ annual turnover), President of the Manawatu Smallbore Rifle Association.

I have experienced loss of a rural lifestyle property from the devastating 2004 flood, multiple navigations of the rural Resource Consent process, 18 years of PN city living, and increasing reliance on public transport for a husband who has become unable to drive. I strongly believe the role of a Councillor is to serve and advocate for their people and their region, and to sensibly manage public funds. Please give me the opportunity to do this for you.



Shareel NAND-MISHRA

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

I'm standing for Horizons Regional Council to champion environmental protection, sustainable development, and most importantly transparent governance. As a proud Palmerston North

resident, I understand our region's challenges: freshwater quality, biodiversity loss, climate resilience, and sustainable land use. My leadership style is proactive and community focused, aiming for real, lasting outcomes. With over 15 years in executive administration, governance support, and stakeholder engagement across education, government, and non-profits, I bring strategic insight and operational expertise. I've led teams, managed budgets, and coordinated large-scale projects all with a focus on accountability and community impact.

I'm passionate about protecting our rivers, enhancing public transport, and ensuring decisions are made with integrity and long-term vision. I will advocate for evidence-based policies, inclusive engagement, and robust oversight. Let's build a region where nature thrives, communities are resilient, and governance is open and responsive. Key Focus: Transparent Governance, Climate Action, Sustainable Transport, Community Engagement.

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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 seven years, utilising my experience as a former mayor and MP on your behalf.

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

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 progress but there's further work to do.

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



Wiremu TE AWE AWE

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

Ko Wiremu Kingi Te Awe Awe toku ingoa, He uri ahau ki Rangitāne, Ngāti Raukawa, me Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Rangitāne Tangata Rau, tini whetū ki te rangi, ko Tanenuiarangi ki te whenua.

I have been a committed advocate for our environmental stewardship kaitiakitanga. Deeply connected to the awa and whenua, I dedicate myself to restoring the health and wellbeing of our waterways, knowing their vital importance to both the land and our people. Guided by ancestral wisdom and the principles of Kaitiakitanga, I work alongside diverse communities to promote sustainable practices and uphold the mana of our natural resources. Through my leadership, I hope to inspire unity, resilience, and guardianship, so that future generations may inherit a thriving environment and rich cultural legacy.

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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Peter WELLS

Affordable Rates

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

A cumulative 18% rate increase over the last two years shows a council out of touch. I will utilise my business experience to keep rates affordable while ensuring a focus on the environment, flood

management and transport, Horizons' key roles.

I live and farm in Longburn, have owned commercial property in Palmerston North, and have had governance roles in horticulture, logistics, and marketing.

As a volunteer, I have led the group in developing the Arapuke Mountain Bike Park, raising \$2m in resources that now contribute \$5m annually to the local economy. For this, I was humbled to receive a civic award from Palmerston North City Council.

I am the Chairman of the Lower Manawatū Drainage Scheme Liaison Committee, which oversees the city's flood protection, and I am a member of the city's wastewater Nature Calls steering group.

I will focus on environmental Improvement, flood management and keeping rates affordable.

Peterforhorizons.co.nz

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