



Voting closes at:
12 noon on Saturday, 11 October 2025



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TIMARU



DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe
o Te Tihi o Maru



**Environment
Canterbury**
Regional Council
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha



Geraldine Licensing Trust

Pōtitanga Kawanatanga ā Rohe
2025 Local Government Elections



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LOCAL ELECTIONS

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2 King George Place, Timaru

During opening hours:

- ➔ **Timaru Library**
Sophia Street, Timaru
- ➔ **Temuka Library and Service Centre**
King Street, Temuka
- ➔ **Geraldine Library and Service Centre**
Talbot Street, Geraldine

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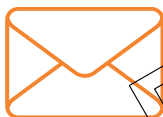
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1. Vote

Follow the instructions on your voting document.



2. Pack

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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).
- **A Community Board** provides leadership to empower local communities and may make decisions about local issues or recommend how Council should spend money on local services. Community Boards may be divided into subdivisions.
- **A Licensing Trust** exists to sell alcohol responsibly through premises in the trust area and decide how surplus profits are returned to the community. Community and other Trusts support charitable work. Licensing Trusts may be divided into wards.

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



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Voting closes 12, Midday, Saturday, 11 October 2025

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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 tuinga pōti me tēnei pukapuka kīwhaiaro hei āwhina i a koe kia hāngai ki ngā pōtitanga me ngā kīwhaiaro 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 Koromatu (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 hāpori. Ka tuku whakatau ngā Kaunihera hei whakapai ake i te oranga hāpori, 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).
- Ko tā **te Poari Hāpori (Community Board)** he ārahi ki te whakamana i ngā hāpori me te whakatau tikanga mō ngā take ā-rohe pea, te tohutohu rānei me pēhea te whakapau a te Kaunihera i ngā pūtea ki ngā ratonga ā-rohe. Tērā pea ka wehea ngā Poari Hāpori ki ngā rohe pōti whāiti.
- Ko te mahi a **te Tarahiti Tuku Raihana (Licensing Trust)** he hoko waipiro tika i roto i te rohe tarahiti me te whakarite me pēhea te whakahoki i ngā toenga pūtea ki te hāpori. Ka tautoko te hāpori me ētahi atu Tarahiti i ngā mahi kaupapa aroha. Ka wehea pea ngā Tarahiti Tuku Raihana ki ngā rohe pōti.

Ngā rā hira mō tēnei pōtitanga



Me heri atu

ki tētahi pouaka pōti i ngā wāhi kua tīpakohia 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 tonono 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 marama ki a koe me aha, i hapa rānei koe kāore nei i te marama 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

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Timaru District Council Mayor Electing the Mayor



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Extensive building and engineering knowledge, along with 50 years in the Electrical Industry. Contracts, project and business management gained skills. NZIM. Tutor of over 300 plus local electrical apprentices over the last 25 years.

Commercial Manager for 7 years with 28 trade staff, Electrical Company Director for 10 years. 22 years in the Electrical Supply Industry. Practical man with common-sense solutions.

I'm a proven leader, enthusiastic about Timaru and the South Canterbury district.

Forty plus years as a volunteer in the community. 1984 to 2014 as Chairman of the Aorangi Park association dealing with six mayors and more than ten councillors developing Aorangi Park. Eleven years with the Penguins at Caroline Bay promoting Timaru to the world.



Nigel BOWEN

Vote Bowen

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru District Council area.

I'm standing for a third term as Mayor of Timaru because this is my home and there's more to do. Jane and I were both raised here, and we've spent the past 20 years running successful local

businesses. I bring real world experience in financial management and long-term planning to the role.

Over the past two terms, I've led a council that's delivered results while keeping rate rises manageable, through challenging times. We've prioritised asset management and made real progress toward fully funding depreciation, protecting future generations from financial burden.

Timaru District Council played a key role in shaping the new Three Waters legislation, helping secure community control and local ownership of our assets. As Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, I've built strong relationships with other councils and central government to unlock funding and investment.

Timaru deserves experienced, proven leadership and I'm standing again to keep delivering it.

www.nigelbowen.co.nz

Timaru District Council Mayor Electing the Mayor



Stu PIDDINGTON

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru District Council area. I am also standing for Timaru Ward.

It is time for a change at the top.

The Timaru District mayor and council need to be more accountable to ratepayers with robust,

transparent decisions with less waste.

The council needs to be enabling to make the district a vibrant place to attract new residents, businesses and development.

My priority is around controlling spending and getting things done, on time and within budget.

Big decisions are made without a business case, which needs to change.

Finance needs to be at the forefront of decision making.

Rate rises are inevitable but council needs to make robust decisions and focus on the basics.

Contractors, consultants and those who deliver services also need to more accountable.

We need to leverage the good people in our community and support community-led projects.

Timaru District need to be vibrant, sustainable and resilient, now and for future generations.

Vote for change.

Timaru District Council
Geraldine Ward
Electing 1 Councillor



Philip HARPER

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Ward area.

My name is Philip Harper. Having grown up and farmed for 40 years in the Arundel-Carew area, my wife Jenny and I have recently made Geraldine our home. We see Geraldine as the central base for this next stage of our lives. We have four children, all in their 20s, and Jenny works as a nurse at Timaru Hospital. Having enjoyed playing rugby and cricket in Geraldine during the 80s and 90s, I feel it's time to give back to the community. I am part of the Geraldine Lions Club, and I am ready to take on the challenge of representing Geraldine and advocating for our people at the council level. My focus will be on ensuring council fiscal responsibility while carefully considering any rate increases for both rural and town residents. I aim to champion environmental and developmental outcomes that best serve our ward. Thank you for your consideration.



Gavin OLIVER

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Ward area.

Hi, I'm Gavin Oliver. For the past six years, it's been an honour to serve as your councillor for the Geraldine ward. Our town has seen amazing growth -over 15% since 2019- which shows just how special Geraldine is to residents and visitors alike. I'm running for re-election because I care deeply about our community and want to help shape its future. I'm committed to making it easier to subdivide land, so that more families can call Geraldine home and experience our incredible lifestyle. Improving essential infrastructure is still at the top of my list. I will keep fighting for better water resilience and upgrades to unsealed roads, as well as thoughtful, forward-looking town planning that keeps Geraldine vibrant. I also want to champion things that make people fall in love with Geraldine, whether they're here for a weekend or a lifetime. Let's keep building our future - together.

Timaru District Council Pleasant Point - Temuka Ward Electing 2 Councillors



Michelle PYE

My principal place of residence is in the Pleasant Point - Temuka Ward area.

I am seeking re-election so I can continue to be a strong voice for our community and an active contributor around the Council table.

I have proven governance and representation experience through various local and national industry roles. I love finances and have commercial experience as co-owner of Pye Group, a large-scale farming enterprise. I also understand the value of a strong culture which needs to be led from the top.

I have a passion for good governance and making decisions based on good information. Other areas where I add value are financial management, policy, risk management and building relationships which enables respectful challenge and influence. I challenge the status quo knowing we cannot expect a different result if we keep doing the same thing. However change takes time so I am asking for your support for another term. Vote Michelle Pye for commitment, competence, common sense and commercial experience.



Charles SCARSBROOK

My principal place of residence is in the Pleasant Point - Temuka Ward area. I am also standing for Temuka Community Board.

I am passionate about representing the voices of my community and ensuring that real issues are addressed with integrity and transparency. I listen actively, value diverse perspectives, and have the communication skills necessary to bridge gaps between people and decision-makers. My commitment to fairness, inclusion, and accountability drives me to speak up for those who feel unheard. I understand the importance of local policies in shaping everyday lives and am dedicated to working collaboratively to achieve practical, lasting solutions. My ability to stay informed, ask tough questions, and hold leaders accountable makes me a reliable advocate for positive change. I am not afraid to challenge the status quo when it fails to serve the community's best interests. Above all, I am motivated by a genuine desire to see my local area thrive and to empower others through civic engagement.

**Timaru District Council
Pleasant Point - Temuka Ward
Electing 2 Councillors**



Scott SHANNON

My principal place of residence is in the Pleasant Point - Temuka Ward area.

Living and working in Temuka with my young, active family, I am well connected to the schools, clubs, businesses, and people of our district. I love South Canterbury, but we must keep

working to make it more vibrant, attractive, prosperous, and affordable for our communities.

Responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds to get the basics right and investing in the activities that maintain and improve our district will continue to be my priority. Council needs to be both efficient and enabling to ensure that South Canterbury's potential is realised. Always keeping value and affordability front of mind, Council must also ensure that our assets and infrastructure are resilient and fit for purpose for future generations.

With vision and energy, skill and experience in communication, strategic thinking, and pragmatic decision making I am an effective, connected representative.

It would be my privilege to continue to represent you.

Timaru District Council Timaru Ward Electing 6 Councillors



Anah AIKMAN

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

Anah Aikman, a passionate advocate for positive change, draws from her Māori heritage (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Apakura, Ngāti Wairere), and Scottish descent. Caring for people and the planet, she believes in our collective duty to leave the world a better place. Having trained as an Advanced Integrative Nurse Coach in New York, and with 50 years as a Registered Nurse, Anah's mission is to raise others' consciousness on the impact of values-based leadership, showing how it can transform healthcare and well-being.

Anah believes that transformation happens through action and connection. As an international speaker in cultural change, mindful leadership, and Māori approaches to wellbeing, Anah combines holistic wellness, indigenous leadership and solutions for global wellbeing to inspire a shift in consciousness towards meaningful change.

Anah's vision has evolved to embrace a global purpose to inspire individuals to think differently and leave a positive legacy. The way we lead matters.



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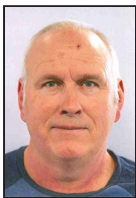
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Timaru District Council Timaru Ward Electing 6 Councillors



John BOLT

ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates.

My principal place of residence is not in the Timaru Ward area.

Ratepayers have been let down by Timaru District Council with huge rates hikes, poor public services and wasteful spending on ideological pet projects. It's time to give Council a wakeup call

and focus on the things that matter.

As a father, dairy farmer, and someone who has lived in South Canterbury for 20 years, I understand the issues facing our community, specifically those caused by Council. I know what the problems are, and I understand the importance of making the hard decisions now for the long-term benefit.

By voting for me as an ACT Local candidate, you know what you are going to get: I will deliver the basics like our roads, rubbish and water services, cut red tape on local businesses, and take the race out of local politics.

If you want to see common sense back around the council table, please give me one of your votes.



Peter BURT

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

My name is Peter Burt, and I have dedicated my life to community and public service. Married to Kate for 40 years, I am a proud father of two and grandfather of four. From a background as a

Senior Crime Manager in the NZ Police, to business and corporate leadership, I bring significant governance experience, having also served on numerous charitable trusts and community organisations. I am committed to upholding honesty, integrity, and common sense in local government while ensuring progressive, community-focused leadership. As I seek re-election for a fifth term on Council, I recognise the challenges posed by water and RMA reforms, increased government oversight, and funding constraints. Now, more than ever, our community needs continuity, experience, and proven leadership to navigate these changes and secure the best outcomes for our district. Councillors need to account for their election promises and follow through on our investments in significant infrastructure.

Timaru District Council

Timaru Ward

Electing 6 Councillors



Ian HANLEY

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

I would be privileged to be elected your new Timaru ward councillor. University and management course graduate. Police senior sergeant, chaplain navy, principal chaplain army, recent widower. Parishioner and associate priest local church, also helping local country churches in south canterbury. Member suburban service club, walking group and arts. Organized protest to support our local hospital. Rates need to be managed with government support. Yes to the Theatre Royal and museum rebuild. Yes to local art initiatives, poets and musicians. Let's encourage Venture Timaru tourism. Ka mau te wehi Timaru. Awesome communities with spirit to grow as a city in aroha. I promise to listen, respond and initiate action on your behalf with the new council team working and achieving for you.



Owen (OJ) JACKSON

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

These are challenging times as we strive to do more with less, putting huge pressure on local councils to deliver cost-effective core infrastructure such as our roads, water and waste.

However, we are more than just that!

I want the Timaru district to be the best it can be, and I make no apology for being a champion of our arts and culture.

Libraries, art galleries, theatres and sporting venues are not just a 'nice to have' they are the authentic heart of who we are.

They allow us to create shared experiences, a shared identity, and build a community we can all be proud of.

My first term at the council table has been an incredible learning experience and I'm raring to go again with your support.

My pledge to you over the next 3 years is to complete the big projects, balance the books and deliver affordable rates.

Timaru District Council Timaru Ward Electing 6 Councillors



Stu (aka Photo) JACKSON

Slippery Tiles Rates - Needs Not Wants

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

Written by me, Not AI. Born Fairview, Educated Fairview Primary & Timaru College, Self employed Commercial Photographer for 38 years. CBD resident for 30. Lived Overseas for 10 years so

have seen alternative ways of doing things. Believe in asking lots of questions.

Not very Politically Correct or Woke. Believe in equal rights for all. Member of many local organisations and community groups. I believe the TDC needs more transparency, more public engagement, less consultants and more action. Lets make any future rates increases contain true value for the ratepayers, they deserve to see value for money.

The town is looking very scruffy, lets give it a clean-up, fix the slippery tiles, exit the city/town fiasco contract, complete the projects already started then have a bit of a reset before embarking on any new nice to haves. Fix the tiles and get people back into town.



Sange MALAMA

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

I am Sange – living in Timaru with my extended family since I was four, proud daughter of the Pacific, now a mother of two. Serving and leading in our local community in my spare time.

I'm passionate about working alongside families, young people and educators to grow a town where every voice matters and dreams can become reality. I particularly champion sport and arts—done well they connect us, build leaders and give everyone a stronger future.

I am now seeking to serve as a Councillor, to turn possibilities into realities. Our youth, diverse communities, parents, businesses, and seniors have such energy and creativity! If elected, I will listen carefully and consult clearly and regularly with the community.

I have served as a Teacher Aide, Business Development Representative, Board Trustee, school PTA member, Festival Organiser, Performing Arts Coordinator. Now I'm ready to step up, as Councillor. The decision is yours.

Timaru District Council

Timaru Ward

Electing 6 Councillors



Jason MCDOUALL

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

I'm proud to stand for the Timaru Ward.

I bring a diverse experience, having served in the military and justice systems, and the telecommunications and engineering industries.

Currently, I'm engaged in the construction sector. I have made this district my home and recently purchased a property committing to the future of this community.

I'm passionate about making Timaru a self-reliant and resilient district. My focus is on supporting and growing local businesses and industries, developing a strong community foundation by sourcing talent locally and boosting our economy.

I will advocate for ratepayer-focused spending that delivers benefits to residents, investing in initiatives that strengthen our local economy.

I'm committed to revitalising Timaru as a destination, enhancing visitor numbers by showcasing the unique qualities in our region.

I'm standing for a future where Timaru thrives through local strength, sustainable growth, and a council that listens, acts, and delivers for its people.



Hadleigh OUDEMANS

My principal place of residence is not in the Timaru Ward area.

History is consistent in revealing the consequences of poor leadership. The 2025 local body elections are a time to pick up the broken building blocks from a system built on sand and

lay new foundations on rock.

I'm a straight-talking, hands-on local with deep roots in this community. I've spent my life working practically, thinking critically, and holding firm to principles that put people before systems. My foundations are faith, and a belief that good governance must serve — not rule. I'm not a career politician.

I'm here to serve with courage, clarity and conviction.

My Priorities:

Hold Council accountable for every dollar - no more wasteful consultants or vague visioning; Stop excessive rates that burden families and the elderly; Prioritise affordability for the next generation - practical infrastructure and future opportunity; Stand for transparency and truth, even when it's uncomfortable. I'm here to serve you — not the system.

Timaru District Council Timaru Ward Electing 6 Councillors



Stu PIDDINGTON

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area. I am also standing for Mayor.

Standing to give the community a voice and ensure ratepayers' money is well spent and not wasted.

Council needs to focus on the basics and that they are delivered well and within budget, with less frivolous spending.

I am not afraid to speak out or challenge the status quo to deliver better decisions.

The council needs to continue work towards more transparent decision making and ensure ratepayers are fully informed, with real focus on our finances.

We need to ensure Timaru District is an attractive place to live with a strong local economy by being an enabling council, welcoming new people and business to the district.

Ensure council gets value for money in capital projects and service contracts.

Push back against government reform that does not deliver better outcomes for the Timaru District and ensure we receive our fair share of funding from central government in water, roading and infrastructure.



Ethan RICHARDSON

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

I'm standing to build a better future for Timaru.

I'm a young worker who was born and raised in Timaru, and I can see the potential this town has.

Too many people don't see a future here, and I can't blame them. We need to build a Timaru that works for everyone. Where rents are affordable, opportunities are abundant and our town centre is vibrant.

I'll focus on making our CBD alive again by investing in it and letting our small business get on with things. And I'll focus on keeping our housing & rents affordable by allowing a better variety of more homes to be built.

A vote for me is a vote for a council that reflects all of us, a council that moves quicker and a council that builds a better future for everybody living and working in Timaru.

Vote Ethan for Council.

Timaru District Council

Timaru Ward

Electing 6 Councillors



Stacey SCOTT

My principal place of residence is not in the Timaru Ward area.

Born and raised in Timaru, I'm proud to serve the community that shaped me. Life in St Andrews with my husband and our four school-aged children keeps me connected to the needs of

everyday families.

Since being elected in 2022, I've worked hard as a Timaru District Councillor, chairing the Community Services Committee, serving on the Audit & Risk Committee, and acting as a Commissioner on the Proposed District Plan. I'm committed to transparent governance and balancing progress with community wellbeing.

Professionally, I support Health NZ South Canterbury in delivering vital infrastructure upgrades at Timaru Hospital, reflecting my commitment to strong regional infrastructure and community health.

As a parent, volunteer, and business owner, I understand the challenges our communities face. My priorities include restoring a balanced budget, improving council performance, and ensuring local voices are heard.

I remain committed to representing you with integrity, purpose, and strong local leadership.



Chris THOMAS

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

I love living in Timaru, it's home, and I care about the people and the place. I'm standing for Council to bring my everyday experience, a steady hand, and a community-first approach to

decision-making.

I've spent the past four years managing Age Concern South Canterbury, supporting older people to stay well and connected. Before that, I ran events and my own small business, so I know what it takes to juggle tight budgets, motivate people, and make things happen.

I have over 15 years of governance experience with the South Canterbury Drama League and other local groups. I believe in listening well, planning ahead, and keeping things practical. We need councillors who are careful with your money and brave enough to invest in facilities and services that reflect the needs of a changing population and environment. I'd love to help shape a future for Timaru that's thoughtful, sustainable and community-led.

Timaru District Council
Timaru Ward
Electing 6 Councillors



Graeme WILSON

My principal place of residence is in the Timaru Ward area.

I'm a proud local and successful businessman with a proven track record in running companies in the area and delivering results. Now I'm turning my attention to public service, I want to bring

fresh thinking, financial intelligence and practical experience to the council.

My focus will be on pragmatic solutions and ensuring value for every dollar spent. I've been fortunate to build a career here, surrounded by people I care about. But I've also seen how red tape and short-term thinking can hold our community back.

I want to bring the same common-sense approach that works in business to the council, focusing on getting things done, and done well.

I'll be doing everything I can to make sure ratepayers' money is spent wisely and also attracting new families to the area. I believe we live in the best place in New Zealand. Now let's make it the best-run place too.

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Timaru District Council Geraldine Community Board Electing 6 Board Members



Helen DAVIDSON

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Community Board area.

Hello, I'm Helen Davidson, resident of the beautiful Village of Geraldine. Over 16 years I have been actively involved in No Laughing Me, Geraldine High School as a Teacher Assistant for PIA, Year 7 and 8's, Te Whare Ako, Community Support NZ Care and owner Mrs Muppets Cleaning Service. Winter found me coaching and refereeing Junior and Senior netball. During Covid I became a personal shopper and a Meals on Wheels driver for our community. Joining Lionesses has given me the opportunity to meet likeminded women. This has led to opportunities to give back and support other groups in our community. My passion is spending time and being involved with the elderly and people with diverse abilities within our community. My goal within the GCB is to bring transparency, inclusiveness, value all people's ideas, opinions and to maintain community facilities and service



Jan FINLAYSON

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Community Board area.

A writer for publications including Geraldine News, and Geraldine Community Board chair, my background is in recreation and conservation advocacy, farming, teaching, and the arts. I chair the Geraldine District Projects Trust and am deputy chair of the New Zealand Landcare Trust.

Democracy, rule of law, evidence-based decision-making, and robust environmental guardianship are bottom lines for me. In line with that, I oppose co-governance. Accountability is essential. Rates should cover the services people expect from council.

The Geraldine Community Board has advocated strongly for local interests in many local and central government processes and should continue; this includes local government reform. Three waters delivery should be science-driven, impeccably managed, and affordable.

I advocated for and support the Geraldine Strategic Framework. Our community has created it to protect and enhance the Geraldine area's special character. I am committed to its focus on our economy, recreation, heritage, environment, events, infrastructure, and participation.

Timaru District Council Geraldine Community Board Electing 6 Board Members



Sarah FOLEY-SMITH

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Community Board area.

Kia ora Kotou

I am Sarah Foley-Smith. Born and bred in South Canterbury, I am married to Glen and have three adult sons, all of whom have been educated in Geraldine. For the past 18 years, we have lived in Arundel. A qualified secondary teacher, in 2011, I established the highly successful and nationally recognised Primary Industry Academy at Geraldine High School. The school are the current reigning NZ Fencing Champions. In addition to running the academy, I mentor several schools nationwide and serve on educational assessment working parties. Aside from wanting to give back to the community, my reasons for running include setting a positive example for my students, ensuring funds go to community-driven projects, and reducing wasteful spending. I am approachable, hardworking, and highly organised, with a skill in making informed decisions and solving problems under pressure. It would be a privilege to represent the Geraldine community.



Andy MCKAY

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Community Board area.

I have farmed in the Four Peaks district of Geraldine since 2005. Together with my wife Tracey, and our two children, we farm sheep, cattle and deer plus have a potato seed

production business.

I have really enjoyed representing members of the community for one year on the community board and I would be grateful for the opportunity to be elected for the next three year term. It is critical our district remains vibrant and available funding is allocated appropriately to reflect the needs of the community. I really value our local community and all that it offers. It would be rewarding for me to represent the community that has offered so much to our family and particularly to be an advocate for the rural sector.

Timaru District Council Geraldine Community Board Electing 6 Board Members



Shane MINNEAR

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Community Board area.

I live and work in Geraldine, where I'm raising my family and running a couple of small businesses. I attended Geraldine High School then worked for BNZ for many years in South Canterbury and then in Wellington. I brought my family back to Geraldine in 2017 so we could be near family and enjoy the local community. My current work has enabled me to get to know many people in the area and we enjoy the South Canterbury landscape, hiking a number of local trails.

I've enjoyed my previous term on the Geraldine Community Board, working with many people and acknowledging and representing the voice of the Geraldine Ward. I like to challenge ideas and seek clarification on issues that affect our community.



Kerry STUART

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Community Board area.

Hello! I have lived, worked, and embraced the Geraldine community for the past three years, and I'm proud to call Geraldine home. In that time, I've become actively involved in local groups including Geraldine Old Girls Netball, Geraldine Rock and Roll, and regularly take part in quiz nights and other community events. These connections have deepened my appreciation for the strong spirit and unique character of our town. With a genuine commitment to community service, I'm standing for the Geraldine Community Board to give back and support the people and place that have welcomed me. I believe in listening, collaboration, and taking action on the issues that matter most to residents. I'd be honoured to represent and serve Geraldine with energy, integrity, transparency and a strong community focus.

Timaru District Council Geraldine Community Board Electing 6 Board Members



Rachel WILSON

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Community Board area.

My name is Rachel. I am wife to Brendon and mum to Jackson, Fletcher and Eden.

We were welcomed into this amazing community when we moved to Peel Forest a number of years ago. Since then, I have been involved in the Geraldine Farmers Market, including chairperson for 2 terms. I currently work as manager for the Geraldine Community Vehicle Trust and have the privilege to work with a number of volunteers, businesses and community groups within the Geraldine Community. In this role I experience people and situations from all works of life, giving me a unique perspective as to what make Geraldine as vibrant and diverse as it is.

I enjoy croquet, pottery, supporting my children's schooling and sports interests, arts and crafts.

I would love the opportunity to represent you in keeping our wonderful community moving forward in a way that benefits us all.



Rosemary (Rosie) WOODS

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Community Board area. I am also standing for Geraldine Licensing Trust.

As a dedicated member of our community, I am standing again for the local body elections to be a strong, accountable voice for all residents. With a deep commitment to transparency, inclusiveness, and practical solutions. My professional background including working for two Regional Councils has equipped me with the skills to navigate complex challenges and work collaboratively for effective change.

My involvement in the Geraldine community has grown over the past 17 years and now includes a portfolio of community work which keeps me busy and challenged. I was appointed to the Geraldine Community Board in 2022 and have thrived on gaining knowledge, experience and education in the local government arena.

Our community will continue to thrive with thoughtful leadership, strategic planning, and a vision that prioritises future generations. I seek your support to bring a fresh perspective, strong ethics, and a tireless work ethic to our local community board.

Timaru District Council Pleasant Point Community Board Electing 5 Board Members



Leanne FIFIELD

Independent

My principal place of residence is not in the Pleasant Point Community Board area.

History is an invaluable resource for guiding future decisions, and with strong family ties and over two decades living here, my history is advantageous.

We farm at Raincliff, our youngest attends Pleasant Point Primary School.

I work at an accounting practice in Timaru, previously on the finance team at Mackenzie District Council. That role gives me a solid grounding in council process, public accountability, and understanding governance framework.

I've been involved in community organisations and have sat on several local committees. I value open dialogue and offer the ability to work collaboratively and have strong research skills to help the board make well-informed decisions.

This Board is your grassroots advocate, empowered by Council to reflect the voices of all local residents. The community needs: Transparent communications between the Community Board, Council, and council operations; More trust placed in local boards; A Transport system that meets community needs; Members with integrity.



Anna LYON

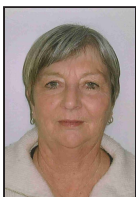
My principal place of residence is in the Pleasant Point Community Board area.

I would like the opportunity to seek re election and serve on the Pleasant Point Community Board. I am from a rural background in the district locally and now live and work in the heart

of Pleasant Point. I have served one term on the Pleasant Point Community Board and have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. It has been fantastic to be a part of local projects like the new playground in Cave and the refresh of our Adventure playground in Pleasant Point, just to name a few. It would be great to be given the opportunity again to have some input into upcoming and ongoing projects and events to help shape the future of Pleasant Point, Cave and the rural area within the Pleasant Point Ward. I have the drive, enthusiasm, and love of our community, that I think would add value to the Pleasant Point Community Board.

Anna Lyon

Timaru District Council Pleasant Point Community Board Electing 5 Board Members



Tezeh MILLS

My principal place of residence is in the Pleasant Point Community Board area.

Pleasant Point is where I grew up and was educated, and where I brought up my three children. Having returned to this community 18 months ago, settling and finding my feet plus

having a very strong community spirit I feel that the timing is right for me to give back to this very special town.

Through the years living here I have coached local sports teams, served on the gymkhana committee and the initial Get to the Point committee.

At present I work at the local 4 square where I often get to hear firsthand, how many of the residents are feeling about local issues. I have very strong ties with Pleasant Point as 2 of my children, 4 grandchildren, sister and my father all live here, giving me a vested interest in making Pleasant Point the best it can be for young and old alike.



Cale TOOMEY

My principal place of residence is not in the Pleasant Point Community Board area.

I live with my partner and three children just outside the Cave boundary, my children have gone through and currently enrolled at Pleasant Point Primary. I manage Burnett Valley Farm at

Cave. I'm actively involved in local life and currently serve on a local sports committee.

I have lived and worked in the Pleasant Point District and surrounding areas for the past twenty-five years. Having spent time helping, and being helped by others, I feel a strong civic duty to give back.

I'm a straight talking, approachable person with strong views, but I also listen and respect different perspectives. My main strength is a practical, common-sense approach, and I believe in action over talk. I want to be part of the solution, not just highlight the problems.

In my spare time I enjoy hunting and camping with the family, playing squash, and having a beer at the Cave Arms.

Timaru District Council Pleasant Point Community Board Electing 5 Board Members



Amy-lee TRAINOR

My principal place of residence is not in the Pleasant Point Community Board area.

I have proudly called Pleasant Point home for the past eight years. As a passionate resident, mother, and educator, I am committed to supporting the growth and wellbeing of our town and its people. I am deeply invested in shaping a thriving, inclusive, and vibrant community for our next generation. As a teacher at St Joseph's Pleasant Point, I am involved in our local education network and community. I currently lead both Little Gymies and Music & Movement sessions, offering families with young children opportunities to connect, grow, and belong. I also engaged in local sports clubs, playcentre, and enjoy supporting community initiatives such as our bike tracks and swimming pool.

I am responsible, motivated, and action-oriented, take pride in getting things done and seeing positive change happen. I believe in representing the voices of our community and working together for a better Pleasant Point now and for the future.



Kathy WILKINS

My principal place of residence is in the Pleasant Point Community Board area.

I Kathy Wilkins have lived in Pleasant Point for over 20 Years and I am passionate about the place I call home. I have worked closely with our local youth through sports and recreation programmes over the years at our local Primary schools and now working as a youth worker with The Y Central South Island. I am well known in the community for my honesty, reliable nature and my ability to listen with empathy. I have built strong, trusted relationships and is committed to supporting and uplifting others.

As a mother of two teenage sons, I understand the needs and concerns of local families. I value the rural lifestyle and am passionate about preserving and enhancing the unique character of Pleasant Point.

With my experience, dedication and a proactive mindset. I am ready to represent the voices of the community with dedication and integrity.

Timaru District Council Temuka Community Board Electing 5 Board Members



Kathy CAMPBELL

My principal place of residence is in the Temuka Community Board area.

Kia ora koutou.

My name is Kathy, and I am Temuka born and bred. I am passionate about our people and our community! I have a whakapapa connection to

Arowhenua through my Mum.

I am actively engaged in our community strengthening relationships, identifying needs, supporting, advocating for improvement and growth as well as being a voice for the people. I am honest and open, what you see is what you get, and you can rest assured I will do everything in my power to achieve good outcomes.

I connect well with people from all walks of life and consider myself lucky that I am trusted to hear the voice of our youth, our senior community and the wide range in between. Having worked in an education space for most of my adult life, I am passionate about education and upskilling all for the betterment of the people. Thanks.



John JACKSON

My principal place of residence is in the Temuka Community Board area.

Age 71, married with three children and four grandchildren. Born in Temuka, educated at Milford Primary School, Temuka High School and Lincoln College where I did a Diploma of

Horticulture. After Lincoln worked in the farming Community for close to 45 years, moving 13 times. Returned to Temuka in 2018 and started my own gardening business. In the last six years have given out just over \$20,000.00 in donations or sponsorship, the bulk going to St. Johns. Before retiring from farming, was involved in around eighty different groups or organizations. I feel strongly about giving back to the Community you live in. Some of my achievements, 27 years of secretarial duties. With my wife Kaye organized and ran an Easter Art Exhibition raising over \$40,000.00 for the Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee. If elected I will work to make our community a better, safer place to live.

Timaru District Council Temuka Community Board Electing 5 Board Members



Ann JONES

My principal place of residence is in the Temuka Community Board area.

Kia ora, I'm Ann Jones. My husband Darryl and I returned to Temuka three years ago after over a decade in Australia. We own a shop in the town centre and a bach at Waipopo, and have

remained connected to Temuka throughout, even while living overseas.

With a background in financial services and experience as Secretary of a regional cricket club in Queensland, I bring practical skills in governance, budgeting and community coordination.

Coming home gave me fresh eyes to appreciate what makes Temuka special - its strong community spirit, natural beauty, and the legacy left by those who served before us.

I'm approachable, grounded and genuinely interested in hearing from locals. Whether it's a concern, an idea, or a cuppa and a chat, I'm here to listen. I want to contribute meaningfully to Temuka's future and ensure it remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all.



Jocelyn MCNAB MCKAY

My principal place of residence is in the Temuka Community Board area.

My name is Jocelyn McKay, married to Aaron, we have four children all born & bred in this wonderful town. I am honored to be a candidate for the Temuka Community Board.

I'm passionate about Temuka, past, present, & the future developments going forward. I bring many skills that I will endeavour to use, great communication, excellent time management, a diverse background in finance, sports, recreation, customer service, along with empathy for all people. My life is based on serving others, and I have held many volunteer positions, kindergarten, school & sports committees & helped at Wallingford Home. I Volunteer for Aged Concern, Boost Temuka, Greypower and the Temuka RSA, roles include Treasurer, Office, Kitchen, Christmas Dinner & Christmas Fairies co-ordinator. I am a Local Support Advisor for the RSA. I look forward to serving the people of Temuka – It Takes a Village

Timaru District Council Temuka Community Board Electing 5 Board Members



Nicola NIMO

My principal place of residence is in the Temuka Community Board area.

Serving the community I was raised in and have lived most of my life has been a privilege these past three years.

My first term has been one of learning and contribution. I've gained experience in how to help support our local priorities and actively contributed to projects aligned with our town's strategic plan, including track and signage improvements and extensions, among other initiatives.

I'm employed by Netball South Canterbury, currently sit on St Joseph's School BOT, member of Boost Temuka and the Temuka Rugby Club management committee.

I'm committed to carrying forward this term's momentum and would welcome the opportunity to serve our community again. A priority is working with others, so Temuka continues being supported by reliable services, well-kept amenities and shared spaces. And, it is a place where people of all ages can enjoy and feel safe in, and locals are proud to call home.



Charles SCARSBROOK

My principal place of residence is in the Temuka Community Board area. I am also standing for Pleasant Point-Temuka Ward.

I am passionate about representing the voices of my community and ensuring that real issues are addressed with integrity and transparency. I listen actively, value diverse perspectives, and have the communication skills necessary to bridge gaps between people and decision-makers. My commitment to fairness, inclusion, and accountability drives me to speak up for those who feel unheard. I understand the importance of local policies in shaping everyday lives and am dedicated to working collaboratively to achieve practical, lasting solutions. My ability to stay informed, ask tough questions, and hold leaders accountable makes me a reliable advocate for positive change. I am not afraid to challenge the status quo when it fails to serve the community's best interests. Above all, I am motivated by a genuine desire to see my local area thrive and to empower others through civic engagement.

Timaru District Council
Temuka Community Board
Electing 5 Board Members



Alison TALBOT

My principal place of residence is in the Temuka Community Board area.

Alison Talbot (Ali) 63yrs. Married to Steve, living in Temuka after retiring off the farm in Waitohi I am a Release Teacher, School Librarian and Sport Coordinator. I have taught in the Temuka

district for 40 + years.

I am currently serving as Deputy Chairperson on the Temuka Community Board, which I have been an elected member for 7 terms.

I am a member on Temuka Community Project Trust and Geraldine Temuka A & P Association.

I have built rapport and respect with many people in the town and surrounding area. I feel proud and privileged to say I live in Temuka. I listen to residents, try to solve problems and I am excited to promote developments and maintain the wonderful facilities to keep Temuka a happy and safe place to live and bring up families.

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Geraldine Licensing Trust

Electing 6 Trust Members



Dan CUMMINGS

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Licensing Trust area.

I have grown up in Geraldine and been a part of many sporting clubs and community projects at a variety of levels. I am currently on the board of the GLT and as well as being a member of the

Rugby and Cricket clubs give me a real understanding of our community at a variety of levels.

I have been banking for 25 years with most of them being in the rural sector. During that time I have gained a strong level of financial acumen and business knowledge.

My club background together with the skills I have developed over my working career would see me continue to add value to the GLT board and therefore the wider community.

I am married to Sarah and we have two boys, Flynn aged 11 and Ted aged 8.



Nicola DONKERS

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Licensing Trust area.

I was born and raised in Geraldine and returned in 1995, where I worked for Barker's for over 28 years. I am familiar with Geraldine and the surrounding community and feel fortunate to live

in such a vibrant, friendly, and caring community.

My professional background is in sales and marketing, but in recent years, I have taken on roles in commercial strategy and governance. Currently, I provide strategy, insights, and mentoring advice to several businesses and not-for-profit organizations. I am a current board member of Bidwill Hospital Trust, Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Trust, Tennis South Canterbury, New Zealand Dairy Dessert Company, Aorangi Veterinary Services, and the Geraldine Licensing Trust. I am a member of the NZ Institute of Directors.

My approach to governance is strategic, collaborative, and questioning—skills that the GLT will need to ensure it remains a vital, sustainable, community-owned entity and a key contributor to community needs.

Geraldine Licensing Trust

Electing 6 Trust Members



Angela T HAYNES

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Licensing Trust area.

Passionate about Geraldine, want to give back and contribute to what matters to us in our community. I would like to give my time knowledge and opinion to decision-making that

will impact people's lives.

Look forward to serving you

Appreciate your vote



Jo HEWSON

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Licensing Trust area.

I have proudly represented our community on the Geraldine Licensing Trust (GLT) since 2018 and am seeking re-election for another term. Having lived and worked in Geraldine for the past 20 years, I

am deeply passionate about our town and firmly believe it's a fantastic place for people of all ages to visit, play, and stay.

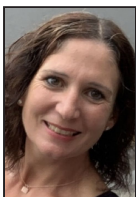
I'm excited by the growth and development happening in the Geraldine area and am eager to contribute to this. Living in Woodbury as a mother of two, has led to my involvement in the Geraldine Kindergarten, Woodbury School, Geraldine High School, and various local sports clubs.

As a practicing physiotherapist, I have a strong understanding of the diverse needs within our community and offer a balanced and informed perspective on its current priorities and long-term direction.

I would be honoured to continue representing you on the Geraldine Licensing Trust.

Geraldine Licensing Trust

Electing 6 Trust Members



Sally HOUSTON

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Licensing Trust area.

I'm Sally Houston. For a significant portion of my life, I have lived in and around Geraldine. I also spent many years in the North Island, Canada, the United States, and the UK before returning home to settle down and start a family. I have three adult daughters. I studied a diploma in Child and Adolescent Psychology and currently work at Geraldine High School as a coordinator for the Gateway program, the Primary Industries Academy, and as the sports director. In addition, I run a New Zealand-made business that crafts wholesale products from natural lambskin, possum fur, and calf hide, selling them throughout New Zealand and exporting them worldwide. Geraldine is a wonderful place to live and do business, and I am dedicated to ensuring it remains the vibrant and attractive community we all love. When I'm not working, I enjoy skiing, running, netball and occasionally riding my mountain bike.



Ross MACLEOD

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Licensing Trust area.

I am Ross Macleod and have lived in Geraldine for almost ten years. I am currently a board member of the Geraldine Licensing Trust and for the current term have held the property maintenance portfolio on the board. Coming from a civil corporate background of project and property management this role has enabled me to keep up to date with a particular skill set required to ensure Geraldine Licensing Trust properties are maintained to a high level. I am currently the president of the South Canterbury Justice of the Peace Association responsible for the rostering of Justices of the Peace at the Geraldine Library each Saturday. I see the role of board member of the Geraldine Licensing trust to be a community service and I look forward to the opportunity of continuing in this role for another term with your support.

Geraldine Licensing Trust

Electing 6 Trust Members



John WILSON

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Licensing Trust area.

Having been a resident of Geraldine for the last 20 years with kids now at the high school, over that time in combination with my current role as Chairman of Geraldine Combined Sports, also via my involvement professionally with many Geraldine community, private and Ministry builds; these touch points have provided me with an integrated understanding of the opportunities and challenges there are within our town. I believe I will be able to support Geraldine Licensing Trust, in navigating its way towards maintaining it's critical role - in being a supportive, sustainable trust of which our wider community can continue to benefit from.



Rosemary (Rosie) WOODS

My principal place of residence is in the Geraldine Licensing Trust area. I am also standing for Geraldine Community Board.

I am standing again for election to our local Licensing Trust to continue working as part of a team responsible for the management of community-owned assets. As someone who values transparency, accountability, and community wellbeing, I believe the Trust should work for all of us — supporting local initiatives, and reinvesting in services that make a real difference. With project management experience, including working for two Regional Councils, plus board experience including the Geraldine Community Board, I bring diverse skills and integrity needed to ensure sound decision-making and strong community outcomes. I'm committed to ensuring our Trust remains a trusted, transparent steward of our community's resources. I respectfully ask for your support.

Environment Canterbury South Canterbury/Ōtuhituhi Constituency

Electing 2 Councillors



Peter SCOTT

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the South Canterbury/Ōtuhituhi Constituency area.

With the support of my family, friends, and colleagues, I am standing for the Canterbury Regional Council in this year's local body elections.

I believe we are entering the most turbulent period for regional councils since their formation in 1990. Central government has been openly questioning the need for regional governance and suggesting alternative structures. This creates both challenges and opportunities for our communities.

South Canterbury deserves experienced and effective representation to help navigate these changes. Although there is a relatively small population of around 67,000 between the Waitaki River and the Rangitata River, we make up 40% of the Canterbury region by area.

Our voice must be strong - and must be heard.

Clear, knowledgeable advocacy is essential to ensure our interests are protected and promoted.

I look forward to your support this September.



Toni SEVERIN

ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates.

My principal place of residence is not in the South Canterbury/Ōtuhituhi Constituency area.

I'm campaigning to restore democracy, keep rates low, and cut red tape – especially for rural communities.

The Council currently has two unelected iwi appointees with full rights to vote, spend your money, and restrict your land use. Legally, Parliament can only repeal this undemocratic co-governance setup if the Council asks it to. My first priority will be passing a resolution to do just that. I'll stand up for rural communities by cutting red tape, speeding up consents, and focusing Council spending on practical, proven work like flood protection and infrastructure, not wasteful ideological projects.

Environmental targets should be workable, affordable, and grounded in science to protect nature, without destroying jobs, livelihoods and the local economy.

I've been an ACT Party MP, small business owner, and Canterbury DHB lab technician. I'm ready to bring that experience to the Council to deliver real change.

Toni Severin

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Environment Canterbury South Canterbury/Ōtuhituhi Constituency

Electing 2 Councillors



Nick WARD

My principal place of residence is in the South Canterbury/Ōtuhituhi Constituency area.

I am re-standing to bring practical leadership to the future of Canterbury. As supreme winners of the Balance Farm Environmental Awards, our work showcased the environmental stewardship,

along the Ohapi stream adopting precision agriculture and managing soil and water sustainability.

With deep experience in water management across community, industry and agriculture, I served as Chair of Geraldine Water Solutions, and sat on the Ohapi Water User Group, and Orari Water Committee.

I offer committed grounded leadership with a strong track record in governance and advocacy for South Canterbury. I will work to protect our freshwater, land and air, address climate change, improve flood protection and coastal resilience, support better public transport and drive long-term strategic planning. I believe in transparent balanced decision making that delivers real outcomes - for our environment, our communities, and future generations.

Let's shape a stronger, more sustainable Canterbury together!

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