

Pōtitanga Kawanatanga ā Rohe
2022 Local Government Elections



Voting closes at 12 noon on Saturday 8 October 2022



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THE WEST COAST
REGIONAL COUNCIL



Te Ohu Whakawhanake o Te Tai Poutini

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- 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



Post

your individual voting document in the freepost envelope no later than **Tuesday, 4 October 2022**



OR

take it to the address shown on the voting document so it is with the Electoral Officer **before voting closes**



Voting closes

12 Midday, Saturday, 8 October 2022

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He āwhina i a koe ki te pōti i tēnei pōtitanga

- E whakarārangihia ana ngā kaitono i te pepa pōti i raro i te pōtitanga e tū ana rātau.
- Kua waeheretia ā-tae te pepa pōti me tēnei pukapuka kāhua hei āwhina i a koe ki te hono i te pōtitanga me ngā kāhua kaitono.
- Kei roto pea i tēnei pukapuka ētahi atu pōtitanga kāore i te hāngai ki a koe.

Ka tuku whakatau ngā kaitono angitu e pā ana ki a tātou katoa i ia rā. Ka kite pea koe i ēnei tūranga katoa, i ētahi rānei i runga i tō pepa pōti:

- **Ko te Koromatua** te kaiārahi i te Kaunihera Tāonenui, Kaunihera ā-Takiwā rānei.
- Ka whakarato te **Kaunihera Tāonenui, te Kaunihera ā-Takiwā rānei** i ngā momo ratonga me ngā whakaurunga paetata whānui ki ngā 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, rori) ngā ture ā-rohe, whakaurunga whakangahau, ngā pāka, ngā take whakamahere, waihanga hoki. Ka pōtihia pea te Kaunihera whānui, ka whakawehea rānei ki ngā rohe pōti (tae atu ki ngā rohe pōti auraki, Māori rānei).
- Kei te **Kaunihera ā-Rohe** ngā whakatau mō ngā mahi e tika ana kia whakahaere ā-rohetia pērā i te whakahaere rawa taiiao (hei tauira, te mauri o te wai, te tohatoha i te wai, te whenua me te oneone, ngā mahere takutai, te patu tarutaru me ngā kīrearea) te tūnuku ā-rohe, me te whakahaere whakamaru ohotata. Ka whakahaerehia e ngā Kaunihera Whakatōpū ngā mahinga a ngā Kaunihera Tāonenui, ā-Takiwā rānei me ngā Kaunihera ā-Rohe. Ka whakawehea te kaunihera ā-rohe ki ngā rohe pōti (auraki, Māori rānei).

Ngā rā matua mō tēnei pōtitanga



Pōhitia

tō pepa pōti takitahi ki roto i te kōpaki utukore i mua tonu i te **Tūrei, te 4 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022**

TĒRĀ RĀNEI

haria ki te wāhitau i runga i te pepa pōti kia tae atu ki te Kaiwhakahaere Pōti i mua i te **katinga o ngā pōti**

Ka kati ngā pōti

ā te 12 i te rā-tū, Rāhoroi, 8 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022

Kei te hiahia āwhina anō? Ka taea e koe te tono ki tētahi atu ki te āwhina i a koe ki te māka i te pepa mēnā kāore i te pai tō kite, he uaua rānei ki a koe te pānui, te tuhi, te kōrero Ingarihi rānei. Mēnā kāore koe i te tino mārama me aha koe, kua tuhi hapa rānei e kore e taea te whakatika kia mārama, whakapā atu ki te kaiwhakahaere pōti mā te nama i runga i te pepa pōti.

Electing the Mayor



Tania GIBSON

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

I'm proud to be Mayor of Greymouth. My first term has seen its fair share of challenges - with the pandemic and local government reforms like Three Waters. I've learned a lot about these issues

and would like to see them through on your behalf.

I am proud to be a Coaster. My children are growing up here and I care about our district. We can make the West Coast fit for future generations by creating opportunities that make it a desirable place to live, visit and enjoy - a thriving, connected and resilient community.

There are challenges ahead, but also exciting projects underway. Our CBD is transforming and we'll see more. We've also got some big infrastructure projects underway, making our roads, water and waste services better and safer.

I'll never gloss over the tough issues, but I'm excited to work with you for the good of our community.

Grey District Council

Electing the Mayor



Richard OSMASTON

Money Free Party New Zealand

My principal place of residence is not in the Grey District Council area. I am also standing for Mayor in Buller, Westland, Nelson, Marlborough, Tasman and Lakes Murchison Ward (Tasman DC) and Central Ward (Grey DC).

Ready for change yet?

GDC are doing great. Is that enough?

Unprecedented crises demand more imaginative solutions.

Conventional responses by governments don't provide viable outcomes.

Consider our economic system. Let's do what we have to, not what we're told we can 'afford'.

Today's science, technology, experience and wisdom provide unprecedented opportunities to transform our situation into prosperity, equity and sustainability. Not the current lose-lose outlook, but Win-Win.

Most problems originate in our economic system's inequality, control, exploitation and corruption, assuring bad outcomes. Do we let others, far away, ruin everything?

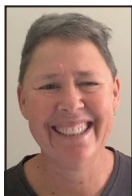
Climate change, poverty, mental health, environmental degradation and cost of living pressures are totally solvable.

Through money we're kept in increasing stress, debt and servitude.

We can make everything free and voluntary, liberating ourselves, guaranteeing a future of freedom, prosperity and integrity.

Let's get started. Grey District already have the best team possible. A better system would help.

Grey District Council Northern Ward Electing 1 Councillor



Kate KENNEDY

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

Strong, connected communities are the best response to the challenges facing us today.

Sharing what we have, sharing our skills, and looking out for each other helps us stand strong

in the face of pressures and change. I have a solid background in community action across the motu, most recently as co-founder of Runanga Village People and the Runanga Community Library. I'm also a musician, nurse and aunty. I'm standing for Grey District Council to ensure our region remains resilient and that Northern Ward is not forgotten when decisions are made.



Eric MARTINI

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

I grew up and have lived in Runanga most of my life with a period away studying and working in Christchurch.

Since returning to the coast, I've been self-employed and actively engaged in a number of community organisations.

I have held governance roles in community organisations and currently serving as a committee member on the local Grey District/Mawhera Business and Promotions Assn, West Coast Society of Arts, WC Sports Awards, and Greymouth Heritage Trust. Co-founded Techspace community tech centre, and trustee of the new Runanga Community Trust established to retain community ownership of the Runanga Pool.

I am committed to community development, good infrastructure, and social equity. I offer governance experience, a strategic and sensible approach, and believe in a balanced community-led approach.

With your support we'll tackle the issues and look for practical solutions.

Grey District Council
Northern Ward
Electing 1 Councillor



James ROGATSKI

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

I am standing as I wish to make a difference to our community. I reside in Runanga with my wife Kate and our children. We enjoy living here and want to see the community thrive.

Together we have resurrected the Runanga Playcentre with the support from locals. We have created a friendly welcoming environment for young families to enjoy.

I am practically minded, driven, and like to get things done. With your vote it will give me the chance to promote the Runanga Area and be a voice for our ward.

Grey District Council Central Ward Electing 3 Councillors



Harley DAVISON

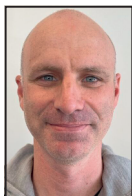
My principal place of residence is in the Central Ward area.

My name is Harley Vui Davison I'm putting myself forward for the local election because I am truly passionate about my community and believe we need more

transparency around decision-making processes and better communication between our Council and the community surround these processes.

With changes coming to Local Governments, I would love to be involved and gain experience that can benefit our community I grew up in Greymouth and am a well-known face among my community with my involvement in local sports. I have recently begun raising a family and I would love to improve our community in any way I can to create a better environment for generations to come.

I believe I am a great candidate as I am extremely passionate and eager to work hard to bring much needed change to our community, it would be an honour to be given the opportunity to serve our community.



Patrick MCBRIDE

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

I became a District Councillor six years ago and seek your vote once again to represent the Central Ward as a leader in our community.

My wife Jacinda and I are West Coasters with

three young children, I understand the local area, what matters to people and am well connected. I enjoy networking and being involved in shaping the future of the Grey District representing the views of local people.

Our roles as Councillors can be varied. I find a real sense of achievement when helping resolve issues for our residents and would like to continue doing so.

There is a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge currently around the table that needs to be retained moving forward.

Thank you for the past support and future votes

Grey District Council
Central Ward
Electing 3 Councillors



Timothy MORA

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

Thank you for your support last election. I believe I have served you well in the role of governance and strategic direction for our District. Last election I campaigned on future proofing our infrastructure. Since that time we have built new wharves for our fishing fleet with more to come, commissioned a new dredge which is working well and planning is underway for a new slipway. Three water reservoirs are on track to be built securing our water supply and we bit the bullet on our ageing three waters infrastructure. A planned programme of works detailed in our long term plan which will see the major issues with our pipework rectified. Personally I want to retain ownership of our three waters assets but support the need for better regulation. Unavoidably my rates, like yours, have gone up to achieve this but we are securing the future of the Grey District.



Jack O'CONNOR

Independent

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

I currently reside in the Northern Ward.

I'm standing for council to play my part ensuring we have a vibrant community. The Grey District is the heart of the West Coast and it's essential we provide strong leadership looking to the future to utilise our natural resources and make it a place where people want to live, play or visit.

As a fourth generation Coaster, I returned 20 years ago and settled in Greymouth along with my wife Lynnette to raise our family Ryan, Victoria and Charlotte. After working in trade and retail sales, I have spent the last 15 years with Sport Canterbury West Coast enabling our community to play sport and recreate. My role in the sport sector has allowed me insights into governance and strategic planning along with health experience gained as representative on Healthy West Coast and the Active West Coast.

Grey District Council Central Ward Electing 3 Councillors



Richard OSMASTON

My principal place of residence is not in the Central Ward area. I am also standing for Mayor of Buller, Grey, Marlborough, Nelson, Tasman, Westland and Lakes Murchison Ward (Tasman DC).

We can do better. Conventional responses to symptoms of failure are not good enough. We need systemic change to address the root cause. The debacle of Three Waters, SNAs, H&S, etc, although originally well intentioned, comes from the bureaucracy, disconnection and toxic hierarchy of a money based system.

I'm working hard exploring the next phase of societies' development.

We have the resources, technology and motivation to assure universal success. We're just stuck, still reacting to symptoms of our outdated, broken system. More jobs, sales, production or tourist will not fix this.

We've started our journey beyond materialism, exploitation, growth, money and consumption. Together we can plot a route to prosperity, joy, equity and genuine sustainability.

Let's get started on serious change. Grey District already has a great team. A better system, with integrity, would make our job easier.

Somebody has to make the first move.

Grey District Council
Southern Ward
Electing 2 Councillors



John CANNING

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

I have been a resident of the West Coast since 1996 and a resident of Greymouth since 2008. I have been involved in community activity in that time and I am aware of our strengths and issues.

I have previous experience as a District Councillor in the Buller. I also have Resource Management Act experience as I was a qualified and sitting RMA hearings Commissioner for 10 years. I have also been the Grey District's Environmental Services Manager for 5 years. This combined experience has given me a good understanding of how Local Government operates. My vision is of the Grey District thriving, we cannot have everything, so our decisions need to focus on achieving our affordable goals. We have some pressing issues coming, such as Three Waters, earthquake prone buildings in the CBD, affordability of rate increases etc, and we need strong representation.



Rex MACDONALD

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

Thank you for supporting me as your Councillor over the past three years. It's a real privilege to work on behalf of our community and to fix local issues.

I live in Gladstone with my wife Julie, where we have raised our adult family. I manage a local business in Greymouth, and have been actively involved in various community groups over the years. We are committed to Greymouth.

As a district, we have significant challenges facing us, whether it is the removal of our Three Waters assets or changes to local democracy, or more broadly in a time where people are changing how and where they work - how we attract more of those people to live and play here on the West Coast to grow our population.

I am asking for your vote again, to use my skills and knowledge to make our community an even better place to live.

Grey District Council Southern Ward Electing 2 Councillors



Peter SCOTT

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

I grew up on a farm in Canterbury just outside of Coalgate. I have an Honours Degree in Political Science from Canterbury University and a Post Graduate Certificate in Resource Management

from Lincoln University.

Prior to living in Greymouth my wife and I owned and ran a bookshop in Blenheim before we turned it into an art gallery. Before moving to the Coast, I had been involved with many community groups, including what was Life Education Trust Canterbury/Westland, Booksellers Aotearoa New Zealand, the Blenheim Business Association, and the Marlborough Heritage Trust. In Greymouth I have been involved with the Greymouth RSA. In all of these groups and organisations, I have served on their Committees or Boards.

If elected, I will use all my experience to benefit the Grey District.

For more information please find my campaign Facebook page Peter Scott for Grey District Councillor.

Grey District Council
Eastern Ward
Electing 2 Councillors



Graeme AXFORD

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

I was born in Greymouth and know our community well. I have had extensive involvement with community issues and groups in our area and believe I can make a difference. I am

well respected nationally as a human rights, disability and consumer advocate and I have helped thousands of people in their battles with various government bureaucracies. Received a Kiwibank Local Hero Medal in 2012 in recognition of this work and was nominated again in 2019.

Despite the challenge of severe dyslexia, qualified as a social worker and have made significant contributions to community development and education. I bring this diverse experience and skill to the council table along with the critical governance skills needed to meet the challenges we face as a district. As an Eastern Ward representative, I will work to counter the Greymouth-centric tendency in the provision of services. Read more about me at <https://graemeaxford.nz/>



Allan GIBSON (PESTY)

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

It has been my privilege to represent the Eastern Ward. I am seeking your support again in order to represent you in the next three years of turmoil.

I have had the pleasure of being part of a Council that has focused strongly on infrastructure creation and service excellence. I believe the knowledge that I have gained makes me ideal for the challenges ahead.

Local government as we know it is about to change significantly and the need for experienced and committed Councillors is greater now than at any time in the past 30 years.

We are facing serious threats to local democracy, local prosperity and our local voices.

My having served as Deputy Mayor for the District has given me valuable insights in dealing with Wellington and I am committed to continue my current fight to retain local voice. I humbly ask for your vote to continue this work.

Grey District Council Eastern Ward Electing 2 Councillors



Robert MALLINSON

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

Hello Eastern Ward Voters.

I am a fourth generation West Coaster, currently living at Moana.

I am passionate about the West Coast, its past, present and future.

I had 33 years of experience in local government financial roles, including 25 years at an executive level here on the West Coast. I was a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand for 30 years.

During my local government career, I had considerable experience in long term planning, audit, risk management, financial reporting and familiarity with key local government legislation.

I am a pragmatic and approachable person who would be honoured to represent the people of the Eastern Ward of Grey District Council during the next three years of what I think will be one of considerable change in the local government sector. I ask that you consider entrusting me with your vote.



Cynthia ROBINS

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

It is my privilege to be part of Blackball and the Grey District community, I seek your support to represent the Eastern Ward at the council table. Currently Chair of the Blackball Residents

Association and founding member of our Community Led Development Group.

A problem solver, I am tenacious in seeking fair solutions, I believe that communities should be enabled to forge their own future under the umbrella of local government.

The Eastern Ward by sheer size and diversity presents a challenge, I am acutely aware of the challenges placed on the Council with the number of reforms and reviews underway, I would like to be part of creating solutions that will help the Eastern Ward and our district.

Having over 30 years experience running businesses in education, logistics and hospitality, I am realistic about economics, I also understand the need for the Grey District to live within it's means.

West Coast Regional Council Grey Constituency Electing 3 Councillors



Allan John BIRCHFIELD

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

I have put my name forward for another term because of my concerns over the TTPP One District Plan document. This process was an opportunity to make 'Coasters lives easier with a simple, easy to read document. We should have had a plan with permitted activity rules to allow Coasters to use the 15% land area we own as we wish. Instead, we have an 850-page plan that is very restrictive, difficult to read and understand. Maps have been created without science or supporting evidence and will not stand up if challenged in Court. People have had their property rights removed without consultation or knowledge. This is not our plan.

I voted against this plan, and, with your support in October, will work with the community to uphold their rights. I believe the West Coast Regional Council can play a leading role in withdrawing or appealing this plan.



Brett CUMMINGS

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

When re-elected I intend to follow through and complete the work programs that have been started this term,

The Waiho stop bank project

The Hokitika sea and river protection

The Greymouth floodwall upgrade

The Westport flood protection scheme

What does free hold property mean?

Definition: Freehold property can be defined as any estate which is free from hold of any entity besides the owner. Hence, the owner of such an estate enjoys free ownership for perpetuity and can use the land for any purposes however in accordance with the local regulations.

The TTPP plan has been forced on our council, government appointees have set out to undermine one of the pillars of society free-hold property rights by changing local regulations to ensure their predetermined outcomes. This process needs to stop and have the legality of this process checked before we become the Rhodesia of the South Pacific.

West Coast Regional Council Grey Constituency Electing 3 Councillors



Peter EWEN

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

Our region keeps receiving lip-service from Wellington with little regard to our unique challenges. An erosion of democracy and your vote, looms with more unfathomable changes planned. This'll be the last local body election in the current form. Forced amalgamations and voting manipulating is the agenda. Three Waters is the entree. Coasters are stressed with change as to their economic prospects and wellbeing. They require facts-based representation. The notion we should just accept things without challenge must stop. All should demand a Fair Go for our region. We aren't getting it. We're at the wrong end of many statistics. Government must compensate for issues that are for the greater good of the country. I'll continue to champion that. Your representatives mustn't accept the unacceptable, otherwise they become silent enablers for those who don't care. A born and bred Coaster, I do care, and again seek your support.



Mel SUTHERLAND

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

I am keen to contribute at a decision-making level to the sustainable future of the Region. I have the governance skills to do this.

Past member and chair of the Greymouth High School Board of Trustees

Past member and chair of the West Coast Regional Lifelines Utilities Group

Past member and chair of the West Coast Rural Fires Committee
Experience with public infrastructure and community facilities in the Grey District.

Over many years I have also made contributions to the development of District Plans, Regional Plans, and as a member of the Technical Advisory Group for the Regional Land Transport Committee

I have lived and worked on the West Coast for 37 years, married a Coaster and together raised two boys who are also working locally.

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