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Hamilton City Mayoral Candidates 2022

Donna Pokere-Phillips

I will fight to keep local assets in local hands

I will push for a social housing program

I am a fearless leader

This government is hell bent on bringing forward the three waters reform of our waste, storm and drinking water while ignoring the "firestorm of opposition". Hamilton needs a fearless leader to take on this government who wants to steal our assets, I am that leader.

We have a housing crisis, over 1000 families do not have a place to call home. Current leadership have stated our civic building is not fit for purpose and want to sell it. I will utilise this asset to rehouse these families.

I will fight to keep local assets in local hands. I will push for a social housing program. I am passionate about my community. If you want a fearless leader, vote Donna Pokere-Phillips for Mayor, Co-Leader Outdoors & Freedom Party.



Lachlan Coleman

No matter what they say, previous Councils have not delivered on what all people require. They have overspent, under delivered and kept increasing rates at an alarming pace. This needs positive change.

As a fresh face to local Government, you can count on my Council to align with you, listen to you, and actually make the right changes.

As your Mayor, I will lead the Council to: (1) Enhance flow so you have more go, through more intelligently managed traffic lights and minimising speed bumps to keep you moving. (2) Improving health and wellbeing with smarter environmental practices. (3) Protect our democratic society because everyone needs their voice to be heard without preference, regardless of their background or beliefs. (4) Protect control and ownership of our assets and infrastructure and by saying no to Three Waters.



Jack Gielen

As Father of the city I have experience in trust board governance, I want to bring fairness, justice, transparency and accountability into all council policies.

My three top priorities are 1. Responsible Spending opening the books with no secret agendas cancelling the debt. 2. Business Development working with all business owners providing solutions to problems. 3. Community Consultation, Inclusion is a part of diversity representing a multicultural perspective.

The most important issues facing Hamilton are high debt, Corporate takeover with the 3 waters deal, the need for affordable housing as well as the need to address climate change with micro transportation cycling, busing, walking and carpooling. We need to have a youth council including the young as well as recognizing the treaty including maori wards. I have a futuristic vision taking Hamilton into the future including everyone.



Riki Manarangi

The political system is broken!

We continue to get the same old same old. Voting for promises which become broken time after time. I'm over it and I know you're over it.

Even myself a proud Hamiltonian living here for 20 years, been on various boards/committees locally including the Chamber, gaining four degrees including two masters AND spending four years in Council in charge of our city's Policies and Bylaws may make me qualified to be Mayor BUT, alone, these qualities can never fix the 'broken promises' bit.

So, I have only ONE promise for you...I will incorporate direct democracy into decision-making, leveraging technology and empowering you to participate and decide on issues that impact you. Finally, an end to broken promises!

Let's do things smarter, together, Kirikiriroa...Vote #1 Riki Manarangi!



Horiana Henderson

She's running for Mayor?! Doesn't she know it's a two horse race?

It may be, but as I considered the candidates it occurred to me that those two front-running "horses" have led the current Hamilton City Council for the past three years in which rates and the city's debt have continued to rise, while Council has continued approving big spending on "nice to have" projects. All during the massive disruption caused by Covid 19, lockdowns and inflation going through the roof.

I'm just an ordinary Hamiltonian. I don't have connections to political parties, big business, property developers or lobby groups. I do have connections to ordinary Hamiltonians, many of whom are struggling.

I want to represent these people as Mayor. I want to work to make their lives easier. To help make sure that Hamilton continues to be a great place to live while keeping a close eye on our finances.



Paula Southgate

It's been a privilege to be your Mayor over the last three years. I love Hamilton and feel very excited about our future.

I'm running again so I can work with the team to build on all our hard work. I'm very committed to making Hamilton a safe city with plenty of transport solutions that make it easy to get around; a city that celebrates its people and natural beauty and is ready to make the most of all the opportunities that come our way.

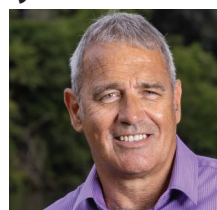
We've built up some really strong partnerships with local organisations, community groups and central government that will all help us. I've appreciated the backing of so many people in our fine city and I welcome your continuing support

Together we can build a city we're all proud to call home.



Geoff Taylor

I love Hamilton and I'm proud to stand for Mayor. I'm currently Deputy-Mayor. I see myself as a doer rather than a talker, one of my proudest achievements is introducing 2 Hours Free Parking. I bring decisive leadership; I fought 3 Waters from the start and I will stop uncontrolled subdivision in our suburbs and keep them family friendly. The council needs to stand up to the Government. I opposed this year's rate rise because there was too much discretionary spending in a cost of living crisis. I'm a listener. I've held Common Sense BBQs around the city for a year and met hundreds of great Hamiltonians. Nothing beats face to face contact. I'm ambitious for Hamilton. We have a massive future and the river – our waterfront – is vital. Working alongside business, we will turn Victoria St to face the river and transform our city. Hamilton, we can do better.



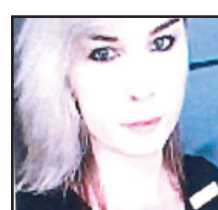
Lee Bloor

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

I want to create a dynamic, inclusive city. I want a city that includes all and cares about its citizens. I aim for more transparency in local government. Lowering of costs for citizens of services such as dumping rubbish and parking.

I will try to keep the lawyers and police honest. I am an advocate for citizens rights and the LGBT community!

I aim to make sure your public servants are fair and approachable. I may not have testicles but I've got more balls than most! Vote Lee Bloor for Mayor 2022!



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Authorized by Jose Gonzalez, 32 Thomson Avenue, Hamilton



Meet the 2022 West Ward Candidates!



Dan Steer

I am the future-focused voice our city needs. I want a city moving in the right direction. A prosperous place where people want to do business, come to visit, but most importantly can live and thrive. A safe, multicultural city that is vibrant, inclusive and progressive.

Whilst the work has started, there is plenty more to do. That is why I am running and why I'm asking for your support this election.



Sanjay Joshi

Who am I -

Serving the community as pharmacist for last 27 years.

Voluntary work - Laughter yoga, tree planting, Yoga, Junior Chess Club

Reasons for my contesting Council Elections - 1) Getting the West ward its due share from council like council maintained toilets, Parking bays for cars parked on road. 2) More sensible subdivision of sections 3) Smarter development of Rotokauri 4) Discussion with police for more security of the west ward.



Shanti Ralm

Hello, my name is Shanti Ralm. As city Councillor for West Hamilton, I want to be the voice of those who often go unheard. In Hamilton, these are mostly our elderly, refugee and migrant populations. Working with Age Concern, Red Cross and on community boards has exposed me to many issues. My bigger vision for our community is to promote unity and diversity by establishing more community centres for people to connect. Thanks for voting!



Ewan Wilson

I'm proud to stand for re-election in a city I love. I'm responsible for Kid's under 5 swimming free at HCC facilities. I launched Kiwi International airline which transformed our airport forever.

I've worked to convince my council colleagues of the need for financial responsibility during this cost-of-living crisis. I strongly opposed 3 Water reforms. I bring over 30 years of business experience, a mini-MBA, and a passionate community spirit. to this role.



Michael West

I want to influence the way Councillors decide how much burden they place on Ratepayers. It's ok for Councillors to want to delve into and support social issues but the funding model needs to be considered. It is important to decide what is a fair and reasonable scope to apply ratepayer funds to and make spending decisions that fit. The source of funds for other commitments needs to be considered from a different perspective.



Jose Gonzales

I want to make our city a great place to live, where we can have an even better quality of life. I'm standing because I want Hamilton to embrace its diversity, supports its youth, provide affordable/ accessible transport, act on climate change, and have fair rates for council services. My council experience leading the Te Huia train and passion for our community makes me the ideal person to lead our city in the challenging times ahead.



Angela O'Leary

As your West Ward Councillor for 15 years, I've worked closely with many groups and communities in my Ward.

My recent proposal will see improvements made to Kent Street greenspace in Frankton to provide a safer community event space. As Chairperson of the Infrastructure Operations Committee, I'm proud to have led the refresh Hamilton's transport strategy.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please choose me as your Number 1 preferred candidate for West Ward.



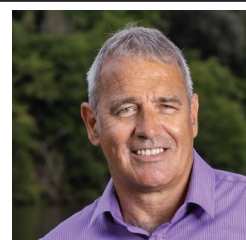
Melissa Smith

Kia ora tātou, vote Melissa Smith for City Council West Ward! I envision Kirikiriroa with a modern transportation system, healthy and affordable housing, and a sustainable urban environment – and I have the solutions to make it happen. Let's invest in dedicated bicycle infrastructure, accessible and walkable neighbourhoods, middle-density housing, renter advocacy, enforcement of healthy home standards, and climate change mitigation in next term so that we protect our city for future generations.



Louise Hutt

We need collaborative, thoughtful leadership that will help us navigate the times we're living through - whether it's climate change or growing inequality. I've lived in Frankton, Glenview, Bader, and the CBD and I've spent the past three years working in our communities — as Chairperson of Go Eco, and in the COVID-19 Directorate at Te Whatu Ora. I understand the importance of supporting our communities and good governance. For more information, vote.louisehutt.com



Geoff Taylor

I'm standing for Mayor and West Ward.

I'm currently Deputy-Mayor. I'm a doer. I'm responsible for 2 Hours Free Parking.

I'm no fence sitter, I bring decisive leadership and have fought 3 Waters from the start.

I opposed this year's rate rise because there was too much discretionary spending in a cost of living crisis. I'm absolutely determined to stop uncontrolled subdivision in our suburbs and keep them family friendly. Hamilton, we can do better.



Emma Pike

Hamilton Kirikiriroa is at the heart of who I am - I was born in the Waikato and did all of my schooling in Hamilton. I studied business at WINTEC, and have worked in local and central government as well as for local businesses. I have previously co-owned a business, and own a residential property in Hamilton West. My background will guide me to prioritise stronger community engagement, scrutinise how ratepayers' money is spent and increase transparency in Council.



Roger Stratford

Roger appreciates the kind welcome from Western residents, arriving here a decade ago. It's all about co-ed balance, when fighting establishment bullies hogging Council seats. Roger watched while home-ownership gurus bled the city dry. If elected, Roger will cooperate with central government to restore local voices on Three Waters and Plan Change 12; this let's regular Hamiltonians take back control of their city. Roger will stop the demolition of Founders and protect Shaw's Bird Park. “



Matthew Small

I currently work as a Supported Living Facilitator (Mental Health & Disability Support). I have just recently achieved a Level 4 Certificate in Mental Health & Addiction Support Work at Wintec.

I believe rate increases should be affordable during this cost of living crisis. Our footpaths should be safe for everyone and we need to invest in community spaces like playgrounds, sport fields and green space.



Dharendra Kumar Naresh

Have been actively involved in the community since 1990. Currently have been in various executive positions in numerous religious, non-profit and multi-cultural group. A recipient of Hamilton City Council Civic Award for Services to the community. As a Councillor, I will work with the community and have their say voiced in the City Council being the rate payers. Always willing to help and assist community people who need his services even though being busy with the transport business.



Sarah Thomson

Over the last three years, I have been proud to represent you as a West Ward councillor. A former commercial and community lawyer, I'm passionate about building a sustainable city that's a great place to live for decades to come. Let's keep making progress on safe walking and cycling, restoring our gullies and providing for housing while building great neighbourhoods. I would love to have your support to continue the great work we've started.



Dave Boyd

There's some dodgy things going on and someone needs to hold these corporates to account! I was born and grew up in HAMILTON and represent the average Hamilton citizen. I want to keep the city's leaders honest and make sure opportunities

are created for everyone, not just the few!

I aim to reduce the cost of dumping of rubbish and find a solution to take the homeless off our streets, Create affordable housing and double check the corporates in power!



Rudi du Plooy

STOP Three Waters, REDUCE Debt, CONTROL Rates.

I served as a Councillor, Party Leader and Whip in a multi-racial party in Johannesburg, a city of 4 million people for 8 years. I understand the value of

holding regular public meetings. In order to lead, I must be willing to serve.

Hamilton will be a city with a heart, a place where we can be safe and respected, a city to be proud of. rudihamiltonwest@gmail.com

Meet the 2022 Maaori Ward Candidates!



Donna Pokere-Phillips

I will bring equity back to decision making
I will push for a social housing program
I am a fearless leader
Mana Whenua role in our community needs to be reflected in all levels of decision making. I would advocate to establish a joint decision-making process which puts our community in the driver's seat.
I will establish joint decision-making processes. I will push for a social housing program. I am passionate about my community.



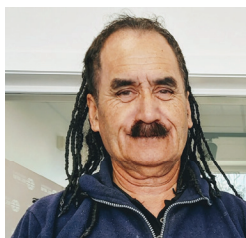
Melaina Huaki

Kia ora, I have put my hand up to campaign for one of the two new Māori ward seats in this year's local Council elections.
I am an active practitioner in Education, Health and Wellbeing, Small business, The Arts, Kapahaka, Rangatahi and Te Taiao which is underpinned by Mātauranga Māori.
Should I be successful, it will be my duty to represent you at the table and work towards equitable outcomes for all, MauriORA.



James Ratana

My message is simple, local government are not doing enough for māori. My solution is to inspire māori to participate in politics so more māori leaders can be elected which means more māori voices at the decision table.
I plan to use my skills in film and media to simply all that is happening in council so māori know what to do with that information feel empowered to vote and participate.



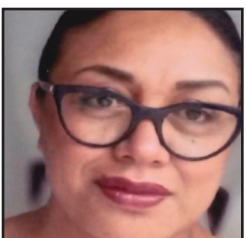
Maatai Ariki Kauae Te Toki

I support all govt initiatives, the New Maaori Health Authority, Kirikiriroa Maaori Wards, Education and Training Act 2020
1. That honors Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supports Maaori-Crown relationships. 2. Provides board's to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, to achieves equitable outcomes for Maaori students; I would be honored to stand as a Kirikiriroa Maaori Ward Councillor to support the education and wellbeing of our tamariki/whanau.



Moko Tauariki

I want to firstly acknowledge the mana whenua of Kirikiriroa. I want to model & lead a tiriti based relationship that keeps 'people' at the center of our journey. Our city has a lot to offer and Maaori can help shape what the future of that looks like culturally, economically, environmentally and socially. I am a voice for better housing in our city, better environmental standards and improved access in and around our city. I will push to have Kirikiriroa as the official name in place of Hamilton.



Te Pora Thompson

My enduring vision is to truly achieve mana motuhake for our people and our future. Many have gone before to clear the pathway forward for us. I acknowledge them.
I'm well-experienced in Governance, which contributed to: Councils first Maaori Strategy; Supporting Street name changes; Maaori Wards I am standing for Council in the Maaori Ward to uplift our people, our communities, our awa, our tamariki, our rangatahi, our people, our future.
Pooti Mai koa

It's that time again!

Have your say on who represents your community by voting in the 2022 local elections. Voting documents will be delivered in the mail between Friday 16 September 2022 and Wednesday 21 September 2022.
Local elections decide who represents us on our city, district, and regional councils.
The people elected to local councils get to make decisions about our daily lives and the future of our towns and cities. They set and collect rates, oversee town planning, and provide services like rubbish collection, parks and libraries.
Voting Documents
Do I have to post my voting document back?
You can post it but make sure you have them in the mail by Wednesday 5 October 2022 to make sure it gets back in time (by 12 noon Saturday 8 October 2022) However, you can also deliver to

one of the voting boxes throughout the city until 12 noon Saturday 8 October 2022.
I didn't receive my voting pack, how do I obtain a special vote?
Please contact elections@hcc.govt.nz

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Our Electoral System, easy as 1, 2, 3

Hamilton will vote under the Single Transferrable Vote (STV) system for the first time in 2022. So, what does this mean for you as a candidate?
How STV works:
Voters receive a single (transferable) vote no matter whether there is one vacancy or several.
Voters rank the candidates in order of preference. "1" next to the name of the candidate most preferred, "2" next to the name of the candidate next preferred and so on.
When votes are counted, all the first preferences are allocated first. To be elected, a candidate must reach a "quota" of votes, which is based on the number of vacancies and the number of valid votes.
A candidate who reaches the quota is elected. If there is more than one vacancy and a candidate gets more votes than the quota, a proportion of each vote for that candidate is transferred to the voter's second

preference.
If, as a result, another candidate gets more votes than the quota, a proportion is transferred to third preferences, and so on.
If insufficient candidates reach the quota after the first preferences are allocated and after any surplus votes are transferred, then the candidate who received the fewest votes is eliminated and each vote for that candidate is transferred to the voter's second preference.
This process is repeated until enough candidates reach the quota to fill all the vacancies.



What is the difference between Maaori and General Wards?

Hamilton City Council has established a Maaori ward for the 2022 election. Maaori ward councillors are elected by those enrolled to vote on the respective Maaori electoral roll; similarly members of general wards are elected by those enrolled to vote on the respective general electoral roll.

What is the role of a Councillor?

A Councillor:
Participates in strategic and long-term planning for the whole city/district/region;
Participates in setting a budget and rates;
Develops policy across a wide range of activities and services;
Represents the city/district/region at functions as required;
Reviews and develops bylaws for the city/district/region;
Advocates on a wide range of issues;
Coordinates and forms partnerships with other spheres of government and other agencies;
Participates in the appointment and performance review of the Chief Executive Officer;
Acts on all these matters within a legislative and regulatory framework;
Monitors the performance of the council organisation

Meet the bunch of Hamilton City Council candidates competing for Mayor, 6 West Ward spots and 2 Maaori city wide councillors.

Lunch With the Bunch

Friday 16th September, 12 noon
held at the Western Community Centre



Your Say.....What would you do if you were Mayor for the day?



Reegan

I would create affordable housing for all walks of life. Enforce safer speeds around all schools.



Chris

I would have a Hamilton wide community clean up day and/or a day where everyone can only speak Te Reo.



Sandie

Better control of roundabouts and an upgrade of footpaths for the elderly. Smoother footpath surfaces will minimise falls or accidents.



Leslie

Better water quality for better tasting water. Make food free for the day.



Jules

All the power companies to be council-owned and to become non-profit again. No more privately-owned power companies so that we have access to affordable power.

We Mahi together

We know looking for work can be daunting, and we are here to support you along the whole way.

We assist whanau throughout the whole process from pre-employment, finding work, and post-employment, which is vital to be successful.

Kiwistaff is locally owned and operated, Director Tamainu Huirama has been a community member for over 30 years. Tamainu started the business in his garage, later moving to 108 Grandview Road to operate. Over time, Kiwistaff has grown, supporting 100s of whanau to find employment/work, and Kiwistaff is now based in Pukete, at 201 Sandwich Road, Hamilton.

The team is passionate about supporting people from all walks of life to find jobs that allow them to be successful.

Our team at Kiwistaff is doing mobile clinics at the Western Community centre every Tuesday 1:30 pm till 2:30 pm and at the Pukete Neighbourhood house every Thursday. Pop in to have a chat with us, no appointment is needed, we would love to meet you.



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What we offer:

Laptops/computers: These are available for interactive online learning or entertainment purposes in a safe environment.

Free afternoon tea:

Afternoon tea is provided for the students.

Sports equipment: Sports equipment is available for the students to enjoy in the hall which has two basketball hoops.

Arts/crafts: Paint, colouring in and other various arts/crafts are also available for the students to enjoy and get creative.

Parents and caregivers are also welcome to come along with their tamariki. If you require further information please give us a call 07 8505020.



VOTE FOR

Louise Hutt

#1 HAMILTON WEST

Chairperson of Go Eco

Senior Advisor for the COVID-19 Directorate, Te Whatu Ora

Passionate about the West, and doing the best for whānau and future generations

Authorised by Louise Hutt
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Postal vote between 16 September & 4 October

Hamilton is at the heart of who I am - I was born in the Waikato and spent all of my schooling years in Hamilton West - attending Glenview Primary, Melville Intermediate and Hamilton Girls High School. After this, I studied business at WINTEC. Over the years I have worked at a metal recyclers, at Sport Waikato, at a hydraulic engineering firm, at the Waikato Regional Council and Parliamentary Services. I have been a co-owner of a local business and also own a residential property in Hamilton West.

As such I have a strong grassroots interest in policy and politics, and understand how it affects our residents, ratepayers and businesses.

Over the last 10 years HCC rates have increased by a staggering 61.8%. This means that the average household rates have gone from \$1,721 in 2012 to \$2,783 in 2022 which is an extra \$1,063 out of your back pocket.

HCC's 2018-28 10-Year Plan capped the rate increase from 2019 onwards at 3.8%. Despite this the rates were increased in 2021 to 8.9% and in 2022 to 4.9%. The new Long Term Plan (LTP) now projects that the rates will instead continue to increase by at least 4.9% EVERY YEAR until 2027. This means that the yearly average household rate would have gone from \$1,721 in 2013 to \$3,535 in 2028.

I have been talking to Hamiltonians who can no longer afford the rate payments on their house and are being forced to leave the city. We must address this as the growth of our city needs to be inclusive & sustainable.

I will be a strong voice for you on the council and will focus on getting **more transparency from council** by **increasing scrutiny of how ratepayers' money is spent** and by **engaging in more pro-active community consultation**. I would appreciate your support in this election for Hamilton West Ward. **Please vote Emma Pike as your number 1 choice on the STV ballot.**

STV
1 VOTE

EMMA PIKE

FOR HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL
WEST WARD ELECTION

Authorised by E. Pike 33 Cromwell Drive, Hamilton



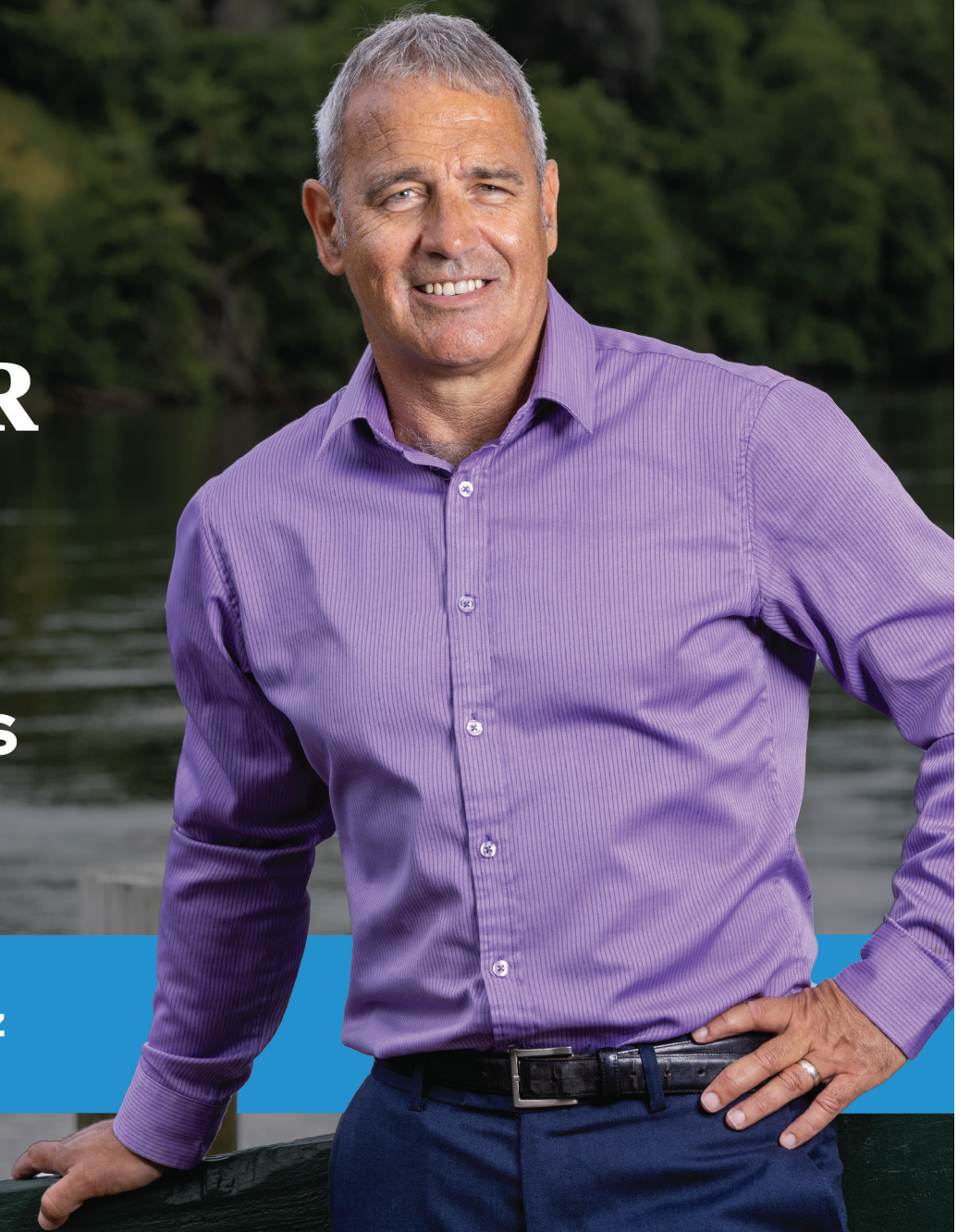
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IVF VA'A WORLD SPRINT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

This year Destiny Hope Moke represented Aotearoa at the IVF Va'a World Sprint Club Championships 2022, LONDON. What a huge feat it is to compete on an international stage, let alone earn various medals! Congratulations to Destiny and her fellow team members who won gold in the V6 1500M, V6 500M and V12 500M sprint races.



WaiMaths 2022

This year the annual WaiMaths competition was held at Melville High School on the 10th of August. What fun! We had a great group of enthusiastic students, staff and caregivers join us for the competition. Although our Fraser team didn't place, the experience reinforced a valuable lesson for students, to understand and remember that competition is about more than just a win and a loss.

"Performance, mastery of skills, and sportsmanship are all vital components of the experience that do not hinge on beating an opponent. The benefits students have already received are mental and physical exercise, perseverance and determination, social interaction, and friendship. Of course, we will have small prizes for all the players of the three teams later in our shared lunchtime," said Mrs Lou, Leader of Curriculum, Mathematics and Statistics.

Congratulations to those who participated in this year's event, and thank you to those who showed their support to our students.



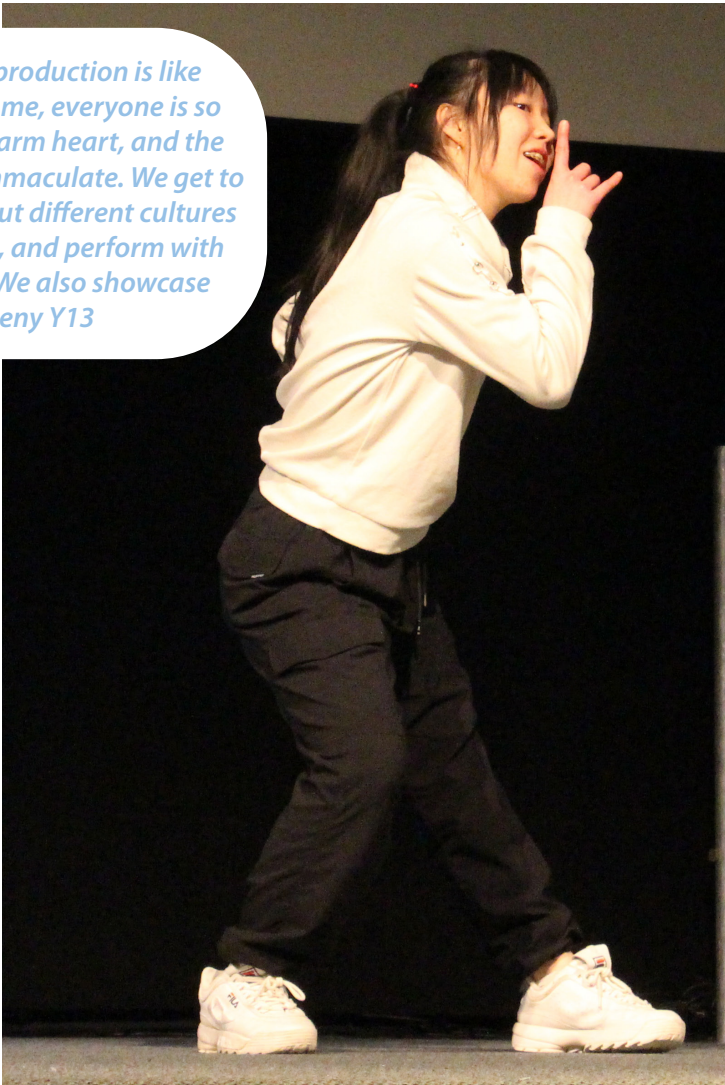
SENIOR EXRAVIGANZA 2022

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



My favourite part about production... was being able to be a tutor and teach people my culture. I also love watching those that have never performed before gain confidence, and being able to perform on a stage in front of people - Malele

Being part of the production is like another family to me, everyone is so friendly, have a warm heart, and the bond we had is immaculate. We get to explore more about different cultures and dance genres, and perform with amazing people. We also showcase our talent - Defpheny Y13



My favourite parts of the 2022 production were being able to connect with people, become more confident in myself with the help of family, friends and teachers, learn about different cultures, and taking part in them, expressing my pride and happiness for the stages while performing - Kahlea Y13

Production really hepled me bond with everyone. I got to know everyone more and it helped me come out of my comfort zone - Talmage Y11





Students meet Rodney Tongotea

Our Year 9 Aiga Tasi students, alongside some of our senior Pacific Studies students had the privilege of meeting and chatting with Rodney Tongotea, a member of the Tongan Rugby 7s team that has just returned from the Commonwealth Games. It was a great opportunity to hear about the hard work, determination and willpower it takes to reach your goals. Rodney also shared the pride he has in representing his country, Tonga, culture and most importantly his family. Malo 'aupito Rodney for taking the time to visit Aiga Tasi and bless our tamaiti with another awesome opportunity to see success with their own eyes.



Junior Boys Volleyball

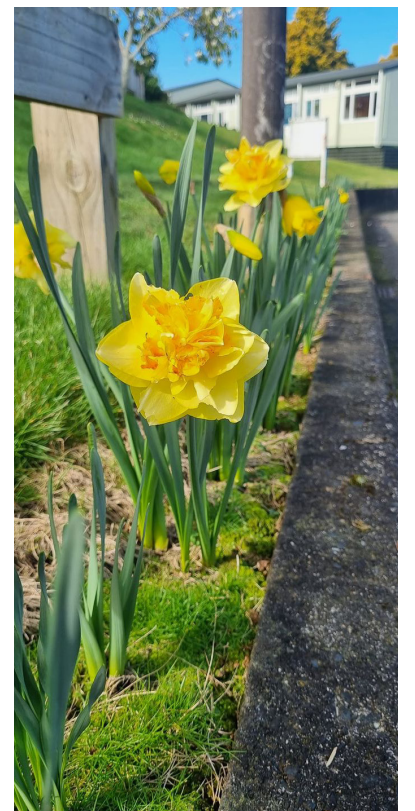
The Fraser Junior Boys Volleyball team has revealed themselves as a force to be reckoned with, excelling in a Tri-Schools tournament on the North Shore. Although they finished with the same sets for and against as Rangitoto College, they ended up second overall due to their narrow loss to Rangitoto, 2 sets to one. Fraser Beat Rosmini College easily 3-0 while Rangitoto dropped a set to their Shore rivals.

Volleyball was definitely the winner on the day - our Boys were outstanding ambassadors for the school, with both sets of opposition coaches and parents remarking on their exceptional sportsmanship, and positive attitudes on and off the court.



Daffodil Day

This year at Fraser, we fundraised for Daffodil Day a day early, on Thursday the 25th. The junior and senior councils ran activities from our school quad and hall. They sold cookies and ribbons. All of the funds raised were donated to the Cancer Society to support those affected by cancer.





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What's on at Western Community Centre

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The Western Community Centre

Since 1979 Western Community Centre has been providing a wide range of services. Our two facilities are at 46 Hyde Ave and 108 Grandview Rd in Nawton. The centre is owned by the community and overseen by a board of community members elected each year.

We have printing and photocopying available should you need it at an affordable cost. We also offer other essential services such as free use of computers and a landline. We also have lamination, binding, and scan to email services for a small fee

Fruit & Veggie Deal - Just \$15

The best deals of fresh fruit and veggies! Order and pay at Western Community Centre and pick up your bag on Wednesday from 11am-5.30pm or Thursday or Friday 9am-5pm.

Tiger Worms for your Worm Farm

\$20 for an ice cream container of tiger worms. We're also happy to provide support to people about worm farming. Worm Tea is also available with 2L for \$3.

Justice of the Peace

Available every Tuesday from 9am – 11am. No appointment needed, just turn up! Make sure to bring your originals and photocopied versions for the JP to sign. However if you have forgotten we do have printing services available

Tables and Chair Hire

We have tables and chairs for hire! Tables \$7 each - Chairs \$3 each. For weekend hire pick up Friday drop off Monday. Visit our website to book online.

Triple 1 Care Workplace First Aid

Visit www.tripleonecare.co.nz to find out when the next course is being held. Book on 0800 487 475 ext 7 or email info@tripleonecare.co.nz

Toastmasters

Meet a great bunch of people, have an enjoyable evening AND learn the art of public speaking in a supportive environment at Dinsdale Toastmasters on Tuesdays from 7.15 pm - 9.00 pm. For more info phone 0800 736 753 during the day or 07 850 4187 in the evening.

Children's Holiday Programmes

We run 2 weeks of holiday programmes from 8am-5.30pm based at Western Community Centre. 8 weeks of holiday programmes are held throughout the year. WINZ subsidies may be available. Enrol online at westerncommunitycentre.org

Western Stars

Western Stars is an after school care programme run during the school term Monday-Friday from 3pm-5.30pm at Western Community Centre. Pick up from Nawton Primary and afternoon tea is

provided. Fee \$14 per day or \$70 per week. WINZ subsidies may be available if you are eligible. Single day booking available as well. For more information or to sign up go to westerncommunitycentre.org/after-school-care. Book in your child/ren online today!

Laughter Yoga

Free Laughter Yoga class every week! Tuesday morning from 9.30-10.10am. It's a great way to start the day, just turn up and be ready to laugh.

Courage Counselling

Courage Counselling is dedicated to helping you strengthen your relationships, regardless of the issue, or the size of the issue. Courage Counselling can help you build strong relationships. Call Jenny to book on 027 536 7464.

Walking Group

Runs every Monday from 9am. Meet at the Western Community Centre for a 45min easy walk followed by a cuppa. It's a good opportunity to socialize and exercise at the same time.

50+ Luncheons

Luncheons and trips take place on the third Friday of each month at 12pm. The potluck luncheons provide an opportunity for seniors in our area to socialize. Transport is provided if needed. Email ngahuia@wccam.org.nz or call 07 847 4873 ext 0

for more information.

Woolly Club

Every Wednesday we meet at the Western Community Centre at 10am-12pm. Bring your craft projects, knitting or crochet.

Venue Hire

We have a selection of different spaces available for hire. Visit westerncommunitycentre.org/venue-hire to make a booking enquiry.

Out West Radio Show - Free FM

Tune into 89.0FM every Friday 11am – 11.30am to stay updated with news and information about what's happening Out West. Visit freefm.org.nz or Spotify for podcasts of the show and further info.

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YOUR PEOPLE - YOUR PAPER

Kaiarahi Family Court services

The Kaiarahi Family Court Navigator role was established on the recommendation of the Independent Panel reviewing the 2014 Family Justice Reforms.

Our role was activated in 2021 with over 50 Kaiarahi now available throughout Aotearoa.

The name aligns the role with the ongoing Mahi in the Family Court, to help people navigate the justice system and support better family justice outcomes for Whanau and Tamariki.

We provide guidance and information about the resolution and support options available to parents, caregivers and whanau who are considering applying to the Family Court or currently in active proceedings.

We aim to improve and empower whanau by making informed decisions on appropriate justice pathways and how to access them.

We also provide information about how to engage with the Court for legal matters or how to access out-of-Court options.

This includes triaging court applications, assessing risk, promoting counselling and early intervention services such as Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) and Parenting Through Separation (PTS) or other services where appropriate, ensuring the right services and information are being recommended and provided to parents and Whanau at the right time.

Kaiarahi are a vital link between the community and the Court – ensuring better access to justice,

(one of the Ministry's key strategic priorities) by creating a trusted environment with quality guidance, underpinned by Cultural awareness, sensitivity and knowledge in getting things right from the start.

It is hoped that the creation of this role will help to demystify the Family Court system and ensure parents, Whanau and Tamariki are well supported throughout the Court process.

We are very grateful to Western Community Centre for having us fortnightly on

Mondays starting from 5 September 2022 between 1-3pm.

COMMUNITY VOTING DAY

5TH OCTOBER

10AM-5PM



Come and drop off your vote, or make a special vote at Western Community Centre for this years local elections

VOTE #1

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FREE FAMILY COURT HELP

This is a confidential service run by the Ministry of Justice

AVAILABLE FORTNIGHTLY:

Western Community Centre

Monday 1pm - 3pm

5 & 19 September 2022

3, 17 & 31 October 2022

14 & 28 November 2022

12 December 2022

Vote for climate action and well being

The main responsibility of a regional council is to manage environmental, resource and transport planning issues for the whole region. If you think about it in terms of wellbeing, the regional councillors are our climate action, resilience-building well-being leaders.

For Go Eco, our day-to-day is about delivering change projects that contribute to a vision of healthy environments that are supported by thriving communities. A big part of this is understanding who holds power; and where decisions and rules are made that decide how our region supports the well-being of the environment and people.

Across the region, we work with, talk with and formally submit feedback to elected representatives of councils regularly and also encourage whānau to be actively engaged in our regional democracy. Regional council representatives are a key partner to achieve this.

As an organisation when we look at the work of the council we do so from a values-

not have a great impact on some of us, it will make a huge difference to future generations. There are and will always be changing environments around us, change contributes to resilience and helps whānau live our best possible lives, regenerating resources and planning for the future.

As an organisation, we are compelled to work with all of the people elected to be councillors, so it is important to us that communities consider the role of the Regional Council and their ability to work with the staff and advisers who collate the mātauranga and western science-based recommendations that underpin plans and strategies for our collective future wellbeing.

As an organisation, we respect the place of representation in democracy and the place of councils in designing the tools that support community wellbeing. We can have a future where people who are councillors support our whānau and environment to thrive in response to climate change.

Last month we packed the chamber of the



based place that frames the future we want to see for the Waikato. We believe everyone will benefit from a food sovereign Waikato with an environment that nourishes people and regenerates ecological systems for a climate-resilient future. Our whānau are recycling and reducing plastics and food waste, restoring the whenua through planting, and caring for native plants and wildlife and the next step in their well-being is a transition to low-carbon transportation that meets environmental and social needs.

We know that we are always inspired by leaders and representatives who walk the talk and now more than ever it is vital that our representatives are looking out for our future whānau. A lot of what is developed now will

Hamilton City Council, to both hold them to account and show support from the community for more urgent climate action. The meeting we attended was to adopt the Climate Change Strategy, one that sets clear targets for emissions reduction in the city. While we were pleased to see progress made, it took a lot longer than anticipated, certainly not with the urgency promised back in 2019. We will be back in the council chamber to advocate for investment in the Climate Action Plan in the Annual Plan 2023/24. In the meantime, we urge voters to find out more about a candidates commitment to climate action before voting. We need politicians who aren't afraid of making difficult decisions to reduce emissions.

He Pikinga Waiora - candidate forum

We know choosing who to vote for can be difficult when at times all we have to go by is a 150 word bio in the voting pack. To help inform voters we've organised an online forum for all Waikato Regional Council candidates. It will be held on the 14th of September from 5.30pm. If you're reading this after that date, kei te pai - we'll share a recording of the event on our social media @goecowaikato the following day. Waikato Regional Council has 8 constituencies, but with 2 going uncontested we'll have candidates from all 6 wards at

the event. This will enable you to not only learn more about the candidates you can vote for, but environmental issues across the region as well. We are also committing episodes of our radio show and podcast He Puna Korero to educating you about the challenges and opportunities the Waikato Regional Council face. To listen, tune in to Free FM 89.0 (Waikato) at 10.30am every Thursday or listen to the podcast on your favourite podcast platform. tinyurl.com/goecopodcast

Bike Hub - A centre for learning

Our Bike Hub is a community education space that you can find in the Go Eco carpark, accessed from Kent Street in Frankton. It's a Hub where we encourage the sharing of repair skills to fix and maintain push bikes.

From 10-12pm every Thursday to Sunday, the Bike Hub is open, with the tools, some parts and one-on-one guidance available. There's no need to make an appointment, just drop in, with your bike and a willingness to learn.

64% of the emissions in Kirikiriroa are from transport, so walking, cycling, scooting and taking public transport, need to be key priorities for the councils we are about to elect.

While the Bike Hub is helping to build an educated and growing community of people who cycle, Go Eco are also a voice for the environment, submitting to councils for more and faster investment in redesigning our streets to be safe for people. We acknowledge there has been progress made

over the past three years, but many parts of Hamilton West still remain unable to be safely accessed by bike or on foot..

We'll continue to hold our elected members to account, support community led campaigns and encourage you to vote for candidates who will make the hard decisions needed for reducing emissions and making it easier and safer to get around our neighborhoods and city.

While we provide the Bike Hub as a free service, we do appreciate a koha to keep the wheels turning. We also accept donations of quality adult bikes, to sell for fundraising, or to redistribute out to the community.

Upcoming Events. Bike Hub Garage Sale. 8-11am at Go Eco Bike Hub. We're making some space in our Bike Hub, so come and grab yourself a bargain; from a specific part to a cheap bike. Bike Hub Swap Meet. 8-12pm. Like a carboot sale but with bikes! Book yourself a \$10 stall to sell bikes and bike paraphernalia. Email sandra@goeco.org.nz.



A voice for Frankton Neighbourhood

Our Communications Coordinator Kelli Pike (pictured with a Frankton t-shirt on) recently took the opportunity to advocate for Frankton in the public forum of the Hamilton City Council. Supporting investment in a Kent Street pocket park and encouraging elected members to review the Frankton Neighbourhood Plan. We support the plan created in 2016 which would improve connectivity, beautification, and amplification of local stories. We're proud of our spot in the heart of Frankton and want to see the village thrive.

On Friday the 23rd of September we're showing Frankton some love with a street clean up, like we did in March for the Frankton Festival. If you're available to help between 10-12pm please register your interest with Kelli@goeco.org.nz



