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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is so good that we are now into the spring weather leaving behind flus, colds and hopefully the Covid virus, so it has been good to start up our monthly meetings.

Our August-September meetings and this newsletter are focused on Local Body Elections. Held every three years, voting is done by postal ballot, with papers due out on 16 September, the last day 8 October.

Grey Power, as a group which informs and advocates for senior citizens, is holding two meet the candidates meetings, and has included information on every candidate in this newsletter.

General meetings

June. Since the last newsletter we held our AGM in June, this proved to be a successful meeting with Mayor Kirsten Wise our guest speaker followed with the AGM and very pleased to have the previous committee re-elected plus a new member Shona Bayliss. Shona is already volunteering her services as a phoner, a newsletter deliverer, a passionate understanding of the needs and wellbeing of older people. Being the youngest in the team brings a different perspective when making committee decisions. We are very fortunate as we have eleven on the committee, a great team all working together that I believe makes us well respected with in the community that you our members can be proud of.

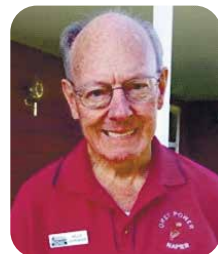
Our special guest was Mayor Kirsten Wise who gave us an update about the future of the new public library, new swimming pool, pensioner housing and 3 Waters, also welcomed questions from the floor.

July. Guest speaker was Stuart Nash – see Isabel's report page 4.

August. This was to meet the Regional and Mayoral candidates standing for the local body elections.

The local body elections over the years have always attracted a lot of interest and this meeting was the same with approximately 160 people in attendance. There were three Regional Council candidates and three Mayoral candidates answering questions that we gave in advance. There was no time allowed for questions from the floor but all candidates stayed for afternoon tea which gave them the opportunity to mix and mingle. From the feedback it was seen as a well organised and structured meeting.

September. Make a note that our September meeting we have invited all Napier City Council candidates



Bruce Carnegie
President

standing in the various wards to tell us why we should vote for them. It is an opportunity to meet and see who your future councillor could be.

Napier Civic Awards. A very special person. For more than 40 years the Napier City Council have honoured the unsung heroes of our community who give of their time not for reward or recognition but because they truly care for others.

Grey Power have many volunteers that do this but amongst us is a very **special lady** who gives so much of her time, energy, and commitment to our association and that is your secretary, **Isabel Wood**. As well as being our secretary for the last eight years Isabel has also held the position of President with the Taradale Seniors Citizens Friendship Club.

Because of her commitment to both organisations **Isabel** was awarded the **Napier Civic Award** for outstanding services to the community. We are all so proud of her achieving the award. Truly well deserved.



International Day of the Older Persons Saturday 1st October is a time to celebrate the value of older people and a chance to acknowledge their contribution to our community. This year's theme is – Resilience of older people in a changing world. To celebrate this special occasion in conjunction with NCC, Age Concern and Grey Power are having an afternoon tea and baking competition judged on the day. Very exciting and for more details please see the brochure within the newsletter. All e-mail members will receive a notice explaining the details of the event.

October meeting, Tuesday 18th. Our guest speaker is Sandy Keane Regional Injury Prevention Partner with ACC.

November Meeting, Tuesday 15th. Guest speaker to be advised but will be someone from the Hospital management team sharing about The New Health System.

November Tuesday 29th. Christmas Luncheon, at the Pukemokimoki Marae.

Kia Kaha, stay strong and be safe, just remember, "Age is of no importance unless you're a cheese".

Best wishes

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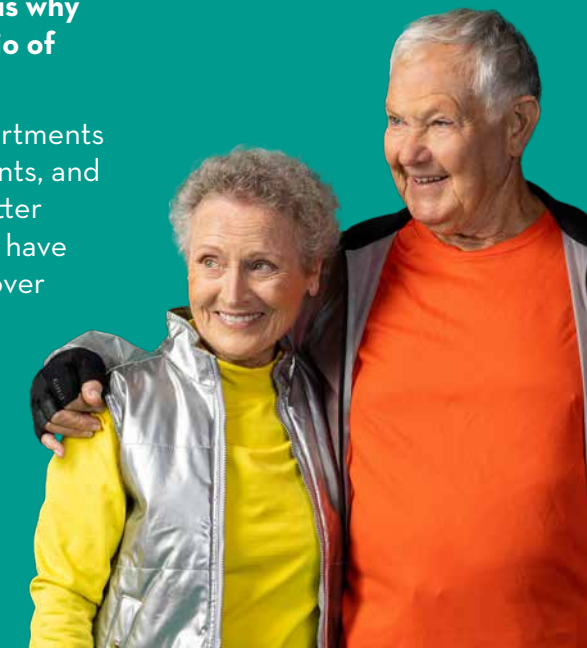
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July Meeting Report *by Isabel Wood*

Guest speaker at our July meeting was Stuart Nash, our local MP, who holds the Portfolios of Economic & Regional Development, Forestry, Small Businesses, and Tourism.

After greeting us in Maori, Stuart spoke of the global pandemic and the immense impact Covid 19 had had both here in New Zealand and globally. Overseas lockdowns, particularly in China, who manufacture many of our goods (such as gib board, plumbing supplies) together with labour shortages, and the war in Europe affecting energy prices, meant difficult times for many businesses. Sharemarkets had also dropped as had crypto currency markets. Global confidence was low and many countries had restrictions on exports.

The good news was that New Zealand had unemployment under 4% and the well-educated could get jobs anywhere. With the easing of border restrictions many of our young well-skilled people were heading off overseas on their OE's. Nurses in particular were being offered large wages to leave New Zealand. He agreed that while things are difficult, we are not in recession but acknowledging that inflation has outstripped wage growth and that, along with mortgage rates almost doubling, were making things tough for New Zealand's young people.

On Tourism which Stuart had taken over at the last election, he had found it very difficult to promote NZ with our borders closed. Our global brand – how people conceive us – had suffered during the pandemic with many visitors only staying in free campsites. \$700,000 had been allocated to Napier and \$770,000 to Wairoa through the Regional Development Scheme to increase value to our regions and add tourism experiences. Provincial towns needed to invest in their regions with optimism and confidence and grow their businesses – working with communities was the key. A lot of money had also been spent on getting small businesses informed re digital inclusion. The No 8 wire mindset is

no longer good enough!

On the 3 Waters issue Stuart felt with local elections coming up this would be a hot topic. Underinvestment by Councils for generations meant that \$100 billion dollars would be needed to get the water situation in New Zealand up to scratch. Stuart said that this was a necessity for the Government to fix as Councils simply did not have enough money to achieve this, and that measures were being put in place to ensure that the 3 Waters could not be sold off or privatised.

Stuart spoke briefly on the gangs problem and said that he felt that with increased power given to the police to combat drug supplies would make it harder for gangs to supply drugs. Much of the drug and alcohol addiction needed a separate place to deal with the problem – a mental health problem rather than a police one.

Question time included safety from tsunamis with sea levels rising but we were assured that people in Hawke's Bay are fairly safe from tsunamis. On unemployment issues that were raised, Stuart felt that cutting the benefit was not helpful as it is children who pay the price. Programmes are in place to get people back in employment. Many secondary schools were geared to students wanting to go to University which is not for everyone. We need to get a lot better at encouraging young people into trade apprenticeships. Many in jail have learning difficulties (78%) – society is changing and getting a good education is important. Many of the young people in jail need to be able to see what is truth and what is misinformation.

On the question of the nursing shortages here in New Zealand and the requirement for overseas nurses to register to come and work here when our New Zealand nurses can work anywhere in the world, Stuart admitted that the government had got this wrong and a good hard look at the situation was needed. Many Ministers were looking at this.

Stuart was thanked by Bruce for an interesting presentation and update of his portfolios.

Introducing Bayden Barber, Chair, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi



Bayden Barber is the newly-elected Chairman for Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated. Bayden resides in Waimārama where he is heavily involved with his community through Waimarama marae. His whānau nominated him to represent them on the Heretaunga Taiwhenua Te Haaro Governance Board where he became eligible for a position on the iwi Board when the triennial iwi elections took place in April this year.

Barber, a second term Hastings District councillor, is passionate about seeing success for the iwi. In his candidate profile for the iwi elections he insisted, "Ngāti Kahungunu needs to take its rightful place at the top table of Te Ao Māori. We are collectively one of the largest iwi, and our combined treaty settlements should give us the financial strength to match other successful iwi."

"The iwi chair is such an important role for our people and requires the skill and ability to go from the marae to the board table, making important decisions on the future for our people."

Building leadership within the iwi is something Barber feels strongly about. "We must build leadership capacity across Ngāti Kahungunu. This means investing in our people to ensure we have competence and experience in our decision-making roles."

Barber recently became a Chartered Member of the NZ Institute of Directors. He is the Chair of the Hastings District Council's Strategy and Policy committee, he is an independent director of Beef + Lamb NZ, a director and former chair of Health Hawke's Bay and a board member of Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission).

Barber feels his extensive board director and Council experience has prepared him now to take on the role of chair for Ngāti Kahungunu.

"Relationships are a key component to such an important role. I've been told I have a knack for walking authentically in both the Māori and Pākehā worlds and throughout the years I've built relationships at all levels, from the grass roots to the dignitaries and everywhere in between."

"I particularly enjoy bringing together people who aren't always on the same page, as it takes patience and practice but is well worth the effort."

Barber also wants to improve Ngāti Kahungunu's financial performance. "Our fisheries treaty settlement needs to be growing exponentially so that we can provide our people with increased benefits in the areas of employment, education, health, housing and our environment."

With a family of 7 children, and a beautiful Mokopuna in Hawaii, issues that affect whānau are at the heart of Barber's desire to lead Ngāti Kahungunu. Bayden is married to Myra Christy from Nuhaka, Ngāti Rākaipaaka. "My wife, tamariki and wider whānau have always supported me in my leadership roles as they understand the importance of having good leadership in our community."

"I have met with our whānau throughout the rohe either via Zoom or where possible in person to discuss the future of our iwi. It is important to me that all the voices of Ngāti Kahungunu are heard."

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is a Mandated Iwi Organisation/Authority. Ngāti Kahungunu is the third largest iwi in Aotearoa. Geographically the tribe has the second longest coastline in the country from Paritū in the North to Turakirae in the South. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated maintains an independent position to provide research, advice and advocate for the interests, rights, values, beliefs and practices of Ngāti Kahungunu alongside our whānau and hapū. Our mission is to enhance the mana and well-being of Ngāti Kahungunu.




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Grey Power is providing an opportunity for all local body candidates to introduce themselves and answer a few basic questions in this newsletter, published before we hold our “Meet the Napier City Council Candidates” hui, on Tuesday, 20 September, and just before our voting papers arrive.

Meantime, here is a glimpse of your NCC, Mayoral and councillor candidates, also candidates for the Regional Council – including two candidates for the newly-formed Maori ward, Maui ki te Taki Maori constituency, covering more northern parts of HB; two candidates are running there, offering choice for those on the Maori roll.

Hope to see you at the meeting, sorry it’s not going to be live-streamed, but with 19 candidates invited, their time in the spotlight will be limited.

Grey Power doesn’t allow questions from the floor as these are often unfair, in that they don’t allow all candidates equal time, and can easily be hijacked

by someone wanting to vent rather than ask a question. Besides, Grey Power practices manaakitanga (respectful hospitality), so want our guests (particularly the newcomers) to feel comfortable, rather than feel they might be under attack. Talk to them afterwards, ring them up if you want to talk more. Their phone numbers are now on the NCC website.

In preparation for the Tuesday 20th meeting, candidates have all been sent a list of questions (not ready at the time of publication) so at the meeting, you will hear them all answer mostly the same questions.

The Mayoral and Regional Council candidates will not be speaking as they had the floor at our first meeting, on Tuesday, 19th August. Once again, contact them if you have questions.

We do apologise to the candidates for the tight word restrictions, but hopefully people will read their words with interest!

Running for Napier City Council 2022


Candidates were all asked the following three questions:

1. Your name, where you are running, how long you have lived in Napier.
2. Why you think you would/will be a good councillor (40 words)
3. Which of the seven Priority Areas on page 5 of NCC’s Positive Ageing Strategy do you consider to be top priority and do you have any suggestions on how it/they could be actioned by Council? (50 words)

Note: the Priorities are: Being informed and involved; Being safe; Community Spirit; Getting around; Health and well-being; Housing; Things to Do. They are at: <https://www.napier.govt.nz/napier/community-development/about-our-community/napiers-positive-ageing-strategy/>


Their responses are grouped by the ward they are running in. An asterisk (*) indicates they are currently councillors.

Ahuriri Ward: 2 positions, 5 candidates.

- 1) * **Hayley Browne, Ahuriri Ward**, 8 years 
- 2) We're facing major Local Government reform and complex issues in the next three years. I bring experience from a variety of industries and roles and team it with a positive, creative, empathetic and solution focused mindset.
- 3) Housing. We consulted and you told us that you want to keep your housing portfolio. We could update it over time and use your land more efficiently by building on bare sections and relocating some homes currently on big sections to build more fitting homes for our aging population's needs.

- 1) **Louise Burnside, Ahuriri Ward**, grew up in Napier, returned 14 years ago. 
- 2) I’m a full-time mother of teenage children. After my career as a pharmacist, now I want to work for our community. I am concerned about the centralisation of services approach by central government and the removal of local decision making.
- 3) I’m passionate about improving community cohesion and care. For me health takes priority. Having worked both in our hospital and community, I’m aware of issues. We need a review of late night discharges, as Napier has no hospital. We must listen to patients about their needs and lobby for change.


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- 1) **Ko Leanne Cotter-Arlidge toku ingoa. My name is Leanne Cotter-Arlidge.** 


- 2) I am passionate about Napier, I have a strong sense of what is good for the people of Napier. I am concerned about rates, services and our culture. Three Waters is my interest and keeping infrastructure upgrades affordable to citizens.
- 3) The NCC Positive Ageing Strategy is a wonderful initiative and I consider Health and Wellbeing as crucial and this comes when people are involved and informed in the community, have affordable housing and plenty of activities to participate in. Napier City Council needs to provide safety, housing and community involvement.

- 1) **Karl Goodchild.** 
- 2) A company director, school board member and member of Neighbourhood Watch, I am standing for council after being deeply disappointed in ongoing crime in our city.

- 3) Napier needs to have a fully working Police Station, rather than a satellite station, that is open to the public 24/7 with full custodial facilities and processing. Officers have to make the long trip to Hastings to process offenders, taking police off the streets of Napier for extended periods of time.

- 1) ***Keith Price.** Has lived in Napier for over 40 years throughout his life. 
- 2) Keith is a strong, experienced leader, with a big vision for our community. His priorities are still: safe-communities, retaining our water assets, and smart city growth. He’s proactive and approachable, gaining a reputation in the community for ‘getting the job done’.
- 3) Being Safe remains a priority for Keith. Drawing on 28 years in the police, Keith has actively worked in the community on initiatives to improve community safety such as the set-up of Napier City Assist. He advocates for more community policing, and has worked to improve the CCTV capability in the community.

Onekawa-Tamatea Ward: 2 positions, 3 candidates

- 1) ***Annette Brosnan (34)**, lived in Napier 34 years 
- 2) I believe I’m a good community representative as I was born and raised in my ward/now raising my family here. I have a business degree, own a small business, have worked in local government, I’m passionate and contribute to council discussions.
- 3) My top priority from the strategy is enabling changes on the ground that make living and using our city easier and safer for our aging population. Pushing for proper council investment, I want to tackle accessibility issues like parking, facility access, and housing access. I strongly support Napier Assist managing safety concerns.

- 1) **My name is Te Kira Lawrence** and I am a first time candidate for the Onekawa - Tamatea electoral ward. I was born in Napier and apart from three years away, I have resided in Napier my whole life. 
- 2) I hope to be a representative, reflective of our community. I am open minded with a genuine desire to see our fantastic city flourish. Skills and qualities I hold: architectural design, property management, administration and marketing, client/customer relationship building, cultural awareness.
- 3) My priorities are: Getting around: make improvements to accessibility for both elderly and disabled with consultation from those target groups; Community spirit: support community programmes to ensure our elderly residents remain engaged; Housing: increase senior housing available when budget allows.

- 1) ***Richard McGrath** I’ve lived in Napier for 50 years. 
- 2) Experience, team work, and relationships matter; my background in nursing and St John Ambulance gives me the ability to listen and prioritise needs. I bring an open mind and desire to make Napier the best place for you and your family.
- 3) Housing and Feeling Safe are hard to separate. I support Council’s City Assist and street cameras programs, as well as bringing Neighbourhood Support in-house. This will help with safety, as does having a roof over one’s head. I support keeping Council housing; everyone needs a warm, secure, accessible home.

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Nelson Park Ward – 4 positions, 6 candidates

- 1) ***Maxine Boag** seeking re-election for a sixth term. I've lived in Napier for the last 34 years.
- 2) I'm well-connected with the community I serve, having developed working partnerships across the city during my years on council. A hard worker, with extensive knowledge of council processes and resources, the well-being of our residents is at the heart of my decision making.
- 3) Health and well-being cover all aspects of seniors' lives. Community well-being is one of council's concerns, so I'd like to see council put an "Age-Friendly Wellbeing" lens across all our planning and decisions across the spectrum. Seniors make up a growing proportion of our population, and like the disability community, are especially vulnerable.



- 1) **Kia ora koutou, ko * Sally Crown ahau. My name is Sally Crown.** I am standing in the Nelson Park Ward and have lived in Napier for 10 years.
- 2) This term, feedback I've received has said that I am capable, collaborative and community minded. My community guides my decision making and I am unafraid to lead when required. I am quick to learn and relate well to people.
- 3) I think Kia Mōhio, Kia Mahi (being informed & involved) encompasses the other priorities. Council can work with others to create more social opportunities for our older people, to improve health and wellbeing and get a better understanding of their needs. This will influence many aspects of future planning and services.



- 1) **Liz Gear**, who has lived in Napier for 2 years.
- 2) I'm a good listener, with integrity and honesty.
- 3) All of those Positive Ageing priorities areas are important, but Health and Wellbeing would go at the top. I would also like to see Napier have a free 24/7 emergency medical facility which is fully staffed with doctors and nurses to serve our ever-growing community.



- 1) **My name is Juliet Greig**, I am running for Nelson Park Ward in Napier. I have lived in Napier for 9 years.

- 2) I enjoy connecting with people, all cultures, ages and backgrounds. I successfully campaigned for a new playground at the Kennedy Park Rose Gardens. I feel I have the communication skills to be an effective voice for the needs of the community.
- 3) Many older residents in our ward have fragile hip/knee/ankle joints, making it difficult to walk (or use their mobility scooter) on uneven footpaths. "Getting Around" is a top priority. Council could action this by prioritising footpath resurfacing, especially in the areas with the most uneven footpaths.



- 1) *** Greg "Grego" Mawson** – Nelson Park Ward. I've lived in Napier since I was two, mostly in Nelson Park Ward and am currently living in the ward.
- 2) As a councillor, others come first. Ask around about me; I'm humbled by how others see me, especially my council colleagues. My hat is in the ring for another three years to continue making a difference in the community.
- 3) Housing. Napier's 65+ community is higher than the NZ average, and are often our most vulnerable. They should feel warm and safe in a home. We resolved to keep council's housing portfolio. Next is a management model to provide peace of mind for our tenants, while retaining an important Napier asset.



- 1) **My name is Nigel Olsen** and I'm running for Nelson Park ward; Napier has been my home since 2009.
- 2) I wholeheartedly believe Housing to be the most important component of the NCC's Positive Ageing Strategy. Safe, warm, affordable housing for our older people results immediately in improved health and an increased sense of safety and security. Such stability brings a desire for social connectedness and community participation. It would be very heartening indeed to see our struggling, older members finally enjoy that which us homeowners take for granted: an overall sense of comfort and well-being.



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Taradale Ward – 4 vacancies, 5 candidates.

- 1) ***Ronda Chrystal**, born and bred 5th generation Napierite.
- 2) Most importantly I love Napier, it's where generations of my family have lived, loved and passed away. With good connections into the community through all age groups I enjoy being their voice when making intelligent, commonsense decisions for the future.
- 3) Being Informed and Involved is an important link into the other priorities. Having just put my Dad in Dementia care and my Mum having lost her license I have first-hand experience in trying to find information. Council can help through its networks, newsletters and supporting those groups that are active in these areas.



- 1) **I am Maria Roberts.** I've lived in Napier for 10 years as a child/young person, and for about 30 years as an adult.
- 2) I will be a great councillor because I am a connector and collaborator. I will work towards an accessible city for disabled and elderly people and their families, and promote a long-term view of water, biodiversity and climate change.
- 3) Napier is not a safe city to get around in if you are using a walker, travelscoot or mobility scooter. Mobility parks can be unsafe too, due in part to inadequate national standards. Our councils should include people with lived experience of disability in environmental assessments, planning, implementation and evaluation.



- 1) **I am *Nigel Simpson**, living in Taradale and have served the Napier community, through public service, for over twenty-five years.
- 2) I have demonstrated my commitment to Taradale ward, regularly attending the Residents and Business Association meetings, seeking better outcomes for the ward at council and achieved safety improvements in Symons Lane, seats at Taradale Park and two new playgrounds elsewhere.
- 3) Feeling and Being Safe influences all of the other priority areas in the Positive Ageing Strategy and how we interact with our community. Feeling safe is feeling good. Council and the Safer Napier Strategic Group will work together, listening to you for ideas then communicating and implementing solutions.



- 1) **Kia ora, my name is Chad Tareha**, I have lived in Napier for 36 years. My family has lived here since 1450 (600 years).
- 2) I have strong governance experience, having chaired the Napier City Council Māori Committee; I am the current chairman of the Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust, the Marine Cultural Health Programme at the Napier Port and trustee on the Mana Ahuriri Trust.
- 3) I consider Health and Well-Being to be the top priority. By looking at our water quality, quantity and security for future generations would be a good start. Keeping rates as low as possible so people can spend their money on things that really matter.



- 1) **My name is *Graeme Taylor** and I have served three terms on the Napier City Council representing Taradale Ward. I have lived in Napier for the past 38 years.
- 2) In every council you need diversity. Youth and experience. As a third term councillor I bring considerable experience, knowledge and intellectual property to council. I am an evidence-based decision maker and will make decisions accordingly.
- 3) The priority I'd focus on is Health and Well Being as I think this encapsulates the priorities of Being Safe, Getting around and Things to do. Improving the health and wellbeing of our older residents has a multitude of benefits for the whole community; less crime, accessibility, emission reduction and importantly social cohesion.



Hawkes Bay Regional Council Napier ward
There are four candidates for three positions for voters on the General Roll.

- Their questions were:
- 1) Your name, where you are running, how long you have lived in Hawke's Bay.
 - 2) Why you think you would/will be a good councillor (in 40 words or less).
 - 3) What would be your top priority/priorities as a HBRC councillor 2022-2025? (40 words)

- 1) **Mark Shayne Barham.** Born in Napier and spent most of my life in Hawkes Bay.
- 2) I am very practical, and help find solutions to problems. Over the years I have worked as pilot boat



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skipper and tugmaster at the Port of Napier; and now as a good employer of staff over the last 40 years. I am not afraid to roll my sleeves up and get totally involved.

- 3) My interest is the water and would like to be involved in any capacity, whether coastal erosion or beach improvements, along with rivers, lakes and streams. Rural roading, listening to the farming community, and being part of a results-driven team.

- 1) ***Neil Kirton, JP;** former MP and Government Minister. Napier has been my home for four decades.



- 2) I have a proven track record for fearless ratepayer representation, ensuring the ratepayers' voice is heard. Every spending decision must represent good value. Investments returning \$10.5 million annually, reduce rates for struggling young families and older people on fixed incomes.
- 3) The Napier floods of 2020 caused over \$100 million of damage. Hundreds of houses were ruined. The city's flood protection is woefully inadequate. Councils must act urgently to defend our community from increasingly intense storm events due to climate change.

- 1) **My name is *Hinewai Ormsby** and I'm running in the Ahuriri-Napier constituency for the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. I have lived in Ahuriri - Napier for 30 years.



- 2) I will continue to work hard and represent Ahuriri - Napier strongly in protecting and enhancing our environment. The professional leadership qualities in collaborating with fellow councillors and to build collaboration with the Napier City Council has been an asset that ensures the balancing of our environmental responsibilities with our regional economic growth.
- 3) My priorities are: water security and certainty including quality and quantity; wetland and waterway protection and restoration; biodiversity and biosecurity programmes; regional planning instruments and tools improved; cross-council, Iwi and government relationships strengthened for greater gains for our city, community and region.

- 1) ***Martin Williams,** Napier/Ahuriri ward, and I have lived in Napier since 2008.



- 2) I will continue to apply my extensive environmental law and governance experience to add strategic value to council decision making on the many complex challenges ahead ie climate change, biodiversity restoration, water quality and security, and management of our land and marine environments.
- 3) Better public transport, road, rail and active transport investments. Planning for a net zero carbon region and economy. Stemming the 7 million tonnes of sediment leaching into our waterways from highly erodible land each year. Targeting the rates burden to those who cause the problems we have to fix.

Maori Ward candidates, Maui ki Te Raki (Maori constituency) for those on the Maori Roll in Napier/Ahuriri

- 1) My name is Charles Lambert, and I am running in the newly-established northern Hawkes Bay Maori electorate, "Maui ki te Raki". I was born in Wairoa and after a successful career in the NZ Army I retired back to Wairoa in 1997 and I have been living in Mohaka ever since.
- 2) I whakapapa to this region. I have served my Iwi and community in kaitiaki roles. I bring four years' experience as a treaty negotiator and for the last three years I have held the Wairoa seat on the Regional Council.
- 3) The future we face requires a collaborative effort across all our communities. I believe matauranga Maori is an essential part of that mix. I will push the importance of kaitiakitanga (stewardship), kotahitanga (unity), and oritetanga (equity). I'm ready, are you!



- 1) Michelle McIlroy (nee Lewis). I was born and educated in Wairoa, reside in Wairoa, and lived over half my life in HB.
- 2) I hope to be a good mokopuna and daughter and uri of my ancestors. To be a good councillor in the environment your focus should always be to consider the next generations as I do in my governance roles for my people. I do walk the talk and have a proven record of defending the wai.
- 3) Protect the wai for future generations; to remove industrial discharges for environmental restoration – waiaroha back to papatuanuku; to restore whakarauora I te Mauri Me te Mana o te Wai – restore the mana and the maui of the water waiaroha.



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Mayoral Candidates

The three Mayoral candidates – Nigel Simpson, John Smith and Kirsten Wise - were given time to speak at our August meeting so, apart from Nigel Simpson (who is also running for Taradale ward), will not be speaking at the September one. We sent them three questions which they have answered below.

Your name, how long have you lived in Napier?

I am Nigel Simpson MBA MInstD, I live in Taradale and have served the Napier community, through public service, for over twenty-five years.



Why do you think you would/will be a good Mayor?

I will serve our community on principles that prioritise best outcomes for Napier in an agile and responsive way. I will remunerate councillors on their contribution to our city's outcomes, competencies, and professional development not friendships, or political allegiances or loyalty. I will operate best practice governance, moving from totalitarianism.

Please briefly state where you stand on:

Climate change is an evolving risk to coastal and low-lying communities. More frequent extreme weather events are occurring so it's important that council takes a long-term strategic consequence-based view, prioritising work to protect our most vulnerable communities.

I will see that council, central government and private property owners collaborate on cost sharing to minimise any burden on ratepayers.

Fluoridation of potable water may be directed by the Ministry of Health forcing councils to introduce this form of medication. Personally, I would prefer that individuals take responsibility for their own oral hygiene, but not everyone is aware of the wider health and economic implications of poor health. If our community strongly opposed instruction from the Ministry of Health then I would strongly fight against any requirement.

I strongly oppose **3 waters reform**, the proposed centralised model distances governance from democracy and people most effected by poor decision making. It leaves the assets vulnerable to future law change and sale into private hands. Residents should retain their capacity to lobby their local authority

annually for service improvements or triennially change the local governance of their 3 waters if they are unhappy.

If elected, what are your top three priorities and what you intend to do about it?

Control rates increases, get things done, and connect council with our community. Inflation will significantly affect planned rates increases, you need a Mayor that won't allow unbudgeted activities, who knows how to manage projects and how to get things done in a timely manner and will make council more accessible.

While council does not have a dedicated chamber, I will hold committee and council meetings in community halls around the district.

Your name, how long have you lived in Napier?

John C Smith – 40 years in district; 35 years Napier City resident



Why do you think you would/will be a good Mayor?

Prefer "effective" without impugning the incumbent or the other candidate. Varied positions held including elected Secretariats serving a community or cause. Website knowledgewagon.nz for outline of versatility.

Avoided "bandwagons" which dictatorial government composes.

On elected civic leaders as Mayor Wise is quoted in HB Today 5-8-22 (article on fluoridation) "we are the ones that are connected to our community" Exactly!

Please briefly state where you stand on:

Climate change: The climate always changes but that terminology disguises the real agenda (the myth of AGW or MGW to engender fear) which must be exposed and opposed as it is not supported by real science.

Fluoridation: see fluoridefree.org.nz. I have opposed this since becoming aware in 1974. A bonus of following family to Napier was knowing the water was never fluoridated. Now that has changed as government legislated to force this evil upon us and all the other unfluoridated areas in NZ. Nothing to do with dental health.

Three Waters – hardly "reform" but a power grab under the guise of "economies of scale" – more centralisation. If we had a wise government they would finish what the 1st 1935 Labour govt started - using

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the Reserve Bank credit for essential infrastructure - then faltered under "old guard intransigence" (Nash and Savage). Demand no usurious debt for community essentials.

If elected, what are your top three priorities and what you intend to do about it?

Share knowledge with council, work to bring councillors with me and resist to the nth degree central government overreach.

Your name, how long have you lived in Napier?

Kirsten Wise, I was born and raised in Napier



Why do you think you would/will be a good Mayor?

Community is at the heart of everything I do and the core of my decision-making. I know how to build teams and I'm not afraid to tackle the hard issues. I'm proud of my leadership through the challenges of the past three years. Every day I'm honoured to lead our city.

Please briefly state where you stand on:

Climate change – We can't ignore climate change, it's here and requires focused planning and brave conversations. Preparing our city assets and infrastructure to respond to climate change will have to be at the forefront of all planning and work programmes. As individuals we also have a responsibility, whether it be composting our food waste or using public transport rather than a car: every small thing helps.

Flouridation of the water – I believe we should explore other options such as providing fluoride tablets or toothpaste and toothbrushes at schools in need, as opposed to the blanket flouridation of our water supply.

3 waters reform – I am totally opposed to the proposed central government mega-entity model. Generations of Napier ratepayers have paid for our water assets and I support the Hawke's Bay model which retains local voice, accountability and ownership.

If elected, what are your top three priorities and what you intend to do about it?

Provision of Housing – continue to invest and grow our own housing portfolio with a focus on housing for seniors. Work with Kainga Ora and private developers to ensure we have the right types of housing in the right parts of the city.

Our Water Network – continue to invest in our water network to build capacity to protect against future floods, to stop the discharges of waste water into our estuary and to ensure we have clean, safe drinking water. I will also continue to fight against the proposed 3 waters reform which will take away our ability to make local decisions around the investment in our water network.

Complete the new Library – I am very excited about the new library which is being built back on the Station Street site. With the detailed design underway and construction scheduled to commence in early 2024 this will be a vibrant, multi-purpose community hub for locals and visitors alike to enjoy.

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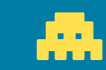
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When: Tuesday, 20 September, 1:30 pm

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by Stuart Nash MP

It's been a busy year so far, and I'm proud of the progress our Government continues to make on the long-standing issues facing New Zealand – from housing, to climate change, inequality, and more.

It is a worldwide phenomenon that Inflation is raising the cost of just about everything at the moment. A fact - the rate of inflation is lower in NZ than most other OECD countries including USA and the UK. But there is no doubt Kiwis are feeling the pinch. That's why we rolled out the comprehensive cost of living package such as fuel tax cuts, increases to NZ Super, benefits and the minimum wage, the Winter Energy Payment and a short-term Cost of Living payment for about 2.1 million people to help with the impact of rising prices

We extended our fuel tax cuts, reduced road user charges, and half price public transport for a further two months, as well as making half price public transport permanent for Community Service Card holders.

We've also acted to fix our supermarket sector and make sure New Zealanders are paying a fair price at the till. The Commerce Commission found the supermarket duopoly was earning excess profits of \$1 million a day. Government and Kiwis have been very clear that this is not sustainable.

We have officially put an end to the anti-competitive land wars which have been silently hampering competition in the grocery sector for years by passing a new law which stops the major supermarkets from dictating the terms of leases to block opposition retailers from getting a foothold in an area. This is great news for the would-be competitors of the established supermarkets – especially those who've found it difficult in the past to find suitable sites to set up new stores.

There's more to do, but these changes will make a real difference for the families doing it tough right now. As we take the next steps, we're striking a careful balance, supporting people through this tough period while ensuring we're ready for whatever lies ahead. Much has been done, there is much more to do

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The Crisis in Aged Care

– from the Grey Power Federation

The New Zealand Aged Care Association is seeking your support by signing the on-line petition of the NZ Aged Care Association (NZACA) and Care Association NZ (CANZ) to 'Save aged care in Aotearoa New Zealand'.

Their statement of July 2022: "Aged care is in crisis now, with severe staffing shortages causing the closure of 900 beds in recent times and potentially putting residents at risk. To evidence this one only need to look at the Section 31 reporting statistics - in 2020, there were 260 notices of understaffing causing a safety risk in aged care. In 2021, there were 851, and in the first six months of this year alone there have already been 987.

'While there is undoubtedly a workforce crisis, aged care is also on the precipice of a crisis at funding level. The future of the entire sector is at risk if Health New Zealand does not increase its current funding offer, which falls far short of what is required to cover increasing operating costs, let alone provide any incentive to build new care beds to meet growing demand.'

Grey Power New Zealand Federation fully supports the concerns of the New Zealand Aged Care Association and Care Association NZ and invites you to add your support by sharing with your association members, asking that they sign the on-line petition at

<https://www.change.org/p/save-aged-care-in-aotearoa-new-zealand/u/30763346>

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