

Mayoral Candidates 2013

McGURK, Brian



My principal place of residence is not in the Nelson City Council area.

I am also standing for Nelson City Council At Large.

Brian's vision for Nelson is a safe, vibrant and resilient city.

Brian's key priorities include improving engagement between council and the community, investment in essential infrastructure, maintaining quality core services, transparency and prudent financial management, treating the environment with respect and valuing our heritage.

For more than eight years Brian was the Nelson Bays Police Area Commander before he led an international team of officers in Afghanistan during 2011-12. He is an experienced leader, used to operating in the public sector and alongside local communities in sometimes demanding and complex situations. He has retired from the Police after 35 years' service and is a qualified lawyer.

A strong commitment to serving the public, consistent and responsible leadership, the ability to listen and to work in partnership are some of Brian's strengths. He has the right skills and knowledge, gained from broad experience.

Brian is married with two adult children.

MICCIO, Aldo



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

Aldo was born and raised in Nelson. Married to Kimberley, with three children, Aldo has had an extensive international career in senior management, is a professional company director, and active community member for local charities and sports organisations.

Currently Nelson's Mayor, Aldo has proved himself a hardworking representative for ratepayers.

Achievements have included rates rises at the lowest level of any term of Council in 20 years (2.0%), securing Rugby and Cricket World Cups, and attracting business and employment opportunities to the region.

"I want a vibrant Nelson where everyone can afford to live and our children have an option of raising their children here. My plan as Mayor has four main goals: a smart, affordable council; economic growth; new business and job opportunities; and putting Nelson on the map.

Nelson has achieved monumental gains over the last three years; with your vote we can keep the momentum going."

www.miccio4mayor.co.nz

OSMASTON, Richard



My principal place of residence is not in the Nelson City Council area.

We can now have a Resource Based Economy. Where everything you need is free. You are truly free. No bills, no currency, no barter or exchange. Your debts are gone. All work is voluntary. We can have this, starting in Nelson, now.

This isn't religious or political. We've had enough austerity, lies, exploitation and excuses. We are surrounded by abundance that belongs to us all. Abundant food, technology, materials and renewable energy.

What's kept these things from us? The Monetary System. This is all. We no longer need it.

Modern knowledge means we needn't compete any more for the essentials of life. To finally be civilized, to share and respect this wonderful planet.

Prosperity for all. One single solution. A Resource Based Economy. Everybody wins.

When would you like to begin? This is the 21st century. What are we waiting for?

REESE, Rachel



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

In 2010 Nelsonians re-elected me to council in record numbers. That was a privilege and honour. In 2013 we need change. This year I ask for your vote for mayor, not councillor.

I'll maintain Nelson's vibrancy and culture but we must address urgent priorities. I'll ensure the council team delivers a secure transport network, including the southern arterial; revitalisation of Tahunanui and Stoke; ensuring our CBD's heart is pumping; workable woodburner solutions; and

essential services to grow our city.

I'll deliver what you want - a transparent, less bureaucratic council that listens to you, spends every dollar responsibly, and doesn't push today's problems into tomorrow. An affordable and effective council.

I've served as deputy mayor, committee chair and commissioner. I bring business and community experience to the role. I am 100% capable, 100% committed and 100% ready to lead a council that works for you.

You deserve nothing less.

www.rachelreese.co.nz

Council candidates 2013

ACLAND, Luke



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am a 33 year old lawyer living in Nelson with my wife Libby and our two boys. I'm excited to be standing for Council.

I advised the group that challenged the Council's pokie policy in 2011/2012. The experience uncovered some gaps in the Council's processes. I want to be constructive in plugging those gaps and continue working with the community but this time from the inside.

My goals as a first term Councillor are for Council to:

- 1) collaborate with the community and not make decisions in isolation;
- 2) prioritise essential needs; and
- 3) support the cultural/sporting initiatives currently in place.

If I have the opportunity of sitting at the Council's table I'll watch out for the Council's legal obligations and make sure that our money isn't wasted in court.

I am open. I am reliable. I'll work hard for Nelsonians

ARMSTRONG, John



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I have a background in education and which has enabled me to be a good advocate for the community. I will bring to the council table a wealth of experience, pragmatism and a great deal of common sense plus the ability to see the long term impacts of the decisions we make on the city and our people. I want to see Nelson as a great place to live now and also in the distant future.

Drinking water, drainage, sewerage, roading etc - while at face value these may not sound like the most exciting facets of Nelson, they are the backbone of a well-run Council and city. The key words for me with regard to rates are reasonableness and value.

I have lived in Nelson since 1995. I'm married to Rebecca and have two school aged children. I will bring an energetic and fresh thinking approach to local government.

BARKER, Ian



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am also standing for Nelson Marlborough District Health Board.

I have a proven record of service and have been a voice of reason on council where democracy and the equality of opportunity to serve on council, regardless of race is vital.

We need councillors prepared to focus on today's core business, not on money wasting statues and other non-essentials.

My intentions are to control and reduce debt, limit rate increases, compare efficiency with private enterprise and other councils, strengthen the governance role of elected members, focus on today and not on long term visions, focus on local rather global issues and critically review the expensive bus service, parking needs and the drift to Richmond.

I disagree with giving away \$422,000 of ratepayers' money in non-core activity grants this year and I would use the \$21.7M of Government Regional funding owed to us, on roading and the southern link, rather than on walking and cycling as proposed.

BATT, Cindy



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

As an educator, information facilitator, performer and Mother of three, I have a vested interest in the future of Nelson.

I'm a fifth generation Nelsonian and tangata whenua with a strong desire to see Nelson progress.

I pride myself in involvement with the community in many areas and seek to gain more of an integral role in governance of Nelson.

I believe we have an obligation to both present and future generations, to be effective and efficient in local government.

Caring for our natural environment is also very important to me.

I offer a fresh perspective and believe concepts of indigenous peoples have relevance and are important when understood.

For effective governance, policies of collaboration, transparency and accountability of council are needed.

I'm passionate about the future of our city and if elected, I will work with our communities to ensure their voice is heard at the council table.

BRAND, Trudie



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I graduated from Lincoln University with a B.C.M (double major in Management and Marketing) and am a qualified Career Counsellor and Life Coach. Currently, I'm gaining my post-graduate diploma in social services supervision through Massey University.

Having worked for local businesses, government departments and Non-Government Organisation's I have a clear understanding of the difference between governance and management. As the manager of Nelson Women's and Children's Refuge I report to a Governance Group, and historically I've also been an active member of governance and Board of Trustees.

I see the role of a councillor is to encourage public participation in decision making as much as possible and to create opportunities for ownership of decisions made by and for the people in the region.

I want to balance the provision of core services with maintaining affordable rates, controlling debt levels, and being a voice that effectively promotes and protects ratepayer's interests.

BRIGGS, Hugh



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

With 40 years' experience as an urban planner in and around Councils, and being a certified Hearings Commission Chairperson, Hugh has those skills, knowledge and expertise needed to make a good Councillor - being experienced, professional, balanced, and an effective team member.

Being a Councillor is not an easy job. He can thus make those difficult decisions Councillors have to make on complex issues, ensuring he will serve our very diverse community well.

He has strong governance experience, as a Trustee of three local organisations, which also shows his personal involvement and commitment to the local community.

He has been heavily involved with Council's Long Term Community Plans, Annual Plans, and Planning Strategies as a submitter for groups and the Chamber of Commerce over many years.

He strongly believes in a more strategic approach for Nelson's future, meeting both local community needs and encouraging opportunities for change and growth.

COPELAND, Ruth



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

It has been an honour to serve as a Nelson City Councillor the past 3 years.

I've found my voice around the table and have consistently championed economically focused, socially progressive, and innovative solutions.

We are making very good progress.

My business background and international experience have stood me in great stead this term. I have been working closely with local stakeholders developing new economic opportunities. More to come.

I am co-portfolio holder Governance, Deputy of the Regional Transport Committee and sit on the Audit Risk and Finance Committee.

I remain deeply committed to: looking for new opportunities to grow our economic profile; providing opportunities for our young people; working together better with communities; ensuring housing and rates affordability; addressing natural hazard risks; safeguarding our environment and biodiversity; future proofing transport systems; appreciating our creative culture, natural assets and the wonderful people who live here.

CORLETT, Lee



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I would like to see a Council that reflects my core values of honesty, openness, community and social responsibility.

It is my belief that being true to oneself and honouring our values is important, however we must also be open to evolving with the times.

I hope that you are motivated by the type of team that I aspire to be a part of, and that you also want to play a role in improving and redefining what it means to be a Nelsonian.

As a Nelson business owner I am hardworking and passionate about what Nelson offers now, and improvements we can make to the many wonderful features we have for future generations.

At present my life centres on: my family, my work as an early childhood physical educator, sport and volunteering with Athletics Nelson, Special Olympics, Relay for Life and Tahunanui School Board of Trustees.

CORNELISSEN, Rosina



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Born in Nelson and growing up in Victory, I attended St Joseph's School and Redwood College, completed seventh form at Nelson Girl's College and am just finishing a Masters degree.

Having lived overseas, with a wide range of interests and employment experience, I enjoy teamwork, have a good deal of common sense, get on well with people, and thrive on a challenge. I would bring to council a strong work ethic, willingness to serve, integrity, openness, and the same financial philosophy that saw my mortgage paid in eight years.

In the past I have been an elected board member, served as treasurer, and was co-president of a student association. I enjoy discussing issues and value diverse opinions as they contribute to a more robust decision-making process.

Without a strong agenda I prefer to thoroughly research issues, considering all options and implications, to ensure the best decisions are made for Nelson.

DAVY, Eric K



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

As a senior sergeant of Police in a career spanning 42 years I needed to display strategic planning, budgetary, financial and development skills. I am an experienced Nelson City Councillor having previously served 3 terms with responsibilities as Chair and co-portfolio holder of Committees.

I reside in Nelson City and believe that it is paramount for elected representatives to have the interests of the community at heart. They should be guided by the wishes of the public at large, within the context of proper democratic processes rather than by personal agendas. I reinforce the belief that we must demand that Central Government stop forcing processes on Council that becomes a rate cost on our community.

I believe we must stop making decisions that polarise our community to the extent that those decisions are overturned. I am prepared to stand up and argue for my communities' overall benefit and welfare.

He rau Rangatira mā, ngā mana, ngā waka, ngā karangatanga.

Tenā Koutou.

He pirihihana mātāmua ahau i mua ra mo wha tekau ma rua ngā tau.

Ko te mahi i reira hei whakaatuna hanga kaupapa, tātari moni, āwhine-ā -moni me ngā pukenga taonga kua ahau mai.

He taone tumu korero mornōhia au.

E toru tau i noho au i te mahi tiamana o ētahi komiti-ā-rohe.

Kei te noho au ki whakatu, heoi i tāku whakaaro te mahi tino teitei rawa i ngā kaihautū pōtitia, whaia ngā take o te hapori.

Mā mātou te mahi whakarongo, kātahi ka mahia ngā wawata o ngā tangata i taua rohe.

Tu ana au, tonohia au te kāwanatanga. Kati ngā manamana raupapa mahi, no te mea he utu nui.

He whakaaro tāku e ārai ngā whakataunga kino mo ō mātou taone, arā whakatu.

Nā reira, He toka tū moana arā, he toa rongonui.

EDWARDS, Jean



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

We need fresh thinking skills on Council to help in reasoned decision making, from critical thinking to creative thinking. Skills in thinking about both short - and long-term consequences. Thinking about needs before wants.

I can help - as a specialist teacher of gifted students, for the last 20 years I've taught thinking skills at conferences across New Zealand.

The approach to Council spending has to be one that is financially viable and accountable. So artworks and parades and community programmes are NOT excluded, but need thoughtful use of criteria. And major issues like roading and log-burners - we need long-term thinking about consequences, not band-aid approaches.

I've served on various committees and boards such as Age Concern and the Nelson GATE Group, as well as running my own company and meeting family challenges.

Please vote for my experience, enthusiasm and clear thinking.

FULTON, Kate



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am also standing for Nelson Marlborough District Health Board.

I'm a third generation Nelsonian. After attending Nelson College for Girls, I completed a BSc (Hons) at University of Canterbury and a PhD in biomedical research at Cambridge University.

I have three children and we lived overseas in Cambridge UK, then Melbourne, where I worked at Monash University, before returning to Nelson in 2009.

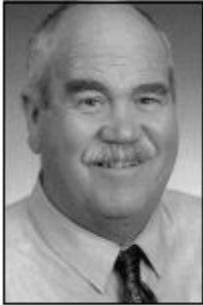
During my first term I co-shared Policy and Planning portfolio, completed Resource Management Act Commissioner training and worked on our Vision 2060.

Highlights include securing the future for the Suter, NSOM, Theatre Royal and Brook Sanctuary. My interest in public health allows me to empathise with community group concerns. My ability to

work collegially, whilst retaining integrity, is a strength which ensures my decision making is efficient and effective.

I feel privileged to be a Councillor for Nelson and hope to continue to contribute to its vibrancy, whilst ensuring we have an economically stable and sustainable future.

GARDENER, Kevin



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Nelsonian by birth, married with 2 adult daughters.

Organiser of the successful petition to force the Council to change their decision to create a separatist Maori ward.

Board member of Nelson Greypower with portfolios of housing and superannuation. President of a nationwide organisation. Member of a Nelson and NZ Historical Society and RSA.

I have been an employer and worker in the motoring industry all my working life. Also an administrator and competitor in motorsport. Member of Vintage car club of NZ and Automobile Association 25 plus years.

Wanting to help others change the current culture of Councillors' Wants to one of Ratepayers NEEDS when it comes to rates money spending.

Using common-sense policies, common-sense principles to achieve common-sense results to the benefit of all Nelsonians, not any one section above others.

Households live within their income, so should the Council and not leave a legacy of debt for future Nelsonians.

HORN, Carl



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I will not promise any specific outcomes. Council is democratic so my vote would be only one of thirteen.

What I can pledge is to promote outcomes which would contribute to achieving the Vision and Goals of Nelson 2060 Framing the Future, using astutely and appropriately the principles of sustainability, resiliency, sufficiency, and precaution.

I can pledge to use my focused listening skills to ensure I understand the needs and wants of individual citizens so I can balance those with the requirements of Nelson as a whole.

I can pledge to apply my honed problem-solving skills developed from decades of professional computer experience.

I can pledge to actively participate in the Council's democratic processes, relying on my

knowledge of democratic procedures and my skill using them developed from many years of experience in organisations.

I ask you to allow me the privilege and honour to serve our community as Councillor.

HOULISTON, Owen J



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Forthright, feisty - with common sense!

Represented the Richmond Borough Council ratepayers - (Deputy Works Chairman/Town Planning Committee). Represented Council (with the Town Clerk) at the Municipal Conference, Dunedin - and had my say!

Represented Council at the South Island Promotion Association. 5 years NZ Black Watch Armoured Corps. Performed with the Dunedin Operatic Society. Power Board, Senior Foreman: seven staff reticulating underground Main Rd Stoke, commended by the Board Chairman for a job well done.

Recorded my vote against a swimming pool at the time, the only one to identify it as a potential burden on the ratepayers. Not against sporting concepts, I've been a sportsman involved in Rugby, Cricket, Soccer Tennis and lawn Bowls.

I would call for an audit for council staffing re: the necessity for some positions (co-ordinators etc) as the rot starts in-house.

Would have voted against the Maori Ward.

I will serve you well.

LAWREY, Matt



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Fifteen years as a journalist in Nelson have given me a real insight into what makes this city special.

Nelsonians have trusted me with their stories in The Leader and on radio and I've built a huge network of contacts from all walks of life. My family and I love Nelson, and I'm committed to working hard to make it an even better place to live.

There are things we can do without breaking the bank that will make our community stronger and wealthier. They include: getting more people living in the central city, retaining the cultural events that put Nelson on the map, protecting our natural environment and making Stoke's commercial centre more attractive to people and business.

A successful career in print, radio and television, and my internationally published cartoon The Little Things, prove I know how to make things happen. If you love Nelson, vote Lawrey.

MARSHALL, Colleen



My principal place of residence is not in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am standing for election to the Nelson City Council because I believe my skills and experience in governance, could make a significant contribution to the decision making process around the Council table.

I want to work towards ensuring Nelson City is a safe place to be for everyone, especially the elderly and our young people. I want to work towards Nelson becoming a greater attraction for visitors by providing a clean and beautiful environment with events and life style which enrich and positively impact on residents and local business.

I currently chair the internationally acclaimed and highly successful Adam Festival held in Nelson every 2 years since 1995, which not only benefits the Nelson economy but also enhances the musical life of the city.

I am a Nelsonian, an ambassador for the Hospice, widely travelled, with a proven record of community involvement and leadership both locally and nationally.

MATHESON, Paul



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

As a former Mayor of Nelson and current City Councillor, I am again seeking your support for another term. Nelson City continues to grow and change and we must be conscious of the impact this has in our decision making on your behalf. Your Council has the responsibility to manage your rates to benefit all of Nelson and deliver the core services as a matter of first priority.

I have represented this city in many capacities over the years and have always considered it a privilege and honour. I have worked hard to meet your concerns and understand your aspirations.

Recent events in our City have highlighted the need to reconnect with our communities. It is vital Council listen and act in this area.

Council affects each and every citizen in some form every day of their lives and I wish to continue to be part of that ongoing process.

McGURK, Brian



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A strong commitment to serving the public, consistent and responsible leadership, the ability to listen and to work in partnership are some of Brian's strengths. He has the right skills and knowledge, gained from broad experience.

Brian is married with two adult children.

McKEGNEY, Rob



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am a 60 year old Nelsonian who has owned and managed several hospitality businesses in Nelson.

I believe business and social skills will equip me to help implement sound policies and decisions in a more rational and open manner. This will give rise to a balance between economic growth, employment opportunities and environmental issues which will result in a better Nelson.

My Priorities:

To ensure the Council spends rate money carefully, fairly and with balance to benefit the whole city and its residents.

To enhance beneficial relationships between NCC and TDC, its residents and community groups.

That Council undertakes all its responsibilities in a transparent, effective, efficient and accountable manner.

To conduct a feasibility study on a tunnel built under the Port Hills to take traffic pressure off Tahunanui, Rocks Road and the Victory area funded by Transit NZ

NEES, Derek



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Having grown up and spent my early working life in Takaka, I completed 29 years of service in NZ Army transport and logistics, and more recently have spent a further twenty years in the commercial road transport industry here in Nelson.

I am actively involved in many community organisations including Cadet Forces, RSA, Freemasonry, Road Transport Association and Trusts and governance boards and executives associated with those organisations.

I stand on these principles: Control and reduction of debt; containing rate rises to the annual CPI; Concentration on core activities; Checking services for potential private enterprises savings; Measuring NCC service delivery costs with other councils to get value for money; Strengthening the control and governance powers of elected members; Stopping the wasting of money on long term visionary planning; Focusing on local rather than global issues.

I look forward to working to make Nelson a better place for Nelsonians.

NOONAN, Gaile



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Gaile Noonan was born in Nelson, would love to be a Nelson City Councillor and would appreciate your vote.

Gaile trained as a legal administrator and has been involved in property investment and real estate.

Currently she is Deputy Chair on the Board of Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Executive Member for Nelson Greypower. She is an active member of Nelson Rotary and volunteer for Nelson Foodbank.

Being involved in community affairs has broadened the mind to what is really happening at street level and with this knowledge she wishes to bring a level of common sense to the Council table based on keeping in touch with the community.

She is very much a resident and citizen of Nelson and also brings financial skills and a problem solving mind to the Council table.

Gaile is the mother of two adult children who were both born and raised in Nelson.

O'BRIEN, Graeme



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Good People.

Only 52% of people voted in the last local body elections.

Council is not taking the other 48% into account and why should they, if you don't vote?

As councillor it would be my goal to get comprehensible information from council to the residents using every medium council has available - "Live Nelson", Facebook and one-off consultation documents.

I would also introduce video to council meetings so that footage could be screened on TV and council's website.

Councillors must interact with the public on the street, at local meetings, anywhere people gather to inform them of the current issues. I see myself in the role of town crier but to do this I must have access to information.

Nelson is unique. We could lead New Zealand and the world in how to run our city with maximum guidance from the people. Help me do this.

Vote Graeme O'Brien.

PAHL, Brent



My principal place of residence is not in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I was born in Nelson in 1961, raised and educated in Nelson as were both of my children.

I own a property in Nelson and as a Trade Certified Automotive Engineer I previously owned a successful automotive business with staff for many years. I am now semi-retired.

I am aware of the challenges faced by small business owners, young families and also the elderly and small clubs and organisations.

As a practical community minded citizen, I will be open-minded in Council decision making and public consultation. As a Councillor, I will bring a common sense, open door and Nelson Proud policy on your behalf.

RAINEY, Pete



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am a born and bred Nelsonian - Phillipa and I have two children and I want to make a difference to this region, so our kids can grow up in a safe, happy and prosperous environment.

In my six years leading Council's community services portfolio, we have achieved a lot and have some exciting work ahead to make Nelson an even better place to live.

I want to continue to bring a positive, forward thinking, collaborative approach to Council.

I have co-organised the Smokefree Rockquest national music competition for the last 25 years, and was awarded an MNZM in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the NZ music industry.

I am artistic director for Nelson Opera in the Park and director of Eventiac, which runs the annual NZ Antique and Classic Boatshow.

I put my time and effort into Council because I love Nelson.

ROBERTSON, Colin Donald



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am standing for election to help bring a smart Green economy to Nelson.

We have an opportunity in Nelson to show the country how it's done. We can and must transition to a sustainable future to meet the goals of Nelson 2060. Integrated transport with safe, direct, efficient walking and cycling infrastructure and affordable public transport as part of smart, modern urban design is key to making Nelson a truly living city.

We can develop community resilience and build a strong local economy.

We must be fiscally prudent, we have experienced growth of just 1% over the past five years. Debt levels and rates growth are not sustainable in this economic environment and leaders in the community must develop initiatives and remove barriers to encourage our peoples' collective success.

The reality of climate change means we must have a resilient infrastructure and play our part in decarbonising the economy.

ROBERTSON, Kent



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Kent Robertson is a name well-known to Nelsonians.

From his 20 years as a local broadcaster and the huge community commitment this involved to his work with both the Nelson Civic and Nelson 2000 Trusts, Kent has proven his ability to bring together businesses, organisations and skilled individuals to make things happen.

The construction of the Sealord Marine Rescue ramp, re-invigoration of Wakefield Quay, and the new Nelson Plunket Rooms are particular project highlights among many.

As a husband and father of two now working in IT, Kent's decision to stand for Nelson City Council is based on a determination to work within Council to get the best for Nelson.

Roads and footpaths make our city work and arts and culture make us sparkle - but there has to be a balance. I believe in affordable progress, value for money rates, and sensible policies that are still future focussed.

SHACKLETON, Joy



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

As a committed and active member of the Tahunanui community I feel strongly that I can make a valuable contribution to Nelson City Council!

During a ten year period of my life I worked and travelled overseas widely. Upon my return to New Zealand I completed a Bachelor's Degree in

Teaching and Learning. Over the last ten years, besides devoting my time to my family, I have become increasingly involved with the Tahunanui community where I was born and raised and continue to live. I am extremely passionate about our beautiful city and would be honoured if I were to be elected to serve the people of Nelson as Councillor.

Now is an important time moving forward for Nelson City. I would hope to bring fresh eyes and a new perspective to the table.

I am an honest, reliable individual with an open mind and a good ability to communicate.

SHAW, Derek



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Currently a City Councillor, I have 30 years' experience in local government. I'm the co-portfolio holder Governance, co-chair of the Framing our Future Committee, and member of the Regional Transport Committee, Joint Shareholders Committee and Regional Sewerage Business Unit. I'm an accredited resource management commissioner (chair) and an active member of the Biodiversity and Sustainability forums.

I'm married with three young adult children and operate a part-time publishing business, Nikau Press. I continue to be actively involved in the community, including being a trustee of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust, the Tasman Regional Sports Event Trust, Nelson Environment Centre, as well as participating in athletics as an official and competitor.

If re-elected, I'm keen to continue using my experience, knowledge and energies in ensuring Nelson remains a great place to live, with our special heritage, arts, cultural, recreational and environmental features safeguarded, and that we have safe and resilient communities.

SIATAGA-KAVANAGH, Robbie



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

It's in our Pasifikan nature as New Zealanders to challenge ourselves, to aspire to greatness, to realise our potential, to dream, and to achieve for our family's sake.

We've always lived in challenging times. Now more than ever, the difficulties we face going forward may never be greater, and for that, we need a positive vision to work towards.

Balancing budgets, building infrastructure capacity to accommodate a growth in business and providing for, both a youthful, and aging population I see as our biggest challenges. While these goals are wholly achievable, they require innovative thought, action and leadership.

The vision Nelson City Council has of our region becoming a showcase of innovative solutions to problems facing future generations is one I share, and am committed to achieving, either in a governance role, working as part of Council, or as a leader working towards the same positive vision in the community.

SKINNER, Tim



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

Tim Skinner is a born and bred Nelsonian with a passion for social justice issues and building a healthy safe community.

He has successfully built up a professional photography business over 15 years, and has prior experience studying marketing, science and technology at Massey University. Prior to his own business, he was involved in a corporate marketing company in Auckland City.

Tim has a strong desire to ensure Nelson is an affordable place to live and raise a family. He is married with three young boys aged 1, 8 and 10 years and is a keen footballer.

He has many years of voluntary work experience in leadership roles for youth work and sports. Tim thrives on challenges and finding innovative solutions.

Tim embraces Nelson's lifestyle and wants to ensure continued economic growth and stability in Nelson for future generations.

THOMPSON, Gaire



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am standing for Council because I am committed to reducing, preferably eliminating wasteful and unnecessary expenditure, this will free up funds for improving the viability of the already attractive inner-city and other improvements in the greater Nelson City.

I will support other councillors with the same vision.

Rate increases over the last 9 years have been excessive and need to be restrained as does the current situation of ever increasing debt.

Winter tourism and cruise ship visits need to be promoted.

The rules residents and ratepayers have to adhere to should also be followed by the Council - not one rule for them and another for everyone else, removing unnecessary bureaucracy.

There needs to be review of the rule relating to log burners.

Nelson and Tasman Councils need to work together, sharing as much resources as possible for the greater good of the entire region.

WALKER, John



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I own and live in Marybank and have been self-employed for over 30 years. I established HouseParts which involves manufacturing, importing, wholesaling and retail.

Another part of my company, JWAuctions involves location auctions, general and charity.

I also provide business mentoring, at no cost, mainly in the retail sector. My hobbies include Vintage and Classic Cars.

Of concern, is the future of roading and parking in Nelson City. Failure to address this will reflect on retail, employment and tourism.

Recent flooding in Stoke means stormwater drainage must be urgently addressed along with earthquake strengthening policies for commercial and retail buildings.

Woodburner regulations must also be revised.

I want the Council to review its priorities so that rate increases are never more than the rate of inflation, and to provide transparent management with effective consultation with ratepayers.

This is a chance for voters to change Nelson's future.

Vote John Walker

WARD, Mike



My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council - At Large area.

I am an athlete, a parent and a self-employed artist.

Since retiring from the classroom and returning to Nelson thirty-five years ago I have completed five terms as a City councillor and one as a Member of Parliament and served on a range of sporting, cultural and community organisations.

I am currently patron of Lifeline Nelson, a JP and co-chair of Council's Framing our Future Committee and co-portfolio holder Policy and Planning.

Nelson is a most beautiful and fortunate city and this term's 2060 process has asked what we must do to make it even more beautiful as well as safer, healthier, fairer, wiser, friendlier and above all sustainable.

It has been the most exciting and farsighted initiative during my political career and whether returned to Council or not I am committed to working with this community to flesh out the vision and make it happen.