

## CANDIDATE PROFILES

### 2021 By-election for one member to represent the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board (Tongariro Subdivision)

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#### Paula McRAE

*My principal residence is NOT within the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board (Tongariro Subdivision) area.*



My name Paula McRae I've lived here now in Turangi Tongariro area for 12 years I'm no stranger here as I attended Tongariro High School back in the days then lived in Auckland for 34 years then back home. I work in the FCMG industry.

My background is and was Retail, Hospitality, Telecommunication, Governance Education and Tertiary, Sales Marketing. I'm semi retired, my interest are my children I follow sport mainly Woman's Rugby.

I'm a mother of 3 now adult children nana to 4, eldest Temira Project Manager Waikato DHB, Jazzie Operations Lead Specialist Fonterra Lower North Island and my youngest John works here in Turangi for New World.

I'm very vocal about our community and have sometimes voiced my concerns and praised where needed perhaps on a few occasions and although I live in Turangi the outer lying areas surrounding are just as important and have same concerns.

#### George O'CONNOR PATENA

INDEPENDENT

*My principal residence is within the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board (Tongariro Subdivision) area.*



I am firstly and foremostly a people person, placing community at the heart of what I do. I am motivated to engage with and listen to the communities that make Turangi and the surrounding villages so unique.

I am a passionate supporter and promoter of community led initiatives, democracy and council participation, with extensive experience and knowledge of local and central government, and, the private and not-for-profit sectors. I have also led and delivered New Zealand's first local government multicultural strategy.

Offering a practical approach, and being inquisitive by nature. I expect to bring your local aspirations and more importantly 'your voices' to the Community Board table. We have the ability to amplify 'our collective voice' to create change locally. I believe I can be a catalyst for this positive change to occur.

#### Richard L WHISKER

*My principal residence is NOT within the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board (Tongariro Subdivision) area.*



Kia ora

The opportunity has arisen for me to contribute to the further progression of or communities around The Southern Lakes region and I wish to do so, notwithstanding the diligent contributions of the Member departing

A fresh perspective and a sharing of the load with those who continue to get things done, that's my commitment. There aren't any problems for which a reasonable solution cannot be found through consultation, due process and innovative thinking all the while maintaining absolute respect for one another.

As a resident of the out-skirts of Turangi who is employed up the Mountain involved with the maintenance and repair of The Hotel and associated buildings, I promote timely up-keep of existing assets within our communities, together with aspirational improvements.

Nga mihi

#### David M WINTERBURN

*My principal residence is NOT within the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board (Tongariro Subdivision) area.*



Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

My name is David Winterburn

My Mother was Gaylene Quinton

I was raised in the community of Turangi, schooling first at Turangi Primary then finishing up at Tongariro High.

Representing all in my community by becoming your voice and bridging the gap between Council and the people is very important to me.

I will bring an energy to the position of TTCB member and carry that responsibility with respect and integrity.

I like to think I understand the diversity that makes our community what it is and have a reasonable understanding of what is important also. But there is always room for more understanding, which I believe can be achieved by getting amongst the community and listening to our people and leaders, Iwi, Hapu and Whanau, business men and women, volunteers and groups, Everyone.

I pledge to do just that

Nga Mihi Nui