



## Gisborne District Council & Tairāwhiti District Health Board Elections Special Edition

### Editorial

Spring has arrived, a season for new growth and change. While you're thinking about what to plant in the garden, why not also think about what you'd like to grow – or weed out – in the garden of local body politics. Yes, it's election time again. Around 24<sup>th</sup> September we will receive our voting papers, and be asked to choose our local Council and District Health Board.

It might not seem as important as the national elections, but the people who get elected to Council and DHB make some pretty big decisions for us. By voting for people who will speak up on your behalf, and for the issues that matter to you, it is possible to make a big difference.

Tairāwhiti District Health Board are responsible for ensuring that people in the region get the best access possible to high quality health care and treatment when they need it – and for promoting healthy lifestyles.

The purpose of Gisborne District Council, according to the legislation that governs it is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities, in the present and for the future.

Kaiti is a large suburb, and if we all vote we can have a big impact on the outcomes. We all know that Kaiti doesn't always get the attention and respect it deserves, so now's your opportunity to change that. Let's vote people onto Council and the Health Board who know us and the place we live, and who will make a noise on our behalf.

Ka Pai Kaiti!

### Meet the Candidates

**On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September KaPai Kaiti will be hosting a meeting for you to meet the candidates for Council who want your vote.**

**Tired of the way things are, and want to ask some hard questions? Curious, and want to know more? Show the prospective councillors of your Council who's boss, and make sure you have your say. The meeting will start at 6pm at the Kaiti School Hall.**

**In the meantime, Kaiti Kōrero invited five candidates for the Council and the Health Board to tell you who they are, and why you should vote for them. These are people who have shown a commitment to Kaiti and the issues we face. Think about whether you'd like to have their voice representing you.**

### MAKE YOUR VOTES COUNT

**Later this month, if you are on the Electoral Roll and your address is up to date, you will get voting papers to elect members of the Gisborne District Council and Tairāwhiti District Health Board.**

#### HOW YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED:

The **Gisborne District Council Election** is based on the First Past the Post system. The eight candidates with the most votes will get in to Council. You have one vote, and choose the person who you want to see get in.

The **Tairāwhiti District Health Board Election** uses the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system. You have one vote, but rather than selecting one person, you number the candidates in order of preference. If your first preference gets in, your vote is then transferred to your second preference, and so on down the list.

**IMPORTANT VOTING TIP: One of the important things to know about voting in the local body elections is to vote only for the people you really want to get in.**

**If you rank candidates who you don't really like, then you may end up helping someone get in who isn't going to represent your views.**

### DHB Candidate: ROBYN RAUNA

*Robyn Rauna is standing for the Tairāwhiti District Health Board.*

My grandparents lived down Crawford Road and together with my sister and my cousins we learnt how to make rotten corn and kūmara kao. Being on town water meant that you had a never-ending supply of water to run through the corn stored in plastic drums. After cooking the kūmara in a hangi with karamu leaves, we would lay them all out to dry in my grandparents' sitting room on four old wire wove beds. Compared to the corn, the smell of kūmara kao was heavenly!

My grandparents had very tolerant neighbours, people, who didn't mind the smells that used to waft over their fence. Being a part of a community where there is tolerance and understanding about difference and diversity is important. We all have our different ways. And this is why I'm standing for the Tairāwhiti District Health Board.

I believe I can make a difference. While I'm all for tried and true methods of health practices, I also believe that different approaches can reduce poor health statistics and at-risk behaviour. I'm young and energetic and I have the leadership, drive and commitment needed for making good decisions. I'm a people person.

I ask that you give me your vote.

## **GDC Candidate: ALLAN HALL**

*Allan Hall is standing for the Gisborne District Council.*

I attended Mangapapa and Gisborne Boys High School. I returned to Gisborne in 1968 as a lawyer and later partner in Burnard Bull & Co. As a lawyer I get to know the needs of a wide range of people.

I am married to Pamela – daughters Veronica, a lawyer, and Rosemary, a physician. Pamela and I have lived in Kaiti since 1968. Veronica and Rosemary went to Te Wharau and Ilminster Schools.

I was on the Gisborne City Council from 1983 to 1986. I was on the East Cape United Council as a Gisborne City representative during those years. During this time I was the only Gisborne City Council member who lived in Kaiti. As Gisborne Coroner from 1987 – 2007 I have become aware of the health needs and safety issues of the district. These include the need for good maintenance of roads and safety issues in this city for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

In the years to come the district will face the consequences of climate change. Major issues confront us in roading, wastewater, landfill, but also we need to maintain our library service, museum, sports grounds and reserves.

I value the bicultural community of the district and recognise our history as the meeting place of two cultures. I see the need for an accessible city and district for those with disabilities.

With my previous experience in local body work and my term as Coroner I have experience to be a candidate for the Gisborne District Council. I believe I can make a useful contribution to, and work for, the continued development of the district.

## **GDC Candidate: GORDON ASTON**

*Gordon Aston is standing for the Gisborne District Council.*

Hi my name is Gordon Aston, married to Mihi with two adult children Willie and Belles. I have four energetic and impressionable grand children. My family is the single most important element in my life. My tribal affiliations are Ngāti Porou and Te Aitanga A Māhaki, I was born, raised and will probably die in Gisborne.

I have been a freezing worker, farm hand, field worker, teachers aid, gym instructor but mostly a fisherman. I am currently the youth worker/co-managing director of Career Connexions Tairāwhiti Ltd. We are the Service Provider for the Youth Transition Service here in Gisborne. I am passionate about working with youth and see this as the biggest contribution I have made in my work life so far. I am a Trustee for Tautoko Work Trust, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Porou and Porou Ariki Trust.

I am standing for election as a councillor in the Gisborne ward because I believe that I can add value to the district and its citizens in the areas of youth, social development and environmental management. In short a whole community moving forward together.

Why should you vote for me? Well, I'm out and about at a grassroots level in the region, practical and down to earth. I like to look at issues on a one by one basis at an eye level and make decisions based on the best available information.

Despite some growth in industry and the community there are people who have not been so fortunate. We need to include all the citizens of Tairāwhiti in the growth of the region going forward. Finally we need to be managing our natural, physical and people resources in a more respectful manner while keeping in our minds the future inhabitants of our wonderful district.

## **GDC & DHB Candidate: GORDON JACKMAN**

*Gordon Jackman is standing for the Gisborne District Council and the Tairāwhiti District Health Board.*

Gordon Jackman comes from a farming family in Tiniroto and now lives in Gisborne. He has worked on environmental issues locally, nationally and internationally, including forestry, resource management, wastewater management and agricultural sustainability. He is a former teacher at Lytton High School, currently an archaeologist and active in disability issues. He is a former Chairperson of Greenpeace NZ.

Gordon is passionate about community participation in local planning. His local work includes 12 years in the technical and social aspects of the wastewater process and the inclusion of a disability access strategy for the city in the GDC long-term community planning process. If elected he would work on more community participation in decision making, fairness in resource management and sustaining the environment for the good of all. Gordon believes the Council has a role in fostering youth development, Treaty based relationships, and sustainability. He believes the current Council has wasted millions on bad processes around issues such as the landfill and wastewater and that new people are needed on Council make sure there is transparent decision-making and respectful relationships with all citizens.

As a survivor of the effects of polio Gordon has a long experience of the local health system and a deep concern for health issues. He is active in the local Disabled Person Assembly. In addition to his background in disability issues Gordon has 28 years experience in the effects of toxic chemicals like dioxin on health. Gordon believes health is a justice issue as well as a matter of wise use of scarce resources. If elected he would be work on the health dollar being spent more on local needs than building management structures. He is passionate about community voices directing health priorities and the recognition of poverty and disparity as health issues.

## **GDC Candidate: MANU CADDIE**

*Manu Caddie is standing for Gisborne District Council.*

Kia ora. I have lived here since 1998 and I love Kaiti!

My wife Tarsh Koia grew up in Kaiti and we moved back here to look after her grandparents Matini & Lena Koia. We now have our own young family and live in Cambridge Terrace just behind Te Poho o Rāwiri.

In 2001 along with a group of local residents I help start KaPai Kaiti and have been a volunteer ever since.

Through my involvement with the Kaiti community I have seen how bad planning choices made by Council and government left Kaiti without a High School and with few jobs based in the community. I want to help ensure that Kaiti residents have access to the same quality of Council services as people living in any other part of town.

I am passionate about our neighbourhood and have led a wide range of community projects including neighbourhood arts projects, street clean ups, resident-led research and events like the Waitangi at Waikirikiri whanau days and opening Ilminster Pool over summer.

I have been attending the monthly community forums organised by KaPai Kaiti for the past seven years and have been amazed at the things our community has achieved through working together.

To find out more about what I stand for, ring me on 8686889 or visit my campaign website: [www.manu.org.nz](http://www.manu.org.nz)