

NEWSLINE OCTOBER 2022

ELECTIONS Special



MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

As we look ahead to the next term of Council, I'm delighted to be re-elected as your Mayor and I look forward to sitting down with the new Council soon. Local Government and the Waimate District are facing the biggest changes to how we operate and what we deliver in 30 years, therefore to say the next three years will be significantly important is somewhat of an understatement.

Local democracy is at the heart of all we do and currently this is under threat. We need strong representation and leadership during these challenging times, and I think this Council will gel well. Along the way, there will also be some huge opportunities through these centrally led reforms and we need to ensure that we make the most of these – continuing to lobby and demand the best outcomes for our community.

To assist us with our decision-making, I strongly encourage you all to remain engaged with some of these significant issues and when the opportunities arise, to have your say.

Thank you to everyone that took the opportunity to vote, and congratulations to those elected.

YOUR COUNCIL

With a voter turnout of 52.56%, being 2,940 votes (excluding special votes), the Waimate District has elected the following candidates to form the Waimate District Council for the 2022-2025 term. Congratulations to all.



MAYOR Craig Rowley

Incumbent Mayor Craig Rowley has been re-elected to the top seat.

His successful re-election marks the start of a fourth consecutive term as Mayor, following an initial term as Waimate Ward Councillor in 2010-2013.

WAIMATE WARD



SHARYN CAIN

Re-elected as the highest polling candidate, incumbent Sharyn Cain returns to the Council table and will be one of four Waimate Ward Councillors.



RICK STEVENS

Rick has been elected as one of four Waimate Ward Councillors. A familiar face around Waimate, Rick is the Manager of The Waimate Kitchen & Bar, Waimate Bakery and Waimate Lodges.



PETER COLLINS

After a brief hiatus, former two-term Councillor Peter Collins returns to the decision-making circle. Peter presently holds positions on the Lister Home Board, Waimate2gether Committee, Total Mobility and Project Waimate.

Peter previously served as a Councillor from 2013-2019.



JOHN BEGG

Known for community endeavours such as Christmas in the Square and his long service to Community Link (spanning 25 years), John has secured a seat at the Council table for the next three years. Having resided in Waimate for almost three decades, John has been involved with multiple committees, including previous stints as chair with the Waimate High School Board of Trustees, the Ministers Association and Friends of Kelcey's Bush.

LOWER WAIHAO WARD



LISA SMALL

Lisa Small has been elected to take the seat for the Lower Waihao Ward. Lisa is now looking forward to her first term as a Councillor. Having farmed in Willowbridge for the past 22 years,

Lisa enjoys the sense of community within the Waimate District and says she feels privileged to be a part of a town that cares for its people and environment in such a proactive way.

HAKATARAMEA-WAIHAORUNGA WARD



COLIN PANKHURST

Back for a second term, Colin Pankhurst returns to represent the Hakataramea-Waihaorunga Ward re-elected unopposed.

PAREORA-OTAIO-MAKIKIHI WARD



TOM O'CONNOR

Returning for a fourth term, Tom O'Connor has been re-elected unopposed.



SANDY MCALWEE

Ward Councillor Sandy McAlwee returns to start his second term, re-elected unopposed.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES

Thank you and farewell to former Lower Waihao Ward Councillor Sheila Paul and Waimate Ward Councillors David Owen and Miriam Morton – all choosing not to seek re-election. Thanks also to former Waimate Ward Councillor Fabia Fox, unsuccessful in her bid for re-election on this occasion. Collectively, your hard work, dedication and service to the Waimate District has been greatly appreciated.



Sheila Paul



David Owen



Miriam Morton



Fabia Fox

