

Far North District Council
Te Hiku Ward
Electing 3 Councillors



Lawrie ATKINSON

Awanui Progressive & Ratepayers Inc

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area. I am also standing for Te Hiku Community Board (Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision).

Born and raised in the Te Hiku ward Educated at Kaingaroa Primary and Kaitaia College.

Experience in the Dairy Farming Industry from

Share Milking to farm ownership; five and half years as regional officer Dairy Board Livestock improvement. Ten years as farming tutor (Salvation Army) Waikato region, several years with local Olive industry Mangonui/Karikari Peninsula.

Three terms on the Te Hiku Board, last term as Chairperson of the Board from which I have gained considerable knowledge through attending Council meetings and workshops. I believe I have the knowledge, experience and positive attitude to assist the Far North District Council in the Te Hiku ward to achieve the expectations of the Ratepayers.

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David COLLARD

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area.

My first year on your Council was 2013/14. It has been a Rollercoaster ride with experiences of frustration - satisfaction - anticipation - and the greatest learning curve of my life.

I feel that after 3 years of serving you, the rate payer, I have learnt so much about due process in terms of local government that I have now gained some traction and am now beginning to achieve positive outcomes for our Region.

Issues I have a passion for and am involved in include: Local Procurement (Council buying local); Waste management; Water for Kaitaia and Te Kao; Roding Infrastructure throughout the Far North; Te Oneroa a Tohe (90 Mile Beach); Sewerage Infrastructure; Te Ahu.

Financial stability and viability is also an area of intense interest, with the necessity for transparency. I need your support to put Local back into Local Government.

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Felicity FOY

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area.

I am of Te Rarawa descent and a sixth generation member of the Matthews Family. My parents Joe and Fiona King are farmers. My father-in-law Ross Foy was a farmer and a stock agent. I'm a part of the Far North. It is my tūrangawaewae.

I have qualifications in resource and environmental planning and operate a planning consultancy. I will ensure that planning promotes rather than restricts employment and economic opportunities and revitalises town and coastal centres. Focus on lobbying government to amend legislation that is creating barriers for communities. Use my knowledge established during my 9 years at FNDC to work with the staff, not against them. I'll focus on the Far North because the District does not stop in Kerikeri. I'll be a strong voice for local roading and infrastructure.

I wish the Far North to be the best place possible for my son to grow up #ilovekaitaia

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Adele GARDNER

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area. I am also standing for Te Hiku Community Board (Kaitaia Subdivision).

I am a local, born and bred in Kaitaia and the eldest daughter of Jim and Stella Julian. I am presently an elected member of the Te Hiku

Community Board representing the Kaitaia Subdivision.

Representing the Community on the Kaitaia Business Association, Te Hiku Sports Hub, Far North Environment Centre, Te Ahu Trust, Awanui Liaison Committee, Kaitaia Drainage, Far North ICT 20/20 Trust, also supporting 'Open the Curtains', Avocado Festival and Youth groups.

Having been employed by the FNDC for 14 years, and serving on the Community Board gives me the knowledge base and experience as a possible future Councillor.

The Annual Plan is set for 2016/17, i.e: Roading, Footpaths, Water, Sewage, Stormwater and District facilities. A newly elected Councillors role is governance, also to ensure the plan is adhered to, and to listen and pursue the interests of you, the ratepayers.

My leisure interests are Lawn Bowls and Bridge.

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Karena HITA

Haititai Marangai Marae

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area.

I have lived in Whatuwhiwhi for the last twenty four years. I am married have four children and 11 mokopuna. I believe in order to continue to enjoy the rich taonga that has been looked after

by those that have gone before we need to stand up and be part of that inheritance of Kaitiakitanga.

I have been a trust member holding executive positions for Maori Land Trusts in the Whatuwhiwhi area for twenty years. I currently Chair a School Board in our local Community, and have been a Board Member for various Non for Profit Organisations that promote educational opportunities for our community. I would like the opportunity to support healthy growth and sustainable practices in our Region.

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Colin Toss KITCHEN

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area. I am also standing for Northland DHB.

Tena Kotou Katoa. Colin (Toss) Kitchen MNZM is born and bred in Kaitaia and is Chief Fire Officer of the Kaitai Fire Brigade.

I am seeking re-election for a final term with one of my objectives being to mentor young up and coming community leaders into governance roles.

I pride myself of being a teamplayer with a no nonsense common sense approach, a peoples person with Mana and integrity and one who cares about you the multicultural citizens of the Far North.

My local body experience, my open door policy combined with my dedication and commitment puts me in good stead to once again advocate for you the valued ratepayer.

Working in partnership with other elected members is paramount as we the Te Hiku Councillors seek our share of funding.

Also I will fight for more Law & Order = More Police.

Tena Koe mo to tau toko

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Mate RADICH

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area.

Born and bred in the Far North. I am passionate that the ratepayer in Te Hiku Community get a fair go. That their hard earned rates are being honestly spent. One of my goals when I became a Councillor six years ago was to get our public debt \$126 million down. By cutting on costs and unnecessary spending today our debt stands at under \$55M. We now have a Council with debt lower than revenue. We can still lower rate increases. I canvassed vigorously for this but got no support. Our rural metal roads continue to be in a poor state. NZ Transport Association have financially contributed but progress is slow. Council needs to put money aside for new sealing. That residents of these roads can see where their rates are being spent. I will continue to encourage growth through our businesses and that they have confidence in FNDC.

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David SENIOR

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area.

I've been married to my wife Phillipa for forty years. We have four adult children and two grandchildren. I've lived in the Far North since 1993 and have a real passion and commitment to this community. After being involved in several organizations at a grass roots level, I was elected onto the Te Hiku Community Board in 2007 for the first time and have now served three terms (nine years). As a person with a disability I have a strong desire to see our community as inclusive and fully accessible for all. I have a particular passion for our youth, the elderly, and those with special needs. With this in mind, I would like to take the next step in standing for council to take part in the decision - making processes that shape and govern our communities in the Far North. Equity and access for all!

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Hazely WINDELBORN

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Te Hiku Ward area.

It's time for some leadership vision to front up and stand up for the people of the real far north (The Te Hiku Ward). Despite being nice people, there's been a lack of initiative, action and mostly leadership from our council over the past 10 years. The community's looking to the council to answer why our area is underperforming socially and economically. We're one of the few areas experiencing negative growth in the country, constantly being bombarded with the worst media coverage in NZ. We've some of the most untapped potential in the country. However, we need leaders of this community to stand up and show some positive, constructive attitude towards moving it forward. I believe our community is starting to sink and needs leaders to lean down with a helping hand to pull it up. I can fill this role which is why I am running for local councillor.