

Have your say on local reps

The local body election is a postal one, as it was in 2019. You get one vote for the Mayor (lists of candidates start on page 4) regardless of where you live, one vote for a ward councillor based on your residential address (which for St Albans will be mostly in the Innes ward with the area near and beyond Innes Rd voting for Papanui candidates in the election of councillors and community board members). You get to choose two community board members for your ward, and

this year there are a healthy nine to choose one from. Details of the Environment Canterbury elections on page 11 allow you to choose two representatives from the constituency.

Voting papers will be sent out by mid-September. If you have not received them in the mail phone 0800 367656. You may need to make a special vote at the CCC HQ if you have not updated your current residential address since 2020 or have turned 18. Post the forms back in the postage paid envelope October 4 or drop them in a council service centre before noon on October 8. The St Albans News elections special starts on page 4.

Special
Election
Issue

Residents' Associations take collective action over housing

by Belinda Carter

A number of Christchurch residents associations, including St Albans Residents Association (SARA), are calling on all city councillors to stand up to government-imposed plans for residential intensification.

On September 8, Christchurch City Council will be voting to approve notifying changes to the district plan, which will allow much higher building heights and closer to boundaries in new medium density housing zones. If approved the new rules come into effect on September 23. This will be followed by a month of public consultation, although the plan does not fully come into effect until August 2023, to allow for legal challenges and court appeals.

St Albans, which has been intensifying for some time, can expect even greater intensification when the plan is implemented.

The initiative to take collective action has

come from the chair of Riccarton Bush/Kilmarnock Residents' Association, Tony Simons, who wrote to other associations asking for support to oppose "unplanned" residential development in the greater Christchurch area.

"We think rezoning all residential areas in the city to medium density will damage our city and its environment forever," Tony Simons said. Most of the city will be rezoned "by government decree" to allow 3 three-storey houses with no resource consents required allowing reduced boundary distances and steeper recession planes, regardless of location. Some key areas could face six storey developments.

Sixteen associations, including SARA, have written to councillors asking them to vote against formally notifying the changes to the district plan at the September 8 council meeting. They want action, not just words.

The associations collectively support "properly planned" and balanced residential development. *Continues on page 14*



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SARA and Centre news

Phone system being updated

The community centre is changing its phone system to a digital one. A voice menu will give callers the choice on who to speak to and the call can then be routed to the relevant person's cellphone. When the centre is closed after 1pm it will revert to an answerphone. Callers will be given a choice.. Dial 1 for the centre, dial 2 for the Residents Association and so on. Should be working by September 1. The digital-based system will not work during a power cut.

SARA's annual meeting

The St Albans Residents Association (SARA) is holding a meeting on September 11 at the St Albans Community Centre. Come along at 3pm to help decide the makeup of the SARA committee running the centre and activities in St Albans. Nominations are open for positions on the management committee now or can be raised at the meeting. You can also hear about what SARA has been doing for the past decade - how much has it achieved of its 2013-2023 strategy and start to plan ahead for the next 10 years. To view the 20 projects, a key part of the strategy, visit: https://stalbands.gen.nz/?page_id=5836

BBQ Trailer for hire

St Albans Community BBQ Trailer is available to hire for events. Marquee also available for hire, separately or with the barbecue, for corporate events, community gatherings or private celebrations. Enquiries to: BBQ@stalbands.gen.nz

Wednesday Wheelies

Wednesday Wheelies meet at 9.30am, St Albans Community Centre carpark on Caledonian Road.

St Albans Strategy

Residents needed to join local community projects. Contact SARA@stalbands.gen.nz for more information.

Community Centre 1049 Colombo St

The Community centre is available for hire within the Orange Traffic Light protocols. For booking enquiries please phone 972 5534 or email: communitycentre@stalbands.gen.nz or visit our website: sacc.org.nz where the centre calendar is available to view. Centre open:

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SARA Committee

St Albans Residents Association meets at St Albans Community Centre, 1049 Colombo St. on September 17 at 7pm.

St Albans History Group

St Albans history group meets on the first Monday of the month at 2 pm at the St Albans Community Centre, next meeting will be September 5. Email: briangspear@hotmail.com

SARA Website

Check out SARA's website on www.stalbands.gen.nz. Contains digital copies of St Albans News, a calendar of events and occasional blog posts.

StAN on Facebook

St Albans News is published every month. If you wish to comment on stories you read in St Albans News or anything that is happening in the area, you can write a letter to the editor (and wait) or you can go to our Facebook page: [StAlbansNews](https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansNews) and post a message there immediately.

SARA on Neighbourly

SARA also has a presence on Neighbourly, a community asset owned by Stuff. Contains notices, advice, things to buy or sell and topics of interest to the neighbourhood. www.neighbourly.co.nz



The deadline for the October issue of the St Albans News is September 19
Please send your articles, letters and notices to:
news@stalbands.gen.nz

SARA and Centre news

Missing the St Albans News?

Not everyone in St Albans gets a printed copy of St Albans News and sometimes there are misses at the letterbox. Copies can be picked up usually in the last week of the month at Kohinga/ the St Albans Community Centre, Fresh Choice at Edgeware, P and J (the old post office in Merivale Village) if they haven't already run out. Digital copies are available from Facebook, the St Albans.gen website and Neighbourly around the end of the month. You can also be added to a list that sends out a pdf via email. Email news@stalbens.gen.nz

NeighbourNet changing times

The volunteer-run help service at Kohinga/St Albans Community Centre, which helps people with their Windows PCs, tablets and phones, is changing time slots. It will now run in the mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10am to 12pm. The Saturday session remains at 1-3pm. Just drop in from September 6. A gold coin would be appreciated to cover costs. (If you come to the centre at the same time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays SeniorNet Mac can help with your Apple computer or iphone). NeighbourNet is also looking for more volunteers with Windows 10 or 11 experience and who also are handy with a cellphone running and Android system. Please email neighbournet@stalbens.gen.nz or phone 021 163 3890 for further information.

Ta-Ra now pet, don't be a stranger

If you have used the community centre, transitional or architectural timber wonder, in the past eight years, chances are you will have come across Sandra Wilson, with her northern English vowels and her canine companion keeping her company. Since the St Albans Residents Association took over the new centre management she has been working a short evening shift after her fulltime day job. She's moving on to a more relaxed lifestyle shortly but remains in Christchurch.

Domestic violence meeting postponed

A meeting, originally planned for August 16, to try to do something about domestic violence in Christchurch has been postponed till February/March next year, due to unforeseen circumstances involving one of the key speakers

Returning to normal in October

In order to fit the election coverage into the September issue of St Albans News we have dropped many of the usual features. Normal transmission will resume, as the saying goes, with the October issue.

Writers wanted for St Albans News

St Albans News would like to hear from people interested in writing about environmental topics and from a youth perspective, with a St Albans connection. Email news@stalbens.gen.nz

CORRECTION

Mayoral and Innes councillor candidate Carl Bromley (Independent - I Hear I Care) has asked that we correct comments made in an article about local election candidates in last month's issue of the St Albans News. Carl says that he is not anti government and supports honest, transparent, ethical government that represents the people. While he supports all groups lobbying for the ethical and moral upholding of the Bill of Rights, he is not a member of any. He is pro the right of any safe, sane and responsible person owning a fire arm. He feels aggrieved at being misrepresented by the media. St Albans News regrets any hurt caused.

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Local Body Elections - Papanui-Innes-Central Wards - Public Meeting

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Local body elections 2022

Mayoral candidates

Carl Bromley (Independent - I Hear I Care)



Carl Bromley has worked as a mental health specialist for 30 years and is also currently a church minister. He says he lives by values of truth, love, respect and integrity.

He sees human rights as the biggest issue facing Christchurch. He would like the Council to endorse authentic public representation to encourage more public participation through weekly 'face to face' public meetings.

He thinks users of Te Kaha stadium being built and

corporates should bear a greater contribution towards the cost.

Carl does not support walkways or cycleways but he would support consultation with residents as to whether the CCC should own and run the public transport system.

Safety, a hospital carpark, mental health are additional issues that need a greater council response.

He would like to see the censorship of climate change science lifted and opened for robust debate.

If you would like to talk to Carl, the best way is to email him at: carlbromley@gmail.com

Mark Chirnside (Chirny for Mayor)



Mike Chirnside is a small business owner/operator who calls himself curious, innovative and co-operative. Mike said he is leading by example, standing as a young mayoral candidate outside of politics.

Mike sees the biggest issue the city council is facing, is its disconnection from the people it serves and the growing pains of becoming a bigger city. He would like the council to communicate more effectively and be accountable for its promises. He feels Te Kaha stadium funding cannot solely be rely on rates, and that we need to employ all our sources of the city's revenue to

help pay for it.

Mike believes our city streets, mainly built for four-wheeled vehicles, can be used as cycleways and walkways. He wants to see greater use of the city cycleways and public transport, which he said should be owned by the council, to help reduce emissions.

He is not fond of the current city council's constrictive, 'no, you can't do that. No, you don't get a permit' attitude. The council should enable artists to make art and businesses to create value.

For more information on Mike Chirnside, visit chirnyformayor.co.nz or facebook.com/chirnyformayor

Tubby Hansen (Economic Euthenics)



Tubby Hansen (real first name Michael) was the Christchurch Gasworks Union minute secretary and a Scandinavian Club Committee member.

Tubby sees the biggest issues facing Christchurch in the next decade as compounding rates and young people not being able to own their own homes. He would like to see "more men on the women-heavy council".

He sees local residents associations playing a part in encouraging more citizens to participate in city operations.

CCC should own the public transport operation, but only increase fares very slowly. He does not see any issue with the CCC raising a Government loan, perhaps over 130 years, to fund the Te Kaha stadium.

In his view, it is not the prerogative of the council to reduce emissions nor attempt to control the impact of climate change on the city.

More single bedroom flats should be constructed for single men in Christchurch, Tubby recommends, and the number of (uneconomic) restaurants should be halved.

To stay up to date with the local body elections in Christchurch, download If you have a mobile phone the free Celect app from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play. Pick your

favourites to make the decision easier before mailing your picks to the city council - voting is not online yet in New Zealand.



Mayoral candidates

Drucilla Kingi-Patterson (Independent)



Drucilla Kingi-Patterson was born in Greymouth and her iwi is based in Taranaki. She has lived in Christchurch since 1966 and is a regular candidate for election and frequent submitter at council consultations on issues such as the post-quake Rebuild and Kate Valley Landfill. Her most recent role has been strategic planning for events and screen production.

Drucilla bases her values and behaviour on the Christian Bible's Ten Commandments.

For her, the biggest issues facing the council in the next decade include obtaining highly-skilled workers for construction and helping those with high medical needs.

Stephen Jelley (Stop the Stadium), Phil Mauger (Let's get stuff done), Nikora Nitro (Independent) and Sam Park did not respond. St Albans News failed to reach Peter Wakeman. Last we heard from (Ian Brackenbury Channell) better known as the Wizard of New Zealand his email's spam detector had made off with our message and he missed the deadline.

She wants to see better community engagement between residents and the council and to this end plans a monthly "Sunday cuppa" at the library.

Te Kaha multi use arena (Te Kaha stadium) should be paid for by a combination of central government funding, council rates and through funds raised by the Friends of Te Kaha.

Drucilla would like CCC to establish a climate change emergency management centre. In her view, public transport ie: buses should be co-owned with Environment Canterbury and rides should be subsidised. Any installation of cycleways or walkways should depend on the budget and consultation.

If you want to contact Drucilla email: greenmoonstudio@outlook.com

Disclaimer: Information supplied by candidates in answer to a series of questions has been used to create these mini profiles. Not all candidates responded and not all information has been used for reasons of space. St Albans News has tried to be fair and evenhanded during the process. Care has been taken to avoid mistakes but we regret errors that may have crept in during the process.

David Meates

(Listens, Leads and Gets Results)



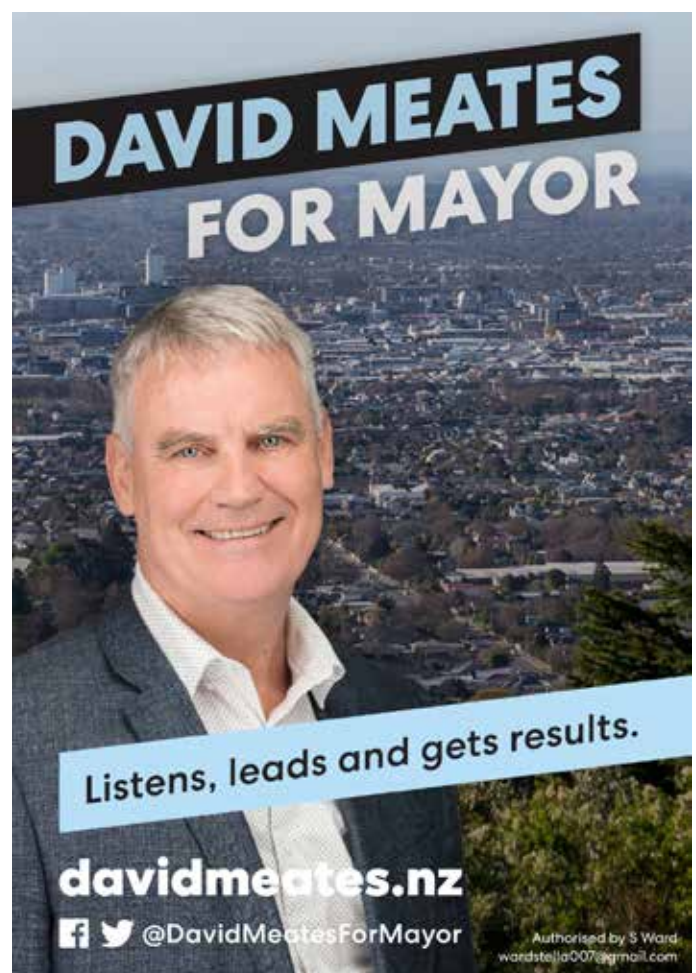
David Meates favours citizen participation through a pilot engagement process, including 'participatory budgeting'. This is where local communities decide their spending priorities, develop trust, collaborate and communicate, ensuring people are at the centre of all decisions.

He was chief executive of the Canterbury District Health Board from 2009 to 2020, enabling that team to find real solutions to complex issues, working with diverse, community-focused groups.

Climate change, he sees as one of the biggest issues facing Christchurch in the next decade but it needs to be faced and acted on with urgency. He would like to see Christchurch become NZ's first carbon neutral city. He would mitigate climate change by providing 'safe' alternative forms of transport (with less reliance on cars) such as biking, walking, catching the bus. He welcomes alternatives to support an effective and integrated public transport network and would like to see the energy efficiency of Christchurch homes improved.

To reduce the impact of the Te Kaha stadium costs on rates David would like CCC to explore options for partner funding.

To find out more visit Davidmeates.nz



Councillors - Innes

Pauline Cotter (The Peoples Choice)



Innes incumbent councillor Pauline Cotter has chaired the Christchurch Agency for Energy, 3 Waters and the Environment Committee. She has also been educating residents to reduce waste and successfully campaigned to increase biodiversity funding in the longterm plan.

To combat climate change, Pauline wants car journeys to decrease to lower transport emissions and favours greater use of cycleways. She's also keen on public transport and says that as CCC already owns the bus infrastructure it makes sense for it to operate the buses and routes as well.

She wants to ensure adequate green space is accessible amongst the intensified housing, for the tree canopy to be retained and increased and for areas that are suffering from repeated flooding to be prioritised for assistance.

Pauline cares about neighbourhoods and believes in empowering communities to identify their own needs and engage with the council.

She does not support selling strategic assets to pay for the capital costs of Te Kaha stadium but would prefer CCC to investigate partnership contributions.

Pauline can be contacted by email: cotter,pauline@gmail.com

Ali Jones (Independent)



Ali Jones was a councillor from 2013 – 2016, (didn't stand 2016) and has been a community board member since 2013. She had been an Isaac Theatre Royal Trust member, Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism director, CCC Consents and Regulations Committee deputy chair, Mayor's representative in South Korea and has spoken on earthquake recovery at an international conference. She was EQC Claimants Reference Group chair, Homeowners Advisory Group member, member of Dame Silvia Cartwright's community advisory group (EQC inquiry) and

co-established the Residential Advisory Service – managing EQ claims.

Ali feels the biggest issue facing the city in the next decade is effective planning for Christchurch's future growth and development. She would like to see less bureaucracy, more transparency, simpler processes and asks is CCC "fit for purpose"?

Funding for the stadium should be by way of a non-resident ticket levy with neighbouring councils contributing. She would like to see CCC owning and operating the city's public transport, perhaps with a partnership model.

Mark Wilson (Independent Voice for Innes)



Mark Wilson is a St Albans Resident Association management committee member, and assistant secretary of the Rail and Maritime Union Lyttelton Branch. He is an Innes council candidate and is also standing for the community board.

Mark believes the biggest issue that St Albans faces is climate change, especially the need for improved infrastructure to make the city environmentally resilient to increasingly severe weather events. Mark would support CCC fully owning the bus operation, and says the council needs to invest in our future to reduce the city's carbon footprint, with viable commuting rail systems and an effective bus network.

He wants the council to change its bureaucratic staff culture and to find solutions to problems and issues through collaborating with citizens.

Mark wants drinking water management to remain under council control, thinks residential intensification is needed (but not in its current form) and the tree canopy should be protected. Non-resident levies should help fund Te Kaha stadium.

Also, of concern, is increased social isolation of vulnerable residents and Mark would like CCC to take action to help them.

To contact Mark email: mark4innes@yahoo.com

Mark Wilson is also standing as a candidate for the Waipapa/Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board, in the Innes ward.

Carl Bromley is also standing as a councillor in the Innes ward. Please see his entry under the mayoral banner on page 4.

Voting in the local elections finishes at noon on October 8. Remember to deliver or post your postal vote.

Councillors - Papanui

Mike Davidson (Independent)



Mike Davidson is a two-term city councillor and a director of Christchurch NZ. He supports strong communities and a healthy environment, increased tree canopy and green spaces and is keen to encourage more meaningful participation/engagement with residents by way of citizens' panels.

He wants CCC to ensure Christchurch is accessible, affordable and safe with all streets safe to walk and bike by people of all ages, completion of the promised 13 cycleways connecting the cycleways to key destinations.

The biggest issue facing the city council in the next decade is climate change, with mitigation and adaptation of strategies an important focus. One of these strategies is public transport which he believes should be owned and operated by the council.

An infrastructure levy to spread Te Kaha stadium cost over more years than what rates do would help deal with construction costs and a levy applied to all tickets could contribute to the operational costs, he says.

If you would like to talk to Mike, email him at: votemikedavidson@gmail.com

Victoria Henstock (Your Local Independent Community Voice)



Victoria Henstock has spent 20 plus years as a practising lawyer and 10 years in senior management and executive leadership within central and local government and Ngai Tahu.

She sees planning responsibly and sustainably for future growth as one of the biggest issues facing the city council in the next decade.

Increasing rates or borrowing money must not be the only options presented and she proposes to look first at reprioritising the capital expenditure programme followed

by a review of asset ownership to dispose of property surplus to requirements.

She does not believe ownership of public transport is essential to its effective delivery and walkways and cycleways are not an immediate priority for her.

She would like to see a change in the way CCC engages with the public to ensure active and meaningful participation on key issues and projects, using modern engagement tools on targeted online engagement platforms.

If you would like to talk to Victoria, the best way is to email her at victoria4papanui@gmail.com

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Community board candidates - Innes ward

Shreejana Chhetri (The Peoples Choice)



A community leader for the Bhutanese Society, Shreejana Chhetri is deputy chair of the Christchurch City Council's Multicultural Advisory Board. She has worked as a probation officer at the

Department of Corrections.

She identifies Intensified housing as the single biggest issue facing St Albans, with a lack of green spaces, flooding and an increase in anti-social activities.

Shreejana would like CCC to own Christchurch's public transport to help reduce car movement but would prefer it to be more accessible and affordable. It should bring back the free central city shuttle and implement lightrail. More

walking and cycling would bring long-term health benefits to citizens.

To be more effective in the community, she says CCC needs to understand grassroot problems. Increased engagement with community groups would help to ensure there is fair representation.

While the increase in rates to help pay for Te Kaha stadium could be a financial burden on ratepayers, Shreejana believes it will aid in the city's revival and the benefits will be evident.

If you wish to talk to Shreejana, her email address is: Shreejana.chhetri33@gmail.com

Robina Dobbie (Your Local Independent)



Robina Dobbie or Robbie, as she likes to be known, has long harboured an interest in local government.

She supports keeping city operations local but would like to see more strategic thinking as part of CCC decision-making, as she thinks past decisions seem to be short-sighted and unrealistic at times. Local views should be sought and analysed to assist future decision-making.

Robina feels the views of the 77 per cent of residents

who submitted in support of Te Kaha stadium being built, despite substantially increased costs, should be honoured. She would support CCC taking over the operation of the public transport, commenting that reversing past decisions can be costly.

She would like the health and wellbeing of residents to be better addressed, citing in particular the 2021 fire at the Bromley waste water treatment plant (which continues to have an impact on other suburbs including those in Innes ward) as a process that could have been handled differently.

Harrison McEvoy (Independent)



At 24, Harrison McEvoy is one of several youth candidates campaigning for a council position. He has nearly finished a degree in political science from Canterbury University and has been a regional leader for UN+ Youth, a for youth, by youth charity that educates students about civics and governance.

He believes in doing what's right, not what is easy.

Harrison does not think ratepayers should foot the large bill for Te Kaha stadium (multi-use arena) but businesses and organisations that will benefit from its operation should

face targeted rates.

He wants priority given to proper urban development and transport strategies, with the creation of safer areas for pedestrians and cyclists. CCC should own public transport; the privatisation model has failed.

Issues concerning St Albans in particular over the next decade include infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.

He wants to talk climate change mitigation and creating the future for future generations and would like more younger people to run for office. "It helps young people feel noticed and should increase their participation."

You can email Harrison: harrisonmcevoy@gmail.com

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Emma Twaddell (Independent)



Emma Twaddell has been a member of the Waipapa/ Papanui - Innes Community Board since 2019. Prior to that she led the St Albans Residents Association (SARA) through the quake recovery from 2011 until 2019. She was a St Albans representative on the CERA Community Forum for four years and a business owner for 20 years.

Emma feels the biggest issues facing St Albans over the next decade are housing intensification and the consequent need for additional community green space, land drainage and transport - the increase of traffic is already having consequences in a loss of local connectivity, cohesion and

safety.

For safety's sake Emma wants lower speed zones applied to more streets and for the creation of safe active travel routes in our community. She will advocate for more regular buses.

She would like CCC to beef up its accountability to ratepayers, improve the standard of work accepted from contractors doing work in our communities and support bottom-up (ie: residents) led development of communities.

Emma retains an involvement in community development through her part-time activator role with SARA.

To contact Emma e.twaddell0064@gmail.com or [facebook.com/ETwaddell.Innes.Ward](https://www.facebook.com/ETwaddell.Innes.Ward)

Juliana Venning (Independent)



Juliana Venning is an activist in alcohol reform, advocates for mental health and supports those surviving abuse. She is secretary for several local committees, including Canterbury branches of Royal Society of NZ, NZ Society of Authors, and Historical Association. Juliana was elected to an Ilam Community Working Group, which was successful in getting an alcohol ban around the local area.

Juliana feels the biggest issues facing St Albans are

environmental, including clean water and working drainage. She believes CCC needs to employ local expertise to deal with these issues.

To encourage more citizen engagement, Juliana says she will communicate clearly and be accountable. She believes in the 18th century philosophy (attributed by some to Edmund Burke) that all that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men / people do nothing.

If you would like to talk to Juliana, you can contact her on: 02102659568

Mark Wilson (Independent Voice for Innes) is also standing as a councillor for the Innes Ward. Please see page 6 for further information

St Albans News did not receive responses in time from Holly Chappell-Eason (Independent), Scott Franicevic and Andrew Pengelly, community board candidates for the Innes ward

Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board - Papanui

Papanui ward representatives Simon Britten and Emma Norrish have been elected unopposed.

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ECan Central/Ōhoko candidates

Greg Byrnes



Greg Byrnes has 35 years experience in the public service on Waimakariri District Council, Environment Canterbury (ECAN) and in Australia and has also chaired environmental groups and sports clubs.

He sees climate change as one of the biggest issues New Zealand faces in the next decade. The most important issue for ECAN is the

response to Te Mana o Te Wai, the government freshwater regulations introduced in 2020. This new integrated Land and Water Plan planning framework prioritises the environment first and will provide strong guidance around climate change adaptation (eg: managed retreat from the coast etc).

Greg says public transport should stay with ECAN and operate like the old Christchurch Transport Board model.

Genevieve Robinson (Independent)



A trained journalist and founding member of Aotearoa Water Action, Genevieve Robinson is used to asking the big questions. She believes if something does not quite feel right, then it usually isn't and always dig deeper.

One of the biggest issues facing Canterbury in her view is the availability/finiteness of clear and fresh water. She feels caution needs to be taken when consenting large water takes to ensure community needs come first.

Genevieve believes ECAN should also focus on the coastal environment, including protected marine areas, and limit synthetic nitrogen fertiliser use in all farming practices.

In regards to public transport, she acknowledges this is not her area of expertise but believes we need to improve our transport networks between major areas.

If you would like to contact Genevieve, check out her Facebook or Instagram page: Genevieve Robinson for Canterbury Regional Council.

Brynlea Stocks (The Peoples Choice)



Brynlea Stocks has spent the last two years working at Environment Canterbury as a Compliance Monitor and a Consents Planner.

She says it is the small everyday actions that have a big impact on our environment, so she tries to make sure she lives her life with as little negative impact on the environment as possible.

Climate change is the biggest issue facing Canterbury's environment over the next decade and we need to act

proactively to prepare for the challenges we will face as a community. This new term the regional council has the opportunity to rewrite the Land and Water Regional Plan, Coastal Plan and Regional Policy Statement. These dictate how natural resources are used in Canterbury.

Brynlea supports the Ngai Tahu Representation Bill (allowing two appointed representatives to vote) and is committed to working with all seated around the council table.

To contact Brynlea: hellobrynlea@gmail.com or facebook.com/BrynleaStocksForCentralOhoko

Murray Wiig (Independent)



Murray Wiig's experience includes chairing the South Canterbury Public Relations Association plus directorships / governance roles at Deep Cove Fisheries, Alpine Energy and Craigpine Timber. He has also been a trustee on the Timaru

Boys High School board.

Murray lives by the values of fairness, honesty, treating others how you like to be treated and making meaningful decisions that avoid community frustration, futility and despair.

Along with other pressing issues, he feels that Environment Canterbury (ECAN) needs greater focus on balanced and sustainable development of both social and physical environments. To make the hard decisions, appropriately experienced councillors are needed around the ECAN table.

Murray also believes that rates increases of more than 20 per cent are unacceptable and unsustainable. He would also like to see ECAN put more emphasis on consulting and involving the community.

To contact Murray his email is: murraywiig@gmail.com

ECan North East/Ōrei candidates

Tane Apanui (Rail and Simplified Transport)



Tane Apanui is a current Environment Canterbury (ECAN) councillor and deputy chair of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.

A keen supporter of rail and simplified transport, he believes public transport users should be consulted and their voices listened to over those of consultants. Residents deserve

better routes and, in low density areas, on-demand buses.

Waterway degradation is one of the biggest issues facing Canterbury's environment in the next decade, in his view, with some hard conversations needing to be had on the numbers of cattle in certain areas.

Tane is a person who likes to 'get to the point'

Tane can be contacted through his facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TaneApanui/>

Ashley Campbell (Independent)



Ashley is a founding member of the Avon-Ōtākaro Network, founder and former co-chair of Greening the Red Zone and a member of Te Tira Kāhikuhiku.

Ashley says climate change is here now, and affecting people's lives so Environment Canterbury (ECAN) must lead with education and action to prevent further damage and to change, mitigate and adapt. The rivers and water sources must be protected. Nitrate pollution is already a serious problem

that urgently needs fixing before it gets worse with enforcement and direct action, including land-use change where necessary.

After much thought, Ashley supports the new (mandated by a government bill it allows for appointees) representation model. She supports public transport being convenient, affordable, frequent and safe. There is no one-size-fits all and the locals should be listened to, to understand the barriers, which will be different in say Southshore or New Brighton compared to St Albans.

To contact Ashley, visit her website www.campbell4ecan.nz

Joe Davies (The Peoples Choice)



Joe Davies is a self employed web designer and contractor. He was a Hagley-Ferrymead community board member from 2013-16, chaired the People's Choice group from 2020-2021. In the wider Labour Party, he has a particular involvement in environmental issues.

He wants to see the Regional Council move forward with decisions about climate change that they have already made and then use emergency planning to build infrastructure

that is adaptive to drier and wetter conditions to prepare our communities for climatic change.

As for public transport, he would like to see low fares, accessible routes and a mass rapid transit system, including rail for greater Christchurch and Canterbury. This could be funded through various mechanisms but the more competent and ambitious our plans are, the more likely that central government will take the funding requests seriously.

He would particularly like to achieve progress on climate resilience, freshwater action and biodiversity projects.

Environment Canterbury is the regional government covering topics like buses and water quality. Part of St Albans is in the central constituency (Ōhoko) and part in North East (Ōrei). Voters get two votes in a postal vote which closes on October 8.

Linton Boyce (known as Boycey), standing in Environment Canterbury's Central constituency/ Ōhoko did not respond to questions from St Albans News in time.



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David East



David East comes with more than 15 years of local government experience as a community board member and Christchurch city councillor. Equally at home in town and country, he says he brings a balanced viewpoint to environmental matters and would put people first, not political agendas.

David says his primary focus would be on water quality and natural hazards. Nitrates and pollutants in waterways and ground water need to be reduced and pure drinking water maintained through effective catchment management.

Although not a fan of appointed members or co governance models in regional government, David believes

Mana Whenua should be given an active role in decision-making. Because the appointments on Environment Canterbury have been mandated by central government, he says he will work collaboratively with all members of ECAN.

He says to improve public transport in Christchurch, ECAN could offer free inner city transport with smaller passenger buses on lesser-used routes. He would encourage ECAN to undertake a longer term study on the viability of light rail links through city suburbs and passenger rail connecting Selwyn and Waimakariri townships.

If you want to contact David email crockett@xtra.co.nz

John Knox (Independent)



John Knox is vice chair of the Styx Living Laboratory Trust and chair of Cansail Youth sailing. He worked for 20 years for the Australian National Parks service and has been a nature tour guide and a city bus driver for 25 years. He has a science degree and Master of Philosophy from Massey University.

John says climate change effects on land and water is of concern, requiring wise mitigation of these areas to counter outcomes of natural hazards and adverse pollution.

He hopes there will be a good balance of elected members in order to provide a strong knowledge base on which wise decisions can then be made. He would promote encouragement of wider passenger use through better service, vehicles and routes, to improve public transport in Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area.

A strong empathy for nature, people and community are key to John's values and principles and a strong belief in helping to mainstream the whole concept of environment care, restoration and awareness. If you would like to talk to John, the best way is to email him at: j.knox@xtra.co.nz

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Residents' Associations take collective action

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intensification where it is needed and after communities have been consulted (something that won't happen if resource consents are not required).

Christchurch has had its own plan to intensify housing since 2015, developed to deal with a huge shortage of housing post quake, but has been overridden by a central government plan that is designed to fit Auckland.

The associations think the inner city should be the focus of well-planned development before it happens anywhere else.

The loss of tree canopy as a result of intensification (it has dropped by about 2 per cent since 2015) would ruin the city's reputation as a garden city and put paid to any attempts to become a national park city.

The wholesale intensification will cause problems with parking congestion and remove rights to sunlight and privacy. It does not solve housing unaffordability and will make things worse for the environment and for residents. The increase of ground covered in concrete and asphalt will cause runoff/flooding problems (because less water can be absorbed by

soil) and temperatures will be hotter in summer.

At the time of writing Tony Simons said 16 associations (14 plus, two local interest groups) had signed the letter to councillors.

Some associations don't think this will go far enough, with one suggesting a nationwide referendum on housing intensification.

If you talk to councillors they keep emphasising they have to accept the government requirement and risk being handed a default plan without any qualifying matters or exemptions allowing for things like character areas. The legal ramifications of delaying the plans have yet to be outlined.

Tony Simons remains confident and suggests the council should send the plan back to staff to come up with a

Petition about housing and trees

If you want to let the Christchurch City Council know what you think about the impact environmental destruction, caused by over-intensification, is having on your neighbourhood, track down Greg Partridge's petition started earlier this year here and sign it. He hopes to present it at the council meeting on September 8.

<https://www.change.org/ChChHousingNeedsVsEnvironmentalDestruction>

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better proposal.

Meanwhile in Auckland in late July, hearing commissioners refused to give a development consent because the small trees and pavers did not maintain the street's landscaped character.

Submitters said multiple units did not match Glendowie and would destroy their suburb. A bit more backbone from hearing commissioners in Christchurch could do a lot towards saving the city's suburbs from overintensification and a providing a better living environment

for residents.

But there may be some good news on the horizon: the insatiable demand for new housing appears to be slowing down while the risks of trying to sell units in large new developments is increasing. ☞

Grandsons visit and it's all about beaches, bluey and bites

by Martin Cooney

Happiness is ... our family from overseas visiting again! The two UK grandkids (now 4 and 6 year old larrikins) and their parents are back! They arrived in August for a first visit since Covid began, down through Houston via Air New Zealand. Of course - they didn't make it across to Auckland domestic in time for the 8 am flight down here. First morning spent in NZ in the airport with jet lagged kids. Been there, done that. But then the lovely moment - like in the adverts - of re-uniting as they come off the plane.

They've grown up a lot but once home, they just folded back into cuddles, same as before, to listen to Dr Seuss and "Cat in the Hat" or watch

"Bluey" on TV. Then what we were praying for - a run of sunny weather for August after the July rains. And that meant many trips to the beach for kids who normally cannot access it. Dad is a mad surfer - yes even in winter. And the boys just love getting the buckets and sand shovels going. Digging a hole in the sand and burying each other. Priceless!

Then it was often back to our house tired but happy for some episodes of their favourite "Bluey". (Paw Patrol is so passe!) And they would mimic in our lounge what they saw in particular episodes. The most worrying was called "Keepy Uppy" and involves keeping a balloon off the ground. Thus dives across couches and risking head knocks with furniture. Rugby's got nothing on "Keepy Uppy".



Grandsons cuddle up to Grandad in this pastel drawing by the boys' father.

Bluey is a kids' show starring a six-year-old Blue Heeler puppy who has a four-year-old little sister, Bingo. The series was inspired by the writer's experience in raising two daughters who loved imaginative play. The Australian voice of Dad (Bandit) belongs to a likeable larrikin while his wife (Chilli) often has to pull Bandit back into line. Nicely traditional! Some people say it is stereotyped and asked for it to be "cancelled". But it certainly resonates with the two girl and two boy families we as grandparents are currently dealing with. This show leads to grandad chasing round Christchurch shops to try to get Bluey and Bingo plush characters! Not much luck - sold out. That brings back memories of the 1980s when I had to

race around shops trying to get a dog character named Fluffy (?) for their mother. Another memory about their mum was her (allegedly) going to Willowbank around the same time and she famously (in family lore) got grabbed by an opossum.

This time the youngest having seen the eels in local creeks was entranced by the ones of a different size at Willowbank. A family expedition on a sunshiny day was going very well till the last 30 seconds. A quick return to feed the eels and he got bitten on his finger! Staff at Willowbank were quickly there to apply first aid. No great damage but now it ranks up there with the time of Mum's grab and Auntie Cat's monkey bite while volunteering at a private zoo! ☞



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St Albans and beyond

NZ-born composer premieres work

Christchurch born and educated composer Alan Griffiths is premiering his third classical album at The Piano on September 17. Melbourne-based Griffiths' parents still live in the city and he has been staying here while recuperating from Covid19. It features the world premiere of, "Such a fine, sunny day" along with other pieces on the *Land No More* album. That quote is from Sophie Scholl, a young woman executed by order of Adolf Hitler in Munich in 1943. Sung in German and English, Griffiths imagines how Sophie would have reacted to today's world. "This piece is for our time as it wishes for a better future," Alan says. Griffiths has lived in Australia for 27 years where he has scored 25 films but these days he is focusing more on classical music.

Superhomes on display

The weekend of September 23-24 will see 10 homes open to view throughout Christchurch as part of the next Superhomes homes tour. The Christchurch event includes an old villa in St Albans which, rather than being bowled by an unsympathetic developer, is being renovated by a local builder who is taking the building beyond the standard building code and making it fit for 21st century living. The group behind the Superhomes movement also produce a handy guide for homeowners thinking of renovating or building from scratch. The tours can be booked and the guide obtained from: <https://superhome.co.nz>.

Maori language week

September 14 this year marks the 50th anniversary of the 30,000 signature petition presented to Parliament in 1972 calling for Maori language to be taught in schools. It was another three years though before Te Wiki o te reo Māori, the language week, was in place to help boost the numbers of speakers of te reo. A week of events kicks off on September 13 this year. A good place to start looking for courses is by visiting <https://www.reomaori.co.nz/courses> or heading straight to the Wananga o Aotearoa (<https://www.twoa.ac.nz>)

It runs courses with no fees charged, including full immersion reo classes, business courses and weaving from an address in Manchester St. Check out the resources at the library including the online e-library, which includes access to Scott Morrison's beginners books

Gifts of love for Nelson

Nelson was badly affected by floods and landslides red-stickering homes in late August and the charity Gifts of Love and Strength is gathering small items – such as hearts handmade from scrap material and bars of chocolate – it's the thought that counts.

The St Albans Community Centre (during office hours) is a collection point for small items. The gifts will be distributed in Nelson by Lions clubs in late September. Make Nelsonians feel they are not forgotten.

St Albans Residents Association (SARA) Inc

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