



ELECTION OF TRUSTEES 23 NOVEMBER 2019

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET
& CANDIDATE DIRECTORY



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2019 Election of Trustees

The Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust is holding its triennial election of trustees this year, with voting closing at noon on Saturday 23 November 2019.

The Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust is one of the largest charitable trusts in New Zealand. Established in 1994, the Trust's mission is to:

'manage and enhance the assets held in trust and distribute income for the long term benefit of the Rotorua District Community.'

Six trustees are elected to the Trust every three years by electors in the Trust's district. To have your say on who will run the Trust for the next three years, read the information in this booklet about each of the candidates who are standing, then follow the instructions on the voting document included in this pack to cast your vote.

3 Ways to Vote

you can only use ONE of these methods to vote

vote by post

Tick your preferred choices
Tear off instruction panel



Post the voting document
in the return envelope



vote online

Go to
www.voteonline.co.nz
Enter your voter ID and password (shown
on address side of voting document).
Follow the online instructions on how
to vote.



vote at polling place

Tick your preferred choices
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Place your completed voting
document in the ballot box at
the polling booth located at
1358 Eruera Street, Rotorua

Voting Closes

NOON, SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019

No votes will be accepted after this time

It is recommended, if posting your vote, to post it by
Tuesday 19 November 2019

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Carol (Kararaina) BECKETT

Ngā mihi katoa

My experience and passion for supporting Charity work has brought me to stand for RECT. I love the support they have brought to the Community and recently to myself.

I have three daughters and twelve mokopuna with a long standing connection in the BOP. I grew up in Ngongotaha with my brother, cousins and our parents Rose and Fred Beckett. I Whakapapa back to Tuhoe and Kahungunu but I also belong to Te Arawa, Ngati Whakaue and Raukawa.



Kylie BRACKFIELD

I am Kylie Brackfield, I have been fortunate enough to be a part of our community for 14 years now. Along with my husband I am a business owner in our community, employing around 30 staff. We have had our 2 children here in Rotorua and feel lucky living in this wonderful town. We have fully immersed ourselves into the Rotorua community, volunteering in all the sports and activities our children do. I am an active trustee for Life Education Trust Rotorua, a role I have done for 4 years. I am also on a national committee for our business and fully believe I have the right business sense to serve the Rotorua community on the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust. I am a people person, so the thought of being able to see the joy our community groups receive with the help of Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust really excites me.

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Gregg BROWN

Born and raised in Rotorua.

Managing Director, Capers Café and The Pig & Whistle.

Gregg enjoyed eight years as a trustee for Bay Trust, representing Rotorua's interests. He also served on the investment sub-committee during this time (post-GFC 2009 - 2017). Bay Trust has \$215m under management and distributes \$7m annually.

Community involvement includes six years as President, Rotorua Mountain Bike Club; Founding Chairperson, Rotorua Trails Trust; twelve years as managing director for RideRotorua.com, a social enterprise promoting Rotorua mountain bike trails globally. Current roles include Trustee, John Paul College; Committee Member, Lake Okareka Community Association. Chairperson, Tipu Waiariki, a new non-profit focused on planting native trees to improve water quality. Gregg would welcome the opportunity to bring his philanthropic and investment experience to strengthen RECT's financial position and to deliver strategic and disciplined granting to the community.

Gregg is married to Susan Brown, they have three children.

More: www.greggbrown4rect.com



Hasmukh (Hari) CHHAGAN

Kia ora - I'm Hari and I would like to offer my candidacy to the RECT Board. If I am successfully elected I would like to see that scholarships for our university students be reinstated. Furthermore I will endeavour to work with community organisations to introduce/ bring more cultural festivals to be celebrated with the wider population of Rotorua.

I have been widely involved in many community organisations including the Multi-cultural Council, JP Association, PSA, Creative communities Rotorua and various Indian associations. In 2003 I was awarded the Rotorua District Community Award and in 2008 was honoured with the prestigious Queens Service Medal (QSM) for services to the wider communities and other organisations.

I believe that due to my many years of financial and governance experience and wider community organisation involvement, I will make positive contributions to the trust for the benefit of Rotorua community.

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Tamati COFFEY

I'm seeking re-election to the Trust because it allows me to utilise my skills and abilities at a local level for the benefit of all of Rotorua. Plus, it's a really fun job!

As Deputy Chair, I've helped steer the direction of the Trust's first Strategic Plan. We have funded the Museum rebuild, the cornerstone of our local history. We have funded the rebuild of the Sir Howard Morrison Centre, the centerstage of our performing arts. We have built formal relationships with Ngati Whakaue and our local Kapa Haka superstars. We have funded our community interests, while balancing the books and growing the fund at the same time.

One thing I've heard is that many small community organisations feel that they need a purpose-built space. One which is vibrant and modern and a place of collaboration. I believe the Rotorua Trust is best placed to lead that community work.



Mike DINGWALL

Rotorua has been my home for over 40 years, including 27 years in the police and 14 years running my own business. I know our community well and I am passionate about living here.

I have been involved in many community groups including Life Education Trust, Ngongotaha Pony Club, Rotorua Show Jumping Group, A&P Association, Rotorua Bird Club, the Community Youth Centre Trust and Victim Support.

RECT does well on "big picture" project support, but sometimes the little things that can make a positive difference receive less attention. Many small clubs and organisations struggle for funding to continue contributing in a positive way to our diverse community.

I have a good working knowledge of what RECT can do to ensure every dollar is distributed wisely.

If elected I will work with like-minded people to make Rotorua a better place to live, work and play.

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Stewart EDWARD

It has been a privilege to be a Rotorua Trust member for the past three years and acted as Trust Chairman for that time.

The teamwork that has developed with the current trustees as the strategic plan was developed for the Trust has been special. This set the scene for the grant applications over the past three years. Encapsulated in that plan was the strong statement "A better Rotorua for all".

The strategy has been underpinned by three concepts . Invest,Fund and Advise.

The results outlined at the July AGM indicate the Trust is in very good financial shape and has continued to provide a high level of grants back into the community.

I am standing again for the Trust to continue stewardship of the Trust and to offer my governance experience to the community.



Adam ELLIS

Rotorua is a great place to live. My focus for the last 5 years has been on narrowing the equity gap between those that have and those that don't.

With my expertise in technology I have the view that it is the enabler that can connect loved ones together and inspire Rotorua people to generate wealth within our community.

I have a background in mountain rescue and enjoy being in our environment.

Being an avid mountain biker I bring a 360° view on the world and believe I can facilitate sustained change from a unique perspective.

I am fluent in Japanese and understand multi cultural environments.

My perspective on energising equity to do transformational things in our community is based on a collective impact approach.

Collectively, we can facilitate and sustain change within our community if I am successful.

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Jane EYNON-RICHARDS

Passionate about Rotorua - home for most of my life, I've been involved in the arts, on school boards, as a JP and with a range of community organisations.

My career has been in local government, in the capacity of managing the governance structure and for the past 16 years, as Manager of Citizens Advice Bureau – both requiring absolute prudent, strategic financial management.

I liken my current role to being the eyes of our multicultural community – identifying and observing areas of need and witnessing the positive outcomes that can be achieved when adequate funding is applied.

I would like to use my skills and insight to be part of the amazing work the Trust does, to continue working in collaboration with other funders, government, community initiatives to enhance Rotorua and bring about positive change.

Energetic, empathetic, a clear thinker I will bring a fresh and astute approach.



Ben HINGSTON

I am deeply passionate about our community and have held several senior management roles in recent years across a number of health, social and education service providers where I have been in a position to directly contribute to shaping the wellbeing of our community. My proudest achievements have included leading the development of new community services in our city including the Tipu Ora Stop Smoking Service

(TOSS), Elder Abuse Response Service and Kia Pakari - the Young Dads' Service based in Western Heights.

Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust's commitment to strengthening the health, wellbeing and sustainability of our city resonates strongly with my vision for Rotorua's future. I am confident that I will be able to bring a vibrant energy and contribute new ideas to enhance the Trust's strategic direction over the next three years and continue to build on the incredible legacy of past trustees in shaping our city's future.

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Jenny HOTCH

A long term resident, I have owned and operated a productive and efficient business for the past 18years. Skills such as managing money and engaging with people have been keystones to the success of that business. I pride myself on being able to engage with people easily, with a good sense of humour.

I am a life member, and twice a past president, of Rotorua Little Theatre. A member of the committee that established the Casa Blanca Theatre, I have a lifetime interest in the Arts and Theatre which began in my youth. Supporting both community ventures and individuals who are striving to achieve their goals, I have admired the work that RECT accomplishes supporting people and groups to achieve their goals in all fields. Now retired, I have time to devote to civic duties, and would welcome an opportunity to contribute to the continuing success of this worthy organisation.



Karen HUNT

I am deeply committed to Rotorua and its wellbeing. I have just stepped down from the Rotorua Lakes Council after 12 years and over the years I have been involved with several voluntary organisations in Rotorua.

Now I hope to serve the community on the Rotorua Trust. While on the Council I worked in a number of roles, including chairing various committees and leading several significant projects.

I have an extensive knowledge of how our city ticks. Serving on the Rotorua Trust will allow me to use my experience and networks to benefit the many worthy projects that the Trust is asked to consider.

I believe my experience will also be useful in helping to sustainably manage the invested funds for future generations.

Thank you for your support.

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Mike KEEFE

QSM.

Nominated to RECT by Retiring Trustee Sandra Kai Fong and Te Arawa Kaumatua, Sir Toby Curtis, their support, trust and confidence, is humbly acknowledged by Mike.

Awarded the Queens Service Medal in 2017 for Services to the Community, his passion continues with Governance roles and volunteer/philanthropic organisations.

A long-serving loyal Rotorua resident, his Public/Police service has provided insight into all social issues.

Displaying unwavering community commitment, Mike is Chairperson of the BOP-Gisborne Lotteries Distribution Committee. "Experienced in how organisations benefit from the prudent allocation of funds".

He serves on the Human Rights Tribunal, a JP since 2000, a Trustee of the Graham Dingle Foundation (Rotorua), and chairs a committee on firearms safety in rural communities.

A former Chair of the Rotorua Youth Centre he remains dedicated to serving "Our Community".

Of Te Arawa/ Kahungunu/European descent, he is married to Heather, has two adult children and three grandchildren.



Jo-Anne LA GROUW

Jo-Anne has taken 45 years of personal business success and put it to consistently good use in outstanding service to her community.

One of Jo-Anne's greatest strengths is her ability to raise funds for a wide variety of community organisations. She constantly markets and promotes a wide range of community services to a vast array of audiences, including potential sponsors.

She has built strategic business relationships with an array of key business and professional personalities in order to achieve sustained business growth for the many community organisations she actively supports.

Jo-Anne leads by example. Her business experience, together with her boundless energy to get the job done, makes her a key member of any team.

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Gavin LONG

A resident of Rotorua, I have served as treasurer of the Rotorua Chamber of Commerce for the past four years and acted as a judge in the Westpac Business Awards for a similar period, having just completed the current judging process for this year's awards.

I hold a Masters degree in Business Administration, as well as a Bachelor of Commerce degree and have had a long career within the financial and banking sector, with my current role as General Manager for NZCU Central.

I believe I would be able to contribute to the Trust in a meaningful way both through my corporate governance background, gained through years of service on a diverse range of boards and an ability to assess potential investment opportunities in a fair and supportive fashion. I am passionate about Rotorua and its people and look forward to further serving the community that we love.



Philip MACALISTER

With a number of vacancies on the Trust I am excited to offer my experience and skills.

I have more than 30 years working in financial services and have been recognised numerous times for my contribution to the industry.

A key task for trustees is ensuring the Trust's funds are managed responsibly and prudently. I bring a wealth of experience in funds management and will work to ensure the money is managed

appropriately.

This is particularly important in the current, changing, economic environment we are experiencing.

Without good management the trust is constrained with the grants it can make to the community.

I have lived in Rotorua for about 30 years and am passionate to see the city grow.

I will work to ensure all grant applications are treated fairly and everyone gets a fair chance of succeeding.

You can find out more about me at facebook.com/VotePhilipMacalister

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Brett MARVELLY

I have lived in Rotorua most of my life. I'm married to Vlasta and have a daughter Elizabeth who were both born and bred in Rotorua.

Recently selling the iconic Princes Gate Hotel that Vlasta and I owned and operated for thirty years, I understand our community and have a social conscience but I am also a business person who understands the value of a sound financial position. I believe this is relevant to being self

employed, employing some 25 people. Every dollar earned and spent made you accountable.

My strengths are a determination to succeed. I thrive on a challenge. I'm a creative thinker with vision and energy to get things done.

Having recently retired, I have the time and a genuine desire to make Rotorua a great place to live and to economically and socially succeed.

With your support, I guarantee that I will not let you down.



Trevor MAXWELL

Former Deputy Mayor of Rotorua (11 years)

I attended Ngongotaha Primary and Western Heights High School - foundation pupil.

Chairman of NZ Community Trust (Regional).

Chairman Maori Arts NZ, Member of Western

Heights Community, Awahou Marae and Te Arawa

Kapa Haka Committees. Past leader of award

winning cultural performers - Ngati Rangiwewehi

and a St Faiths Anglican Parishioner.

Current Trustee of the annual popular free Lakeside Concert.

I passionately follow and support most sports.

"I believe the Rotorua Trust should consist of people with a wide range of interests. If elected I would strive towards improving the quality of life in our district, especially for the needs of the youth and the elderly.

Kia Ora and Thank you

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Darren MCGARVIE

I am married to Rachael and father of three wonderful children including 15 year old twin boys and a 12 year old girl. We have lived here since 2006 and are passionate about this epic place to live and work. I am the co-founder of a local business which helps organisations grow their skills and people with training.

For the past ten years I have led the Rotorua X Trust which is a non-profit organisation dedicated to inspiring and connecting entrepreneurs and community leaders. In the past decade I have also been part of eight boards including the amazing Tarawera Ultramarathon.

RECT is an essential provider of support for Rotorua's charities and social enterprises. As a local business owner, I can apply my skills and experience to help RECT to continue to better our community and help the thousands of worthy causes making a difference in people's lives.



Raina MEHA

Kia ora, I love our city and district. We live in a beautiful part of the world and RECT provides an opportunity to support and develop our community far and wide. Growing up at Rotoiti and schooled in Rotorua has nurtured this passion to support and progress what RECT offers.

My governance experience includes Tapuaeharuru Marae Committee, Ngati Pikiao Iwi Trust, Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa Trust, Te Arawa Lakes

Trust, Te Tatau o Te Arawa and Te Tahuna Trust.

I firmly believe in accountability and transparency and if elected will continue to be a responsible and hardworking trustee.

Mantra: Forget all the reasons why it won't work, and believe the one reason why it will.

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Jan MIDDLEMISS

Tēnā koutou. My name is Jan Middlemiss. Rotorua is my home town. I attended school in Rotorua and Ngakuru, and returned to live here more than 25 years ago. I am married to Tony and have two daughters - one at Western Heights High School and one studying in Hamilton. I am a solicitor with 27 years specialist trustee experience. I see the trustee role as an opportunity to give back to the community and to continue the excellent work the trust undertakes supporting many community organisations. I am interested in working collaboratively with the community's other charitable funders to address community needs on larger scale and consider some larger projects. Tahi tatou pai ake - we are better together. While the trust should work with local and central government to enhance our community, the need for independent trustees is essential, so that trust funds are not an extension of public funding.



Watu Anne MIHINUI

My roots sprout from Tarawera, Ohaki, Mangatawa and Ireland, I come from Whaka.

Having been a recipient, in my various roles, of the benevolence of RECT, I would like to repay that wonderful support by offering myself as a trustee worthy of your vote.

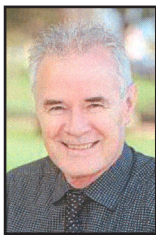
I have been a funder myself for more than 40 years in professional and governance capacities where it has been a pleasure to see development and growth within the communities I served.

I am totally empathetic with the trust's kaupapa of making a better Rotorua for all and will strive to make a meaningful impact on the Iwi of Te Arawa and the wider community through the four focus areas already identified by the trust.

Please place your trust in this Penny Diver extraordinaire from Whaka and vote for Watu Mihinui

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

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Murray PATCHELL

I am a Chartered Accountant with over 40 years experience in managing commercial, private and charitable Trusts, investments and distributions from both governance and administration perspectives. I have helped grow some of the most successful Maori Land Trusts and Incorporations in our rohe and I have a passion for supporting our community needs. I was an inaugural Trustee of the Geyser Community Foundation (12 Years) and am a member (29 years) and past president of the Rotary Club of Rotorua. I am a Director of One Foundation (8 years) which distributes in excess of \$13m-annually to NZ communities. With your support I will apply my skills, vision and direction to continue the excellent work of the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust to grow and continue as a cornerstone investor into the financial needs of, and improved outcomes for our community.



Katie Priscilla PAUL

BA/ LLB- Living and working for Rotorua

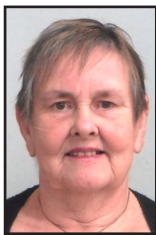
I bring diversity, experience and youth. I am a professional Trustee, a member of the NZ Institute of Directors and about to become a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court. I've served as a career diplomat overseas. Over the last decade, I've given millions in charitable grants to Rotorua families.

I'm a rural mother of two boys. You'll find me on Hinemoa Street or at Okere Falls Cafe. I'll champion

more funding for the elderly, community groups and young people. If you want a woman who is pro-business with governance, investment and legal experience; someone who is not afraid to speak up on issues that matter and is passionate about the business world and building a connected community. If you're looking for a woman who is visible, smart, fearless and principled, please vote kapai Katie pai.

Thank you.

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Alison PERRIN

My last 14 years at the Rotorua Trust as Donations Assessor and the previous 12 years as Co-ordinator of the Citizens Advice Bureau have given me an extensive insight into and knowledge of community organisations in Rotorua.

I understand the challenges faced by these organisations, the difference between governance and management, the hard work carried out by volunteers and their specific needs to be effective

in the community.

If elected I would like to build on the visibility of the Rotorua Trust in different sectors of the community so that more community groups could access its support.

Having been part of the Rotorua community for the last 45 years and having brought up our family here, my husband John and I are passionate about Rotorua and its future.

I believe I have the experience, knowledge and commitment to make a positive contribution to the Rotorua Trust.



Merepeka RAUKAWA-TAIT

The Trust has shifted its focus considerably in the last three years. There were community groups who just expected repeat grants every year. We now look carefully at the difference our grants make to all of Rotorua and how this is measured. I am always amazed at the resilience found within our district. People see a need and decide to do something about it. They look for like-minded people and tackle what has to be done. They

marshal the initial resources and at some stage apply to us for a grant to support their work. The projects and activities are wide ranging often in: education, health, environmental, sports, cultural, sometimes crime prevention. Active community groups are the glue in every community. Our job is to support them and enable them to thrive. The benefits of their work are plain to see. Thank you for another three years on the Trust.

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Gabrielle THURSTON

As an independent trustee I would bring my in-depth knowledge of our community, governance skills, lived experience and unique perspectives as an educator, consultant and businesswoman having run and managed my own speech communication business since 1983. A critical thinker, collaborative, flexible and solution focused. I have the skills to make effective financial decisions that interface with a love and passion for education, the disability sector, arts, culture and our unique Rotorua heritage. An experienced educator holding numerous qualifications including Fellowship status (FTCL) with Trinity College London. Chairman, trustee and senior examiner Speech New Zealand in Wellington - Me akiaki tātau, kia whakapāpā a Aotearoa whānui. Actively involved in community and voluntary organisations including foundation chairman Friends of Rotorua Hospital.

I am passionate about being part of a team making strategic investment decisions on your behalf to enable our community to grow and develop. I seek your support.



Paulene WALSH

I would be honoured to serve you as a Trustee. Passionate Special Needs Coordinator for John Paul College for the last 10 years.

Advocate for children with learning and behavioural needs including gifted students. Recognised for this by National Teaching and Leading Award.

Raised four children in Rotorua and believe in the educational opportunities it offers.

I wish to provide the educational vision and expertise on the Board. Continue to be a key driver for free professional development.

If elected I will continue to be an advocate for gaining grants to schools for parents and Tamariki who require financial and educational needs. I will work towards gaining extra curricular funds to schools so all tamariki have greater access to sporting and cultural activities.

I will support RECT in providing National Speakers on topics e.g. learning Needs, On-line safety, anxiety and bullying.

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Charlie WINDELL

My name is Charlie Windell and I am standing for the position of Trustee, Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust 2019-2022.

Currently I work as a Regional Manager for Dress for Success BOP.

Owning and managing a business for 16 years in Rotorua has given me extensive experience in business and financial worlds.

As Youth Coordinator for Diabetes Rotorua, I visited the hospital to mentor and support children who have been recently diagnosed. I have also worked with Hospice, St Chads, The Salvation Army, a coach for the RLHS Basketball Team and a member of the Rotary Rotorua West Group. Working in the community, I have become acutely aware of just how much support is needed for the Rotorua Area.

It would be my honour to become part of the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust ethos and I would whole-heartedly commit to my role on the Board.



Kevin WINTERS

B. Ag. Sc.

Since its inception, RECT has successfully positioned itself to be a real innovator, by enabling Rotorua community programmes and facilities to be well funded.

With a \$10m grant in 2002, RECT kick started the Rotorua Energy Events Centre development. The Events Centre now draws in hundreds of events each year, to grow and showcase our economy and district. RECT is also supporting the Rotorua Museum Restoration Fund. This significant donation by RECT, enables other funding partners, including the NZ Government, to deliver the community's expectation of restoring the Museum to its former glory. I want to assist RECT to now double its balance sheet value within the coming decade. The essential tools to cement this fabulous story of RECT, are: smart investments; wise community donations and prudent financial management. Thank you very much, for your continued support.



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