



Taranaki Electricity Trust Ward A

Election of Trustees - 12 June 2020

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



Tony BEDFORD

I was born and raised in Waitara and have resided most of my life in Waitara, Urenui and Onaero. My career has been predominantly in management roles in Real Estate, Hurricanes Rugby and Sport Taranaki.

I am a current New Plymouth District Councillor and sit on the Clifton Community Board.

I have been involved in a wide variety of sporting and community groups and have been involved in funding from both an applicant and donors perspective and realise what a vital role funders provide to our communities.

I feel that it is vitally important to have Trustees to represent Ward A with the passion time and energy to support the communities they represent. I would welcome that challenge. It is also important to have a good geographic spread of Trustees. North Taranaki need to have representation... Let me be that voice on TET Trust so that this area is represented.



Melissa KAY

Kia Ora.

I offer my service to the TET. I'm 36, a proud Taranaki girl born & bred. Growing up in Stratford, I then studied Health, Human Behaviour, Psychology, and Public Sector Service. I started my career with Work & Income. Following this I worked in Community Development in Waitara, Communications and Sponsorship work with Methanex, Education with WITT and now Planning & Funding Children's Health Services with the DHB. It's my fifth year as Waitara High Schools Board Chair and I've served on several other trusts. Home's been Waitara for 10years, with my fiancé Mark Stevenson who is our towns Community Constable. We love our community and our people. From large projects to small grants - often sponsored funds are the vital link that keep small communities' hearts beating. I hope you will support me with your vote so that I can continue to support our Community.

Nga mihi nui.



LeAnne BLAKELOCK

I was born in Taranaki and it has been my pleasure to return home and reside with my partner Ian on our dairy farm in Inglewood for the past 6 years. Since returning, I have worked as a self-employed chartered accountant and dedicate a large portion of my time to volunteering for local charities, not for profit organisations and social enterprises within the community.

I enjoy using my professional skills to enable community groups to succeed and create an impact.

Prior to moving back to Inglewood, I spent years in a variety of corporate, international and not for profit finance roles. This gives me a comprehensive understanding of key drivers economically, environmentally and socially within a wide variety of sectors.

The TET provides a unique opportunity to support the local area and I would welcome the opportunity to offer my skills to continue this important work.



Karen SCHUMACHER

I live in Inglewood with my husband Bob on our farm. Along with our farming interests we are involved with the Purangi kiwi project. I am local and passionate about our area. As we come out of the covid-19 pandemic, we will see many changes in our community, in businesses and organisations.

The TET investment base will also be affected.

There will be increased pressure on the TET to provide assistance and to support the many groups within our area. It will be important to have experience and knowledge on the Board as we grapple with helping our community but maintaining our investments for the future.

I ask for your support and vote in the elections. If re-elected I will continue to strongly advocate for our community and provide support and grants to our ward.



Mike DAVEY

I have lived in North Taranaki over 40 years, married with grandchildren. I am your elected representative on TET and Taranaki Regional Council.

Employed in the farming sector, and understand the importance of farming to Taranaki and our rural towns Inglewood, Waitara, Urenui.

As a Trustee, I was instrumental in changing our policy to allocate grants within our area, not outside, ie. New Plymouth and wider NZ. Lets "Keep It Local".

TET assists many organisations, sport, education, health, schools, elderly folk.

Recent grants: We arranged a loan facility for Inglewood's Rest Home Marinoto, \$1 million dollars;

Waitara's new sport stadium grant, \$1.7m.

We have over 40 mobility scooters for our elderly to assist with their mobility.

Thank you for your support. Mike Davey.