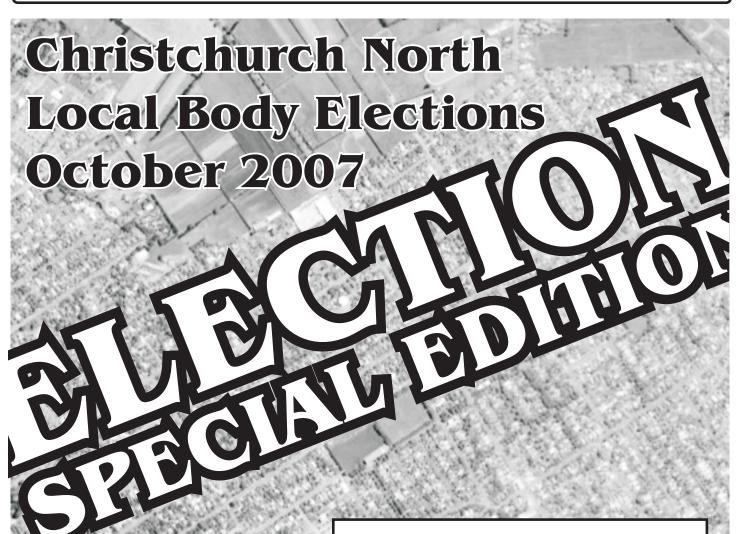
# St Albans Neighbourhood St Albans Neighbourhood



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This document is being distributed to households in St Albans, Richmond, Shirley, Mairehau, Papanui and Redwood.

NOTE: All the Candidates were invited to participate in this free publication.

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## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Welcome to our first ELECTION SPECIAL EDITION of the St. Albans News. We plan to make this a regular part of the newspaper each election cycle. This edition will be distributed to over 20,000 households.

We asked each candidate to submit their photo and state in about 120 words why you should consider voting for them, what they believe, and what they will do if elected. We received almost a 100% response from the candidates.

Over the last few issues, we have featured numerous articles about the upcoming Local Election, the different functions of the City Community Board, The Regional Council (ECan) and the District Health Board. The purpose of these articles and the Special Election Edition is to help you make informed decisions about who you vote for.

Democracy is a wonderful form of government and it has many laudable and noble attributes. Over the years it has certainly worked, and clearly is preferred to other forms of government. It has, however, two significant flaws that historians have commented about from the beginning—it only works when people stay informed; and when people vote.

We are becoming less informed, and a majority of us do not even take the time to vote in local elections. We must change this in order to protect our freedoms, and not be controlled by the minority versus the majority. Please consider the following statistics:

- ♣ In the last City Council Election, there was a 39% turnout.61% did not vote.
- ♣ In the last ECan Election (Christchurch area) there was a 22% turnout. 78% did not vote

Please remember; BAD POLITICIANS GET ELECTED WHEN GOOD PEOPLE DON'T VOTE!

Bill Demeter, Co-Chair St Albans Resident's Association

#### THE MAYORALTY

As the current Mayor says, being the mayor is a big job and very much a full-time one. It entails a huge risk for successful candidates as they put their own careers or businesses on hold and, in effect, agree to be employed by a hugely diverse range of new 'employers'. As a councillor representing his or her ward, the mayor must try to remain faithful to pledges made to his community, but needs to make decisions for a far wider community, and bring together a huge number of conflicting views around the council table. When necessary, he or she needs to show leadership and make decisions on matters where entrenched views don't present an easy way forward.

Canterbury has a large number of economic bases, such as farming, tourism, and education, to name but a few, and business leaders expect the mayor to be well-informed on all of them. As a director of Christchurch City Holdings the mayor has the duty to ensure the transparent workings of a complex corporate body. He or she is also expected to advocate on behalf of the community, and to be available to hear the concerns of Community Boards and single issue lobbyists.

In addition to the role of councillor, the mayor presides over council meetings and needs to provide leadership and feedback to other elected members, and ensure that there is a smooth interface between them and management staff, who are employed by the mayor and councillors.

The mayor is also the ceremonial head of the council, expected to set aside a large amount of time for visiting dignitaries and politicians, and to forge a positive relationship with the media. Both the in-house and more public roles require a high degree of statesmanship and charisma, and a vision of what the city should look like in the future.

While the mayor shares many of the same roles and responsibilities as his fellow councillors, his or her role as a team leader and figurehead for our city cannot be underestimated. The mayor's personal leadership style sets the tone for the rest of his team, and to a certain extent determines the attitude the media will take in reporting and commenting on the doings of our council.

This is a job that requires a very impressive CV, the calm exterior of a diplomat and a passion for public service. Perhaps all this could be put in a nutshell by saying that our mayor needs to be a good politician and at the same time an honest citizen.

#### City Vision Jo Giles

Why am I standing for the Mayoralty? Because someone has to say enough is enough. Escalating rates are unsustainable and the "big projects" need to be seriously revisited. \$100 million on Civic Offices, \$60 million on AMI Stadium, unknown millions on the 3 bin rubbish proposal roll easily off the tongue and onto our rates demands. I am sick of graffiti, chewing gum on our footpaths, people spitting, broken glass and entry level crime. I am sick of not feeling safe on our streets. Enforce our by-laws, extend community watch, put up cameras as a deterrent. Keep our community resources, our pools, our libraries. Good kids are raised in good communities. I will be a tough Mayor, I will communicate, I will be a positive ambassador for our city.



#### **National Democrats**

#### **Kyle Chapman**

I have lived in the lower income areas. I know what its like.

The things I will address are housing, safety and employment. Through increased council housing people will have a more economic option to live in, through locally recruited security patrols we could stop the low level crime and vandalism that the council have failed to do! and through new environmentally friendly industry we will employ the people with too much time on their hands and give them a decent income. With more revenue from the new industry and housing we would also reduce rates and make the city cleaner.

So if you want to have a cheaper, warmer house, safer streets and a better healthier job,



#### **MAYORALTY CANDIDATES**



#### Paulus Telfer

I am a proven governmental corruption fighter who has been on "the firing line", exposing myself to governmental threats on numerous occasions. In one action, I exposed to parliament, "the lets get rich one billion dollar hush hush certain computer replacement computer," considered essential for the proposed 1999 governmental certain registration scheme, and specifically calculated to create cushy high paying jobs for certain boys and girls. Consequently, this saved numerous people on the neverending hospital waiting list lives. To the infuriation of a certain department, our good prime minister saw things the same way as I did, and canned the project. Through my persistent efforts and my water aquifer report back in 1995, I was totality responsible for capping the council's water-meter charging regime.

#### **Blair Anderson**

Ethics, Equity, Evidence, Efficiency & Engagement.

I am committed to a policy analytic approach to reductions in crime and public disorder, improving public health, better protection of children and wiser use of public resources. Single Transferable Vote [STV] for unfettered debate. Beyond Kyoto leadership via "Contraction and Convergence", a framework for climate health based on social justice. Air and Water Quality by design informed by science. Linking Rural, Urban planning in Canterbury Issues. Precautionary Principle in the RMA and Civic governance. Less regulation, more responsibility. Sustainable innovation in Energy, Transport (it's what I do). Leveraging our Peace and Garden City tradition. Foster Eco-tourism.



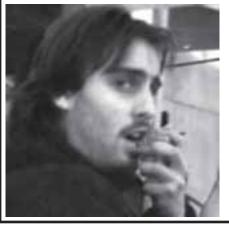
#### Bob Parker NON-ALIGNED

I was born and bred in Christchurch and returned 18 years ago.

With 14 years council experience, including mayor of Banks Peninsula, I offer proven leadership. No other mayoral candidate offers our city more experience, skills and understanding for this job.

My priorities include lowering rates, public safety, solving traffic issues (including the use of rail), focusing the Council on basic services, protecting our water, improving air quality, and protecting our heritage and garden city character.

If you want Christchurch to be a truly great place to live – with exceptional council services and a sustainable, world-class city – vote Bob Parker for Mayor.



#### Bryon Clark Workers' Party

The people of this ward should vote for me because this is a working class area and needs a mayor that represents workers interests. I grew up in Papanui and have worked in this area, I was a delegate for the Unite union at a local fast food restaurant and have been active in workers struggles for better pay and conditions throughout the city. As mayor I wold continue to support workers struggles; I would take only the average workers wage from my salary and give the rest to active and progressive trade unions. I'm calling for more democracy in local government and increased public services. A vote for me is a vote for a real alternative.



#### Peter Wakeman Independent

I feel our elected representatives must value all the people living now and for the future. I am also standing for Mayor and Health Board to stop Christchurch City Council appearing to focus on supporting big business such as Canterbury Plains Water before our local Community. Why pay more rates to increase the number of milking cows that could affect drinking water due to additional farm pollution? Changing water flows significantly could reduce water in the Avon River and change marine life eg. Whitebait. Trust must be restored by Council commissioning an independent report into the effect of less water in rivers and more pollution from farming activities. I will do this immediately as mayor to win for us all.

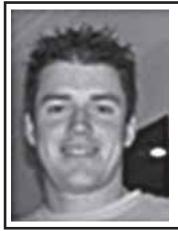


### **Megan Woods**

I'm leading the Christchurch 2021 council and community board candidates in the Shirley Papanui ward. I believe this election should be decided upon firm policies, and that a strong team is the way to achieve them. Your vote is precious: visit www.megan4mayor.com for more detail on what I'll do with it.

I am passionate about leading a council that listens more effectively to its local communities, that delivers greater value for your rates dollar, and has a vision full of courage and fresh ideas to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. I am committed to building strong neighbourhoods. Local people need to be able to live and play locally – they need local libraries and local swimming pools.





#### Mark Ross (The Street Cleaner)

Accountability and Common Sense is what I will bring to Christchurch.

For too long we have been treated like dirt in our own city and this needs to be changed rapidly. By electing the same old people with the same old tired ideas, in 3 years time you'll be asking the same questions. Believe it or not there are more than 3 candidates running for Mayor, and those others have more passion than 'the big 3' as we all know that money 'Buys' an Election. If the people of Shirley / St Albans and Papanui were to vote for myself, I'd only listen to the people, as you are my policy, my vision, my soul. Not Money.

Please vote with your heart, don't get brainwashed.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS
USE IT!



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#### THE CITY COUNCIL

Christchurch City Council is made up of thirteen councillors—two for each of the six wards, and one for Banks Peninsular. In this year's Election we have six candidates standing for election in the Shirley/Papanui Ward, and in considering who to vote for we need to be aware of the challenges they face.

In the past, we elected our Council and left them to get on with it with very little scrutiny from the public. Today this is different, they work under the spot light of the media.

While keeping in mind the views of their constituents, councillors must process scientific evidence and other professional advice, be aware of the financial implications of any proposal, preserve heritage values and balance the urban and rural economies under the Council's jurisdiction.

Any prospective councillor who is looking forward to a comfortable sinecure in which to wait for retirement is in for a rude awakening!





I will aggressively campaign for control on rates. I have the financial skills to keep rates down.

I am actively involved in Youth and children's work and love to see young people thriving in a healthy environment.

Vote for the People focused – Business minded team. Thanks



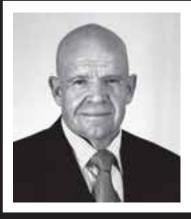
#### **Matt Morris**

I'm standing for community board and council because I love this area. I want us to make better choices, like bus clearways instead of bus boarders, protecting our swimming pool, and keeping our community intact in the face of 'residential intensification'.

I'm part of the 2021 team, with a positive vision for Christchurch and a solid, responsible track record. I have a Ph.D. in Christchurch's social and environmental history, I work as a supermarket manager and I write for the Press. I have been active in local and national community organisations since the late 1990s and continue working to transform Christchurch into a sustainable Garden City.

As your representative I promise to remain available, approachable and respectful.





#### Graham Condon

Working for the people of Christchurch to the last. A sad loss. He is missed by all who knew him. 8 September 2007



#### Norm Withers Independent

Because I am a caring, experienced, independent Councillor &" I get things done". I am accountable to my constituents & the City as a whole—not any political party. I respond promptly to residents issues, working tirelessly to achieve a satisfactory outcome. We have only one vote around the table & I carefully weigh up all information presented before making a decision with my heart, not on a whim. I opposed culling suburban libraries & service centres, opposed traffic through the City Mall, opposed the Hills road bus boarders & the Central Plains Irrigation scheme. My priorities are the Northern Arterial outlet (years overdue), safety in our City & grafitti taggers being accountable. Please support me for a third term where I will continue to represent with loyalty.



#### **Ngaire Button**

I will listen
I will care
and I will act!

The People focused - business minded team. We appreciate your vote.

**Thanks** 





#### Aaron Keown City Vision

Its time to have a real clean out and get some new ideas into council. We only get to do this every three years so I'm asking you to make your vote count. I'm AARON KEOWN and I need your vote if you want change. I intend to tackle the following issues immediately: Keep rates at or below the rate of inflation, the current council has them set to rise by 50% over 5 years! I will tackle crime head on especially graffiti and boyracers. I will get traffic flowing around the city and give our city a real vision for the future. Its time to stop spending on the frilly stuff and get the basics right. A vote for Aaron Keown is a vote against rising rates, crime and damage to the environment. A vote for Aaron Keown is a vote for the rebuilding of the pool.



#### **Darel Hall**

It's time for new blood with pedigree. I went to St Albans, Heaton and St Bede's schools and used our libraries, parks and pools which I will fiercely protect.

In the last ten years I have been a national leader in bringing in a fairer student loans scheme and bringing back apprenticeships. My priorities have been national ones with deeply personal implications. I have moved back to Shirley with my wife to start a family. I got a great start in Christchurch. I want that for our children.

To begin with I want fair rates, traffic that moves and safer streets. Forging a better future for our city is a great honour and a challenge that I would love to take up.



#### THE COMMUNITY BOARD

The Community Board is the first level of elected local government. It has its own budget, and it deals with a large variety of issues. One of the major functions is "to represent and act as an advocate for the interests of the community." In other words, the Community Board is that vital stepping stone between the grass roots and the somewhat remote ivory tower we love to hate in Tuam St, enabling any individual to take part in the political process. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board has five members which are elected every three years by the First Past the

Post (FPP) system. Here, we present all the candidates who run for Community Board this year. Even though it is considered to be a part-time job only, they will take on a significant role. Let's choose wisely!



## Megan Evans Independent

I have lived in your community for 13 years and have served on the Community Board for 6 years both as a City Councillor and Community Board member. I am married with two children aged 10 and 2. I am currently Chairperson of two School Board of Trustees, in my final years of study in Mediation/Arbitration and Negotiation, and am a qualified Resource Management Hearing Panel Member. I have had 17 years in the Police, 7 years at the Papanui Police Station, 6 of those as the St Albans Community Constable and also working in Youth Aid section at New Brighton. I understand the importance of a safe community with a sense of well being for all. I believe in good sound decision making which includes an open, honest and transparent process in which the community is involved



#### **Gabrielle Stewart**

I am running for community board because I believe I have the skills and passion to be a proactive board member. Legally trained, I have several years experience in the commercial, govt and community sectors. I will put my experience to good use to tackle the important issues for our community. A 2021 candidate, I will work to obtain optimum outcomes through consultation, fact finding, research and advocacy. My Community Board membership is about empowering you to play a leading role in the development of our community. I am committed to: Retaining our community assets/recreational services. Building a safer community. Supporting our grassroots services. Efficient spending of rate payers' monies.





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# Tracey Dorreen

As a woman with considerable community involvement over several years', I want to continue this focus by becoming a member of the Shirley-Papanui Community Board. I am a strong advocate for public transport, cycleways, safer streets, better lighting, accessible and affordable housing for all, equitable community facilities, and improvements to our deteriorating footpaths. Married with three delightful school-age daughters, I want to ensure that parks and recreational facilities are safe for our children.

As a proud member of the Christchurch 2021 Shirley/Papanui ward team, I am hardworking, reliable, conscientious, and committed. I am a solutions-oriented person, who believes that a team approach is the best way forward for our community.

Tracey Dorreen – working with you – working for you.



# Pauline Cotter

I am a - Mother of four, A qualified school teacher, A resident of St Albans for 19 years, A company Director.

Currently - President 'Friends of Edgeware', Serving on the board of directors for Canterbury Credit Union, Completing 'Continued Director Development' modules.

I believe in -The commitment to a new community facility and pool at the Edgeware Pool site, Keeping in touch with and helping Residents groups, Trusts, and Community Support systems, Traffic flow, cycle and pedestrian safety, Seriously guarding our environment and our water, Keeping our assets (such as pools and libraries), Providing a safe and interesting environment for our families, youth and the elderly, Supporting local initiatives, activities and assets.



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### Independent Yvonne Palmer

Having the privilege to represent the community of Shirley Papanui I will continue to be a hard worker, totally committed and strongly advocating for and on behalf of the residents of the Shirley Papanui Ward. I have a proven history for leading, initiating and advocating for a safer community, safer neighbourhood streets. Committed to advocate for pedestrian and disability safety, and alternative safe public transport. Totally supportive for funding and promoting community activities and facilities for children, youth and the elderly that will enhance our communities.

Employed as a Project Co-ordinator for Age Concern Canterbury, Resident of Papanui. Seeking re-election to continue to improve services and facilities for the people in Shirley Papanui ward.



#### **ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY**

Christchurch is part of Canterbury, and there are decisions made on behalf of us that will have far-reaching and longterm effects, both within the city limits and outside. Water availability and quality, transport issues, air quality and energy usage are just a few issues that are handled by Environment Canterbury (ECan). Given the profound nature of responsibilities of ECan, it is essential that we choose capable people to lead this agency.

In the weeks leading up to 13 October, fourteen ECan Councillors will be elected.

Most of the Shirley/St Albans/Papanui Ward is covered by the Christchurch North constituency, which elects two councillors. The councillors will be elected by the First Past the Post (FPP) system.

We present here seven out of eight candidates who are running in the Christchurch North constituency.



#### Jane Demeter Independent

Since becoming quite sick after drinking contaminated water from a rural North Canterbury supply in 2003, I have been very active in working to improve our regional water quality. I believe I am well prepared to be your voice at ECan, having spent 250+ hours over the last 18 months attending ECan meetings and hearings to better understand the critical issues and responsibilities. My farming background gives me a balanced "rural/urban" view. My post graduate studies in environmental science and current business ownership support my preparedness for representing you. I offer you common sense, new thinking and a commitment to make a difference. Our children depend on it.



#### **Anne Carroll**

This last term I have been your elected representative on the Regional Council (ECan) and for nine years before that on the Shirley/Papanui Community Board. I seek now to continue using this experience and the skills and knowledge I have built up, with the 2021 Team on ECan. My rural upbringing and outdoor recreation interests, my values, my voluntary work and my working life as a Health Professional/Manager in the health system and community agencies, have given me a real understanding of peoples' needs and how to work with others to make things happen. My vision and commitment is to ensure that good basics are there for us – clean air and warm homes, the way we get from A to B, quality water and the iconic state of the countryside around us.





#### Helen McLeod



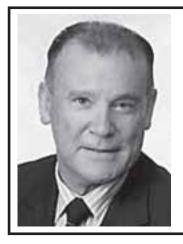
A seventh generation Cantabrian, Helen McLeod is a health and environmental scientist with strong business skills – including an MBA and corporate management and governance experience (Medlab, Beckman, CECC) – who is determined to take a common sense, innovative approach to solving pressing community issues. Helen will seek forward looking strategies to protect Canterbury's water quality, quantity and access and to improve the community's traffic flow, air quality, energy supply and waste management. Helen supports long term sustainable employment and increased productivity. A mother of three adult children and a long track record in voluntary roles with PTAs, City Mission and Community Arts Council, Helen is recognised for her community service, common sense and innovative ideas.

#### John Knox

I work in Eco-Tourism throughout New Zealand and serve on several Christchurch North community organizations, which resulted in receiving a Community Service Award. I helped establish The Guardians of the Styx River conservation group, which focused upon protecting the environment. Currently, I'm a trustee of the Styx River Living Laboratory Trust and chair Cansail Youth Sailing. I also have been actively involved in rowing and surf life-saving. I studied Science at Massey University, majoring in New Zealand environmental management. I believe that pushing for cleaner waterways, protection of coastal ecosystems, streamlining public transport, improving waste management and safeguarding natural open spaces and air quality are paramount for achieving a sustainable future.



My challenge with your support, is to work for a better future, and a better now.



#### Denis O'Rourke Experienced Independent

Denis was a City Councillor for 15 years, chairing Sustainable Transport and Utilities. He led the building of ANZAC Drive, chaired Transwaste, moving the landfill from Burwood to Kate Valley, and founded the Recovered Materials Foundation and Meta NZ, doing our recycling.

Denis is standing with Carole Evans. They pledge: No party politics. Light Rail for the North, with single-fare park-and-ride. Fast and efficient. The best way to reduce traffic congestion. Improvements to the Clean Heat Project to meet government standards by 2013. A grip on rates through cost reductions, efficiency gains, and a robust cost benefit approach. Protection for our water by restricting extraction from aquifers for farm irrigation, and enforcing sustainable non-polluting farming methods.

#### Independent Carole Evans

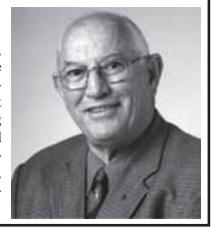
I am standing in the North Constituency for Canterbury Regional Council with Denis O'Rourke we are both fiercely independent with track records of action we are very knowledgeable and experienced in local government matters. Our pledge to you...No party politics.. We will do our home work and listen to the debate. We do not always agree on issues. But we always respected each other and worked together for the city that we both love. If I have to list our priorities for Ecan .. they are Priority in protecting the quality and quantity of our precious water ,protected at all costs it is Christchurch's greatest treasure. A grip on rates, efficiency gains and cost reductions working closely with other councils. Improving the quality of air we breath and working with Government for increased clean heat incentives. Tackle public transport issues seeking increased Central government funding.



# ndependent CITIZENS⊡

## **Terry Donaldson**

I want to use my energy, motivation, skills and experience to make a difference for you, Christchurch and Canterbury! Today we need a team of practical councillors who have scientific understanding combined with vision to achieve the balance between a progressive city and enhancing our environment. Our community expects ECan to protect our pure water, to clean up our air affordably, and sort out public transport. The big three! ECan also leads Civil Defence and protection of our coastal environment and biodiversity – controlling animal and plant pests. I'm Christchurch born, Lincoln graduate farm adviser and National Manager Biosecurity. I've served on Catchment Board, Development Council, Canterbury-Aoraki Conservation Board, Skill NZ, and Ministerial Emergency Services Task Force. I invite your support.



More ECan candidates next page

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#### DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

The Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) is responsible for providing or purchasing Government funded health care services for the population of Canterbury. The board has eleven members, four of which are appointed by the Ministry of Health, and seven are elected.

The CDHB is responsible for a staff of 8000, services a population of 464,700 with annual funding of \$1 billion. The hospitals and our health system in general have generated a lot of headlines recently. This is an opportunity for all of us to have a say in who is going to be on the CDHB.

We present here 23 out of 34 candidates for the Health Board. The remaining candidates were invited but didn't respond.

The CDHB elections (which the Christchurch City Electoral Officer will conduct on behalf of the CDHB) will use the Single Transferable Voting (STV) electoral system. Please remember to number the candidates in order of preference, instead of ticking the boxes! In the last election, 19% of the votes cast were informal or blank!

#### Independent Olive Webb

I understand how Health works and the challenges.

I am a clinical psychologist with over 35 years experience in the Health and Disability sector. I have been a member of the CDHB for 7 years, Deputy Chair for 6 years.

I am concerned with those people who live remotely or have high health needs: people who are elderly, disabled, or with insufficient income or resources.

I have a proven track record for being outspoken. I stand up and am counted. I am committed to a further three years protecting your Health resources, ensuring money is spent on the things that matter, advocating for individuals or groups at any level, advocating for vulnerable people, and utterly understanding all the issues.



#### Independent CITIZENS

# Angelika Frank-Alexander

Angelika Frank-Alexander is fed up with blunders!

"Enough is enough! It's time the Public Health Dollar is spent on patients not bureaucracy." Angelika stands for accountability, preventative health care and timely intervention to reduce waiting lists. "Let's fix the problem and not be the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. Our people deserve better. It's our money, give us control!"

As longstanding business owner and manager, Angelika has the expertise to lead the change; having a young family she knows the problems. Her extensive community involvement ensures Angelika listens and advocates for the people and make their voices heard.

Angelika brings strong, straightforward leadership focussed on solutions.

Make Angelika number one! Frankly, you need A. Frank-Alexander!



#### City Vision Rebekah Holdaway

I would like to be elected to the district health board because I have personally been involved with the health system. My son was born with complicated heart problems and as a result I have spent many weeks and nights in the hospital. As well as this I have worked with many heart families facing similar issues. Through my experience I have discovered that there are many holes in our health sector. Instead of complaining about the issues I want to stand to make a change.

I also believe we have fantastic nurses and doctors that are not appreciated to the degree they need to be and we are loosing so many of them to other countries we need to make them a better working environment.





#### Eleanor Carter Health Cuts Hurt

Eleanor Carter is first and foremost a patient advocate. Eleanor believes that the needs of patients are not being met and that the public is not being listened to.

As spokesperson for Health Cuts Hurt, Eleanor has striven to be the voice of patients in a health service plagued by waiting list cuts, an over-crowded Emergency Department, and industrial strife. Eleanor believes that we need a health service funded according to community need and run in a transparent and effective manner.

Eleanor spoke out against thousands being struck off waiting lists in 2006 and fought to get extra funding for elective surgery.

Eleanor is assistant to the general manager at St Andrews College.



#### Lauren Cundall

Why vote for me for CDHB? I have determination and energy to hear and address your concerns. My priorities: \* ACCESSIBILITY – Services at time of need, by addressing waiting lists, and levels of funding for rural and community based healthcare. \* AFFORDABILITY – Health is not a privilege, it is a right. Cost must be addressed so that no-one is excluded from having the highest quality of care. \* APPROPRIATENESS – Addressing barriers to service access by considering diverse cultural, demographic and geographical needs. \* ACCOUNTABILITY –I am committed to transparency, and will actively serve you through meaningful dialogue. With your support, I will bring much needed energy to the CDHB and will always be available to hear your views.





#### Gary Watts Health Cuts Hurt

Gary is an experienced advocate for the disability and mental health sectors. Gary helped develop consumer participation in the Canterbury mental health sector. Gary has helped support patients as they have moved back into the community with deinstitutionalisation - often without adequate funding. This process has at times been difficult and controversial, but Gary has persevered and learnt from the journey. Gary is one of five candidates standing for Health Cuts Hurt, a patient lobby group. When the Ministry decreed health funding cuts for Canterbury over the last three years, our team protested for change. Gary was there from the start. Now Gary asks you to let our team heal the health of Canterbury.

#### Health Cuts Hurt Heather Carter

Heather Carter will be looked after when you need help.

Heather Carter is one of five candidates standing for Health Cuts Hurt. When the Ministry decreed Canterbury to be \$30m over-funded from 2003, she led the ongoing fight against the resulting cuts to services.

Heather asks the people of St Albans, Shirley and Papanui for your support to continue her work. She asks you to add other Health Cuts Hurt colleagues to the Board as there is still much to be done.

Heather Carter is mother to four adult children and former local President of National Council of Women.



#### **DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD CANDIDATES**



#### Tom Dowie Health Cuts Hurt

Tom Dowie is an activist who advocates for a patient driven health system, rather than a management and funding driven one.

Tom is proud to be part of a Health Cuts Hurt team that has continually pressured the Ministry of Health to stop the cuts to waiting lists for elective surgery.

Tom is interested in addiction issues and tried to stop the closure of Queen Mary Hospital and the sale of the land in Hanmer.

Tom is a parent to two boys and a Primary School Board Trustee.

Tom works as a Union Organiser and believes there are ways to avoid the industrial disharmony in the sector. His interview with Mike Yardley is on www.healthcutshurt.org.nz

#### Health Cuts Hurt Andrew McKenzie

Andrew McKenzie will advocate for your health needs. He will work to ensure that people who require treatment, receive it.

Andrew alongside all five candidates for Health Cuts Hurt, fought against the removal of thousands from the waiting lists.

Andrew believes a priority for the Board is to find solutions to the ongoing Emergency Department crisis. Andrew also has an interest in industrial relations and asks for your vote so that he can contribute to a more stable industrial climate.

The more votes for Health Cuts Hurt, the more that can be achieved.

Andrew works as a barrister in Christchurch.





#### Steve Wright Independent

My name may be familiar to many of you as I was a member of the Shirley Papanui Community Board from 1995 to 2004. I am 53, married and have 4 teenage children. As well as running my own commercial cleaning company for more than 10 years, I have been employed as a Full time Paramedic with St John Ambulance for 27 years. As an experienced community advocate with an extensive Health background, I have the knowledge and the experience to be an effective advocate for the community as an elected member of the Board. My Priority will be the Health and Welfare of all Patients, seeking access to Primary Health services.



#### **Alister James**

I have served one term on the CDHB and seek re-election to continue the positive contribution which I am making. I was previously a long serving Christchurch City Councillor and as Chair of Christchurch City Holdings Limited and of the Strategy and Finance Committee, achieved lower rating increases, repaid council debt and increased the level of services with new libraries, pools and other community facilities. No pools or other community facilities closed under my watch. This was achieved by hard work and effective representation. I bring this same approach as a CDHB board member. I have been outspoken on a number of issues, more recently much needed extensions to the Christchurch Hospital Emergency Department which will now be completed.

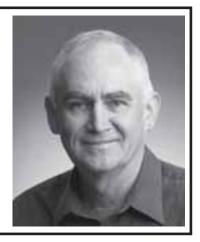


#### Independent Richard Davison

Rebuilding trust and confidence in health delivery

The vital ingredient of trust and confidence in our health service has been eroded. I commit to policy that ensures full and effective use of individuals and communities to: Encourage us all to take better care of our own physical and mental health Provide timely and appropriate care for all age groups regardless of income Keep people out of hospital where possible, and where hospital treatment is necessary Ensure that the patient "journey" is as stress free as possible.

Guarantee excellent pre- and post- natal and operative care for urban and rural families. My passion is integrated primary health care and as an advocate for improved mental health services.





#### Peter Wakeman Independent

I feel our elected representatives must value all the people living now and for the future. I am also standing for Mayor and Health Board to stop Christchurch City Council appearing to focus on supporting big business such as Canterbury Plains Water before our local Community. Why pay more rates to increase the number of milking cows that could affect drinking water due to additional farm pollution? Changing water flows significantly could reduce water in the Avon River and change marine life eg. Whitebait. Trust must be restored by Council commissioning an independent report into the effect of less water in rivers and more pollution from farming activities. I will do this immediately as mayor to win for us all.

#### Independent Richard Beddie

I believe I offer the necessary board experience, together with a unique health/wellness perspective (as opposed to just treating sickness). I also have a relevant academic background, with a B.Sc in statistics, and a Masters in Business Administration, from Canterbury University.

I have owned businesses in Christchurch for over 14 years, and sit on many national boards of non-profit organisations in the health/fitness and education sectors and have a passion about improving the health of Cantabrians.

I also strongly believe the DHB board should be more accessible to the community it serves.





#### Rosanne Harwarden

Independent CITIZENS

Why would we let the fox watch over the health of the chickens? That is happening at the CHDB with government appointees and supporters tied to party policy, unable to put Canterbury's best interests first. Rosanne Hawarden stands for independent action, good science, team and systems efficiency with resources shared fairly, especially for the vulnerable and elderly. Rosanne, a nurse, midwife, director and computer entrepreneur with a university education in psychology, health and business, has the scientific and governance skills needed. A family person who works extensively for the Southern African community, she has a reputation for getting things done and convincing diverse groups to work together.

Independent Craig Scott

The well-being of our region requires fair and even resources allocation, whilst preventing migration of community and rural services to primary health centres. The 2007 Victoria University Health Reforms Act review concluded that the current health system is less efficient than its predecessor. Centralising services has made the health system more complex, resulting in a poorer service to our community. As a new board member I bring diversity to the politically focused board and focus on strengthening PHOs. I will listen to the community, provide motivation for staff, question management, promote excellence and be a spokesperson to ensure patients needs are met.





## Alison Wilkie



Encouraging people to be healthy and making it easy for them to do so is a priority to me. As an elected member of the DHB I would promote working together with the CCC and Ecan to help this happen. Recreation facilities are provided by other local authorities, hence the importance of working together. I would make myself available to residents to help them nderstand any health issues they may have, and assist them to know how to get the best to which they are entitled. When mportant population health issues arise, I will advocate for their solution in the fairest and best ways possible. Making ure the money available for health is used in the best way is my concern. I have lived in this area 1/3 of my life, I can represent you and make good decisions as your advocate.

#### Jo Kane

Your issue-Your voice. Strong, tenacious, no nonsense style. Experienced-But still listening to you. Proven forthright community advocate. Committed to community health & well being. Environmentally sustainable outcomes-Your right!

For too long important community outcomes essential for Environment Canterbury's purpose have been lost in the political posturing around the table. We all want an environment that is sustainable. Priorities need to be set in a way that genuinely meets community needs and considers affordability. Nine years a Waimakariri Councillor (five as Deputy Mayor) gives me a huge insight to the pressing issues facing Cantabrians. Jo Kane is feisty, strong, will lead, ask the hard questions and represent your views on this diverse rural/urban ward.



#### Independent Andrew Dickerson

Are you concerned about healthcare in Canterbury? So am I.

As the Chief Executive of Age Concern Canterbury I have seen the terrible impact that removing thousands of patients from hospital waiting lists has had on vulnerable people. If elected I intend to work hard to improve access to elective surgery.

I believe that we need elected members who will be accountable to the public and accessible and visible in the community. Above everything else I want to see public confidence in our health services restored.

As an Independent candidate I am accountable to you - not a political party.

If you think it's time for a change then vote Andrew Dickerson - your Independent candidate for the Canterbury District Health Board.





# Anna Crighton



I have a proven track record as a hard working, accessible and accountable city councillor. I went into local government to make a difference and I have, and I now want to make a difference in health.

My energies will be devoted to representing your views at the district health board, and improving the access to quality and safe hospital and community care.

I am concerned about the continuing issues of access to Christchurch Hospital. I will work towards improving the rates of elective surgery. We must eliminate the continuing problem of our Accident and Emergency Department being in "gridlock". Safe and quality hospital treatment must be readily available and when needed.



#### Laurence Malcolm

I'm a doctor and present Board member. My priorities are improving access to primary care, reducing waiting lists, improving clinical quality and promoting better relationships between doctors and management. During my time as a Board member we have had many successes in improving your health services see DHB page www.2021.org.nz

I'm a former Professor of Community Health with a wide national and international experience in health. I've served on many local, national and international committees, including for the World Health Organisation. As a current member of the Executive of Age Concern Canterbury I have a special interest in the health care of the elderly. I'm keen to use my extensive experience to build on our Board's many achievements.





#### **David Morell**

Amongst the urgent priorities - Emergency Department, Waiting Lists and gridlock is one less immediate but even more important. Health service changes constantly lag behind needs. Longer range Health Services Planning is now essential. Our ageing population increases hospital demand, but many conditions can be treated in the community. The whole system must be involved – public health, mental health, ethnicity, lifestyle - the balance between hospitals, community, and GP care must change.

Staff must be recruited and trained for changed roles, the right buildings put in the right places and funding re-designed to match needs.

I intend to press these issues and would hope to chair a committee to add leverage. We must know the public's views and I would argue strongly for effective consultation.





#### Helen McLeod



A seventh generation Cantabrian, Helen McLeod is a health and environmental scientist with strong business skills - including an MBA and corporate management and governance experience (Medlab, Beckman, CECC) - who is determined to take a common sense, innovative approach to solving pressing community issues. Helen will seek forward looking strategies to protect Canterbury's water quality, quantity and access and to improve the community's traffic flow, air quality, energy supply and waste management. Helen supports long term sustainable employment and increased productivity. A mother of three adult children and a long track record in voluntary roles with PTAs, City Mission and Community Arts Council, Helen is recognised for her community service, common sense and innovative ideas.

#### **Electoral Roll**

You can still apply to be enrolled after the rolls close on 24 September, but you will need to cast a special declaration vote because your name will not appear on the printed roll that will be used on election day. You can also enroll online at: http://www.election.org.nz

The enrollment papers need to be dropped off at a Post Office, and you need to request special voting papers from the Council. Those papers are available from the voting booth on the ground floor of the Council building in Tuam Street. Please see below for more information on voting.

#### **Voting Period**

Voting documents will be sent to all eligible electors by post from Friday, 21 September 2007.

Voting extends over a period of three weeks leading up to, and closing at, noon on election day, Saturday, 13 October 2007. Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the Electoral Officer using a pre-paid envelope which will be included with the voting documents.

A polling place for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be made available from Wednesday, 12 September until noon on Saturday, 13 October 2007 at the Civic Offices, 163 Tuam Street.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer by noon on election day Saturday, 13 October 2007.

The preliminary results will be known at about 5pm on election day. The results will be published on the Christchurch City Council website at: http://www.ccc.govt.nz

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