**Ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe 2025** - Local body elections 2025

Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

**Ray Bowden**
**Standing for:** Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward **Affiliation:** ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates.
My principal place of residence is not in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area.
Ending the war on cars by putting an end to ineffective judder bars, multiple obstacles, and cycleways that only slow down commuters, increase traffic, and inhibit emergency response vehicles. I also support central government funded roading infrastructure to the airport & hospital.
Having lived all my life in Wellington, I understand the issues community face and by voting for me as an ACT Local candidate, you know what you are going to get: I will keep rates low, stop wasteful spending on vanity projects and anti-car policies like the Golden Mile, and deliver basics like our roads and pipes well.
Ratepayers have repeatedly been let down by WCC with endless large rates hikes, neglected public services, and wasteful spending on nice-to-haves and ideologically-driven pet projects. If you want to see an end to that, and see common sense back around the council table, please give me your 1st preference vote.

**Lily Brown**
**Standing for:** Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward **Affiliation:** Independent: Bring Back the Positivity
My principal place of residence is in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area.
Standing for Positive Change for Onslow-Western
Wellington needs to get its mojo back. A number 1 vote for me is a vote for practical, people-focussed change.
It’s time Council got back to basics: fix what’s broken, maintain what matters, and invest wisely in our city’s future.
We must restore sensible street parking and review poorly placed cycle lanes and unsafe speed humps.
Local businesses need support to thrive, and residents deserve value for their rates.
The cost-of-living crisis and the lack of employment opportunities in Wellington demand real solutions, not more talk.
Originally from Taiwan, I’ve spent the last 20 years living in the Onslow-Western community. This is my home.
With strong business experiences, sound governance and collaborative leadership, I will be your local voice to make Council efficient, transparent and accountable.
I am passionate about getting your voice heard at the Council table.
For more about me, visit lilybrown.nz.

**Diane Calvert**
**Standing for:** Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward
**Also standing for:** Mayor **Affiliation:** Not Affiliated
My principal place of residence is in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area. I am also standing for Mayor.
I’m standing for re-election and asking for your continued support and #1 vote.
Everyone agrees the Council needs a reset on priorities, spending and delivery. This means a re-focus on the basics; reduce Council spending; support for local businesses and jobs; and ensure suburbs like ours are heard and respected.
With my experience, and a new Council, I’m confident we can do this and rebuild public trust.
I’ve already secured real results like: funding for the arts and Khandallah Pool, new public toilets at Ian Galloway Park, reduced spend on future projects and delivered greater transparency and accountability at the Council.
But this election isn’t just about the past, it’s about what’s next.
You’ve asked me to continue and to help: prioritise core services, make rates more affordable, and reform the Council’s culture and delivery. Let’s get Wellington delivering again, at a price we can all afford. [www.dianecalvert.nz](http://www.dianecalvert.nz)

**Ray Chung**
**Standing for:** Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward
**Also standing for:** Mayor **Affiliation:** INDEPENDENT TOGETHER - Vote For IT
My principal place of residence is in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area. I am also standing for Mayor.
Elected to council in 2022, I’ve spoken with thousands of residents and attended dozens of residential and cultural meetings across the city. Genuine personal engagement and listening to people are how I achieved a successful international career in telecommunications, responsible for multi-million-dollar budgets and managing teams of hard-working people.
Residents have no confidence in the council and want change. The bureaucracy has strayed from core activities, aided by a largely compliant group of councillors.
Many ratepayers feel they’re treated as cash-cows. Rates are beyond affordable for many.
Removal of car parks destroys the retail and hospitality sectors.
I stand with the Independent Together group. Real change requires a majority of committed like-minded people around the council table.
We’ll listen to ratepayers, deliver on zero rate increases by focusing on core priorities and services that only council delivers, and by stopping unnecessary projects.
We will make Wellington affordable for everyone. [www.voteforit.nz](http://www.voteforit.nz)

**Joy Gribben**
**Standing for:** Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward **Affiliation:** Labour
My principal place of residence is not in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area.
This city is our home. I want to work with you to help our community thrive. Together we can make Western Wellington wonderful.
We need a constructive and capable Council focussed on improving our water infrastructure, our community services, environment and social housing.
We need stronger governance and better financial performance from our Council - we must budget carefully and keep income from investments other than rates. Our airport shares recently gained $160 million in value - thank goodness we didn’t sell them!
I’ve recently worked as principal advisor climate change for Christchurch City Council and built a strong understanding of the challenges local government faces. I also have executive and board level experience along with expertise in both policy and economics.
Give me your number 1 vote and I’ll be your advocate for fully supported community facilities, fixing our water infrastructure, cheaper public transport, our environment and quality housing.

**Kelvin Hastie**
**Standing for:** Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward
**Also standing for:** Mayor **Affiliation:** Independent
My principal place of residence is in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area. I am also standing for Mayor.
I’m Kelvin Hastie, and I’m running to represent the Wharangi Onslow-Western Ward because I care deeply about our community. As a dedicated Wellingtonian, I’ve seen firsthand the challenges and opportunities our city faces, and I believe it’s time for a fresh, proactive approach to leadership.
I’m committed to championing local issues, such as improving public transportation, addressing housing affordability, and preserving the unique character of our neighbourhoods. I will work tirelessly to ensure that the voices of Onslow-Western residents are heard at the Council table.
With my background in community engagement and problem-solving, I know how to bring people together to drive meaningful change. Together, we can make Wellington a better, more inclusive place for all.
Vote Kelvin Hastie for Wellington City Councillor – Wharangi Onslow-Western Ward, and let’s build a brighter future together.

**Rebecca Matthews**
**Standing for:** Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward **Affiliation:** Green Party
My principal place of residence is in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area.
I believe Wellington can be a city that works for everyone, and I’m putting my hand up again to help make that happen by tackling our city’s challenges.
I have experience and a real track record. As chair of the budget committee, I oversaw the biggest increase in funding ever to fix our water pipes. I led the most significant improvements to Wellington’s housing rules in a generation, making our city more livable for everyone. I scrapped fines from our libraries, removing barriers and making knowledge accessible to all Wellingtonians.
I’ve spent my career standing up for what makes Wellington strong: great public services, thriving communities, a city where everyone belongs. I don’t believe in empty promises. I believe in rolling up my sleeves, working constructively with others, and delivering results that matter.
If you want progressive leadership that’s pragmatic and gets results, I’d be honoured to receive your vote.

**Guy Nunns**
**Standing for:** Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward **Affiliation:** INDEPENDENT TOGETHER - Vote For IT
My principal place of residence is in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area.
Our beautiful city is broken. Ideologies and a reckless attitude for spending money has done a lot of damage. Consequently, ratepayers are feeling crushed with the burden of 95% rates rises since 2020. Clearly the council needs to return to its core business functions, with commonsense and real­world solutions.
I'm a qualified mechanic and builder. I've studied at Victoria University and a Catholic Seminary. I've lived in the Western suburbs for 56 years, where I've raised my seven children.
I stand with the Independent Together team. Real change requires a majority of committed people around the council table. We'll prioritise core services, cut wasteful spending, unnecessary projects and restore access for all. Zero rates increases are possible, while enhancing community assets like parks, pools, libraries and halls. No party politics, Wellingtonians first.
Vote for me and other Independent Together candidates to make Wellington affordable, safe and attractive. [www.voteforit.nz](http://www.voteforit.nz)