

2024 Pecuniary Interests of Elected Members of Whangarei District Council

Summary of Annual Returns

Part 4, Subpart 3 of the Local Government Act 2002, which came into force on 20 November 2022 requires Councils to maintain a register of the pecuniary (financial) interests of elected members and make a summary of the register publicly available.

The overarching purpose of the register is to record Councillor interests to enhance transparency and strengthen public trust and confidence in local government processes and decision-making. It also provides for a consistent approach to the declaration of interests across all councils.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act a link to the summary register is provided below. This register provides detailed information about each type of interest to be reported on followed by the information disclosed by each Councillor in their annual return.

For more information see the Local Government Act 2002

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0084/latest/DLM170873.html>

1. The name of any company of which a member is a director, along with a description of the main business activities of that company (section 54E(1)(a)).
2. The name of any company of which a member holds or controls more than 10% of the voting rights, along with a description of the main business activities of that company (section 54E(1)(a)).
3. The name of any other company or business entity in which a member has a pecuniary interest, along with a description of the main business activities of that company or entity (section 54E(1)(b)).
4. If a member is employed, the name of the employer along with a description of employer's main business activity(section 54E(1)(c)). .
5. The name of any trust in which a member has a beneficial interest (section 54E(1)(d)).
6. The name/description of any organisation or trust where a member is a member of the organisation, a member of the governing body of the organisation or a trustee of the trust, where that organisation or trust receives funding or has applied to receive funding from Council (section 54E(1)(e)).
7. The name/description of any organisation to which a member has been appointed as an elected member (section 54E(1)(f)).
8. The location of any property in which a member has a legal interest, other than as a trustee, and a description of the nature of that property (section 54E(1)(g)).
9. The location of any property held by a trust of which a member is a beneficiary, and a description of the nature of that property (section 54E(1)(h)).
10. Details of any overseas travel including, each country travelled to and the name of any person who contributed to travel and/or accommodation costs (section 54F(1)(a)).
11. A description of any gifts received by a member worth more than \$500 and the name of the donor of the gift (section 54F(1)(b)).
12. A description of any payment received by a member other than salary/allowances received as an elected member, payments from employment or interests (i.e., directors fees etc) otherwise declared or payments for activities ceased before becoming a member (section 54F(1)(c)).

Summary of Elected Member returns for year ending 29 January 2024

Question overview

1. **Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).**
2. **Voting rights in any company (section 54E(1)(a)).**
3. **Financial interest in any other company or business entity (section 54E(1)(b))**
4. **External employment (section 54E(1)(c)).**
5. **Beneficial interest in any trust (section 54E(1)(d)).**
6. **Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding (section 54E(1)(e)).**
7. **Council appointments to external organisations (section 54E(1)(f)).**
8. **Legal interest in any real property (section 54E(1)(g)).**
9. **Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property (section 54E(1)(h)).**
10. **Travel overseas (section 54F(1)(a)).**
11. **Gifts (section 54F(1)(b)).**
12. **Payments received for any other activities in which member is involved (s 54F(1)(c)).**

His Worship the Mayor – Vince Cocurullo

1. **Company directorships**
Cocurullo Limited – IT repair
Cocurullo Investments Ltd – property company
2. **Voting rights in any company**
Cocurullo Limited – IT repair
Cocurullo Investments Ltd – Property Company
4. **External employment**
Cocurullo Limited
5. **Beneficial interest in any trust**
Cocurullo Vincent Family Trust
Russo Family Trust
6. **Member of an organisation that receives/applies for Council funding**
Automotive Association - Northland Branch
Whangarei Club Inc
Te Whatu Ora – Capital Works
Raumanga Roopu
Rotary Club of Whangarei South
Various Masonic Lodges
Puhipuhi Maori Committee

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Sport Northland – Board Member

8. Legal interest in any real property

Otaika Road, Whangarei

Kamo Road, Whangarei

Tennyson Street, Whangarei

Rust Avenue, Whangarei

9. Beneficiary of a trust that holds any real property

Otaika Road, Whangarei

Kamo Road, Whangarei

Tennyson Street, Whangarei

Deputy Mayor Cr Phil Halse

6. Member of an organisation that receives/applies for Council funding

Saorsa Retirement Village

Stonehaven Retirement Village

Ruakaka Recreation centre

Ruakaka Ratepayers Association

Waipu Ratepayers

Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust

7. Council appointment to external organisations

Northland Athletic and Gymnasium Trust

Kaipara Moana Working Group

Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust

Northland INC

NRC Regional Land Transport Committee

8. Legal interest in any real property

Norfolk Street, Regent

Cr Gavin Benney

1. Directorships of any company

Gunsmoke 2015 Ltd

2. Voting rights in any company

Gunsmoke 2015 Ltd

8. Legal interest in any real property

Main Road, Kauri, Whangarei

Cr Nicolas Connop**6. Member of an organisation that receives/applies for Council funding**

For Our Real Clean Environment Charitable Trust

He Awhi Rito Envirohub

9. Council appointment to external organisations

Northland Craft Trust

8. Legal interest in any real property

Horahora, Whangarei

9. Payments received for any other activities in which member is involved

Reimbursement for items purchased – For Our Real Clean Environment

Cr Ken Couper**1. Directorships of any company**

Southend Farms Ltd – Dairy Farm

Southend No 2 Farms Ltd – Dairy Farm

2. Voting rights in any company

Southend Farms Ltd – Dairy Farm

Southend No 2 Farms Ltd – Dairy Farm

5. Beneficial Interest in any Trust

Rebecca Couper Family Trust

6. Council appointments to external organisations

Whangarei Art Trust

7. Legal interest in any real property

South Road, Waipa

Cove Road, Waipu

8. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property

Cove road, Waipu

Cr Jayne Golightly

No pecuniary interests declared.

Cr Deborah Harding**1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).**

Harding Consultancy Ltd

2. Voting rights in any company

Harding Consultancy Ltd

4. External employment

Te Hiringa Promotions and Business Trust

5. Beneficial interest in any trust

Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board

6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding

Patuharakeke Te Iwi Charitable Trust – Taiao unit

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Okara Marina

8. Legal interest in any real property

Otaika, Whangarei

Cr Patrick Holmes

6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding

Bream Head Conservation Trust

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Bream Head Conservation Trust

8. Legal interest in any real property

Surfdale, Waiheke Island

Cr Scott McKenzie

4. External employment

Spacecraft Architects Ltd (contractor)

6. Membership of any organisation that receives/applies for Council funding

Tutukaka residents and ratepayers Association

Ngunguru Sports Complex

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Tutukaka Marina Management Trust

Ngunguru Retirement Village

8. Legal interest in any real property

Ngunguru

Wellington

Cr Marie Olsen

1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).

Zespri

Kerikeri Irrigation

Kingston retaining

5. Beneficial interest in any trust

I and M Trust

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Whangarei Quarry Garden Trust

Kiwi North Museum

Disability Northland

Positive Ageing Advisory Group (PAAG)

Northland Waste Management Wastecare

Port Nikau

Marina Trust

9. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property

Waterfall Way, Whangarei

Wairoa Road, Kerikeri

Cr Carol Peters

1. Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).

Peter Howard Partnership

2. Voting rights in any company

Peter Howard Partnership

3. Financial interest in any other company or business entity

Carol Peters Art

5. Beneficial interest in any Trust

Howard Peters Trust

7. Council appointments to external organisations

Creative Northland

Chambers of Commerce

8. Legal interest in any real property

State Highway 14, Whangarei

Murdoch Street, Raumanga

9. Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property

Peter Howard Trustee

12. Payments received for any other activities in which member is involved

Payments for paintings and prints

Rent payment from Murdoch Crescent

Cr Simon Reid

- 1. *Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).***
S. J Reid Ltd
- 2. *Voting rights in any company***
S.J. Reid Ltd
- 4. *Beneficial interest in any trust***
Diesel and Dirt Trust
- 5. *Member of an Organisation***
Kiwi North Trustee
- 6. *Council appointments to external organisations***
Kiwi North
- 7. *Legal interest in any real property***
Maungatapere
- 8. *Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property***
Maungatapere

Cr Phoenix Ruka

- 1. *Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).***
Niwha Creative Ltd
- 6. *Member of an Organisation***
Sport Northland BOT Member
- 7. *Council appointments to external organisations***
McKay Stadium Advisory Group Member
Whangarei Aquatic Advisory Group Member
Sport Northland Board Member
Youth Advisory Group appointed member
- 8. *Legal interest in any real property***
Whau Valley, Whangarei
- 13. *Payments received for any other activities in which member is involved***
Fortnightly payment from Ngati Hine Health Trust (as contractor through Niwha creative)

Cr Paul Yovich

- 1. *Company directorships (section 54E(1)(a)).***
Argyle Trustees Limited
ASK 2021 Trustee Limited
Bennetto Trustee Limited

Bertram Trustee Limited
Busck Ashburton Limited
Busck Concrete Limited
Busck Group Limited
Busck Invercargill Limited
Busck Management Limited
Busck Morrinsville Limited
Busck Prestressed Concrete Limited
Cantwell Trustee 2021 Limited
CAP Trustee 2021 Limited
Clotworthy Trustee Limited
Concrete Lifting Systems Limited
Coughlan Trustees 2024 Limited
E Bell Trustees Limited
Hallberg Trustees Limited
JFJ Trustee Limited
Joandra Trustee Limited
Kokic Trustee Limited
MAC Trustee 2021 Limited
Machiko Mama Trustee Limited
Maclean Trustees 2021 Limited
Maire Bell Stephenson Trustee Limited
Mckolskey Trustee Limited
Mihaljevich Trustee Limited
N & L Edlin Trustee Limited
Nottingham Trustee Limited
Northland Money Management
Limited
Peter May Trustee Limited
Maire Bell Stephenson Trustee Limited
Playle Trustees Limited
Rathbone Business Centre Limited
RND White Trustees Limited
Roeun Trustees Limited
Rogran Holdings Limited
Sander Trustee 2023 Limited
Sowry Trustees 2021 Limited
Sowry No.1 Trustee Limited

Sowry No.2 Trustee Limited
Sprague Trustee Limited
Thornton Parklands Trustee Limited
TJ Managh Trustee Limited
Trimble Trustees Limited
Turanga 2021 Trustee Limited
Webb Trustee 2021 Limited
Victoria Valley Trustees Limited
Yovich & Co Limited
Yovich Advisory Limited
YHPJ Trustees (2012) Limited
YOYO Nominees Limited

2. *Voting rights in any company*

Yovich Advisory Limited
Northland Money Management Ltd
Yovich Co Limited
All the Trustee Companies

3. *Financial interest in any other company or business entity*

Nomos Limited
Yovich Co Limited
Yovich Advisory Ltd
Northland Money Management Ltd
Busck Prestressed Concrete Ltd
Busck Group Ltd

4. *External employment*

Yovich Advisory Limited

5. *Beneficial interest in any trust*

Paskos Family Trust
Mataoak Trust
Dubrava Family Trust

8. *Legal interest in any real property*

Commercial Property, Whangarei

9. *Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property*

Residential and Commercial property, Whangarei