

ROLE OF LIAISON COUNCILLORS

Tahunanui (Campbell Rollo)

Nelson North (Aaron Stallard)

Atawhai (James Hodgson)

Pacific and Ethnic Communities (Matty Anderson)

Māori (Kahu Paki Paki)

PURPOSE

The purpose of Liaison Councillors is to improve the communications and relationship between these distinct communities and the Nelson City Council. It is intended as a two way engagement where the Councillor will be a point of contact for particular community issues, and that the Councillor will also be a conduit for communicating the Council's perspective and policies.

EXPECTATIONS OF ROLE

- The assigned councillor should make an effort to attend relevant community meetings, to build knowledge and relationships with key community groups, to be available by phone or for meetings, and to play particular attention to issues affecting that community.
- The Councillor should expect to be informed of any relevant policy issues and Council-organised public meetings. It is not an operational role and so the Liaison Councillors should not expect to be notified or involved in the normal day-to-day business of Council
- The Councillor can expect to attend any Mayoral meetings affecting the community and to be invited to represent Council at any Council organised community events.

AREA/PEOPLE DESCRIPTION

- The Nelson North area is that area north of urban Atawhai, including Todd Bush, Glenduan, Wakapuaka, Hira, Ludd Valley, Cable Bay, Delaware Bay and Kokorua.
- The Tahunanui Liaison Area includes the area north of Jenkins Circle, south of Richardson Street, and west of Princes Drive and particularly focuses on the central area of the Tahunanui shops, school, campground and beach area.
- The Atawhai Liaison Area is that area north of Weka Street, east of Sovereign Street and includes Brooklands, Tui Glen, Dodson Valley, Atawhai and Marybank.

- Pacific and Ethnic Communities refers to is particularly focussed on our Pacific, Chinese, Indian and former refugee communities and is particularly important in respect of the relationship with Nelson/Tasman Multicultural Council.
- Expectations of the Māori communities liaison role acknowledge that providing connection for Māori to Council activities includes not only those within the Whakatū rohe but also wider iwi relationships across the region.
- The Councillor should be both an advocate for the community but also a bridge between the Council and the communities they are the liaison person for. The Councillor may choose at Council meetings to communicate a perspective from the area or community, describe it as such, even where it may differ from their own views on a Council issue.
- The Councillor may advertise in the area of their liaison role, and make their phone numbers and contacts available for residents in that area/or among relevant communities.
- The liaison role is not an exclusive role and does not prevent any other elected member meeting or engaging with individuals or community groups in the area.