

# Whanganui District

## Electing 12 Councillors

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### **Ross FALLEN**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Whanganui District area.

Proven, years of community leadership with a determined voice. We lack at council a grassroots, community based advocate. Despite a rejuvenated council, its 2019 community survey shows overall public confidence has decreased. We need added voices focused on rates and debt reduction, revisiting our drinking water, rural inclusion, rubbish-recycling, longer term infrastructure focus, and improved public communication. I support the potential benefits of the Velodrome, Sarjeant Gallery, port development and pensioner housing. Community highlights include Aramoho School action group, Aramoho Rail footbridge replacement, Otamatea Reserve upgrades, engagement in various Castlecliff and town rejuvenation initiatives, raising liquor outlet concerns, demonstrating for a decent dog shelter, directly confronting anti-refugee-racism, and initiated the community polling on fireworks. Extensive board highlights include former Ratepayers President, Chair of Artists Open Studios and roles on Mainstreet board. Environmental climate change is real but refugees will be Whanganui's greatest immediate societal challenge. My only job; Whanganui District