

# Whanganui District Health Board

## Electing 7 Board Members

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### **Charlie ANDERSON**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Whanganui District Health Board area. I am also standing for Councillor of Whanganui District.

Charlie was a helicopter pilot with 40 years' experience, he was part of the incredible growth of air ambulance and rescue services in NZ, from

nonexistent to what we have today.

He was awarded the Queens Service Medal in 1996 for his rescues and life saving flights.

He was C.E.O for Air Wanganui Commuter which carries out over 500 air ambulance flights a year from Wanganui alone. Recently the Government interfered with a perfectly good Rescue Helicopter Service, and now some communities find themselves at risk, the new service costs more than the old model.

With his Commitment to ongoing development of aero medical support and his passion, not only for the air ambulance service in Wanganui, but all medical facilities, he is very concerned the Government will next be targeting the fixed wing air ambulance services for rationalisation and could leave our very important service at risk.

#### *Conflict of Interest Statement*

I believe I may have a conflict of interest with the Whanganui District Health Board. I am a board member of The Sommerville Disability Support Services. I am a councillor of the Whanganui District Council, and will be seeking re election. I am a sitting board member of the Whanganui District Health Board, and will be seeking re election.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have no other conflicts of interest with the WDHB at the date of notice of consent to being nominated as a candidate for membership of the board of the Whanganui District Health Board. I do not believe that any conflicts of interest are likely to arise in the future, other than the continuation of the conflicts of interest stated above.