

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

VOTE ROSS MEURANT FOR MAYOR

I have made it clear that my focus as Mayor will be to GET GISBORNE MOVING. A core policy has been to improve transportation infrastructure including:

1. A second air carrier to Gisborne to provide competitive pricing and increase tourists.
2. Reinstate rail to provide: (a) competitive freight rates for goods in and out of the region, (b) reduce log truck traffic and collateral damage to the roads and danger to road users.

These projects are way overdue. By my interpretation of issues brought to my attention by concerned residents of Tairāwhiti, the following projects will also have priority, should I be elected Mayor.

Water and Sewerage.

I don't have the benefit of the, 'In Council' reports on these matters, but from the opinions and concerns expressed to me by residents (and after all; residents' concerns make up a large part of what Local Government is all about), it seems to me that previous Councils have been remiss in tackling serious water supply and sewerage disposal infrastructure upgrades, to deal with ongoing problems.

Water Rights Allocation is crucial to the future of horticulture expansion. I repeat. I look to providing infrastructure for the future. More horticulture needs more water. More horticulture output means more freight for the rail link.

To ameliorate river draw-off when levels are low, water storage and re-charging the Makauri Aquifer, are serious contenders for

implementation.

Regular dumps of sewerage into river and out to our beaches, suggests that previous Councils simply had no other solutions? What is a Council elected for, if it is not to find solutions, not only to new problems but to reoccurring issues?

I don't ask for another term to fix these issues. I ask for my first term, to fix these problems.

These issues must be driven. That requires leadership. I have that quality.

For the past 15 years, I have funded my own business activities across the Middle East, Eastern Europe and greater Asia. Projects and outputs provided the revenue I needed to survive. I had no NZ government hand-outs and no 'jobs for the old boys' after I did nine years in parliament.

Central government did teach me how governance operates and during my time in Wellington, I also did a Master's degree in the economics and law of policy. But it has been the cruel commercial world of succeed or sink, in the private sector, which has been my greatest tutor in life.

The past decade of managing the resurrection of the Old Post office in Gisborne, placed me well, as an independent observer of what Gisborne has and what it needs.

I now ask you for your vote so that I may put my experience to work for a unique part of New Zealand.



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