

Meet the Candidates – Questionnaire Summary

Candidate	Previously Served on UHCC?	Vision for Upper Hutt	Familiar with Multicultural Strategy?	Commit to Supporting the Strategy?	Support Anti-Racism Campaign?
Teresa Homan	No	A place to live, work and play for all	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wade Cashmore	No	Acknowledging Upper Hutt is in fact a city, Promoting Upper Hutt as a city, working with the community to grow strongly as an inclusive city	No	Yes	Yes
Heather Newell	Yes	The best place to live, work and play	Yes	Yes	No (needs strong evidence of racism first)
Ramil Adhikari	No	A thriving, inclusive, and sustainable Upper Hutt where every community feels heard and valued. My vision is for a city that balances growth with affordability, lower rates, protect our natural environment, supports local businesses, and ensures health, wellbeing, and equity for all. Also, we deserve after hours medical service in Upper Hutt.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wayne Guppy	Yes	Upper Hutt is home for everyone, it is an inclusive city with the changing demographics everyone should feel safe and welcome in their new home.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gurpreet Dhillon	No	A vibrant Upper Hutt that celebrates diversity and inclusion, strengthens social cohesion, and delivers better infrastructure and services for all.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hellen Swales	Yes	My vision is engagement with the community, listening to its concerns, and uniting to build a more inclusive Upper Hutt. We have an outstanding natural environment, leisure and recreational opportunities. We are a great place for families to live, work, and play.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kylie McKenna	No	My vision is for an Upper Hutt that is thriving, inclusive, and future-focused. A place where families feel safe, young people see opportunity, and local businesses can grow	No	Yes	Yes

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		and succeed. I want to see a council that is transparent and connected, where decisions are made with the community, not behind closed doors. I see Upper Hutt as a city that balances growth with protecting what makes us special, our green spaces, our rivers, and our strong community spirit. Most importantly, my vision is that every voice matters. Whether it's housing, transport, or community facilities, I want the people of Upper Hutt to feel they've been heard and that real action is being taken. It's about building a city we're proud to call home, now and for the next generation.			
Corey White	No	The Nature Capital of NZ. Focus on core services and lobbying Government for safer interchanges at Silverstream and Riverstone.	No	Mixed (Yes/No)	Yes
Angela McLeod	Yes	A community where everyone is connected, supported and safe where they choose to live, work and play.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heather Blissett	No	Continued protection of Te Taiao in accordance with city values. All citizens have the essentials of life such as housing, food, etc. A resilient community of people and te taiao.	Mixed (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Michael Anderson	No	Thriving communities that's peacefully co-existing with each other in Upper Hutt.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nigel Mander	No	A great place to Live, Work and Play.	No	Yes	Yes
Rachel Tukaki Kingi	No	My vision is for a city that is safe, connected and healthy. A place where families and businesses thrive, where people feel proud to live. A smarter, greener city that is inclusive, where growth is managed responsibly and the community has a real voice in decision.	No	Mixed (Yes/No)	Mixed (Yes/No)

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Emma Holderness	Yes	Upper Hutt has all the ingredients to thrive — our river, reserves, strong communities, and growing economy. My vision is a city that's welcoming, connected, and future-focused: where we protect what makes us unique, invest wisely in core services like roads, water, and community facilities, and create opportunities for families and businesses to succeed. I want Upper Hutt to be known as the place where people feel proud to live, where diversity is celebrated, and where we deliver better outcomes by working together.	Yes	Yes	Yes
David DJ McNicholas	No	I see Upper Hutt as a city full of happiness, brightness and prosperity, where multicultural communities live, work and play in harmony with each other. where each culture shows and is shown respect and where each culture is included and valued.	No	Yes	Yes