



Register of Pecuniary Interests of Ruapehu District Council Elected Members.

Summary of Annual Returns as at 14 January 2026

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government (Pecuniary Interests Register) Amendment Act 2022 passed on 20 May 2022, and came into force on 20 November 2022. It inserts a new set of requirements and obligations into the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 02), all of which relate to members' pecuniary interests.
- 1.2 The purpose of the new provisions is to increase transparency, trust, and confidence in local government by keeping and making publicly available, information about members' pecuniary interests. It is largely modelled on the regime that applies to members of Parliament but has been tailored to reflect particular aspects of local government.
- 1.3 Every council (including all territorial authorities, unitary authorities, and regional councils) is required to keep a register of its members' pecuniary interests, and to make a summary of it publicly available.
- 1.4 The new requirements and obligations apply to the following members:
 - (a) members of the council;
 - (b) members who have been elected under the Local Electoral Act 2011 to a community board that is part of the council; and
 - (c) members who have been elected under the Local Electoral Act 2011 to a local board that is part of the council.
- 1.5 Appointed members will not be subject to these requirements and obligations. For example, individuals who have been appointed as a member of a council committee due to their skills, attributes, or knowledge will not need to provide annual returns to the Registrar.
- 1.6 This report summarises the information provided to the Registrar in members' returns in respect of any of the categories below that may apply to a member:
 - (a) Company directorships and controlling interests (Section 54E(1)(a))
 - (b) Interests in companies and business entities (Section 54E (1)(b))
 - (c) Employment (Section 54E(1)(c))
 - (d) Interests in trusts (Section 54E(1)(d))
 - (e) Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding (Section 54E(1)(e))
 - (f) Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member (Section 54E(1)(f))
 - (g) Real property (Section 54E(1)(g))
 - (h) Real property held by a trust (Section 54E(1)(h))
 - (i) Overseas travel and accommodation (Section 54F (1)(a) and (2))
 - (j) Gifts (Section 54F(1)(b) and (3))
 - (k) Payments for activities (Section 54F(1)(c))

2 Registrar Comments

- 2.1 This is the first summary of returns for Members elected to the Ruapehu District Council for the 2025-2028 Triennium.
- 2.2 The Elected Members' Interest Disclosure Policy 2025 to support these requirements, was adopted by Council at its 26 February 2025 meeting.

3 Summary of Returns

Interest Categories Key

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| <p>A. Company directorships and controlling interests</p> <p>B. Interests in companies and business entities</p> <p>C. Employment</p> <p>D. Interests in trusts</p> <p>E. Organisations/trusts seeking Council funding</p> <p>F. Appointments as an Elected Member</p> | <p>G. Real property</p> <p>H. Real property held by a trust</p> <p>I. Overseas travel and accommodation</p> <p>J. Gifts</p> <p>K. Payments for activities</p> <p>— indicates nil return for that category</p> |
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Names in **blue** denote a return was received

Council

Mayor Weston Kirton

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
 -
- B Interests in companies and business entities
 -
- C Employment
 -
- D Interests in trusts
 - Weston Kirton Family Trust
 - Maru Trust
 - Mountain to Sea Trust
 - Taumarunui Rail Action Centre Trust
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
 - Taumarunui Rail Action Centre Trust, Deputy Chair
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
 - Te Kopuka Na Te Awa Tupua - appointed member - manage affairs of the Wanganui River
- G Real property
 - Taumarunui
- H Real property held by a trust
 - Taumarunui
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
 -
- J Gifts
 -
- K Payments for activities
 - Funeral and wedding celebrant

Deputy Mayor Brenda Ralph

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
 -
- B Interests in companies and business entities
 -
- C Employment
 - Your Local Property Managers - Property Managing
- D Interests in trusts
 -
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
 - Performing Arts Taumarunui
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
 -
- G Real property
 - Family home, Taumarunui
- H Real property held by a trust
 -
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
 -
- J Gifts
 -
- K Payments for activities
 -

Councillor John Chapman

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
 -
- B Interests in companies and business entities
 -
- C Employment
 -
- D Interests in trusts
 - TeMākōtuku Family Trust
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
 -
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
 -
- G Real property
 - Family Home, Raetihi
- H Real property held by a trust
 - Family Home, Raetihi
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
 -
- J Gifts
 -
- K Payments for activities
 -

Councillor Robyn Gram

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
 - Buy the Gram Property Investment
- B Interests in companies and business entities
 - Buy the Gram Property Investments
- C Employment
 -
- D Interests in trusts
 -
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
 -
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
 - Taumarunui High School Board of Trustees
- G Real property
 - Rentals x 3 Taumarunui
- H Real property held by a trust
 -
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
 -
- J Gifts
 -
- K Payments for activities
 - Board of Trustees honoraria

Councillor Vivienne Hoeta

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
 -
- B Interests in companies and business entities
 -
- C Employment
 - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangi
- D Interests in trusts
 - Waiwera Te Aroha Mill Family Trust
 - Raetihi Marae
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
 - Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
 -
- G Real property
 - Ngapakahi 2A2B
- H Real property held by a trust
 - Ngapakahi 2A2B
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
 -
- J Gifts
 -
- K Payments for activities
 -

Councillor Channey Iwikau

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
 -
- B Interests in companies and business entities
 -
- C Employment
 - Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa
- D Interests in trusts
 - Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board
 - Ngāti Tūwharetoa Fisheries Charitable Trust
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
 -
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
 -
- G Real property
 -
- H Real property held by a trust
 -
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
 -
- J Gifts
 -
- K Payments for activities
 -

Councillor Kuru Ketu

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
Visit Ruapehu Ltd – Regional Tourism Organisation
- B Interests in companies and business entities
-
- C Employment
Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust
- D Interests in trusts
Albert and Sophia Ketu Whānau Trust: Trustee and Beneficiary.
Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust: Beneficiary.
Te Whiringa Kākaho o Ngāti Hāua Trust: Beneficiary.
Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa Trust: Beneficiary.
Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust: Beneficiary.
Ngāti Tūwharetoa Fisheries Trust: Beneficiary.
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board: Beneficiary.
Te Nehenehenui Trust: Beneficiary.
Pohatui Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Hauraki Māori Trust Board: Beneficiary.
Waikato Tainui Trusts (made up of the Waikato Raupatu Lands and Rivers Trusts): Beneficiary.
Kākahi Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Wharaurua Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Hikairo Marae and Pāpākainga Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Ngāpūwaiwaha Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Hia Kaitupeka Pa and Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Maniati Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Kauriki Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Papakai Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Otukou Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Rongomai Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Korohe Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Pukawa Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Tukikapu Mārae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
Waipatoto Marae Reservation Trust: Beneficiary.
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
-
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
Visit Ruapehu Ltd – Regional Tourism Organisation
- G Real property
Family Home: Matapuna, Taumarunui.
Family Homestead: Mahoe, Taumarunui.
Farm: Kaitieke.
Pāpākainga: Taumarunui.
Marae: Kākahi. Hohotaka, Te Rena. Ngapuke.
Punapunga. Township, Taumarunui. Matapuna, Taumarunui. Tanringamotu. Waitomo. Oparure.
Te Kuiti. Turangi. Pukawa.Korohe.
Treaty Settlement Lands and Buildings: Manawātū-Whanganui Region.
Waikato Region. Auckland Region. Hauraki Region.
Treaty Settlement Lands and Rivers: Whanganui (Te Awa Tupua). Waikato River.
Multiple Māori Land Blocks: Waikato Region.

Councillor Rabbit Nottage

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Manawatū-Whanganui Region. Hauraki Region. Wairariki District. Aotea District. Waikato-Maniapoto District.	
H Real property held by a trust Farm: Kaitieke. Pāpākainga: Taumarunui. Marae: Kākahi. Hohotaka, Te Rena. Ngapuke. Punapunga. Township, Taumarunui. Matapuna, Taumarunui. Tanringamotu. Waitomo. Oparure. Te Kuiti. Turangi. Pukawa. Korohe. Treaty Settlement Lands and Buildings: Manawatū-Whanganui Region. Waikato Region. Auckland Region. Hauraki Region. Treaty Settlement Lands and Rivers: Whanganui (Te Awa Tupua). Waikato River. Multiple Māori Land Blocks: Waikato Region. Manawatū-Whanganui Region. Hauraki Region. Wairariki District. Aotea District. Waikato-Maniapoto District.	H Real property held by a trust
I Overseas travel and accommodation -	I Overseas travel and accommodation
J Gifts -	J Gifts
K Payments for activities Honouraria: Climate Action Joint Committee Membership and work. Payment from the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council. Consulting Fees: Payment for Māori Land Consulting Services. Payment from Te Horua o Te Rā Trust.	K Payments for activities

Councillor Luke Pepper

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
White Gold Farms Ltd - Farming Business
- B Interests in companies and business entities
White Gold Farms Ltd
- C Employment
Self employed
- D Interests in trusts
Pepper Family Trust
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
-
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
Whanganui River Enhancement Trust
- G Real property
Taumarunui - Farm
- H Real property held by a trust
Taumarunui - Farm
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
-
- J Gifts
-
- K Payments for activities
-

Councillor Korty Wilson

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
-
- B Interests in companies and business entities
-
- C Employment
Ngā Waihua o Paerangi - Post Settlement
Governance Entity an Iwi Authority
- D Interests in trusts
Kaimanawa 3B2A & 3B2B Trust
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
-
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
-
- G Real property
-
- H Real property held by a trust
Kaimanawa 3B2A & 3B2B - Land block off State
Highway 1
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
-
- J Gifts
-
- K Payments for activities
-

Owhango-National Park Community Board

Chairperson Peter Zimmer

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Deputy Chairperson Gail Gray

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Member Anthony Gurr

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
 -
- B Interests in companies and business entities
 -
- C Employment
 - NZ Police
- D Interests in trusts
 -
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
 - National Park Progressive Association
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
 - National Park Steering group (for the Te po Matariki plan)
- G Real property
 - Waimarino – Family Home
- H Real property held by a trust
 -
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
 -
- J Gifts
 -
- K Payments for activities
 -

Member Eddie Marsters

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Member Murray Wilson

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Taumarunui-Ohura Community Board

Chairperson Molly Jeffries

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Deputy Chairperson Sophie Stockbridge

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Member Johnny Dryden

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Member Brian Portland

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Member Oriwia Wanakore

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board

Chairperson Luigi Hotter

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Deputy Chairperson Stu Robinson

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Member Kay Henare

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Member Colin Pakai

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

Member Emma Young

- A Company directorships and controlling interests
- B Interests in companies and business entities
- C Employment
- D Interests in trusts
- E Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding
- F Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member
- G Real property
- H Real property held by a trust
- I Overseas travel and accommodation
- J Gifts
- K Payments for activities

APPENDIX

Understanding the Register of Pecuniary Interests

Why This Register Exists

This register helps you understand the financial, business, and personal interests held by your elected representatives. By making this information publicly available, the Council supports transparency and accountability in local government decision-making.

The register is required under sections 54A to 54I of the Local Government Act 2002 and is modelled on similar requirements for Members of Parliament.

What the Categories Mean

A. Company directorships and controlling interests

Companies where the member is a director or controls more than 10% of voting rights.

B. Interests in companies and business entities

Other business interests that could create a financial benefit for the member.

C. Employment

Any paid employment the member holds outside their elected role.

D. Interests in trusts

Trusts from which the member receives or may receive a financial benefit.

E. Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding

Organisations the member is involved with that receive or have applied for Council funding.

F. Appointments by virtue of being an Elected Member

Roles the member holds because of their position as an elected representative.

G. Real property

Land or buildings the member owns. Only general location is disclosed, not street addresses.

H. Real property held by a trust

Property held by trusts where the member is a beneficiary.

I. Overseas travel and accommodation

International travel where someone other than the member or their family paid for costs.

J. Gifts

Gifts, hospitality, or donations worth more than \$500 (or cumulative gifts from one source exceeding \$500).

K. Payments for activities

Other payments received for activities, excluding salary, allowances, and interests already declared.

When the Register is Updated

Elected members submit returns annually, due by the end of February each year (with a slightly earlier deadline in their first year of office). Each return covers the previous 12 months. This summary is updated after returns are received and processed.

Year	Due Date	Period Covered
Year 1 (2026)	14 February 2026	15 January 2025 – 14 January 2026
Year 2 (2027)	28 February 2027	29 January 2026 – 28 January 2027
Year 3 (2028)	29 February 2028	30 January 2027 – 29 January 2028

What is Not Disclosed

The register shows the nature and type of interests, but not their monetary value. For property, only the general location is disclosed (such as the suburb or town), not street addresses. This balances transparency with reasonable privacy for elected members and their families.

How Long Records are Kept

Register information is retained for seven years, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

More Information

For detailed requirements, refer to the Elected Members' Interest Disclosure Policy 2025, available on the Council website, or sections 54A to 54I of the Local Government Act 2002.

Questions about this register can be directed to the Governance Team at governance@ruapehudc.govt.nz