

# **Register of Pecuniary Interests of Greater Wellington Regional Councillors**

## **Summary of annual returns at 16 February 2026**

### **Introduction**

Since 20 November 2022, elected members of local authorities are required to make an annual return of the required pecuniary interests (as set out in Subpart 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act)). The local authority appoints a Registrar, who keeps these returns in a register of pecuniary interests.

This report summarises the annual returns for the 12-month period from 17 January 2025 to 16 January 2026 for the elected members of Wellington Regional Council. This summary is then made publicly available (as required by section 54A(3) of the Act) on Greater Wellington's website.

Items 1 to 12 below provide a 'snapshot' of each required pecuniary interest, with related information shown in the summary where this is disclosed by the elected member:

- 1 Company directorships - section 54E(1)(a)
- 2 Voting rights in companies - section 54E(1)(a)
- 3 Pecuniary interests in companies or business entities - section 54E(1)(b)
- 4 Employment - section 54E(1)(c)
- 5 Beneficial interests in trusts - section 54E(1)(d)
- 6 Organisations and trusts seeking Greater Wellington funding - section 54E(1)(e)
- 7 Appointments to organisations - section 54E(1)(f)
- 8 Real property - section 54E(1)(g)
- 9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property - section 54E(1)(h)
- 10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs - sections 54F(1)(a) and 54F(2)
- 11 Gifts - sections 54F(1)(b) and 54F(3)
- 12 Payments for activities – section 54F(1)(c).

### **Registrar's comments**

This is the fourth summary of annual returns by Greater Wellington Regional Councillors under the Act, and the first for the 2025–28 triennium.

In addition, Greater Wellington operates a framework and process for elected members' annual disclosure, and the management, of their pecuniary interests for the purpose of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 and non-financial personal interests that do or may intersect with their role. A summary of these disclosures is also available on Greater Wellington's website.

## **Ros Connelly (Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta / Upper Hutt General Constituency)**

### **1 Company directorships**

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

### **3 Pecuniary interests in companies or business entities**

Spark - communications

### **7 Appointments to organisations**

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

### **8 Real property**

Silverstream – family residence

## **Quentin Duthie (Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt General Constituency)**

### **7 Appointments to organisations**

Non-voting member, Friends of Waiwhetū Stream – community restoration group

Member, Hutt City Strategy Leadership Group – creating a long-term City strategy

Member, Whitireia Park Board – manages Whitireia Park

Alternate member, Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board

### **8 Real property**

Belmont, Lower Hutt – family residence

## **Nigel Elder (Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt General Constituency)**

### **1 Company directorships**

Red Cabbage Cottage Ltd – property

Condor Properties 2012 Ltd – property

Quadrant Wine Company Ltd – wine production

WRC Holdings Ltd - investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

### **2 Voting rights in companies**

Red Cabbage Cottage Ltd – property

Condor Properties 2012 Ltd – property

Quadrant Wine Company Ltd – wine production

**4 Employment**

Military – New Zealand Defence Force

**5 Beneficial interests in trusts**

Ventoux Family Trust

**7 Appointments to organisations**

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

**10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs**

Attended Avalon (Australia) air show in 2025 as a member of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). Cost of travel was covered by NZDF.

**Sarah Free (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)**

**5 Beneficial interests in trusts**

Rossar Family Trust

**7 Appointments to organisations**

Greater Wellington appointee to the Wellington Region Waste Management & Minimisation Plan Joint Committee

**8 Real property**

Strathmore Park – family residence

Ōtaki Beach, Kāpiti Coast

**10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs**

Thailand – Church outreach services, part-funded by church fundraising activities.

**Penny Gaylor (Kāpiti Coast General Constituency)**

**7 Appointments to organisations**

Board member, Wellington Regional Stadium Trust

**Tom James (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)**

**4 Employment**

New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi – investigating and regulating land transport. (Employment now ended.)

**8 Real property**

Mount Cook, Wellington – family residence

## **Claire Johnstone (Porirua - Tawa General Constituency)**

### **1 Company directorships**

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

### **4 Employment**

New Zealand Police – law enforcement

### **7 Appointments to organisations**

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

Member, Whitireia Park Board – manages Whitireia Park

### **10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs**

Australia, June 2025 – attended conference in Perth and costs (\$4,000) were paid by New Zealand Police.

## **Shamia Makarini (Te Upoko o te ika a Māui Māori Constituency)**

### **1 Company directorships**

Tairua Consultants Ltd – Kaupapa Māori consultancy

### **2 Voting rights in companies**

Tairua Consultants Ltd

### **5 Beneficial interests in trusts**

Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust

### **6 Organisations and trusts seeking Greater Wellington funding**

Possibly Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust – Iwi Settlement Trust charged with receiving and managing Settlement assets

### **7 Appointments to organisations**

Alternate member, Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board

### **8 Real property**

Waiwhetū, Lower Hutt – family residence

Korokoro, Lower Hutt – family residence

### **12 Payment for activities**

Board honorarium – Te Paepae Arahi Trust

Board payment – Fire and Emergency New Zealand Local Advisory Committee

## **Daran Ponter (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)**

### **1 Company directorships**

Ponter Amor Consultancy Limited – public policy

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

### **2 Voting rights in companies**

Ponter Amor Consultancy Limited

### **4 Employment**

Te Puni Kōkiri – Government Ministry

### **7 Appointments to organisations**

Patron, Wellington Tramway Museum – transport museum

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

Greater Wellington appointee to the Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board – the Board's purpose is to act as guardian of the Wairarapa Moana and Ruamahanga River.

### **8 Real property**

Kelburn, Wellington

Petone, Lower Hutt

Moturoa, New Plymouth

### **12 Payments for activities**

Salary, Te Puni Kōkiri

Income from Ponter Amor Consulting

## **Phil Rhodes (Porirua – Tawa General Constituency)**

### **7 Appointments to organisations**

Member, Whitireia Park Board – management of Whitireia Park

Member, Upper Ruamahanga Advisory Group

## **Yadana Saw (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)**

### **6 Organisations and trusts seeking Greater Wellington funding**

Chair – Wellington Regional Healthy Homes Group

### **7 Appointments to organisations**

Chair – Wellington Regional Healthy Homes Group

**8 Real property**

Newtown, Wellington – family residence

Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt – rental property

**9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property**

Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt – rental property

**Gabriel Tupou (Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt General Constituency)**

**4 Employment**

Sisters of Compassion Group

**8 Real property**

Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt – family residence

**Simon Woolf (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)**

**1 Company directorships**

Photography by Woolf – photography, video production, provision of social media content, framing, copy and restoration

**2 Voting rights in companies**

Photography by Woolf – photography, video production, provision of social media content, framing, copy and restoration

**3 Pecuniary interests in companies or business entities**

Air New Zealand – airline

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare – medical devices and technologies

**4 Employment**

Photography by Woolf

**5 Beneficial interests in trusts**

Simon Woolf Family Trust

**8 Real property**

Maupuia, Wellington

Karori, Wellington

**9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property**

Simon Woolf Family Trust

Karori family residence