

2022 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS CANDIDATE PROFILES

Election of THREE (3) Trustees

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Tori **COLLIER**

Kia ora koutou. I am a beneficiary of the Electra Trust, and have been nominated as a candidate for the upcoming trustee elections.

Personal Statement

I enlisted into the Royal New Zealand Airforce in 1967. I was employed in

Accounting and Finance to Senior Management level. The bulk of my service was at Whenuapai Airbase Auckland. Spent two years in Singapore 1971 - 1973, and spent my last two years at Air Staff, Defence Headquarters, Wellington, retiring in 1982.

Relocated to Wellsford to go dairy farming for the next 30 years, retiring to Paraparaumu in 2012 to be closer to family.

Education/Public Duties

1981	Associate of the New Zealand Institute of
	Management
1983-1988	Chairman of Tapora School Committee

- 1988-1991 Trustee of the Rodney College Board
- 2001-2012 Chairman of the Minniesdale Chapel and Cemetery Trust

2016-2018 Trustee of the Hora Te Pai Health Services Trust

Summary

I am aware of the Trust Deed and the duties of Trustees of the Electra Trust, and will endeavour to get the best outcomes for the beneficiaries.

He pooti mo au, He korero mo koe.

A vote for me, is a voice for you.

Sharon CROSBIE

CNZM, OBE

Our electricity costs are rising and energy technology is changing, making greater demands on Electra, our lines and distribution company. Right now it faces the challenges of decarbonisation, sustainability and increased usage as our



region grows. We too, are all faced with having to reduce our use of fossil fuels in the years ahead.

The good news is that we own the company and benefit from an annual discount and one of the best performing lines companies in the country. It is a privilege to have chaired the Trust and I seek re-election to continue to safeguard your interests in the face of so much change. As a former CEO I have a strong background in governance, community activity and business.

Brendan **DUFFY**

ONZM, JP

My position as chair of Mid Central DHB concludes in June, this will leave me with capacity to engage in a governance role on the Electra Trust. I have a record of proven performance on the Trust in a previous term and am seeking your support to



re-elect me. The Trust has an important responsibility in holding the Electra Company to account and to ensure maximum dividends are returned to our Kapiti/ Horowhenua community. As trustees we must appoint the directors to the company, this is a significant task that I take very seriously. I am a former Mayor of Horowhenua, however I hold a strong regional focus. Currently I am chair of Business Kapiti Horowhenua motivating business across the whole district to grow and employ our people. Our districts are interconnected, and it is important to have this perspective as a trustee on the Electra Trust. I have the time, energy and knowledge of our joint districts and the experience. I seek your support.

Stephen GREGAN

CA

Living in Paraparaumu Beach, I am qualified Chartered Accountant with over 25 years of senior corporate management experience in the electricity sector. I am currently working as the GM Revenue & Assurance for Arthur D Riley & Company



Ltd. 8 years of my experience was working for Electra as the COO and the Deputy Chief Executive where I played the lead role in the sale of non-core subsidiaries' including Oxford Finance.

Electra has a significant role in the Kapiti and Horowhenua regions ensuring safe and reliable energy delivery to us as consumers. Investment in the core network business and being prepared for the impact of new and emerging technologies is crucial to protect the long-term value of Electra. I am committed to this direction for Electra.

I fully support the ongoing local ownership of Electra and I am passionate about supporting business in the region.

Outside of work I am on the board of Business Kapiti Horowhenua and enjoy cycling with the local cycling clubs.

Athol **KIRK**

Much of my life has been spent working within the electrical supply industry, NZED (New Zealand Electricity Department), MEPB (Marlborough Electric Power Board), Wellington City, starting with the MED (Municipal Electricity Department) and finishing with Siemens Energy Services.



Roles performed within organisations included construction maintenance of networks (both urban and rural), safety planning, fault remediation, staff relations (union delegate), network operations and network planning

Since then I've studied for and gained a Bachelor of Health Science major Environmental Risk Management, worked for DCC (Dunedin City Council) TCDC (Thames Coromandel City Council) and MPI (Ministry for Primary Industry). These roles included food safety, public hygiene (yes some of the job stinks), noise control, port company liason and RMA (resource management act) monitoring.

My family, 3 generations, are resident in Levin and loving the west coast vibe. The Levin Lions club is among my strong and positive connections to the community.

The customers, who are ultimately the owners, of Electra expect and have a right to the best possible energy supply service, no matter who they are buying their electricity from. If I am elected as a trustee my role is to ensure that the rights of those customers are protected.

Tim **SUTTON**

B Mus Hons (University of Otago); M A (University of Exeter)

I am excited by the possibility of representing you as a Trustee.



With more than 30 years of leadership and management experience in New Zealand and overseas, I know I will bring a fresh perspective to ensuring that Electra continues to

perspective to ensuring that Electra continues to be a wellrun company, that continues to provide an annual discount to us, Electra's users.

I believe that being a well-run company also means more than being able to provide an annual discount. I would like to help Electra do more to ensure that we continue to build and maintain a more resilient and responsive lines network in Kapiti and Horowhenua as the challenge of Climate Change and related extreme weather events increases for us all. The accelerating electrification of our transport fleet will also bring further challenges and opportunities for which Electra must be well prepared.

As a Trustee I would also pay particular attention to supporting the Directors and Management of Electra to build an organisational culture that is respectful, empowering, open and supportive of the diverse workforce, who work so hard to keep the lights on for all of us.

Russell LONGUET

BE (Electrical)

My background is in electrical engineering, investment banking and energy consulting.

I was on the Electra Board for 10 years until 2018 during which time the consumer discount increased year on year.

As a Trustee representing consumers I will work with the other Trustees and Electra's Directors to ensure that a beneficial consumer discount continues to be delivered, that the core business is the best it can be and that any subsidiary investments are successful.

I have been a director of a number of energy related companies as well as on energy and transmission advisory groups to Government. I was also an Authority member of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA).

I live in the Otaki Gorge and my family have been in the Kapiti area since the 1920's.

