

# 2018 Trustee Election Candidate Profiles



## Background

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Whether we're serving Consumers individually or via community organisations, funding an event or supporting the local hospice, TECT trustees take their responsibilities to TECT's Consumers seriously. We're committed to ensuring our Consumers live and are engaged in a vibrant and enriching community.

TECT (Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust) was formed in 1993. The purpose of TECT is to manage the assets of the Trust for the benefit of qualifying Consumers during the term of the Trust. "Consumers" are Trustpower power account holders in Tauranga City and the Western Bay of Plenty District. The Deed of Trust provides Trustees with a number of ways to deliver benefits to Consumers. Today, TECT is one of New Zealand's largest energy trusts. TECT's policy is to distribute approximately 80 percent of its net earnings direct to Consumers annually by way of the TECT cheque and the balance indirectly via grants to community organisations.

For the 56,000 Consumers, TECT is probably best known for the cheques it provides annually, with \$28 million distributed in November 2017. Other high profile grants to community organisations have included the ASB Arena, TECT All Terrain Park, the new Tertiary Campus, the Tauranga Arts Festival, Waipuna Hospice, AIMS Games, Tauranga RDA and continuing support of the local rescue helicopter. Since TECT was formed, it has been a strong local advocate for helping community organisations. Its grants provide a key funding avenue for not-for-profit organisations based in our region who are investing their efforts in many worthwhile community projects. As a Consumer Trust, we fully embrace and support community organisations in developing more vibrant and enriched communities.

The Trust is governed by six Trustees who are elected by Consumers for 4-year terms. The terms of appointment of Trustees are staggered so that three Trustees retire every two years.

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## Disclaimer

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## ARUNDEL Mark



I offer my experience and enthusiasm to join in governing TECT in our best interests.

As a TECT consumer since it began I have supported the current distribution model, believing it should be returning tangible benefits to consumers while enabling support of charitable and community causes.

As a trustee I will seek assurance that TECT consumers are paying 'fair market prices' for electricity and are not 'buying their own cheque'.

If the 'TECT cheque' is found to be distorting local electricity prices, to the significant disadvantage of TECT consumers, then I would support a generous and transparent restructuring proposal to TECT consumers and a 'free market' for electricity prices, decided by referendum.

My experience in Tauranga since 1986 includes:

Bay Of Plenty DHB member, Community Pharmacy owner, Tauranga Gliding Club committee, Otumoetai Intermediate School trustee and chair, Tauranga Mainstreet Board member, Chamber of Commerce Tauranga Board member.

## **BLACKWELL** Pete



A retired Detective Sergeant, serving 38 years in the Police, including 29 in WBOP where I live with my wife and family.

My passion is to make this community a better place and I've worked hard to make a difference:

- Organiser for 20 years - Tauranga Police CIB Luncheon; plus other Charity Events/ Golf Tournaments, raising over \$2.5million for community groups.
- Patron - Omanu Golf Club
- Manager - Mt College 'A' Basketball team (and previously Volleyball teams)
- Fund-raiser for Sir Colin Meads statue
- Chair - BOP Decision Reach Out Trust (19 years) providing leadership courses to over 350 local students.
- Recipient QSM Services to Police (2007), Certificate of Achievement New Zealander of the Year (2010), BOP Times Person of the Year (2011).

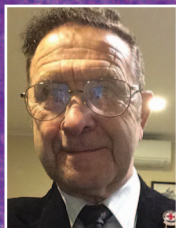
I offer honesty, integrity and energy, plus a demonstrated willingness to listen to TECT consumers, and a commitment to protect TECT's assets for the long-term good of the community.

## CAMERON John (JC)



- John has been a strong contributor to the wider Western Bay in business, farming, sports, education and community welfare, serving on school and charity boards and being a life member of the Te Puke Sports Club.
- Born and bred in Te Puke, he is married to Sylvia and they have two daughters.
- John is a person of integrity and principles; he is committed to good governance so that Trustpower consumers receive increasingly strong individual dividends, and to growing TECT's wealth base and broadening its distribution model for the benefit of the entire region based on population and need.
- Known for his vision and total team approach, he has created many large long-term dairy ventures (with multi-Maori owners) and kiwifruit land developments.
- John offers total passion and time to represent TECT consumers for the long term, as all past TECT Trustees have - including his father Harold (14 years TECT trustee).

## CHAMBERLAIN Ron



This Candidate for TECT feels that Trustpower consumers must always have the power to control funds at all times. New blood in any organisation is desirable. Some local and national politicians seem to want a position for life!

Fiscal responsibility is a must. The term 'canny Scot' is not given lightly; shrewd investment is part of the term. Rewarding the consumer, and as many organisations as possible must be the plan and care should be taken not to subsidise the government's responsibilities.

I am currently involved or have past associations as Volunteer, St John (12 years), Red Cross (14 years), ICRC, Heart Foundation, Stroke F, Glaucoma NZ and Child Poverty (no pay just dedication).

Keep the power in your hands. Resist the grand ideas; it's your cheque make sure it's your call. It's called democracy.

PROTECT THE CHEQUE – vote Ron Chamberlain.

## EDLIN Bev

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The contribution TECT makes is undeniable. With extensive business and boardroom experience I will bring a fresh approach to TECT, while safeguarding your annual TECT cheque.

After holding senior management positions within large New Zealand organisations, supported through achievement of appropriate qualifications; including a Doctorate in Governance, I bring considerable strategic, marketing/PR, financial, and business know-how to the Commercial and Community Boards and Trusts I sit on or advise.

As a Governance NZ Fellow and a Chartered Director, I currently chair the Institute of Directors' Tauranga branch, and Waikato Bay of Plenty Netball Inc (Magic). I also sit on the Bay of Plenty District Health Board. After serving on and advising a wide range of community trusts, such as Eastern and Central Community Trust, as well as being involved and working closely with local charities has allowed me to support and understand a wide-range of community causes and organisational needs.

## JENNEN Tina



MBA, BA

Following a head-on car crash on State Highway 2 last year, my family received overwhelming support from this community. Now fully recovered, I want to give back.

My day role is Chief Financial Officer in the primary sector, plus I have twelve years of governance experience. I understand financial diligence, the value of the TECT asset and the need to protect it.

At board level, I am known to listen well, ask hard questions, assimilate information quickly and add value from day one.

My strong connections into all areas of the Tauranga and Western Bay community mean that I have strong insight into the aspirations of many, including the younger generation.

(I have teenage children and lead the Toi Ohomai/ Waikato University summer student incubator each year.)

As a Trustee, I will ensure TECT continues to play a key role in positively impacting the Tauranga community.

## JONKERS Willem



We've lived in New Zealand since 1979, in Tauranga since 2000.

- I am doctorandus (not PHD) Business Administration, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.
- worked 40 years in commercial and financial management roles in large corporates and cooperatives in Holland, Italy, Indonesia, New Zealand.
- was chief financial officer of Heineken Breweries subsidiaries in Indonesia, of a dairy company in Edgecumbe and of NZ Dairy Foods, Takanini.
- was Treasurer of NZ Dairy Group, Hamilton, resolving complex taxation and finance issues.
- served on Board of Directors of a company, Hamilton.
- am trustee of 9 trusts.
- for 37 years managed very successfully investment portfolios, in land, bonds and shares.

TECT is a significant investment fund, which needs strong qualified governance. I can make a valuable contribution to TECT. I will focus on the performance of the investment portfolio and on the strong bonds between TECT, TrustPower and its customers.

## LEWIS Pamela



I am a retired MRT (Radiographer) and recently completed 8 years Trusteeship with BayTrust where I was an Audit/Risk and Cultural/Heritage Committees member and Chairperson for the Community Scholarships.

This experience in dealing with investing multi million dollar funds via International Fund Managers and Community Granting, I believe are a testament to my suitability for TECT.

\* I intend to support the STATUS QUO for distribution.

Additionally, I have a lifetime of Community Service to sports, schools, Health Camp and Cancer Support, which culminated in being awarded a Queens Service Medal in 1993. Friends and colleagues consider me open, trustworthy and approachable.

Since moving to Mt Maunganui 15 years ago, I have continued Voluntary Community work- 12 years with Community Police (still active), 8 years as a Friend of the Emergency Department at Tauranga Hospital FED (via St Johns) and am currently a Justice of the Peace (JP).

## MILN Alex

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Corporate achiever and award-winning artist, Alex Miln, is determined to get TECT back on track after the costly problems of the past.

Few can match Alex for experience and strategic thinking. As a former energy firm boss, Alex has managed a billion dollar budget. He also injected new life into Auckland's Parnell Swimming Club, restoring it to its former status in the community.

Now he's ready to take on something close to his heart. Alex is determined to see TECT, which is first and foremost a consumer trust, deliver more for our consumers, for our community and for the generations who follow.

Every trust board needs creative leadership. Without a knowledgeable, strategic approach, the region's valuable TECT investments will stall, and your returns will diminish. This is too important to leave to others.

It needs the experienced hand of an outstanding and proven business leader, who listens to his community.

## NEILSON Frank



Frank, a Tauranga resident and retired businessman.

Frank's business experience includes, the farming sector, Motor Vehicle Sales and Sales Manager for a major vehicle franchise. The twenty years before retiring Frank owned and operated two very successful businesses in Tauranga and upon his retirement he was called upon by Mount Maunganui Credit Union to act as a director and remained as such until the merger of the Credit Unions.

Frank's community commitments include Tga 1st Scouts where he was their Treasurer. Frank is someone with real "life experience". Recognised within the community as someone with solid integrity, someone with real feelings for the community, a truly successful and "down to earth" businessman.

After being a Trustpower consumer for over 30 years. Frank feels that it is time to help the community he cares so much about through bringing his life experiences and some old-fashioned common sense to TECT.

## NESDALE Sheldon



9 reasons to vote for Sheldon Nesdale:

1. **Qualified.** Has an MBA from Waikato Uni. Has run his own business since 2009
2. **Diligent.** Loves to read. Will turn up to every meeting fully prepared
3. **Future thinking.** Has young kids at home so thinks about the future and our legacy
4. **Leader.** Has several governance roles and brought TEDxTauranga here
5. **Not wealthy.** Grateful for the TECT cheque every year
6. **Grateful.** Grateful that TECT are able to help so many organisations with grants
7. **Public Service.** An active volunteer who puts in 8 hours per week into projects that benefit the public
8. **Considered.** Doesn't leap to conclusions, reads documentation and seeks out experts before making critical decisions
9. **Listens.** Has visited 6,780 homes to connect with residents and listen to their ideas and concerns

For more details see [www.IAmListening.co.nz](http://www.IAmListening.co.nz) or call 021 128 5046

## **PURCHES** Graeme



I married Jenny 46 years ago - we have four adult children and four grandchildren.

I came to Tauranga following my 1999 appointment as Trustpower's Community Relations Manager, and retired two years ago.

I operated two family businesses, was a journalist, served in four Senior Communication and Public/Community Relations Management roles 1990 - 2016, and was Board Chairman of a Local Government owned Property Company.

I hold a Diploma in Business Studies, and a Certificate in Company Direction.

Since retiring, I have been working in local Not-For-Profit governance roles.

Importantly for TECT, after 17 years working at Trustpower, I understand the workings of that company and the energy sector.

I also understand responsibility. Elect me and you have my word I will not support changes to TECT without honest consultation.

Having worked extensively at the community coalface, I understand the importance of TECT, and the TECT Cheque, to its beneficiaries.

## **RHODES** Hylton



The out-of-the-blue 'scrap the cheque' proposal was inane.

What advantage is there for Trustpower consumers belonging to TECT if our overall yearly power bills despite our September cheque are more or less the same as other companies?

TECT has well over \$700 million of our money in the bank and can easily afford to give us \$1000 cheques ad infinitum and still keep the 80/20 handouts and retain a healthy balance.

Moreover, TECT's new white elephant, the \$10 million HUB building and car park on the former historic village green needs to house our new museum. The \$10 million was our money and this proposal would partly justify the ruination of this precious green space.

I am a BA graduate from Victoria University, Wellington with additional papers in economics, commercial law, accountancy and economic history. I have been a past Tauranga District Councillor and also Tauranga City Councillor.

## **ROWE-MITCHELL** Valerie



Valerie Rowe-Mitchell is a local accountant, she lives with her family in Tauranga and is passionate about the community, giving back, and protecting the Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust (TECT) for the benefit of future generations.

“I have great appreciation of the beautiful Bay of Plenty, the amazing people and fantastic community. I immigrated to New Zealand 16 years ago and made Tauranga my home. I have been an accountant in Mount Maunganui for the past 12 years. An aspect of my job that I love is how it allows me to meet new people and to continue to contribute to client’s businesses, some, for over a decade.

I would love to become a Trustee in order to contribute to the good work the Trust does already, but with the firm opinion that TECT must be protected for the benefit of energy consumers and the community.”

## **SUMMERHAYS Karen**



I am a long-time resident of the Western BOP and Tauranga area, presently living in Te Puke and as a mother of two wonderful millennial daughters, I am conscious of the needs of youth and young families.

As a former Regional Councillor I have been involved in decision-making regarding investments and funding allocations and am involved with a number of charities, including Sustainable Endeavours Charitable Trust (Founding Trustee), Te Puke Centre Committee (Chairperson).

I will promote the development of an ethical investment policy and increased transparency regarding TECT decisions. I also believe that people should be provided the opportunity to participate in major funding decisions e.g. Participatory Budgeting

I am a self-employed community development professional with a deep understanding of the not-for-profit (social/environmental) and local government sectors and through my recent work have gained substantial knowledge regarding the challenges and opportunities we face with a rapidly growing and ageing population.

## TRAPPITT Phillip



I am a recently retired Chartered Accountant and my wife Ann and I moved to Tauranga three years ago to be with our children and grandchildren.

In my practice as an accountant my work included Auditing, Trusteeships and trust administration for a substantial number of clients.

Prior to moving here I was the auditor of an Electric Power Consumer Trust similar to TECT.

I am a volunteer duty officer with Coastguard and previously have been a School Trustee, a Rotarian for 25 years and Assistant Governor of the Auckland North Rotary District.

I am deeply concerned with the trustee's recent proposal to wind up the trust. My submission directed them to the provisions of the Trust Deed requiring such a proposal to be "Fair and Equitable" and reminded them of their legal Fiduciary Duty to not abuse the beneficiaries. I am seeking election to protect the interests of the "consumers".

## WHEELER Stephen



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I fully embrace and support Community Organisations in developing more vibrant and enriched communities.

I have enjoyed a successful self-employed career as an accountant and with strong business experience and you and our community at heart.

I will bring honesty, enthusiasm and commitment with a fresh approach.

I want to make a difference and will ensure the wise management of the trust's funds as well as safeguarding your TECT cheque.

## WHITE Peter

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I am proud to be from Tauranga. I am passionate about this great city I grew up in.

I went to school at St Mary's Convent School and Tauranga Boys' College so have a lifetime of knowledge of our city and that matters.

It is important to get a diverse group of experience and knowledge among the Trustees. Last year the Trustees did not read the mood of the people accurately. I believe consultation was needed earlier.

TECT's support of AIMS Games, surf lifesaving clubs, rescue helicopter service, Waipuna Hospice, the Tauranga Jazz Festival and so many other community projects is vital to their future.

But too many sports clubs are struggling to stay afloat. I will not allow clubs to fail. Remember kids who play sport, stay out of court.

I look forward to serving Tauranga as a TECT Trustee.

## **WILLIAMS Kim**

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I grew up at the Mount and attended Arataki Primary School, Mount Intermediate and Mount Maunganui College.

I have served in the New Zealand Military, worked in Social Services and lived overseas where I worked in a Project Management and Advisory role in Aid and Development for multi-national companies throughout the Asia Pacific region. I am a considered, but strong communicator with good organisational and management skills and through my travels and life experiences have developed a deep understanding and respect for people from all walks of life.

Since returning to New Zealand I have forged business relationships throughout Tauranga and beyond. I currently work in the Commercial Real Estate field and I am also an active property investor.

As an elected TECT Trustee, I would work for all classes of people to ensure that the values and principles of TECT are upheld, both now and in the future.



