Whakatāne District Council Rangitāiki Community Board Electing 6 Members

	Gavin DENNIS
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I have lived in this district for 39 years, originally in Edgecumbe and Kawerau. For the last 30 years, my wife Ann and I have lived in Matata: 1994 - 2001 Matata Primary School Board of

Trustees; 2000 to 2010 on the Trident High School Board of Trustees, six years as Chairman; Matata Fire Brigade (29 years) currently Deputy Fire Chief; Member of Matata Medical Response Unit; Volunteer St Johns Ambulance Officer Whakatane; Past Committee member(8yrs) Matata Community Resource Centre; Chairman of the Matata Residents Association; Nine years on Rangitaiki Community Board; Justice of The Peace

I believe I have formed an important link between Council and the Residents of this ward. Bringing a greater awareness of the difficulties faced by residents, e.g. Matata rates affordability, Matata and Edgecumbe waste water and storm water problems, allowing for better representation and imparting local knowledge to better assist decision making in Council.