## Whakatane District Council

## Electing the Mayor



## **Karen POCOCK**

My principal place of residence is in the Whakatāne District Council area. I am also standing for Whakatane-Ohope Ward.

Proud to be of Ngati Awa descent and born and bred in Whakatane, I'm a fresh voice who is positive and passionate about the Whakatane

District. I have lived and worked in business at Ohope for the past 12 years.

I am competent, driven, motivated and have the energy to represent the people of the Whakatane District.

I have experience as a Councillor with Taupo District Council and have served on the Ohope Community Board.

As Mayor I will: Provide leadership to the Councillors and our people; Lead the development of Councils future plans; As an experienced chairperson oversee the smooth running of Council meetings ensuring the decision making process is at its best; Through open transparent leadership, involve people that are most affected by the decision making process; Support new development and investment into the District but not compromise our natural environment, local culture and community.