

Whakatāne District Council  
Rangitāiki Ward  
Electing 3 Councillors

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**Russell ORR**

My principal place of residence is in the Rangitāiki Ward area.

I believe I have been an effective member of council over the past 12 years and have the experience to fully participate and contribute.

This Council is struggling to invest in our future while containing rates and there are some real challenges around hazard mitigation and infrastructure renewal on the horizon. Many rural councils are in the same boat and it will take clear thinking, cooperation and common sense to get us through the next few years.

I also sense change is coming to the local government sector and while some may wish to see new faces around the table I believe it is critical that in uncertain times a stable and experienced council is retained.

I still enjoy working with my fellow councillors, the Mayor, CE and staff. If elected again I will do my best to ensure that we all continue to prosper.