

CLAIRE STEWART JP

*Married to John (J.J.)
Grown up family of five*



“Our local issues are actually Central Government issues – transport, employment, health, education and safe communities..... ”

WORK HISTORY

- Teaching, raising a family, Real Estate, Tourism and Local Government

LOCAL

- New Plymouth District Councillor ‘89-‘92
- New Plymouth District Mayor ‘92 -
- Assisted Taranaki Multi Ethnic Council establishment ‘94
- Initiated “Agenda 21” into Strategic Plan ‘94
- Assisted major shareholding by NPDC in Venture Taranaki Trust (Economic Development) ‘97
- Initiated Regional and District Forums in health, education, disabled persons assembly and neighbourhood support networks ‘97 -

REGIONAL

- MBA Graduation address Massey University ‘93
- LGNZ Rural Health Group ‘94-‘96
- Zone 3 Chairperson ‘95 –‘98
- Zone 3 Executive ‘95 -

NATIONAL

- Member NZ Executive Secondary Schools Boards, Policy Advisory Body Minister of Education, and Committee Member of First National Qualifications Authority ‘88 – ‘91
- Auckland Research & Development Conferences (Strategic Relationships, Future of Local Government, Best Value In **Infrastructure** Assets ‘97-‘99
- APEC Women Leaders Network Conference ‘99
- Addressed International City Managers Association Conference at Presidential Induction Ceremony, Portland USA ‘99

PERSONAL STRENGTHS

- High level commitment and sense of **humour**
- Experience with 16 Councillors • City Ward (IO), Rural Wards (6) and 4 Community Boards
- Consultative, co-operative empowering leadership style
- Continual balancing of needs in rural, urban, city areas – pop 69,000

INTERESTS

- Music, arts and sport (represented Manawatu and Taranaki in both Hockey and Golf)

- Code of Conduct commitment by Council ‘98
- Led delegations to Sister City links **Mishima/Japan** (NZ Sister Cities Award ‘97) and **Fangshan/China** ‘93 – ‘99
- Chairperson Energy Committee **New PowerCo merger/NPDC** major shareholder ‘00
- Assisted new **iwi/hapu** forums and initiated discussions with District Kaumatua ‘00

- Member Taranaki Regional Council Land Transport Committee ‘98 -
- Initiated discussions with 7 Councils on SH3 Issues and cross boundary co-operation ‘00

- Paper to SOLGM 2nd Tier Managers Seminar “What Qualities Do Elected Representatives Expect of a Chief Executive?”
- Paper to Mayors Forum “The Sustainability and On-Going Relationship between Chief Executives and Mayors” ‘00
- Core Member Mayors Taskforce for Jobs ‘00 (Admin Committee Mayors Taskforce for Jobs)
- LGNZ Economic Development Working Party ‘00 -
- LGNZ Health Strategy Group Input ‘00

- A clear sense of the governance/management boundaries
- Advocate for an economic, social and environmental balance
- Catalyst for change and a fresh approach

BASIL JAMES MORRISON, J P

- PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

September 2000



Following representations from many of my Local Government colleagues, and with the support of Councillors and staff of the Hauraki District Council and most importantly my family, I am offering myself as a candidate for the Presidency of Local Government New Zealand.

The most immediate challenge for me if I am elected, would be to take advantage of the Governments willingness to include Local Government in a partnering role. We have lost some valuable time during the recent upheaval in our leadership. I have had contact with both the Prime Minister and Minister of Local Government in the last month. I know that I could readily establish a good working relationship with them both.

Local Government needs teamwork to take us forward. Local Government New Zealand was set up to represent all arms of Local Government after a history of fragmentation. One of my aims is to ensure that we maintain a unified organisation while recognising the various sectors interests and representing those.

The workplan for 2000/2001 sets out this year's programme. I see it as my role if I am elected, to work with the National Council and Local Government New Zealand staff to achieve the objectives set out. There are a wide range of issues to be addressed. The more important issues facing our sector at present are:

- LGA review
- Transport issues
- Economic development
- Environmental issues
- Funding powers review
- 'Community cohesion'
- Treaty of Waitangi

And what is very important, the credibility and public image of our sector.

There is just 18 months left of the current three year Presidential term. I have not been a National Council member. I am currently Chairman of Zone 2 which has required an involvement in Local Government New Zealand affairs. Therefore, I seek the job of President with a fresh perspective not encumbered by an historic perspective nor any particular agenda.

As for my background, I joined Local Government as an elected member at the age of 24. At 53 years of age, I have had nearly 30 years as an elected member. 17 years of that has been in a leadership role, firstly as a County Chairman and since 1989 as Mayor of Hauraki District.

I am married to Kaye and we have three children and three grandchildren.

My Local Government appointments as well as Zone 2 Chairman include the Chairman and Controller of the Thames Valley Combined Civil Defence Organisation where I have led a team through several major emergencies.

I was a member of the New Zealand Lotteries Community Facilities Committee for 6 years as well as Chairman of the Regional Committee. I have been involved in a variety of Regional activities including Business Development, Parks and Reserves, Walkways and Industry Committees.

As far as business experience is concerned, I was a farmer for 20 years and with my wife manage a residential property company. I am Chairman of the New Zealand Counties Investment Company which is an investment organisation involved in commercial property, cash and shares. It is in the process of being wound up and the capital distributed to shareholders.

I am a Director of Jianlibao Holdings (NZ) Co. Ltd whose parent company is based in Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China. The company manufactures soft drinks and food for New Zealand consumption and for export to Australia. I have travelled extensively in Asia on company business and I have a close association with the founding Chairman and Chief Executive who is a member of the Congress of the People's Republic of China.

In conclusion, I believe Local Government has a central role to play in the governance of our nation. Our sector is the cornerstone of local democracy truly reflecting community choice. It is our role to preserve and enhance that. My goal if I am elected President would be to provide leadership particularly in our relationship with Central Government, to ensure our place as the voice of local communities is strong and effective.

My greatest strength is my ability to deal with people at all levels and to achieve goals through persuasion and co-operation. I am keen to accept the challenge of the Presidency and I look forward to your Council's support.

Yours sincerely,



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