

Register of Pecuniary Interests of Greater Wellington Regional Councillors

Summary of annual returns at 28 January 2025 (*Updated 8 April 2025*)

Introduction

Since 20 November 2022, elected members of local authorities are required to make an annual return of the required pecuniary interests (as set out in Subpart 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act)). The local authority appoints a Registrar, who keeps these returns in a register of pecuniary interests.

This report summarises the annual returns for the 12 month period from 29 January 2024 to 28 January 2025 for the elected members of Wellington Regional Council. This summary is then made publicly available (as required by section 54A(3) of the Act) on Greater Wellington's website.

Items 1 to 12 below provide a 'snapshot' of each required pecuniary interest, with related information shown in the summary where this is disclosed by the elected member:

- 1 Company directorships - section 54E(1)(a)
- 2 Voting rights in companies - section 54E(1)(a)
- 3 Pecuniary interests in companies or business entities - section 54E(1)(b)
- 4 Employment - section 54E(1)(c)
- 5 Beneficial interests in trusts - section 54E(1)(d)
- 6 Organisations and trusts seeking Greater Wellington funding - section 54E(1)(e)
- 7 Appointments to organisations - section 54E(1)(f)
- 8 Real property - section 54E(1)(g)
- 9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property - section 54E(1)(h)
- 10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs - sections 54F(1)(a) and 54F(2)
- 11 Gifts - sections 54F(1)(b) and 54F(3)
- 12 Payments for activities – section 54F(1)(c).

Registrar's comments

This is the third summary of annual returns by Greater Wellington Regional Councillors under the Act and for the 2022–25 triennium.

In addition, Greater Wellington operates a framework and process for elected members' annual disclosure, and the management, of their pecuniary interests for the purpose of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 and non-financial personal interests that do or may intersect with their role. A summary of these disclosures is also available on Greater Wellington's website.

David Bassett (Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt constituency)

1 Company directorships

H2O New Zealand Ltd. – property

WRC Holdings Ltd. – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd. – owns rail assets

2 Voting rights in companies

H2O New Zealand Ltd. – property

3 Pecuniary interests in companies or business entities

BJB Forestry Partnership – forestry

Semple House Body Corporate – apartment management

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

D and YL Bassett Family Trust

7 Appointments to organisations

Director – WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Director – Greater Wellington Rail Ltd - owns rail assets

8 Real property

Central Wellington – family residence

Raumati, Kāpiti Coast – family holiday home

Central Lower Hutt – commercial property

9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property

Central Wellington – family residence

Raumati, Kāpiti Coast – family holiday home

Ros Connelly (Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta / Upper Hutt constituency)

3 Pecuniary interests in companies or business entities

Spark – telecommunications

4 Employment

Fish and Game – regulator of sports game hunting and fishing activities

6 Organisations and trusts seeking Greater Wellington funding

Not sure – member of Forest and Bird and Cycling Action Network (they may get funding from Greater Wellington or have applied for funding)

8 Real property

Silverstream, Upper Hutt – family residence

Quentin Duthie (Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt constituency)

7 Appointments to organisations

Non-voting member – Friends of Waiwhetū Stream – community restoration group

Member – Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee – creates and implements the plan

Member – Hutt City Strategy Leadership Group – creating a long-term City strategy

Member – Whitireia Park Board – manages Whitireia Park

8 Real property

Belmont, Lower Hutt – family residence

Penny Gaylor (Kāpiti Coast constituency)

1 Company directorships

Otaki Mail – newspaper

2 Voting rights in companies

Otaki Mail – newspaper

7 Appointments to organisations

Board member – Wellington Regional Stadium Trust – owns, operates, and manages the Wellington Regional Stadium

8 Real property

Otaki – family residence

Chris Kirk-Burnnand (Porirua-Tawa constituency)

1 Company directorships

WRC Holdings Ltd. – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd. – owns rail assets

Porirua Foundation Administration Ltd. – charity administration

Patricia McDonnell Trustee Company – McDonnell family assets

Motuopa Trust – discretionary family trust

McDonnell No.2 Family Trust – discretionary family trust

James McDonnell Family Trust – discretionary family trust

Johnsonville Youth Grants Trust – charity to benefit youth, Chair and Trustee

PL Tia Ltd. – property
PL North Ltd. – property
PL Ross Ltd. – property
Property Logic Ltd. – administration
Autostop Caspian Ltd. – property
Autostop Holdings Ltd. – asset owning
Autostop Baltic Ltd. – property
Autostop Tasman Ltd. – horticultural
Autostop Arctic Ltd. – property
Autostop Group Ltd. – management
Autostop Pacific Ltd. – property
Autostop Motors Ltd. – trading

2 Voting rights in companies

Patricia McDonnell Trustee Company – McDonnell family assets
Motuopa Trust – discretionary family trust
McDonnell No.2 Family Trust – discretionary family trust
James McDonnell Family Trust – discretionary family trust
PL Tia Ltd. – property
PL North Ltd. – property
PL Ross Ltd. – property
Property Logic Ltd. – administration
Autostop Caspian Ltd. – property
Autostop Holdings Ltd. – asset owning
Autostop Baltic Ltd. – property
Autostop Tasman Ltd. – horticultural
Autostop Arctic Ltd. – property
Autostop Group Ltd. – management
Autostop Pacific Ltd. – property
Autostop Motors Ltd. – trading

4 Employment

Autostop Group Ltd. – management

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Kirk-Burnnand Family Trust
Kirk-Burnnand Family Trust No. 2

7 Appointments to organisations

Director and Chair – WRC Holdings Ltd. – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Director and Chair – Greater Wellington Rail Ltd. – owns rail assets

Member – Whitireia Park Board – manages Whitireia Park

8 Real property

Pauatahanui, Porirua – family residence and rental properties

Pauatahanui, Porirua – land

Acacia Bay, Taupo – family residence

PL Tia Ltd., Taupo – commercial property

PL Ross Ltd., Johnsonville – commercial property

PL North Ltd., Johnsonville – commercial property

Autostop Caspian Ltd., Johnsonville – commercial property

Autostop Baltic Ltd., Petone – commercial property

Autostop Tasman Ltd., Wairarapa and Gisborne – horticultural land

Autostop Arctic Ltd., Johnsonville – commercial property

Autostop Pacific Ltd., Johnsonville – commercial land

Ken Laban (Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt constituency)

4 Employment

Sky TV NZ – broadcasting World Rugby – contractor

Sport NZ – Director

6 Organisations and trusts seeking Greater Wellington funding

Hutt Valley Sports Awards Inc. – runs Hutt Valley sports awards

David Lee (Pōneke / Wellington constituency)

1 Company directorships

WRC Holdings Ltd. – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd. – owns rail assets

3 Pecuniary interests in companies or business entities

CoGo NZ Ltd. – finance technology

Aureon Ltd. – mining

PledgeMe Ltd. – technology and internet service

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Lee Family Trust

TRIADDS Family Trust

7 Appointments to organisations

Director – WRC Holdings Ltd. – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Director – Greater Wellington Rail Ltd. – owns rail assets

8 Real property

Brooklyn, Wellington – family residence

Brooklyn, Wellington – rental property

Aro Valley, Wellington – rental property

Riccarton, Christchurch – holiday home

Queenstown Lakes, Queenstown – farm

Thomas Nash (Pōneke / Wellington constituency)

1 Company directorships

WRC Holdings Ltd. – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd. – owns rail assets

Big Street Bikers – e-bike infrastructure and subscription services

Shelter NZ Limited – energy efficient homes

Portable Hospitality Limited – bar and catering services

2 Voting rights in companies

Shelter NZ Limited – energy efficient homes

Portable Hospitality Limited – bar and catering services

4 Employment

Big Street Bikers – e-bike infrastructure and subscription services

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

The Nash Hawith Trust

7 Appointments to organisations

Director – WRC Holdings Ltd. – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Director – Greater Wellington Rail Ltd. – owns rail assets

8 Real property

Island Bay, Wellington – section

Waipu, Northland – rental property

Leyton, London, UK – rental property

9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property

Hokowhitu, Palmerston North - family residence

Daran Ponter (Pōneke / Wellington constituency)

1 Company directorships

Ponter Amor Consultancy Limited – public policy and Treaty negotiations

2 Voting rights in companies

Ponter Amor Consultancy Limited – public policy and Treaty negotiations

7 Appointments to organisations

Patron – Wellington Tramway Museum – transport museum

8 Real property

Kelburn, Wellington – family residence

Petone, Lower Hutt – rental property

Moturoa, New Plymouth – vacant property

10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs

United Kingdom – regional deals study tour – Greater Wellington Regional Council

11 Gifts

Tickets and hospitality to football home games – Wellington Phoenix

Hikitia Ropata (Porirua-Tawa constituency)

1 Company directorships

63 Drivers Ltd. – public policy consultancy

Toa Coffee Ltd. – coffee

2 Voting rights in companies

63 Drivers Ltd. – public policy consultancy

Toa Coffee Ltd. – coffee

4 Employment

Āti Awa Toa Hauora Partnership Board – iwi health board

7 Appointments to organisations

Member - Whitireia Park Board – manages Whitireia Park

8 Real property

Mount Cook, Wellington – family residence

Hongoeka, Plimmerton – Māori-owned land

Yadana Saw (Pōneke / Wellington constituency)

7 Appointments to organisations

Chair – Wellington Regional Healthy Homes Group – develops housing solutions

8 Real property

Newtown, Wellington – family residence

Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt – rental property

9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property

Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt – rental property

12 Payments for activities

Communications Advisor – Āti Awa Toa Hauora Partnership Board

Adrienne Staples (Wairarapa constituency)

1 Company directorships

Imanage Services Ltd – manufacture of fuel decontamination units

2 Voting rights in companies

Imanage Services Ltd – manufacture of fuel treatment units

4 Employment

Self-employed – farming

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Staples Property Trust

7 Appointments to organisations

University of Otago Animal Ethics Committee – reviews animal use protocols

Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board

Wairarapa Engineering Lifelines Association

9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property

Featherston – family residence and farm

Simon Woolf (Pōneke / Wellington constituency)

1 Company directorships

Photography by Woolf – photography, videography, framing, copy restoration

2 Voting rights in companies

Photography by Woolf – photography, videography, framing, copy restoration

3 Pecuniary interests in companies or business entities

Air New Zealand – airline

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare – medical devices and technologies

4 Employment

Photography by Woolf – photography, videography, framing, copy restoration

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Simon Woolf Family Trust

8 Real property

Maupuia, Wellington – rental property

Karori, Wellington – family residence

9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property

Karori, Wellington – family residence