

Register of Pecuniary Interests of Greater Wellington Regional Councillors

Summary of annual returns at 16 February 2026

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 17 January 2025 to 16 January 2026 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 fourth summary of annual returns by Greater Wellington Regional Councillors under the Act, and the first for the 2025–28 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.

Ros Connelly (Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta / Upper Hutt General 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

Spark - communications

7 Appointments to organisations

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

8 Real property

Silverstream – family residence

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

7 Appointments to organisations

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

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

Member, Whitireia Park Board – manages Whitireia Park

Alternate member, Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board

8 Real property

Belmont, Lower Hutt – family residence

Nigel Elder (Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt General Constituency)

1 Company directorships

Red Cabbage Cottage Ltd – property

Condor Properties 2012 Ltd – property

Quadrant Wine Company Ltd – wine production

WRC Holdings Ltd - investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

2 Voting rights in companies

Red Cabbage Cottage Ltd – property

Condor Properties 2012 Ltd – property

Quadrant Wine Company Ltd – wine production

4 Employment

Military – New Zealand Defence Force

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Ventoux Family Trust

7 Appointments to organisations

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs

Attended Avalon (Australia) air show in 2025 as a member of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). Cost of travel was covered by NZDF.

Sarah Free (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Rossar Family Trust

7 Appointments to organisations

Greater Wellington appointee to the Wellington Region Waste Management & Minimisation Plan Joint Committee

8 Real property

Strathmore Park – family residence

Ōtaki Beach, Kāpiti Coast

10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs

Thailand – Church outreach services, part-funded by church fundraising activities.

Penny Gaylor (Kāpiti Coast General Constituency)

7 Appointments to organisations

Board member, Wellington Regional Stadium Trust

Tom James (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)

4 Employment

New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi – investigating and regulating land transport. (Employment now ended.)

8 Real property

Mount Cook, Wellington – family residence

Claire Johnstone (Porirua - Tawa General Constituency)

1 Company directorships

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

4 Employment

New Zealand Police – law enforcement

7 Appointments to organisations

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

Member, Whitireia Park Board – manages Whitireia Park

10 Overseas travel and accommodations costs

Australia, June 2025 – attended conference in Perth and costs (\$4,000) were paid by New Zealand Police.

Shamia Makarini (Te Upoko o te ika a Māui Māori Constituency)

1 Company directorships

Tairua Consultants Ltd – Kaupapa Māori consultancy

2 Voting rights in companies

Tairua Consultants Ltd

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust

6 Organisations and trusts seeking Greater Wellington funding

Possibly Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust – Iwi Settlement Trust charged with receiving and managing Settlement assets

7 Appointments to organisations

Alternate member, Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board

8 Real property

Waiwhetū, Lower Hutt – family residence

Korokoro, Lower Hutt – family residence

12 Payment for activities

Board honorarium – Te Paepae Arahi Trust

Board payment – Fire and Emergency New Zealand Local Advisory Committee

Daran Ponter (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)

1 Company directorships

Ponter Amor Consultancy Limited – public policy

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

2 Voting rights in companies

Ponter Amor Consultancy Limited

4 Employment

Te Puni Kōkiri – Government Ministry

7 Appointments to organisations

Patron, Wellington Tramway Museum – transport museum

WRC Holdings Ltd – investment holding company of Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington Rail Ltd – owns rail assets

Greater Wellington appointee to the Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board – the Board's purpose is to act as guardian of the Wairarapa Moana and Ruamahanga River.

8 Real property

Kelburn, Wellington

Petone, Lower Hutt

Moturoa, New Plymouth

12 Payments for activities

Salary, Te Puni Kōkiri

Income from Ponter Amor Consulting

Phil Rhodes (Porirua – Tawa General Constituency)

7 Appointments to organisations

Member, Whitireia Park Board – management of Whitireia Park

Member, Upper Ruamahanga Advisory Group

Yadana Saw (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)

6 Organisations and trusts seeking Greater Wellington funding

Chair – Wellington Regional Healthy Homes Group

7 Appointments to organisations

Chair – Wellington Regional Healthy Homes Group

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

Adrienne Staples (Wairarapa General Constituency)

1 Company directorships

Imanage Services Ltd – manufacture of fuel decontamination units

Sanctuary Hill Ltd – pastoral farming

2 Voting rights in companies

Imanage Services Ltd – manufacture of fuel treatment units

Sanctuary Hill Ltd – pastoral farming

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Staples Property Trust

7 Appointments to organisations

Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board

University of Otago Animal Ethics Committee

Wairarapa Engineering Lifelines Association

9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property

Featherston – family residence and farm

12 Payments for activities

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Local Advisory Committee Chair – Wellington Region

Gabriel Tupou (Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt General Constituency)

4 Employment

Sisters of Compassion Group

8 Real property

Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt – family residence

Simon Woolf (Pōneke / Wellington General Constituency)

1 Company directorships

Photography by Woolf – photography, video production, provision of social media content, framing, copy and restoration

2 Voting rights in companies

Photography by Woolf – photography, video production, provision of social media content, framing, copy and 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

5 Beneficial interests in trusts

Simon Woolf Family Trust

8 Real property

Maupuia, Wellington

Karori, Wellington

9 Beneficiary of trust that holds real property

Simon Woolf Family Trust

Karori family residence