

# Putting People First

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Wayne Walker & John Watson

and keep the top team

for Albany Ward - Auckland Council

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## Watson and Walker for Auckland Council

Wayne Walker and John Watson are standing together for the two positions on the Auckland Council for the Albany Ward as the "Putting People First" ticket.

*"We're standing because we care about what happens to people in this ward and because we want to make a difference to the way this Council works for its people."*

We believe that it needs to do a lot better and that working together, the two of us can make this real difference.

This brochure will tell you a little bit about them - **who they are** and **what they've done** and **what they'll do for you** if elected. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

**Wayne and John are both experienced councillors who've stood up strongly for their communities over the years through action not just talk. Wayne is a sitting Auckland councillor. John is on the Hibiscus**

**& Bays Local Board.** They've not been afraid to take on issues that are important in people's lives and to battle the bureaucracy. If something needs to be done on behalf of the community **they'll do it.**

They call themselves "Putting People First" because that represents what they're all about. **Honest, open and fair leadership with community and family values** are what they stand for everyone in Albany, West Harbour, Greenhithe, and Paremoremo - including families, children, young adults and seniors."

What makes them stand out is that they don't just talk...**they work with people in the community to make the council act.** They've done it before over a range of issues that have made a positive difference in people's lives.

The Albany Ward is now home to over 145,000 people. It is one of the biggest areas in Auckland. It needs two councillors working together if everyone is going to be represented fairly. It needs a team approach. **"This ward is so big you need two councillors working**

**together as a team."** It also needs tenacity - keeping up sustained pressure.

*"We'll listen to what people have to say and act accordingly - we're here to serve the needs of the people of this area."*

Over the years John and Wayne have formed such a team - they've developed an effective partnership both within the Council and out in the community. Between the two of them **they combine a business, educational and sporting background** ... with a determination to get things done. They are definitely not 'seat warmers'. At grassroots level they've been involved in communities right across the North Shore and Hibiscus Coast. They have widespread family, sporting and work connections throughout this ward that help them **understand and keep in touch with people.**

In this new 'Super City' with fewer councillors and much of the council's work and assets in the

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for **AUCKLAND COUNCIL Albany Ward**

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# What we've done and what we'll do for you in Albany, Greenhithe and West Harbour

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hands of unelected boards of directors we need councillors with the **ability, experience and the determination** to ensure that the community's concerns are heard...and acted upon.

John and Wayne can provide Albany, West Harbour, Greenhithe, and Paremoremo with **two strong and united Councillors working together** to ensure your voice is heard.

**"We believe that the two of us in the Auckland Council will form a united and strong combination totally committed to putting the people first. We do care. We want to get on this Auckland Council to make sure that your interests are taken care of."**

In the pages that follow we'll tell you who we are, what we've done and what we will do for you in the Auckland Council.

**Your vote will put John Watson and Wayne Walker on the Auckland Council.**

**They can make it with your help.**

**Your vote really does matter**

**Thank you**

## TRANSPORT IN ALBANY & UPPER HARBOUR

**The Albany Highway:** No more delays in starting this important project- it will help ease congestion, speed up travelling times and provide better access to schools and businesses along this busy route

We support the retention of transport concessions for seniors and students the Council should retain its subsidy for the Gold Card (there has been talk of abandoning it).

When the City Rail Link proceeds the North Shore should be connected by way of a light rail track to the CBD using the Northern Busway Corridor (designed to accommodate such light rail).

**The wider Albany and West Harbour Roading Network:** We want better connections across this area with comprehensive local travel planning - **Wayne is working with the North Harbour Business Association to get a comprehensive transport plan in place for this important employment hub.**



At Hobsonville Point a shuttle service is needed to run to the ferry from nearby catchments like Greenhithe.

Projects in the Upper Harbour that are on the books need to be advanced to deal with the 'here and now' of a quickly expanding population.

## PLAYING FIELDS, SPORTS & COMMUNITY FACILITIES



**"We will fight for the Albany Ward to get its fair share of Auckland Council's new projects."**

**Community facilities:** Albany, West Harbour and Greenhithe are fast growing areas and in parts of the ward there are not enough community facilities to accommodate the expanding population.

Community facilities have to keep up with this growth. It's simply not fair if the lion's share of Auckland's money goes 'South' as is feared by some.

At Hobsonville Point we want the historic buildings at The Landing used for community facilities.

There is a real need for a new and larger library at Albany in the Westfield Plaza area.

Cycling and walking tracks have huge potential in the Upper Harbour area – those built have been a resounding success.

More reserves and public open spaces need to be provided for by Council. We back the development of community gardens and the Kai Rakau sustainability project at Paremoremo.



**"We totally support the local sporting bodies such as Harbour Sport and we back the local sporting clubs that provide such a valuable service to our communities."**

We believe that there is an opportunity to provide a Racket Sports Village at Oteha Valley Road, allowing the facility to expand and include Squash, table Tennis and Badminton – the business case stacks up and there is a proven need.

Wayne and John want more playing fields to cater for the growing numbers in all sporting codes in the Albany and West Harbour areas and better utilisation of existing ones.

## SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC ASSETS

(like The Landing at Hobsonville and West Harbour Marina)

In 2012 The Auckland Council, through its CCO Auckland Property, attempted to sell off the 8 ha of Gulf Harbour Marina land which is publicly owned. This decision was made in confidential and without any public knowledge or consultation. It was Wayne Walker and John Watson who bought the attempted sale of this valuable Marina land to the public's attention and who fought hard to prevent the sale of this strategic public asset (having already campaigned successfully over a number of years to save a nearby 8 acre coastal reserve used widely by the public from going to a developer to build apartments on).



**"In the same manner that we responded at Gulf Harbour to safeguard an asset valued by the public the same principle and action on our part applies in other locations like Hobsonville where buildings and land should be retained for community use."**

## COMMUNITY SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**An important priority for us is that people are safe and feel safe** – there are a lot of families and elderly people in this ward – we want them safe and part of the community. The Council should help through planning, security at public places and policies such as liquor bans.

**Chemical spray:** In both the Auckland Council and the Hibiscus & Bays Local Board John and Wayne have led the push for Council to use chemical free sprays for weed control in the Albany ward - "We want chemical free alternatives like the hot steam weed control system used on our roads and reserves." The health of people is important, no one - child or adult, should be exposed to chemical sprays from Council contractors when there are safe and effective alternatives readily available."



**Our beaches and coastal environment:** The preservation of our coastal environment is a top priority for us.

**"We want Council to ensure that high standards of water quality and environmental care prevail across the Upper Harbour."**

## YOUR MONEY ... ANNUAL RATES, WATER RATES AND COUNCIL FINANCES

**Rates and Council finances:** We are constantly hearing that Council charges in the form of annual rates, water rates and processing fees are putting increasing pressure on people's finances. Many residents have to survive on fixed incomes while others find these charges a significant financial burden.

**"We want rate rises to be capped. This can be achieved through a reduction in Council bureaucracy."**

The seven large Council Controlled Organisations (Water Care, Auckland Property, Investments, Facilities, Transport, Tourism, Waterfront) are expensive to run and duplicate services (they have their own expensive boards and staff) – most should be put under direct Council control and the savings generated put towards a reduction in Council costs for basic services (as promised when the Super City was first set up – greater efficiencies, lower costs, faster consents, especially for straightforward projects).



**"Basically... we want Aucklanders in control of their own city not anonymous and unelected Boards of highly paid directors."**

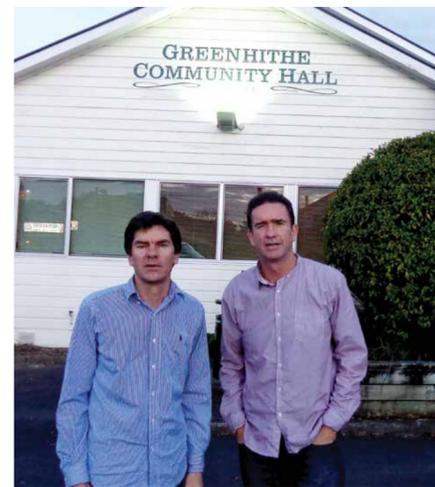
The same principle applies to the Independent Maori Statutory Board who currently have unelected members sit on many Council committees where they have the same vote as an elected councillor. They too should be elected.

**Through the Environment and Sustainability committee he chairs, Wayne Walker is confident council-wide savings of \$160 million a year can be achieved** through electricity, gas and water conservation, waste reduction and sustainability initiatives. "These savings can in turn then be passed on to the public. We've already saved 1.9 million of dollars in energy alone this year "

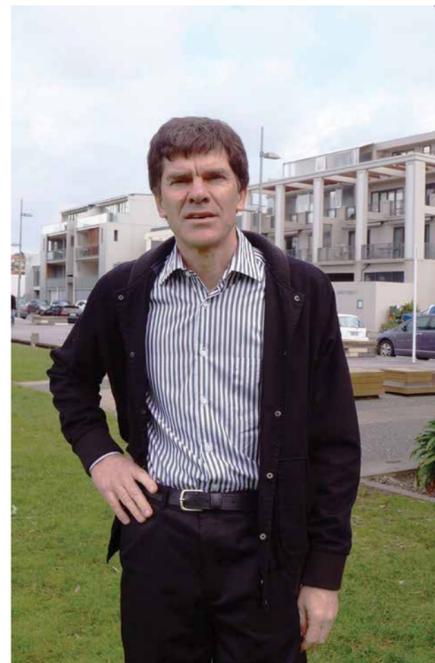
**Communication:** This needs to be improved - despite an army of PR people working for Council it is pretty clear that if you want something done it is quite difficult to get through to someone who will actually do it.

**"We want more direct and meaningful communication."**

## THE UNITARY PLAN



**The Unitary Plan:** Or new planning rulebook for Auckland - has been rushed, ill-considered and controversial. We support 'bottom up community-led planning' where the local community determines its own fate – and decides where development is best suited (this has been very successful in other parts of the world). John and Wayne have taken a strong stand in Council and the Local Board in opposing high rise in communities where it doesn't fit and where people didn't want it.



**"We will promote local Area Plans, driven by the local community, that look to retain local character, ensure that development 'fits' the place and promote growth in a planned and sustainable fashion in those parts of the Albany Ward that best suited to accommodate it."**

## THE PEOPLE OF ALBANY

**Proposed helicopter training school at Whenuapai:** We oppose the introduction of any commercial helicopter training school at Whenuapai (or any commercialisation of the airport in the future for that matter) – the local community for some years now has made it clear that this is not acceptable in what is a built up residential area and home to thousands of people.



**The young people of Albany:** Education, Sport and Culture for youth.

John Watson has been a teacher at Albany Junior High for the past 6 years. He knows a lot of the young people who live in this community and what they have to offer.

**"They're good kids who are keen to do well. They benefit from facilities in their neighbourhoods that keep them active and healthy and feeling they are making a positive contribution. When they leave school they need suitable employment opportunities in the wider Albany area combined with further educational and training opportunities that will help them in their working careers."**



John believes the Council has an important role to play in helping our youth in Albany. An experienced secondary teacher, outdoor education instructor and coach of various sporting codes over the years, John knows where young people are at and what the Council can do to help them. He can use this practical expertise from years of real experience with youth to help the young people of Albany in Council.

**Our Senior residents:** Should have a stronger voice in Council (they've been paying for Councils bills longer than anyone!) – **there needs to be a Seniors' Advisory Panel (like Council's youth panel)** and a Seniors Strategy to aid those who have contributed so much to communities over their lifetimes. Other groups have the ear of Council – Seniors should have as well!

**Civil Defence:** We want the 'local' put back into Civil Defence, we need local people to be able to react in the event of a crisis. Local communities can take advantage of local expertise in times of crisis.

**Re-elect Councillor Wayne Walker with John Watson to Put People First**

# Who we are

Your local candidates

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Wayne WALKER

## Current Auckland Councillor – elected 2010

**Council experience:** 13 years experience as a Councillor – 3 on the Auckland Council. Member numerous committees including: Auckland Plan, Tenders and Procurement, deputy chair Parks and Heritage, Economic, Audit and Risk, Hearings, chair Environment and Sustainability, Social and Community, Strategy & Finance, Regional Development and Operations, Accountability and Performance.

**Family connections:** I've lived in the Albany Ward since the early 1980's and my wife Julie for even longer. Our children attended schools in the ward at Whangaparaoa, Westlake Boys and Kristin.

**Education:** Bachelor of Commerce in business, organisation, project management. Planning commissioner.

**Business:** Previously Project Manager for large water quality and conservation projects, retail garden centre owner/manager, author local landscaping publications and feature articles, product design and manufacture.

**Sporting connections:** I play interclub tennis in the North Shore competition, past football coach and committee member.

**Recent achievements:** 2011 National Champion for Toastmasters Impromptu Speaking, member Hauraki Gulf Forum, led successful campaign to enable tankwater properties to have metered charging of wastewater. Featured on TV, radio, papers on a variety of issues including high-rise, Auckland's air quality and recycling programmes, initiated Auckland 'Thriving Neighbourhoods Conference' and 'Green Growth Symposium'.

**Community:** Past member Community Patrols, ratepayers and residents association president, community trustee, past founding chairman 'Guardians of the Coast' that battled and won against the largest landfill in NZ at Okura.

## Wayne's Track Record on Council

In this first term of the new Super City Wayne Walker has worked tirelessly in a demanding role that combines local and regional representation and portfolio responsibilities.

"All the previous Councils did everything differently – so everything requires a complete re-think to come up with the best solution. For me that's all about 'putting people first'.

"One size doesn't fit all. I've been outspoken and challenged Council positions on high-rise where it doesn't fit – like Browns Bay, Milford and Orewa. When needed I've highlighted this and other issues on television, radio and newspapers, working collaboratively with community groups to make change for the better."

"Across a huge number of decisions on many important Council committees I believe I

*"Wayne is a champion for sport on the Auckland Council. He pushes for more playing fields, wants more young people active in sport and local sports clubs and organisations getting their fair share of funding. Sport in Auckland needs Wayne on the Council."*

Auckland Councillor Sir John Walker

**make the right call – for the communities I represent and for Auckland.** I've been a strong champion for funding and control of sport in Auckland by Aucklanders and our existing sporting bodies like Harbour Sport. The same goes for transport issues, heritage protection and planning. You need a councillor like me to stand up against government takeovers and to battle for Auckland's fair share of funding and decision-making and the Albany Ward's fair share.

As chair of Environment and Sustainability and deputy Parks and Heritage as well as a member of almost every committee I have advocated strongly on issues that matter for the Albany Ward – especially on public transport, roading improvements, fair rates and charges.

**I fight on your behalf in Council for things that matter** like fair funding for community organisations across Auckland, fair and democratic representation, access to information and informed decision-making, accountability, cost savings and effective project management, clean streams and beaches, improved air quality, funding for stormwater to prevent flooding and property damage, and much more.

I make myself available and always front on issues with an up-front, honest approach.

**I walk the talk, making cost savings wherever I can. I do not charge council for vehicle use and I supply all my own gear at my cost to fulfil my role. I am frugal to say the least.**

As an independent councillor my commitment is to you. I ask myself what would you want me to do. What is important to you.

**This first term has been a huge one drawing on all my skillsets and experience. I believe you have a councillor who is thoroughly up to speed across every part of Council, equipped with the drive, talent and determination to do the best they can for you, full time, full on. I give you my pledge to work for you in your best interests.**

*"Wayne has been a staunch advocate for saving our historic heritage at a time that it is coming under severe threat from intensification and as deputy of Parks he has consistently pushed for parks and reserves to keep pace with Auckland's growing population."*

Auckland Councillor Sandra Coney



John WATSON

## Current Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Member

**Council Experience:** 6 years experience as a Councillor, 3 years as current Hibiscus and Bays local board member.

**Family connections:** I've lived on the North Shore and Hibiscus Coast for all my life. So has my wife and her family. Our eldest girl went to Long Bay College and our youngest children go to KingsWay School. My wife went to Rangitoto College.

**Education:** I attended Westlake Boys High School and was Head Boy. Involved in a number of sports - 1st XV rugby, athletics, Captain of 1st XI cricket. Attended Auckland University and graduated with an M.A (Hons) in History.

**Sporting connections:** I've played for a number of sporting clubs on the Shore - Northcote and Glenfield Rugby Clubs, Birkenhead and Grafton Cricket Clubs. I've captained the Northcote Tigers Rugby League Club and the Hibiscus Coast Cricket Club.

**Work:** I've worked at a number of secondary schools on the North Shore, currently AJHS, teacher of English and History, Dean of Forms 3-7, Outdoor Education Co-ordinator, Project 'K' Director, Liberal Studies Director, coach of numerous youth teams in rugby, cricket and rugby league.

**Awards:** Awarded two Royal Society of NZ Teachers Fellowships, one in 2002 to write the true story of a bomber crew who perished during WWII and one in 2010 to produce a written and oral history of Whangaparaoa.

**Community:** Ratepayers association president, Community Trustee, Councillor, Local Board Member.

## There are two councillors for the Albany Ward

What the Albany Ward covers:

Bays from Campbells Bay, North (Aberdeen) bounded by East Coast Rd.

All of the Hibiscus Coast bound by the motorway, Upper Harbour between Sunset and Lonely track west, taking in Albany, Greenhithe, Paremoremo, Hobsonville, Whenuapai and West Harbour.

## Meet Wayne and John

Wayne and John welcome the opportunity to talk with individuals and groups, small and large, daytime, evenings and weekends. By phone or in person. We'll come to you. Contact us by email, phone, text. Please leave a message and we'll get back to you.

We also welcome help with our campaign. Please contact us

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