

# Putting People First

**VOTE**

Wayne Walker & John Watson

and keep the top team

for Albany Ward - Auckland Council

See our videos online and check us out on facebook



Inside...



What we've done...  
Page 2



What we'll do for you...  
Page 3

## Watson and Walker for Auckland Council

Wayne Walker and John Watson are standing together as a team for the two councillor positions on the Auckland Council for the Albany Ward. Both Wayne and John have lived and raised their families on the Coast for much of the last 30 years. **In this election they are your local candidates who will represent your interests on the Auckland Council.**

They're standing for Council because Wayne and John **really care about what happens to people on the Coast.** And they can say this because their track record inside Council and out in the community for the last 15 years is one of **standing up for people** and putting them first. They have stood up for the community when no one else would and they've shown time and again that they're not afraid to take on the bureaucrats and the vested interests. **They've walked the talk** through action not just words.

Over these years John and Wayne have developed into **an effective and experienced** partnership 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'. **They're a proven team who can be counted on to get results.**

And results in this new 'Super City' can be hard to come by. There are now far fewer councillors and much of the council's work and assets are in the hands of separate organisations run by unelected boards of directors. More than ever 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 have shown through actions that not only have they got these qualities, they've also got the strength of character to use them.

**"We won't be bought or take the line of less resistance. We're not there for**

**the money and we're not the puppets of developers or vested interests. We're there to represent you.**

Both are absolutely determined that the HBC does not get lost in the 'Super City' and that we get our fair share of new projects across Auckland.

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 the entire ward that help them understand and keep in touch with people. **They listen** to people and then **act on their behalf.** That's why the two of them working together will provide the kind of representation that everyone deserves.

**Finally, Wayne and John have called themselves "Putting People First" because that sums up exactly what they're all about. Honest, open and fair leadership with community and family values are what they stand for.** They believe absolutely that the Auckland Council has an important role



Who we are...  
Page 4

### Contact

**Wayne Walker**  
waynewalker.co.nz  
wayne@waynewalker.co.nz  
021 882 861  
09 424 3121  
09 951 5892

**John Watson**  
johnwatson.co.nz  
john@johnwatson.co.nz  
09 424 1034  
021 287 5999

Continued on pg 2.

**Voting Papers out 20<sup>th</sup> Sept till 12<sup>th</sup> Oct and must be submitted by 12 noon**

**VOTE**

Wayne **Walker** ✓ & John **Watson** ✓  
for **AUCKLAND COUNCIL** Albany Ward

**VOTE**

Please keep this for Elections - read more at: [www.PuttingPeopleFirst.co.nz](http://www.PuttingPeopleFirst.co.nz)

Authorised by: S Johnstone,  
185 Brightside Road, WGP.

# What we've done and what we'll do for you on the Hibiscus Coast

Continued from pg 1.

to play in helping and assisting the lives of everyone in the community – families, children, young people and seniors.

In the pages that follow we will spell out exactly what our policies will be in the Auckland Council as they apply to: **Transport on the HBC** - Penlink and important roading projects around the HBC, **Community facilities and community safety** - playing fields, reserves and public amenities on the HBC, **Your Money** ... your annual rates, water rates and council fees – when is enough, enough?

We'll also tell you **who we are, what we've done and what we will do for you** in the Auckland Council.

**We believe that the two of us in the Auckland Council will form a strong, united and experienced combination totally committed to putting the people of the HBC first.**

Your vote will help put John and Wayne on the Auckland Council. They can make it with your help. Your vote really does matter for the HBC.

*“We'll listen to what people have to say and act accordingly – we're here to serve the people of the HBC.”*

## TRANSPORT ON THE HBC

**Penlink:** This is our no.1 roading priority – it will help ease congestion, speed up travelling times and provide a second



access to the Whangaparaoa Peninsula – unfortunately HBC people have been fed false hopes on Penlink in the past - we know what will be required at this point in 2013 to make it work for the decision makers - We believe there is an opportunity to tag Penlink onto the planned Puhoi to Warkworth motorway extension. **“Just banging the Penlink drum and hoping for the best is not good enough anymore – we've put together a comprehensive and integrated transport package for the HBC, including Penlink, that will address our transport needs for the next 30 years and beyond.”**

**The wider HBC Roading Network:** We want the projects that are already on the books advanced immediately to deal with the 'here and now' – we're not content to just sit back and do nothing – these projects will make an immediate improvement to the HBC - they include widening Whangaparaoa Road from Red Beach lights to HBC Highway, building the new Silverdale North motorway intersection (which will give direct access to and from the motorway) and the Curley Ave extension which will also go directly to this new motorway intersection from Silverdale.

*“We will continue to work hard to bring together the Council and the developers who have an interest in funding these particular roading projects - we want their future development contributions offset against this work being done now for everyone's benefit – this requires flexibility on the Council's part which we support.”*

## RESERVES, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY



**Archers Block:** Wayne and John have led the campaign to turn the stunning 23 ha of land bordering the Weiti River into a public reserve. They've had success in getting the land withdrawn from the Council's sales register and in securing the 'buy in' for a reserve from a number of Council departments but... pressure has to continue to be exerted.

*“This is the last chance for a sizeable bush reserve on Whangaparaoa with the potential for cycling and walking tracks...we will do all we can to bring it to fruition.” Their vision is for a network of bush reserves and cycle tracks along the peninsula, Orewa and the HBC.*



**Playing fields and sport facilities:** Wayne and John want more playing fields to cope with the growing numbers in our sporting codes on the HBC.

*“We believe that in there is now actually an opportunity to 'catch up' with some of the sporting facilities enjoyed by residents down on the North Shore...that's what we'll be pushing for, along with the completion of Metro Park at Silverdale and the provision of more open spaces along the Whangaparaoa Peninsula and Orewa so that parents and children don't have to travel so far for practices.”*

**Cycleways:** There is scope to develop a number of new cycle ways on the Coast - especially along the Weiti River, up the Stanmore Bay valley and out at Gulf Harbour. The success of the Orewa Estuary Walk/Cycle way shows that people on the HBC will use these facilities.

**The Gulf Harbour Marina land and the Hammerhead:** We want this valuable and strategic land owned by Council kept in public ownership. It was Wayne and John who bought the attempted sale of the Marina land to the public's attention in 2012 and who have fought hard behind the scenes to prevent the sale of this strategic public asset.



*“We will ensure that the Gulf Harbour Marina land remains in Council ownership and that it is open for public use as well as commercial... just like the Council does at Westhaven and the Viaduct. We want the nearby Hammerhead officially designated as a public reserve and its use extended for public recreation, boating and use as ferry terminal.”*

Saving the Hammerhead for the public has been a cause that Wayne and John have been involved in for much of the last decade. Its not over yet!

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

*“An important priority for us is that people are safe on the HBC – there are a lot of young families and elderly people on the Coast – we want them to feel safe and part of the community and we want the Council to do what it can to help in this respect.”*

John lobbied the Council to put up signs along Hibiscus Coast beaches warning of the dangers of rockfalls after a tragedy down on the North Shore. We support Neighbourhood Support and community patrols.



**Chemical sprays:** In both the Auckland Council and the HBC Local Board John and Wayne have led the push for Council to use chemical free sprays and alternatives in their weed control on the HBC.

*“We want hot steam weed control used on our roads and reserves just like they do on the North Shore. The health of our people on the HBC is important, no one - child or adult, should be exposed to chemical sprays from Council contractors when there are effective alternatives readily available.”*

**Cell phone towers:** We oppose the construction of these structures in residential streets and close to houses where they cause people anxiety, block views and affect property values. There needs to be stronger legislative controls and guidelines on appropriate site selection, not just what suits the telecommunication companies. These are people's lives that are affected.



**Set netting:** *“We support an extension of the Arkles Bay ban on set netting to other beaches on the HBC (like Hatfields) to both ensure public safety and to preserve the fishing stocks for recreational fishermen and not trap dolphins.”* John and Wayne were the councillors in the Rodney Council responsible for introducing the Arkles Bay bylaw banning set netting and restoring safety and harmony to the bay after nearly 5 years of people getting trapped in the nets and the locals abused.



**Our beaches and coastal environment:** Needless to say the preservation of our beautiful beaches and environment is a top priority – it is what defines our unique lifestyle for many of us.

*“We will insist that top quality water controls and high standards of environmental care prevail on the HBC.”*

When a threat to water quality has occurred, as with the Stanmore Bay stream earlier this year, they moved quickly to alert and rectify the problem.

**Fishing:** We support recreational fishing ahead of excessive commercial quotas in the Hauraki Gulf. We oppose a reduction in the quotas for recreational fishers.

## YOUR MONEY - RATES, WATER METERS AND COUNCIL FINANCES

**Water tanks, water meters and Watercare:** Along with many concerned residents on the Coast and the local ratepayers' association, Wayne and John opposed Watercare's patently unjust uniform charge of \$576 on water tank households irrespective of how much water was actually being used. Watercare were pressured into conducting a trial and have subsequently agreed to allow residents to have meters attached to their tanks.

*“We will now push for water meters to be provided and installed at minimal cost to all those wanting one and ensure a fair and equitable charging for all residents on the Coast.”*

We also want an investigation into how much water and wastewater charges have increased generally for all residents on the HBC over the last 12 months.



**Rates and Council finances:** We are constantly hearing from people that the money going out to the Council in the form of annual rates, water charges and for the processing of consents and other services is way too much... it is putting real pressure on people's finances. Many residents on the HBC have to survive on fixed incomes while others find these substantial charges a growing financial burden.

*“We want a cap on rate rises and will push for a reduction in Council bureaucracy.”*

The 7 Council Controlled Organisations (Watercare, Transport, Property, Waterfront, Tourism, Investments and Facilities) are expensive to run and are yet another layer of bureaucracy, making it harder to get things done – most should be put under direct Council control and the savings generated put towards a reduction in Council costs for basic services. This was what was promised when the Super City was originally set up.

## BUSINESSES, EMPLOYMENT AND THE UNITARY PLAN

**Unitary Plan:** Over the last two decades the HBC has experienced one of the highest growth rates of any area in NZ. It's clear that this growth will continue unabated for the foreseeable future. In these circumstances the further excesses of the Unitary Plan locally are hard to justify. **This year John and Wayne have led the charge for the HBC in the Council and the Local Board in opposing high rise on the HBC and in particular in Orewa.** In this respect they reflected the views of the overwhelming majority of Hibiscus Coast residents who said they didn't want high rise but did want to preserve the attributes that had attracted them to live here in the first place.

*“We will promote the local HBC Area Plan which looks to retain our local character, avoid high rise development and inappropriate intensification while at the same time promoting fashion in a planned and sustainable fashion in those parts of the HBC in which it is already suitable.”*



**Businesses and local employment:** The Council needs to play its part in encouraging these. We want our local businesses to succeed and provide employment on the Coast. **We will advocate for the Council to work constructively with landowners to help the development of the Silverdale 'Knowledge Economy Zone' which has the potential to attract new businesses to the area and provide thousands of additional local jobs.** This also goes a long way to reducing transport problems because more people will be able to work locally and travel less.

**Youth and elderly:** As our population continues to grow we want our fair share of Council's new projects across Auckland - facilities for our young people and our seniors so that there are plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy – we need to catch up with the North Shore.

*“There needs to be a Seniors Panel (like other Council Panels for Youth) and a Seniors Strategy.”*

**Waiwera and Stillwater:** These unique communities within the HBC have special qualities that mark them off from the rest. We are keen to preserve these qualities while at the same time provide for facilities that enhance the communities that live there.

**Dogs:** Lets have the HBC consistent with the North Shore, We also need to ensure there is provision for a dog park on the HBC. We want a hard line on dangerous breeds and unregistered dogs and fair charges.

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

# Who we are

Your local candidates

Re-elect Councillor Wayne Walker with John Watson



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

## Hear us at Meetings

Meet the Candidates - Councillors and Local Board Members

Sunday 15th September 4.30pm, Whangaparaoa Hall (above the library, next to the Plaza)

Meeting organized by the Whangaparaoa Ratepayers and Residents Association

For more information in Korean please visit our website

자세한 정보는 학교 웹사이트를 확인해 주시기 바랍니다.

For more information in Chinese please visit our website

如果需要更详细的中文资料, 请登录我们的学校网站。

Voting Papers out 20<sup>th</sup> Sept till 12<sup>th</sup> Oct and must be submitted by 12 noon

# Putting People First

www.PuttingPeopleFirst.co.nz

VOTE

Wayne Walker ✓

& John Watson ✓

for AUCKLAND COUNCIL Albany Ward

VOTE

Please keep this for Elections - read more at: [www.PuttingPeopleFirst.co.nz](http://www.PuttingPeopleFirst.co.nz)