










Nominations for the Carterton District Council Water Race Committee 2024-2027

<p>John Bertram BOOTH Taratahi Water Race</p> <p>I am standing to represent you on the Water Race Committee as I believe my experience as a farmer and an elected member on the Carterton District from 2010 to 2019 can be used to our advantage as we navigate the future of this very valuable resource to us. I have chaired the committee in the past and have very good relationships with council management and staff, which is crucial for the operation and the longevity of our water source. The continuing process of renewing our resource consent with GWRC needs to be finalised, and I intend to see this completed if elected to the committee. Water to our farms and blocks is crucial for our future. It is no longer a given that the water is going to be available in the future. We need strong voices to make sure it is, and I will represent you all to see that we have that water.</p>	
<p>John Douglas McFADZEAN Taratahi and Carrington Water Race</p> <p>I take the role of representing you very seriously, and am at all times aware of the trust you are putting in all elected representatives to ensure that the water-race system is maintained and managed economically, enhancing its unique status as part of the eco-system. At present our role is to (1) Make sure that the water race system is not complicated or compromised by the bureaucracy. (2) Get back from CDC a massive 4-year administration overcharge (water race ratepayers' money). (3) Ensure that all ratepayers are provided with clean running water 365 days of the year. As in previous years, if elected, I will endeavour to represent you to the best of my ability.</p>	
<p>Thomas Wilhelm GRASENACK Taratahi Water Race</p> <p>I have been a New Zealand resident since 1984. I moved from Wellington to Carterton and have been a ratepayer since July 2010. The land was bought mainly because of the water race flowing through it. At that time there were no trees on the two-hectare property, just grass for raising cattle. Water was key for the purchase, as was the case when the water race system was established, and it look as though it will be even more important in the future. I am told that the race system was established around a hundred years ago, time enough to evolve into much more than just a conveyor of water to drench the thirst of stock. It now forms a biotope of its own and many other life forms have become to depend on it. In hot and dry summers more households have a need for the water as well. The water race system deserves all the care it can get.</p>	
<p>David John EADE Taratahi Water Race</p> <p>Age 61. Occupation – handyman. I have lived in the Wairarapa for the past 10 years and been in New Zealand for the last 20 years. I am a seasoned handyman with a knack for fixing things and bringing projects to life and bring a wealth of experience to my work, blending practical skills with a genuine passion for making and repairing. When I'm not busy with my latest DIY endeavour, I can be found indulging my love for classic cars by working on keeping my 1976 Triumph on the road, or advocating for environmentally friendly practices on the lifestyle block that we live on which includes 3 dogs, 2 horses and 5 chickens. I have a passion for the environment and what we can do to protect it for the younger generation.</p>	
<p>Richard John FUTTER Taratahi Water Race</p> <p>I live on Norfolk Road with my wife Karen and enjoy 500 meters of Taratahi water race running through our property. I am concerned that our forefathers on this land paid for this scheme and want to ensure its viable future. As well as being a farmer I work for GNS Science and had a part in the design of the world's most accurate ground water dating laboratory. The water races along with the ground water resources are very important to the future of the Wairarapa in this time of rapidly changing climate. I would like to help keep our precious water resources available to those who need it, now and into the future.</p>	

Michael SCOTT	Carrington Water Race	
<p>We purchased our property 7 years ago and have made extensive use of the Carrington water race system for stock water and irrigating hundreds of native trees. I have a set of skills and experience that would bring a fresh approach and thinking. I have extensive experience in local government having previously worked for Wellington City Council for 20-years in multiple senior positions. For the last 6 years I have consulted to local government on 3 waters infrastructure strategy specifically in Porirua City. At the forefront of thinking was the need to fit within fiscal constraints while balancing the increasing pressures around climate change, legislative requirements and community expectations. As water becomes an increasingly important commodity, sustainable management of the water race system will need ongoing careful thought as it supports a significant land mass across many individual landowners.</p>		
David John ELLISON	Taratahi Water Race	
<p>I have lived in Chester Road for 73 years and have farmed for 58 years. I have served on the Water Race Committee for the last 13 years. The water race system is a very important part of Carterton's farming district, i.e. stock water. I would like to continue on the Water Race Committee to ensure this system is maintained and available for our rural residents.</p>		
David Grant SMITH	Taratahi Water Race	
<p>I am asking for your vote in the upcoming Water Race committee elections. I have lived in Carterton all my life and have had extensive knowledge of the water race systems, having owned a farm serviced by the system. I have also served two terms on the local council. While there I was appointed chairperson of the water race system during my two terms. I believe I have the knowledge and wherewithal to improve the workings of the system. I now farm a large lifestyle block at Clareville and rely heavily on the water races to water my stock. Anticipating your vote.</p>		
Emily TEN BERGE	Taratahi Water Race	
<p>I have lived and raised my family in Carterton for the last 20 or so years. I was Emily Morrison, but three years ago I got married and bought a property on Norfolk Rd with both water races and a stream on the land (Parkvale Stream). I have always been interested in looking after our water. I would like to represent the Water Race ratepayers and be involved in future-proofing of the water schemes. I have served on a school Board of Trustees. I am community-minded and would love this opportunity.</p>		
Neil Hall WADHAM	Taratahi Water Race	
<p>I am currently an elected member of the Water Race Committee and am standing for re-election. My wife and I farm on Norfolk Road and have a lifelong connection with the area, in fact four generations of my family have played, fished, raced pine cones etc in the water race. The water race system is a vital resource for the Taratahi plains and the broader district. My aim is to ensure the ongoing operation of this resource, including the appropriate resource consent from Greater Wellington that is currently progressing through Council. The water races provide vital resources not only above ground but to a variety of fish species that have naturalised in the aquifer. I wish to ensure that the water race system continues in its current state for many generations to come.</p>		