



2026 COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Jilly Witehira

"Standing Member"

I have been on the Whangamata Club Executive Committee for 14 years and have been a Member of the Club for 21 years. I am very involved in the Whangamata Community. I am also currently President of the Whangamata Summer Festival.

The Whangamata Club and its Members are very special to me. As you are aware, I am totally committed to the Club which is why I am standing for Committee. I look forward to continuing on the Executive and thank you all in advance for your votes.



Lesley Horsburgh

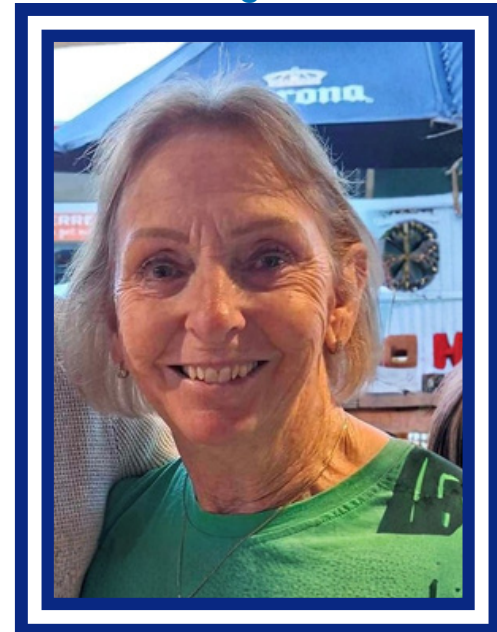
"Standing Member"

I have had the opportunity of serving on the Whangamata Club Committee for two terms now and am happy to make myself available for another term.

I enjoy interacting with people and have a strong focus on customer service. My experience in risk and disputes management within the finance industry are my contribution to the Committee's governance of our successful Club.

I have enjoyed working with our Club Management to ensure we continue to be relevant and the place of choice for our members.

Part of my role as a Committee member has been working with the Adjuncts to ensure their voices are heard at Committee level and that they in turn appreciate the intricacies involved in operating a Club for the benefit of all members.





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Richard Upton

Dear Members,

I have served on the Whangamata Club committee for the past 6 years. I am seeking to be re-elected for a further term to continue working and supporting the growth and success of the Club.

I am committed to helping steer our fantastic club forwards into the future, working constructively within the committee and management to plan and set goals for the betterment of all members. I bring an open minded approach and will support change for progress and a sustainable future of our club.

I'm particularly passionate about retaining respectable dress standards and to see our club continue to be the first choice in town for a top all round experience. I am a business owner, employer and rate payer here in Whangamata and have lived here full time for the last 13 years.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Richard Upton

"Standing Member"



Ross Garner

I have been a member of the Whangamata Club since 2017 and a permanent resident of Whangamata since 2019. I am currently semi-retired following 28 years service with Fisher & Paykel Appliances in Auckland working in Product Development as a leader of teams of up to 12 engineers designing refrigerator & interface systems.

Before retiring in 2024 I worked for 2 ½ years solely on design of F&P's new office & development facility (currently under construction) in Auckland scheduled due to replace the current East Tamaki facility later this year... (continued next page)





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Ross Garner

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This included extracting requirements for all appliance groups within F&P, sourcing of key equipment & collaboration with architects and building system designers.

Since our move to Whangamata we have a growing list of friends. The Club is a key element we enjoy regularly and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute as a committee member. I believe my work experiences will prove useful. I value personal effort & responsibility, solid collaboration including listening and respecting others viewpoints, understanding trade-offs & sound decision making based on facts.

We have a great club but we need to adapt to changing times. Moving forward I believe there are great opportunities to develop the site & activities further while maintaining this club's great culture & atmosphere and I would give my utmost to ensure we share in success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ross Garner

Stu Duff

I am a Chartered Accountant and qualified auditor with many years' experience operating my own practice.

I have been the Club Treasurer since 2020 and became a voting member in 2021.

I bring strong skills in governance, financial management, and committee operations, and I am committed to ensuring the Whangamata Club remains fiscally prudent, well-governed, and transparent for all members.

I've really enjoyed my time on the committee and I'm passionate about giving back to our community. This role has given me the chance to get to know many of our members and to play a part in strengthening the Club. I'm keen to continue this work and to help keep the Club a vibrant, welcoming place that people genuinely want to be part of.

"Standing Member"



Warren Hindrup

My name is Warren Hindrup, and this year I am celebrating my 50th birthday. My wife Nicky and I have been together for more than 23 years. Together we have raised three children, now aged 31, 27, and 22. Taking on the role of father to two non-biological children has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and has reinforced the importance of family, community, and supporting others.

For more than a decade, our family spent most weekends and holidays in Whangamatā, creating lifelong friendships and countless memories while camping and enjoying everything the town has to offer. Over that time, we fell in love with the community, the beach lifestyle, and the welcoming spirit of the local people.

In December, Nicky and I made Whangamatā our permanent home after purchasing a property in Chartwell Ave. Nicky now works at Whangamatā Area School, and I work with the Bratton family at Challenge Whangamatā, allowing us to continue building strong connections within our community.

We are active members of the local community through our involvement with Ocean Sports Club, Whangamatā Club, Smoky Pallet Free House, and Whangamatā Tennis & Squash Club. I am also a member of the local rugby club and look forward to joining the golf club in the near future.

My professional background spans more than 30 years in the tyre industry, including 15 years in national wholesale and account management roles across New Zealand. During that time, I developed extensive experience in customer relations, business development, marketing, promotions, sponsorship, social media, event coordination, and brand building. I have worked closely with businesses and communities to develop initiatives that increase engagement, participation, and long-term growth.

As a permanent resident of Whangamatā, I am passionate about contributing to the future success of our club. I believe I can bring fresh ideas, strong communication skills, and a genuine commitment to listening to members. Most importantly, I want to help ensure the club continues to grow, evolve, and remain a place that reflects the needs and aspirations of its members and the wider Whangamatā community.

I would be honoured to have your support for a position on the committee.

