



CANDIDATE PROFILES
Triennial Election of Trustees



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About the WEL Energy Trust

The WEL Energy Trust is a special purpose body, originally formed in 1993 to hold shares in the local electricity network company, now known as WEL Networks Ltd.

The Trust has responsibilities to: manage its investment in WEL Networks Ltd (the Company); ensure WEL Networks Ltd operates as a successful business; have regard to customer interests in industry matters; distribute surplus income at its discretion and to be accountable to the community.

The Trustees must act as a diligent shareholder and monitor the performance of the directors of the Company with reference to the Company's Strategic Direction, Targets and Measures.

The Trust distributes surplus income at its discretion to energy related projects and regional or community projects or grants. Since its inception in 1993, the Trust has supported the return of \$273 million to WEL Networks customers through discounts on individual electricity accounts and investments of over \$60 million in community and energy efficiency grants.

Further information about the Trust including copies of the Annual Report, Annual Intentions Plan, 5-Year Strategic Plan and the Community Investment Strategy is available from www.welenergytrust.co.nz

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HAMILL Rob MNZM

Power ON – Discounts and Grants

As current trustee and Energy Efficiency committee Chairperson I'm proud the Power ON – Discounts and Grants team, with our diverse and complimentary skills, continues to deliver great outcomes for our community. I support distributions (discounts and grants) along with other important activities like community loans, investment diversification (WEL Group now includes Lines, Fibre, Smart and Solar technologies), and Energy Efficiency (like the outstanding Where Ora programme).

I support the great work of the WEL Group team, who are leading the way, ensuring a bright future for the WEL Energy Trust and Waikato community.

I am a husband and the father of three incredible boys. I am an Olympian, trans-Atlantic and World Masters Games champion rower, patron of Parent to Parent and have a passion for: sustainable food; education; sport; health; high performance; environment and community.

Please vote for me and all seven of our Power ON – Discounts and Grants team.



HARDING Denise

Power ON – Discounts and Grants

As a current trustee and Deputy Chairperson, I seek your vote in the WEL Energy Trust election, for me and all 7 of the 'Power ON – Discounts and Grants' team.



The past nine years on the Trust has seen us improve and expand the community grants programme to 8 rounds/year, along with supporting energy efficiency and healthy homes projects, finding new ways to invest into the community and supporting leadership and transformational initiatives; all whilst continuing to advocate for your yearly electricity discount and supporting Company growth and diversification into Fibre, Smart, Solar and EV technologies creating a \$1 billion-plus community owned asset ensuring benefits for individuals, businesses, the community and region, for current and future generations.

An attorney, with Hamilton my home for 31 years, I remain strongly committed to the region and its communities. Your vote is a vote for keeping the Power ON and the future bright!

INGLE Mark

Power ON – Discounts and Grants

I am a current Trustee and chairman, and am proud of what we've achieved, for you, our community. Born, raised and educated here, my passion runs deep for the Waikato. I am standing again because I have more to give. My skills in governance, leadership, finance and business are well utilized by the Trust. I fully support distributions that benefit the Waikato - discounts, community grants and energy efficiency programmes (\$70m over the past 3 years). I support continued diversification (WEL Group now includes Lines, Fibre, Smart Meters), to protect the investment for future generations, while ensuring today's community receives its fair share of benefits. The Power ON – Discounts and Grants team have been responsible community stewards, working well with the Trust's great staff, to ensure the Trust's future is very bright. Please vote for all seven Power ON – Discounts and Grants candidates and help keep the great work going.



ISAAC Charlotte

Power ON – Discounts and Grants

I seek re-election to the WEL Energy Trust. Born and raised in Hamilton, I am motivated to contribute to making our region a great place to live. My passion for our community, the arts and business, is complimented by my expertise as a commercial lawyer at Davidson Twaddle Isaac Lawyers and my extensive involvement in community governance and volunteering. Current trustee positions include DV Bryant Trust and The One Victoria Trust (Meteor Theatre). I fully appreciate, and contribute to, the important role the Trust plays in our region. I strongly support the continuation of grants (now 8 rounds each year), discounts, and the Trustees' responsible guardianship of the increasingly diverse (now including lines and fibre) and significant assets, to ensure maximum benefit for the community, for current and future generations.



Please vote for the seven members of the Power ON – Discounts and Grants team to see the positive leadership continue.

NICHOLSON Dani

Hamilton born and bred, I have worked in the media for most of my adult life and now run my own PR and media consultancy. Prior to that I spent the past four and a half years at Hamilton News where I was the editor.



As a community newspaper journalist and editor, I saw first-hand the self-less work carried out in our community by tireless and passionate people who have the community's best interests at heart.

I greatly appreciate the work the Trust does in our region and the impact that it has. I'm committed to helping build a flourishing community that my daughter and three step-children are proud of.

I have a reputation for making things happen, I value transparency and good old-fashioned hard work. I'd love to bring my knowledge and passion for the community and my depth of business and community relationships to the WEL Energy Trust.

ROLTON Mike

Power ON – Discounts and Grants

I'm honoured to have been invited to join the Power ON – Discounts and Grants team seeking election to the WEL Energy trust.

I am the General Manager of St Vincent De Paul in Hamilton and am involved in a variety of charitable organisations that work in this community. I am a huge advocate in supporting local, looking after our community and creating opportunity for people to feel there is hope. My role at St Vincent de Paul over the past 8 years has set me in good stead in having an extensive understanding of what is happening at the coalface of our community. I believe that my repertoire allows me to provide a balance of management, businesses analysis, market comprehension and charitable experience. These facets will help me contribute to the significant role the Trust plays in our region and how we can continue to go from strength to strength.



ROWE Steve

For me its Community first and that means keeping the Power discount scheme for the benefit of Waikato families.

I can bring strong business acumen from my role as General Manager of Mediaworks Waikato and 30 years managing successful radio stations in both NZ and Australia. I have served on a number of business and sporting boards and currently on the Board of Waikato racing and proud member of the Melville Rugby Club.

I have past Community Trust experience in Manawatu in granting \$1.4 million towards worthwhile assets for the city and I am a strong supporter of community grants

I won't support wastage and "bottomless Pits".

I WILL support organisations and groups who are making a difference to people's lives.

This can be through holding events or programs that entertain, educate, inspire and make our city a better place to live.

Thanks for your vote.



SIMPSON Chris

The WEL Energy Trust is all about you and your community. I'm a Waikato boy, having been born and raised in Huntly, now living in Hamilton. For those who saw me work hard for the recent mayoral campaign, you will see me put in the same effort and commitment to being a trustee.

I am more than happy to get involved and get my hands dirty to help make the Waikato an even greater place by investing the trust's grants wisely.

I'm a self-employed businessman and I consult about economic development. Previously, I've worked in the Australian Embassy in Wellington as an Australian trade official, was director of the National Government's parliamentary research unit and was the CEO of a large trade association based in Auckland.

I attended Huntly Primary School, Hamilton Boys' High and the University of Waikato.

I also have four wonderful children.



STEPHEN Craig

Power ON – Discounts and Grants

Me wehi ki te Atua
Me whakahoonore I a Kiingi Tuheitia
E ngaa mate, haaere atu raa
E te hunga ora, teenaa taatou katoa
Ko Taupiri te maunga
Ko Waikato te awa
Kei Kirikiriroa au e noho ana
Ko Craig Stephen taku ingoa.



I grew up in the Waikato, graduated from Waikato University before postgraduate study at Lincoln University and University of Pennsylvania.

The Power ON - Discounts and Grants team invited me to join them as I have significant energy/electricity experience. I'm the former Chief Investment Officer for Waikato-Tainui and held senior executive roles in banking/investment for NZSX listed entities.

I understand intergenerational investment, balancing future generations wishes with current needs. I bring strong industry/investment management (Certified Finance and Investment Professional) and governance to support the Trust: manage the investment in WEL, deliver operational success; ensure you have a voice in industry matters; distribute surplus income. Accountable to you!

TOLAN Neil

Kia ora

I am seeking your support to elect me as a trustee on the WEL Energy Trust.

I support the current balance of **discounts** and **community grants**. I will be a great champion of **energy efficiency initiatives** and support **100% community ownership**.



I have been very fortunate to work in the area of community development for almost 25 years. I am currently the manager at the Western Community Centre in Hamilton coming from an extensive background working with children and youth. This experience has provided me with valuable learnings, vast networks and a really good understanding of the things that help our communities thrive.

13 fun years I performed throughout NZ with The Funky Monkeys a musical supergroup for kids. Bananas are still my favourite fruit!

I live in Raglan and love travelling throughout the Waikato.
Thank you to all of you who decide to give me a vote!

WILLIAMS Kathryn

Power ON – Discounts and Grants

As a current trustee I seek your vote to be re-elected to the WEL Energy Trust with the “Power ON – Discounts and Grants Team.”



I bring a wealth of experience, and will continue to support distributions to our community through discounts, grants and energy efficiency incentives while protecting and supporting WEL Networks lines, fibre, smart meter initiatives to create a significant community asset. This asset needs to be managed prudently.

As a registered nurse and experienced businesswomen I bring a balance of community and business skills to the role. I'm currently Managing Director of a large software company, and hold several other governance roles.

I am a mother of four, and have lived in the Waikato for 20 years. I will continue to use my skills to give back to our community. Please vote for the Power ON team to continue to grow much needed investment within our community.



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