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Meet the Candidates 2023

With the General Election nearly upon us the MCA is hosting a Meet the Candidates event on Tuesday 19 September at 7:30pm in the Maungaraki School Library. Hutt South MP, Hon Ginny Andersen & National MP Chris Bishop will be attending along with candidates for TOP and Vision NZ. Candidates from ACT, Green Party and NZ First are unavailable, but will be sending representatives.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear what our Hutt South candidates party plans are for the Hutt Valley, Wellington Region and nationally. Time will be set aside to take questions from the public so if you have a question you would like answered, please come along on the night.

General Election voting commences on Monday 2 October. You can vote at any polling booth throughout New Zealand. On Election Day, Saturday 14 October, polling booths will be open from 9am to

7pm. Maungaraki and Western Hill voters can vote at the Baptist Church on Rowan Street. This year, the MCA will be joined by the Normandale Residents Association and the Korokoro Environmental Group to host this years event.

Former MCA member Max Shierlaw passes

The MCA would like to acknowledge the passing of former MCA Treasurer Max Shierlaw. Max was a two-term Hutt City Councillor, Qualified Chartered Accountant, Petone junior soccer coach and much more.

An ardent supporter of everything Maungaraki Max's contributions to the MCA were significant and impactful.

The MCA would like to send our sincere condolences to Max's family and friends. Kia okioki ia i runga i te Rangimarie. May he rest in peace. Ed.



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National commits to P2G & Cross Valley Link

National recently announced that if elected to government on Oct 14, we will build the Petone to Grenada Link Road (P2G) and the Cross Valley Link across the Hutt

These are vitally needed new roads for our city. Both have gone nowhere in the last six years.

Petone to Grenada was effectively cancelled by Labour in 2018, but it is needed now more than ever.

There are multiple benefits to P2G, particularly for Maungaraki residents. A new connection will reduce congestion on SH2 from Petone onwards. It will mean a safer and improved interchange at Petone. It means the ability to run public buses from the Hutt to Wellington's northern suburbs.

It will improve resilience (the 2019 Wellington Lifelines Study said that Petone to Grenada was crucial in this regard). A few years ago, it was ranked as the top transport priority for the whole region. But under Labour it has gone nowhere. It also means green field development opportunities for up to 5,200 new homes and a reduction in commuter time between Porirua and the Hutt Valley of around 30 mins return journey per day in peak travel. The Cross Valley Link is the necessary



Chris Bishop - National MP, National spokesperson for Housing, Urban Development, and Infrastructure.

complement to P2G. It's been talked about since the 1960s. National will finally get on and deliver it. It will mean additional capacity from west to east across the city, reducing pressure on the overburdened Esplanade, which has over 25,000 vehicles per day I'm proud of these commitments. With Melling finally about to start, it's time to get on with the next suite of projects to upgrade Hutt transport. National will deliver these and I can't wait to get started.
By National MP - Chris Bishop.

Ginny is proud of her track record in the Hutt

I'm proud to be your local MP. I absolutely love the Hutt and here's a few things that demonstrate my track record as a hard working local MP. I've worked hard to deliver more houses after the previous National Government got rid of 314 in Lower Hutt alone. Labour has built 215 public homes in Lower Hutt, and has over 600 in the pipeline.

I've pushed to see more local projects like RiverLink and Melling Interchange are fully funded and going ahead. This will reduce traffic congestion and provide much needed flood protection for the Hutt.

The Hutt has seen more school upgrades than ever before under Labour. Hutt High was left with toxic black mold in a block of classrooms — we've completely rebuilt the block. We're also putting \$67 million into upgrading Wainui High. Labour's cost of living package is for Mums and Dads, not the wealthy, and will see Hutt families benefiting from free dental care for under 30s, GST off fruit and veggies, more housing, cheaper childcare, and removing of the \$5 prescription charge for medicine. Labour has been clear



Ginny Andersen - Labour Hutt South MP & Minister of Justice and Police. Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications, Seniors, and Small Business.

that we will keep Superannuation at 65 and the Winter Energy Payment, I believe these are too valuable to lose. We're also delivering the largest Police service in history, this government has delivered 1800 new Police officers, and we're planning for an additional 300 officers on the beat. With 300 more cops we would increase the frontline by 2,100 officers since we came into office. Every day I hear stories and get to meet people from our electorate, so I understand (PTO)

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what issues matter the most. I've helped people solve problems with housing, immigration, schooling, and the many issues we face in our daily lives. I have a strong track record of fighting for the Hutt — I know there is still more work to do. I need your vote this election so we can keep going and make the Hutt an even better place to live.

By Hutt South Labour MP - Ginny Andersen

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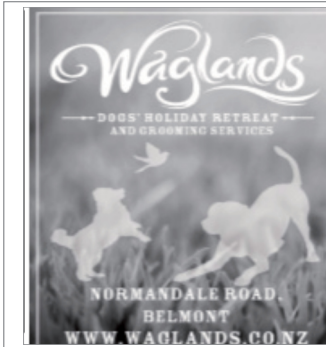
Kia ora koutou Maungaraki. Councillor Quentin Duthie toku ingoa. I am your Greater Wellington Regional Councillor, alongside Crs Ken Laban and David Bassett.

Our council has four roles: helping people move around easily by public transport, protecting the environment, working together as a region, and supplying bulk drinking water. Today, I'll focus on the first two.

Have you used the bus lately? The 150 bus connecting Maungaraki and Normandale with Petone and the CBD is handy. It has been remarkably reliable, considering how the bus driver shortage has

caused cancellations on most other routes. This problem is easing as bus driver numbers increase following intense recruitment and investment in better wages and conditions. Heads-up that transport will be messy around Melling for a couple of years once construction of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awakairangi...

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