

My support

My extended 'team' draws widely from the community. Here are some teammates.

Geraldine Travers

Tom, I am really appreciative of your advocacy for Hawke's Bay and admire the way you tenaciously explore the issues that matter to all of us.

Sir Graeme Avery

Many of us have watched Tom work tirelessly for the betterment of Hawke's Bay. Always keen to help lift our game. We need his informed and balanced insight at the table.

Louise Ward

Tom is well informed, with a keen eye on the key issues regionally, nationally and globally. He will speak his views plainly but listens to the debate, a characteristic needed now more than ever.

Margot Wilson

Tom's a man of integrity who will fight for the underdog and our environment, give freely of his time and expertise, exhaustively research the issues, and most importantly stand up and be counted on the big issues.

Aki Paipper & Margie McGuire

Our community knows Tom well. He's stood with us and always been responsive to our concerns. He's been a steady protector of our awa. We need him on the Regional Council.

Damon Harvey

Tom has the experience and dedication to represent Hastings and our region. Regarded as the hardest working regional councillor over two terms, he will roll up sleeves from day one to ensure sound decisions are made that create a better future for all Hawke's Bay residents.

TOM 
BELFORD
FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL



**Proven commitment.
Relevant experience.**



Who is Tom Belford?

I've lived and worked in Hawke's Bay for almost 20 years after moving here from the U.S. with my wife and daughter. Incredibly fortunate to be a New Zealand citizen, I'm inspired to 'give back' in both my personal and work life ...

Planting thousands of native trees behind my home in Kahuranaki, helping save Ocean Beach from commercial development ... advocating to clean up the Tukituki and the Karamu stream ... getting involved ... investigating the issues ... getting the word out.

This led me to start a little community broad sheet that has turned into *BayBuzz* magazine. And then, thanks to voter support, to serve two terms on the Regional Council.

As *BayBuzz* editor, I'm drawn deeply into the community's concerns and issues, listening, hearing fresh ideas (and lingering complaints!), digging below the surface, analysing the facts and informing others.

Drawing from this daily engagement and my previous councillor service, from 'Day 1' I can bring to the table for you a wealth of insight into the challenges facing the Council and our region.



Why am I standing?

Because the issues we're facing are too important to fumble and I can contribute to this Council mid-term ... with no training wheels required!

Get it right on water!

- ✓ Set policies to ensure water safety, quality and security for the Heretaunga Plains and the entire region.
- ✓ Support the many community groups working to clean up and beautify our urban waterways.

Innovate

- ✓ Promote innovations in waste recovery, recycling & transport.
- ✓ Work urgently with leading edge farmers in our region to ensure long-term, sustainable food production.

Future proof

- ✓ Prepare our region better for the impacts of climate change – intense storms & flooding, drought, increased soil and coastal erosion.
- ✓ Lead a campaign that enlists all ages, sectors, businesses and institutions in our community to make HB carbon neutral by 2040.

We owe our children a better, healthier environment alongside enduring prosperity. Making prudent choices, we can hand over both.

