

## Meet the candidates

WE asked sitting East Ward councillors what they have done for East Hamilton over the last three years in office and this is what they said:

### Gordon Chesterman

My long-standing interest in heritage and urban design issues has continued over the last three years. I was the project editor for the book "The Houses of Hayes Paddock", have been a leader in the debate over Hamilton East Heritage zone, was a leader in the debate over the Hayes Paddock heritage zone, I restored and have owned an historic building in Grey Street for 30 years.

When contacted by individual residents I have acted and won outcomes in terms of various issues such as rubbish problems in Hamilton East and have financially assisted the Hamilton East Trust led by Lois Livingston over the development at the Clyde/Grey Street corner. More recently I have been working behind the scenes over a possible outcome for the controversial Eastgate site. I've always been available and have advertised in every issue of Eastsider to ensure people know how easy it is to contact me.

Regards  
Gordon Chesterman  
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### Glenda Saunders

My duty is citywide not only east. However specifically assisting north eastsiders to protect and "own" their community park. Supported more local playgrounds. Character and heritage protection hopefully citywide. Mostly assisted private individuals with many issues from building consents, roading, environmental rating and safety issues. I have worked closely with Telecom Vodafone and 2degrees staff

on where they can put their receivers and technical equipment. I am pushing for southern development. The list is too long. I don't sensationalise I just get on with the task in hand as best I can.

### Daphne Bell

While any councillor may initiate proposals, we need to gather majority support around the council table for any projects or changes.

I have appreciated my colleague's support for:

- Resolution of outstanding encroachments of private landowners onto reserve land
- Funding and planning for public art
- Consideration of the natural burial option at Newstead
- Improved road naming policy

Recently I have been involved with detailed consideration of the provision for pedestrians and cyclists in the proposed upgrade at the Hillcrest roundabouts.

### Pippa Mahood

I believe that my first responsibility is to be a councillor for the whole of the city. As part of those duties I have responded to ratepayers issues and concerns as and when required. I have actively supported the work done to get the Hayes Paddock and Hamilton East character precincts adopted through council. I attend community and network meetings as often as possible and take a strong involvement in supporting local initiatives and activities.

### Peter Bos

I lead and promoted the Rangiriri project and fought for its funding to recognise the heritage of Hamilton East. The project received \$185,000 worth of funding from Heritage NZ because it was a great project.

### Where to meet the election candidates:

The National Council of Women - West Ward Councillors, Mayor, Environment Waikato, September 7, at 7:30pm, Methodist Centre, London St, Hamilton. All welcome. Koha appreciated.

East ward Councillors, Mayor, Environment Waikato. September 8, at 7:30pm, Methodist Centre, London St, Hamilton. All welcome. Koha appreciated.

Waimarie: Community House - Mayor, East Ward Candidates, Environment Waikato September 14, 2010 from 7-10pm at Knox Church, Hamilton East.

Hamilton Community Arts Council- Mayor, City Council Candidates (West and East) September 16, 2010 at 7:30pm, The Meteor, Corner Bridge St and Victoria St.

Environment Centre - Mayor, Candidates for East Ward and West Ward, Environment Waikato, September 20, at 7pm, Chartwell Room, Hamilton Gardens.

### Roger Hennebray

Rates Control Team.

I have worked on Variation 20 and the hearings. I have protected people's property rights on Draconian heritage A+ categories on buildings without the owner's consent. I voted to reduce to C+ and for some to come off the list. I have worked to keep brothels off the streets of Hamilton East by voting to keep them in the CBD and commercial areas. I have assisted constituents in Hamilton East with noise and rubbish problems. I worked to vote in a sinking-lid policy on pokies and outlets to keep them out of Hamilton East. I voted against the striking of this year's rate increase, initially nearly twice the rate of inflation. I have worked towards a balanced approach to what I do for all areas and not get captured by minority groups.



## Cheryl on Symmington

THIS is the first time in 10 years that I have been in New Zealand during August and I had forgotten what a joy the flowers are at this time of the year. Flowers are at their best in my garden right now. What a feast for the senses with the colours and forms of the magnolias and blossoms: the cheerfulness of the bulbs like daffodils, paper whites and the delicate old-fashioned snow drops and bluebells. Then there is the food for the soul such as the perfumes of daphne, jasmine, fressias and winter sweet. There are the elegant aurum lilies, a great filler for awkward spaces. I must have made an effort years ago to establish plants that would brighten the grey dismal days of winter. The white flowers of magnolias and blossom look stunning against dark, grey skies.

Now is a good time to tidy the garden of unwanted weeds and mulch to keep the soil at a more even temperature and prevent more weed growth. At the community garden we ran the lawnmower over the stored leaves by spreading them over the lawn, chopped them up into smaller pieces and spread them around the plants for mulch. This helps speed up the breaking down process.

Spring is in the air, if only for a brief time as weather predictions are for a cold September. I hate to be a pessimist but it is a warning not to plant out spring gardens too early. Even if the air feels warm, the soil is still too cold and the weather unpredictable.

Check your seed supply and order what you may need in preparation for the spring plantings. Kings Seeds in Katikati have a good selection of organic vegetable seeds. A few more weeks to wait before we can enjoy planting the vegetable crops to nourish our physical being and provide energy to make the most of the long days of warm activities ahead.

How's your compost? The colder weather will slow down the decomposing due to the activity of microbes and worms slowing down. If you turn your compost it will help mix the ingredients and also boost the activity of the minute creatures into eating the materials needing to be broken down and generating heat in the heap.

## Youth Scene

### What's Up?

We had a great Waikato Youth Week during July which included the 10th anniversary of Beatstreet. Thanks to all those who participated in producing awesome youth-focussed projects, events and competitions.

A DVD of the Beatstreet2010 3on3 Bboy Battles is available for purchase. The DVD only has the break-dancing, not the music performances. For those passionate about break-dancing this would be a fine addition to your DVD collection.

Thanks to 4iProductions for producing the DVD and for streaming the Beatstreet 3on3 Battles on the Internet. We had viewers from around the world watching our event. Tumeke.

The New Zealand Ethnic Soccer Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 2 and 3 and involves over 24 teams, cultural performances, ethnic food stalls and much more.

By Mike Rarere,  
South East Hamilton  
Youth Advisor



Big thanks to Melville United for their support. This festival has been a great way to bring our diverse community together for friendly competition and many of our young people are involved in this annual event. Contact Patricia Novoa by email at events.wrnc@xtra.co.nz for more information.

The Waikato Youth Workers Collective is organising leadership training workshops for youth workers in our area and are open to anybody who is interested.

Current workshop dates include Thursday, October 7, Wednesday,

October 13 and Saturday, October 16 from 9am-3pm - venues are yet to be confirmed.

Hui Whakapiri Hamilton's Youthwork sector network meetings happen quarterly throughout 2010. Usually held at Fairfield Hall on Clarkin Rd the final 2010 meetings are scheduled for Friday, September 24 and Friday November 26 at 10am.

Te Ahurei, a Rangatahi youth-focused organisation, is still doing good work with Hamilton youth. Located at 46 Bryce St, this agency has youth workers, programmes, services and projects specifically for Hamilton's young people. You can contact Te Ahurei on (07) 838 3013.

Contact Mike on (07) 855 6497 or email mike.rarere@hcc.govt.nz for more information regarding event, workshops and meetings or to purchase the DVD.

Mauri ora.  
Mike.



## Adult education

ADULT and Community Education is alive and well and waiting for you!

There are lots of opportunities around the city, in community houses, at the Uni, at Wintec and through schools.

Hamilton's Fraser High School is just one of many providers offering adults learning opportunities...some for very little cost. (Night classes and weekend courses)

The co-ordinators are now planning Term 4 where there will be over 60 courses for you to learn something new, upskill in some way and meet like-minded people.

The courses are all tutored by experienced and enthusiastic teachers who have a passion for what they do.

The easiest way to see what is on offer is to look at the website [www.fraserace.ac.nz](http://www.fraserace.ac.nz) or call the office on (07) 847 1074.

Keep an eye out for information about community education circulating in mid September. Go on ..... learn something new!



## Meet the Candidates

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

7PM

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
50 ALBERT STREET, HAMILTON EAST.

Your chance to put your questions to the candidates!

Hosted by: The Hamilton East Community Trust and the Hamilton East Community House.

Helping you make informed decisions about the future of Hamilton East.