# Climate action resumé

Please give an example of climate change advocacy you have you were part of in the past.

### **Chris Mitchell**

I am not a 'climate advocate' but I try to practice what I believe. And occasionally suggest that people reflect on their own consumption before targeting some other group as mostly responsible for climate change.

### Ian Powell

Supported advocacy of stronger environmental public hospital processes and rebuilding.

#### Janet Holborow

One of my previous election promises was to reduce speed limits, which has occurred, and I was a part of reducing the speed limit outside Paekākāriki. I have always been a strong supporter of all of our local environmental groups, who do such an outstanding job across the district. I helped organise an initial meeting of people interested in improving water quality in the Wharemauku Stream, work which I will progress if elected. I was a member of a greener streets team which took out the prize for that year in the district. I am a voluntary trap checker on the Kohekohe Loop Track.

# **Lawrence Kirby**

I'm current Board Chair at Paraparaumu College. We have been actively working on improved energy efficiency, better waste management and reduction of our carbon footprint. We also have been working to support our students in their Climate Change activism.

#### Liz Koh

This is not an area I have been actively involved in. This is an excellent survey which potentially provides a framework for how Kapiti can respond to climate change. Thank you!

### Maria McMillan

An early example, in 2007 I was working in NZ development information sector, I directed my team to produce an issue of our magazine on climate change impacts in the Pacific Islands. The issue was then used to raise awareness and lobby regional decision-makers.

### **Martin Halliday**

I was a member of LCK coming into the last election. During this triennium I have supported and seen implemented inclusion of climate consideration into all Council policy and strategies. A big Shout out to Cr Sophie Hanford as Climate portfolio holder and her exemplary work in this space. Budget for council to address climate/sustainability issue has been included in annual and long term plans and substantial high level policy work completed which now needs to be implemented and empowered at the community level. On a personal note I have been changing my own personal decisions and choices around consumerism and diet as well as implementing upcycling, recycling and environmental practices.

### **Michelle Lewis**

I have 25 years of active encouragement, planning and design of multi-modal solutions with an emphasis on sustainable transport. I was a team member of award winning Birmingham city Council's workplace travel plan programme. I have les many national initiatives in New Zealand on sustainable transport with a focus on the economic value and methods for calculation to enable funding from central government.

I have led teams locally to install walking and cycling across the district. I advocated for the cycleway along the expressway when asset manager knowing the ins and outs of NZTA policy and how to get funding secured. Similarly the

revocation work on the old expressway was a result of my early conversations in 2010 with KCDC executives to get NZTA to scale down the old state highway to make it a fit for purpose local arterial following good practice.

# **Nigel Wilson**

In nine years as a Greater Wellington Regional councillor I advocated for greater use of public transport and much was achieved. The electrification of the rail through to Waikanae was a significant achievement. I have always been an advocate of free public transport. I am an active supporter of cycleways.

## **Sophie Handford**

Since a young age, I have held the environment closely and always felt a strong connection to and need to protect this one planet we share. I founded School Strike 4 Climate in Aotearoa NZ and went on to coordinate the movement which mobilised 170,000 people across the country in September of 2019, united for climate justice. I then ran for Council at the age of 18 and was elected as one of Aotearoa's youngest Councillors, now holding the Climate & Youth portfolios on the Kāpiti Coast District Council.

Over the last three years, I have been a courageous voice for our planet and next generations. My advocacy contributed to the following things being actioned:

- Moved a motion for council to support Free fares
- Developed and passed the Climate Emergency Action Framework
- Got climate change as key pillar in the Long Term Plan
- Mandatory climate considerations on all agenda items coming to Council
- Advocated for more cycle parking in Paekakariki, working alongside businesses and the community to find a solution
- Advocate around the table to make Poplar Ave crossing safer, and we can now see some short term improvements made

- Further funding for Raumati village reinvigoration, and work alongside
  Bede Laracy, local resident on business owner, to coordinate a process to shape up a long term vision for the area
- Climate Action Targeted Rate brought into the Annual Plan discussions
- An extra \$150k added into the LTP for climate mitigation initiatives.
- Budget for a full-time staff member to work on climate education
- \$300k, over two years, for the purchase of EVs to transition the Council fleet
- \$250k across three years to do the mahi needed to truly ensure the climate crisis informs all of Council decision making
- \$60k towards safety improvements for students biking to Paraparaumu College

I've also represented NZ through APEC Voices of the Future and Ship for World Youth, and am committed to seeing us as communities and as a country lead our world to a better future for the next generation. I used these channels to stand up for the bold and transformational action that we need to see. We have a golden window of time, in which to drastically reduce emissions.

I've been awarded Wellingtonian of the Year 2019, Impact Award for Climate, NZ Youth Award 2019, GirlBoss Award for Sustainability, Forest & Bird Youth Award, June Mayne Gould Leadership Award - APEC Voices of the Future for my work in standing up for ambitious climate action now.