

## Central Hawkes Bay Consumers Power Trust CANDIDATE PROFILES 2021 TRIENNIAL ELECTION Election of seven (7) Trustees

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### Catie **AVERY**

I am honoured to be nominated for the position of Trustee within the Central Hawkes Bay Power Consumers Trust. CHB is deeply entrenched in my family history having been here for 6 generations. I was raised here, raised my children here and so am naturally passionate about being involved in the continuous positive growth of our community.



I have a Rural background. For the last few years have been working for the Ministry for Primary Industries, previously an agribusiness Manager for Rabobank. I am not afraid to go against the grain and stand up for what I and other Consumers believe in. I am friendly, approachable and always interested in hearing a community members thoughts on how we can work together to offer the best power supply services to our CHB users.

### Laura **BILLINGS**

I have lived in Central Hawke's Bay for 25 years. Having previously worked for an accountancy practice in Waipawa I now do accounting support from home. My partner George and I, along with our two children live and farm at Tikokino.



In the past I have actively been involved with Plunket Hawke's Bay, CHB Hockey Association, CHB Soccer Club and the Tikokino School. I am currently the Treasurer for the HB Deer Farmers Association and I am Chair for the Tikokino Community Hall Committee.

I am passionate about our CHB Community and I enjoy seeing our community grow. It is important Centralines is at the forefront of that growth and that we continue to deliver reliable and affordable power to the CHB Community.

### Callum **GRAY**

I am a 5th generation farmer on our family farm 'Waimarino' near Onga Onga. Married with 2 sons and community focused, having been a member of the Onga Onga Fire Brigade for 14 years, a committee member of Cycling CHB, club captain and race steward of my ski club at Whakapapa Ski field. Having valued my time as the appointed Trustee for Silver Fern Farms, I will continue to use my skills to ensure consumers get value for money. As a trustee, it is rewarding to give back to the community through dividends, discounts and project sponsorship. I am committed to uphold the principals of the Trust and its shareholders.



### Karen **MIDDELBERG**

Karen Middelberg has lived in CHB most of her life, attending CHB College and then Massey University, gaining a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. She went on to work in rural NZ and overseas as a veterinarian before returning to the district to work with the team at Vet Services HB. Karen is currently involved in two family farming businesses in CHB. She and her husband Richard have three young adult children.



Karen also serves on the NZ Deer Farmers Executive and is a committee member of the newly formed Maharakeke & Porangahau Stream Catchment group.

As a current elected member of the CHB Consumers Power Trust, she believes our local infrastructure is key to maintaining thriving businesses and facilities for the whole community, and that a reliable,affordable power network is vital.

Karen values the strong community we have in CHB and wishes it continue to develop for future generations.

### Tony **MURPHY**

I am a local resident, having lived in Central Hawkes Bay for the past 45 years. I operate my own business from my home-office in Waipawa, designing electrical solutions for industrial companies, New Zealand-wide. I have a genuine interest in the operation of the Centralines power network, and am aware that we, the Central Hawkes Bay community, currently own a high standard network, maintained by a dedicated and professional local staff. I will work to ensure that the Central Hawkes Bay community maintain ownership of this asset, by way of shares held by the Trust, and that it continues to be maintained to the highest standard. I will also work to ensure that profits from Centralines company operations continue to be re-invested into local amenities which benefit the whole community, and that local power consumers continue to benefit by way of regular rebates on their power accounts.



### Marcus **PEACOCK**

As a current Trustee of the Central Hawke's Bay Consumer Power Trust, I know how important it is that our consumer owned Centralines continues to deliver reliable and cost effective electricity to the CHB area.



Having served my second term as a Trustee, I have learned to understand the electricity industry and the Governance that is required for the CHB Consumer Power Trust.

I want to see the Consumer Power Trust continue to play a crucial role in helping develop and maintain Central Hawke's Bay as a great place to live. This is one of my main reasons to stand again as a Trustee.

I am a passionate supporter and believer in Central Hawke's Bay and would love the opportunity to continue to represent you as a Trustee on the Central Hawke's Bay Consumer Power Trust.

### Alistair **SETTER**

My family and I live in rural Waipawa and are proud residents of Central Hawkes Bay. I work as a Farmer and a Management Consultant. I have an Electrical Engineering Honours Degree and a Masters of Business Administration. My work experience includes senior roles at major national corporations.



I have chaired the Trust for the last three years. Reliability of supply and limiting price increases is a priority as is returning money back to consumers and funding key community projects. For the coming term I want to see Centralines position itself for growth to continue to benefit consumers.

I am asking for your continued support to be your representative on the Trust as I believe Centralines is a critical institution for our community. Governance decisions are extremely important and need to be evaluated in terms of what is in the best interest for us, as beneficiaries of the Trust.

### Libby **TOSSWILL**

Libby, her husband and their three young sons farm in Porangahau. Since moving here 11 years ago she has seen the growth, strength, and diversity of the CHB community and wants to see its people, land and businesses thrive. She also wants future generations to be able to live a great life here and sees Centralines as key to this through the provision of affordable, reliable energy and their generous support of community organisations.



Libby has a Bachelor of Commerce from Otago University and over 15 years experience across the financial markets, banking and agriculture sectors in NZ and the UK. Libby is a member of the Institute of Directors and serves as Chair of the Porangahau Catchment Group - Taurekaitai ki Te Paerahi and as a Trustee of Connect Youth & Community Trust. She is seeking re-election to the Consumers Power Trust for a second term.