## Far North District Council Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board (Paihia Subdivision) Electing 1 Member



## Jane JOHNSTON

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board (Paihia Subdivision) area. I am also standing for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward.

I will work to protect existing Reserves for intended purposes and public access and use; and

to secure additional reserves to cater for community needs, including for sports, recreation and for events. I support community initiatives to meet their own social and cultural needs, as well as to promote their economic wellbeing in a rich, diverse and healthy environment.

I will promote a shift in focus from funding one off 'events' towards establishing community facilities that better cater for diverse needs, and which are able to become self-funding via hosting events.

I am dedicated to assisting communities to engage collaboratively, to promote a shared sense of a welcoming place in which to live, work and play as well as to visit. I want to see Ratepayers having a greater say in how funds they provide are spent and want to see a greater focus on residents' needs and wishes.