



NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - 25th JUNE 2022

After four decades serving as a Councillor, and a total of 51 years of McGuire family involvement in local government, I have made the difficult decision to not seek re-election at this year's local government elections.

For 12 years, until 1983, my late father David was Councillor for the Ruakura Riding of **Waikato County Council**.

In October 1983 I was elected unopposed to replace him as the Riding member. It was an honour to be chosen to serve the residents of Ruakura Riding and then, after local government amalgamation in 1989, the Eureka Ward and the greater Waikato District.

After the 2019 election I decided that I would not stand for re-election in 2022 but actually saying that out loud is very difficult. It has been a privilege to be a Councillor and work as part of a Council team. I will greatly miss the connections I have with my dedicated colleagues and Waikato's diverse communities – I have crossed paths with many amazing people and organisations but now it is time to step back and consider my family who have "held the fort" for me since 1983. I think 51 years community service is a reasonable commitment by one family.

So much has changed in 39 years and I will share my reflections on these years in my last newsletter in September 2022.

Eureka Ward will cease to exist on 8th October when two Councillors will be elected to represent their communities in the Tamahere/Woodlands Ward.

Please give consideration to either standing for election yourself or encouraging someone else in the Eureka Ward to stand. Nominations open in July and information on the election process, nomination forms etc can be found at <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/local-elections-2022>

If you would like any information on the election process or the responsibilities of a Councillor contact me anytime.



*Dave McGuire & Rob McGuire – October 1983
Photo with an article in the Waikato Times
Headline read "County gets chip off the old block"*

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