

KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Election of three (3) Councillors for the Otamatea Ward



Julia SUTHERLAND

I was elected to council in October 2004. The past three years as Otamatea Ward Councillor have been challenging, but always interesting and satisfying. With my increased knowledge of communities and issues throughout the district to build on, I feel I can make greater contribution to council debate and decisions.

My background includes teaching and academic roles and executive positions with voluntary and commercial organisations. My husband, Colin Bennett, and I have owned a property near Mangawhai since 1993 and we've lived here for eight years. I'm a trustee for the Library Hall, and on the Mangawhai Information Centre committee; I keep in touch with other local groups by attending their functions and AGMs.

I love living in this marvellous part of Northland which is changing fast. Further development must be well-managed, with the district's character and beauty retained. It's a great place for families to live, work and enjoy.