

Ōpōtiki District Council  
Ōpōtiki Ward  
Electing 3 Councillors

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**Shona Rosalie BROWNE**

My principal place of residence is in the Ōpōtiki Ward area.

As the end of my fourth term as your elected representative draws to a close, this has certainly been the most challenging in many ways.

It has been clear increased engagement of elected members and their experience has not been utilized. We have also come through an unprecedented period of change, quite the rollercoaster ride of ups and downs. We were grateful of the PGF and it has made a considerable improvement to the look and future of our town, but it has created its own set of unique challenges. Much publicized new builds and developments have necessitated ongoing maintenance, which will require careful consideration to minimize future costs to you the ratepayers. We need an engaged and proactive Council, who through democracy and teamwork along with good advice, will make informed decisions best suited to Opotiki.