



Familiar face, new role: Jo Davies-Colley's new chapter

From community board chair to Deputy Mayor - it's been a big few months for Cambridge local Jo Davies-Colley, and she's loving it.

Since being elected to Waipā District Council and then appointed Deputy Mayor in October, Jo says the role has been busy but incredibly rewarding. "I've really enjoyed meeting more of the amazing organisations and community groups across the district, as well as getting to know my fellow councillors during our induction."

Jo spent six years on the Cambridge Community Board between 2019 and 2025, with the last three years as chair. She says that experience, along with strong local and council connections, has been very valuable and has reinforced her belief that strong working relationships and respectful partnerships are the foundation of good decision-making and effective teamwork.

Before entering local government, Jo was a stay-at-home mum to her three children, and previously worked as a hospital midwife, primarily in high-risk antenatal wards.

Jo says her motivation for entering local body politics came from a strong desire to give back to the town she loves. "Cambridge is such a special place, and I wanted to play a part in shaping its future. To now have the opportunity to serve the wider Waipā community is a real privilege - we're incredibly fortunate to live here."

Looking ahead, Jo is excited to see longer-term projects start to take shape, including Cambridge Connections and the district's Long-Term Plan budget. "Continuing to support Mayor Mike is my main priority, while also spending time getting to know the many community groups that make Waipā such a great place to live."

Outside of Council, Jo enjoys early morning walks around town with the family dog Nimmy, watching her children play sport, picking up treats from the Saturday Farmers' Market, and cycling into town to catch up with friends at the Tivoli or one of Cambridge's great restaurants.

"I feel very lucky to call Waipā home. It's a wonderful place to live, and I'm honoured to be part of the team helping shape its future."



Have your say on new rural rules

Waipā District Council is proposing new rules for shelterbelts and crop protection structures in rural areas.

Proposed Plan Change 25 is now open for submissions.

The proposed changes cover where structures can be located, how shelterbelts should be planted and maintained, setbacks from boundaries and utilities, and limits on the size, height, and colour of crop structures.

If you live in, or next to, a rural area, these changes could affect you!

You can find out more and make a submission at letstalk.waipadc.govt.nz/planchange25.

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday, February 13.



Long weekends are almost here!

Auckland Anniversary (Monday, January 26) and Waitangi Day (Friday, February 6) public holidays are right around the corner. The good news is that your recycling will still be picked up as usual!

- Just make sure to have your bins out by 7am on your recycling day.
- Remember, we don't collect rubbish so please check with your service provider to confirm their collections on public holidays.

Big thanks to our awesome staff who will be working through the long weekends to keep things running smoothly!

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