



Aidhean Camson: Turning global experience into local action

With decades of experience delivering major infrastructure projects around the world, Councillor Aidhean Camson brought a global perspective to local government when he was elected to Waipā District Council last year.

Since stepping into the role, he says he’s gained a deeper appreciation for the work behind the scenes.

“It’s easy from the outside to underestimate the level of work happening across Council to do the right thing for the community,” he says.

Aidhean notes that while it can be tempting for councillors to focus on operational detail, the role is really about keeping an eye on the bigger picture and making decisions that support the district long-term.

“Resources are limited, so it’s important we prioritise carefully and focus on what will make the biggest difference. The criticism councils sometimes face can overlook the reality that staff are working in a very constrained environment.”

As deputy chair of the Service Delivery Committee, Aidhean is particularly focused on progress with the Cambridge Connections programme this coming year.

“It’s a really important piece of work, it’s a major transport programme that will shape how people move around Cambridge in the future.

“Establishing a clear path forward is incredibly important. It forms the backbone for many other pieces of work across the district.”

He’s also looking forward to working through government reforms and beginning work on the next Long Term Plan.

“It will be a challenging process, but also a rewarding one as we align our plans with the commitments we’ve made to the community.”

Originally from Scotland, Aidhean studied computer science in north-east England before moving to London, where he met his wife from New Zealand. The couple have two children, and their careers took the family around the world, including time in the United States and Germany.

When the family settled in Cambridge in 2024, Aidhean decided that after years working internationally, it was time to give back to the community.

“When the local elections came around, I felt I had something useful to offer locally, drawing on the experience I’d gained through my career.”

Aidhean and his family enjoys what the district offers, from visiting the Cambridge Farmers’ Market, to exploring the local trails and cafés.

“It’s a very friendly community, easy to get around, and there’s always something happening - it’s a great place to raise a family. I’m grateful to play a small part in shaping the future of this district and the wider community.”



Anzac Day services

Waipā residents and visitors are invited to come together to attend Anzac Day commemorative services across the district.

Services on Sunday, April 19

Pukeatua Memorial service: 11am Pukeatua War Memorial Church, Arapuni Road	Tokanui Memorial service: 1.30pm Tokanui Cemetery, 96 Farm Road
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Services on Saturday, April 25

Te Awamutu Dawn service: 6am Sunken cross at Te Awamutu War Memorial Park, Mutu Street	Cambridge Dawn service: 6am (gather at 5.45am) Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria Street
Returned service members will parade outside the RSA Clubroom, 381 Alexandra Street at 5.45am.	Civic Commemorative Service: 9am Cambridge Town Hall, Victoria Street
Light refreshments will be served at the RSA Clubrooms after the service.	Returned service members and those who would like to parade, meet outside Onyx Restaurant at 8.30am.
Flag raising ceremony: 7.45am Te Awamutu Cemetery, Piquet Hill Road	Pirongia Dawn service: 6am Pirongia Memorial Hall, Franklin Street
Veterans and public invited.	Returned service members and those who would like to parade, meet in the Five Stags carpark at 5.45am.
Civic Commemorative Service: 11am Memorial Park, Anzac Green, Teasdale Street	Followed by light refreshments.
Returned service members and those who would like to parade, meet at 10.45am at the RSA Clubrooms, 381 Alexandra Street.	Kāwhia Memorial service: 1pm War Memorial, Pouewe Street
The RSA clubrooms will be open for members, returned guests and affiliated clubs from 1pm.	Returned service members and those who would like to parade, meet at the Kāwhia Town Hall, Jervois Street at 12.45pm.
Kihikihi Memorial service: 8.30am War Memorial Hall, Lyon Street (State Highway 3)	



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