

# MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL RURAL ADVISORY GROUP: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Masterton District Council (Council) is seeking Expressions of Interest (Eoi) from community members to join our Council Rural Advisory Group. The purpose of the Council Rural Advisory Group is to provide Council with advice, information and recommendations on the following areas:

- the development of Council policies, plans and strategies as they relate to rural issues and the rural community,
- Council engagement with the District's rural community, and
- any matter of particular interest or concern to rural communities connected with the functions of the Council, including, but not limited to,
  - o rates, funding, rural roading, forestry, water resilience, water quality, the Wairarapa Combined District Plan, corporate and spatial planning, economic development, civil defence, climate change impacts, coastal issues, and bylaws.

The Council Rural Advisory Group's advice will contribute to the wellbeing of the district's rural communities. Its advice will inform Council decision-making and planning for the district's future.

The Council Rural Advisory Group will be made up of up to eight members including two elected members, two iwi representatives, and four community members appointed through this expressions of interest process.

## Criteria for applicants

We are looking for a cross section of the community to ensure diversity of people and viewpoints.

A selection panel will appoint the four community members. Membership will be considered based on:

- their ability to provide advice on rural issues;
- their understanding of the Masterton District rural community;
- they live, or work in a role serving, the rural communities within the Masterton district;
- their association with a rural sector group, organisation or rural community;
- their understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The time commitment will involve attending at least three meetings a year (2-4 hours) and meeting preparation (reading time for reports and other material provided prior to meetings). Further input may be requested through additional meetings, emails and/or surveys. Once the Council Rural Advisory Group is selected, the meeting times will be set, with consideration of times and locations that are as convenient as possible for Advisory Group members.

## To register your interest

Council welcomes expressions of interest up to **5pm 23 June 2023**. Register your interest by completing the online form [here], downloading the PDF form and emailing to [matthews@mstn.govt.nz](mailto:matthews@mstn.govt.nz) or dropping to our Customer Service Centre - 161 Queen Street, Masterton. Forms will also be available at the Customer Service Centre.

For more information, please contact our Senior Policy Advisor Matt Steele: [matthews@mstn.govt.nz](mailto:matthews@mstn.govt.nz)



## Masterton District Council Rural Advisory Group Expressions of Interest (EOI) form

### Your Details

Full name .....

Organisation/Business (if applicable) .....

Postal address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

### About You

What is your age range? Under 24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

What is your ethnicity? (Circle) Māori NZ European Pākehā Asian Pacific Peoples  
Other.....

What is your gender? Man Woman Non-binary Prefer not to answer

Other - I refer to myself as .....

### Questions *(Please use additional paper to answer the questions if you need to)*

1. What skills and experience do you have that would be valuable for this group?	
2. What do you think are the biggest challenges facing rural communities in the Masterton District?	
3. What is your connection to the Masterton District?	