

Darin Brown

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Darin Brown
What Council are you standing for?	Gisborne
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	General Ward

Q2. What drives you to run as a candidate in the local body elections? What do you hope to achieve?

I have supported local businesses for 40+ years. 80 % of my life in the farming sector. Ag, Hort, Forestry. I would like to see future regulations on these sectors ease a little more that impose more financial strain on them. I will challenge them whole heartedly. I am a farmer myself.

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

By managing threats to the industry and there are many. Inadequate infrastructure, labour and water accessibility, severe weather events etc by focusing on new innovative system to combat those threats to grow the industry.

Q4. What will you do to support the development of seasonal worker housing, especially in rural areas?

Access to labour schemes is a must. Training to retain staff and showcase those skills. Safe work place. Wage initiatives.

Q5. How will you ensure kiwifruit growers have reliable access to water, and how will you balance competing demands?

Subsurface storage is not always accessible but harvesting water is probably the better for most with permanent access to water facilities and rivers for emergency only refill when needed.

Q6. What is your stance on protecting productive horticultural land from urban sprawl and subdivision?

More regulations by central Government. Oppose and challenge them.

Q7. How will you improve rural road infrastructure to support the movement of produce?

Focus more on those main areas needed, local economic growth will not work if those areas are not a priority.

Q8. What policies will you support to help growers adapt to climate change impacts?

Strategic planning. Funding for educational programme's to train staff to deal with and focus on innovative systems to grow the industry despite major weather events.