

KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Electing the Mayor



K (Guru) GURUNATHAN

My principal place of residence is in the Kapiti Coast District Council area.

Proud to lead a council that's worked as a team. Good fiscal performance saw Standard & Poors push credit rating from A+ to AA. Crisis over Air NZ pull-out saw us working as a community to secure Air Chathams. Kapiti not eligible for Provincial Growth Funding, I worked with Government Ministers to secure eligibility. Direct approach to Minister Eugenie Sage secured funding for a massive community-led restoration of Waikanae River Catchment. Financially backed the 22,000-strong Community Hospital Petition resulting in improving health services.

Looking ahead. Empowering community boards and organisations to enable local decisions on local issues. Improve community safety by working with the police. Partner with Government on housing. Start Climate Change dialogue on options to defend coastal and floodprone properties. Urgently review council organisation to enable delivery.

Experience: 16yrs a local journalist. 6yrs a councillor. 3yrs Mayor. RMA Commissioner.

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