

## **Mike Barker**

### **Background and experience:**

I am a marine scientist having retired to Wanaka in 2014 from Otago University, As a keen angler, I fish in Central Otago, Southland and the Central South Island. I am a member of the Upper Clutha Angling Club and a current Otago F & G Councillor (2018 to present). I am the Otago representative to the N & G Council and a NZC research committee member. I am a trustee of the Clutha/Mata-Au Trust, tasked with restoring a recreational salmon fishery to the Clutha River.

### **Priorities and Concerns:**

I have a strong interest in the biology and ecology of marine and freshwater fish and invertebrates, and in the conservation of New Zealand's lakes and rivers. F & G, while funded entirely by the sale of licences for game bird hunting and sports fishing, plays a pivotal role in protecting the rights of kiwis to fish and hunt in and around our lakes and rivers. As a Councillor I will continue to advocate for habitat protection and access, and improving the quality of hunting and fishing opportunities for NZ anglers.

The next 3 years will be challenging for F & G as it develops a working relationship with a new minister and ministry (Hunting and Fishing). Otago must also submit a revised 10 year management plan in 2025.

F&G operates with a very tight budget in an environment with rapidly increasing costs. With several retiring Crs the incoming council needs to retain some experienced govenors as the organisation moves forward.

## **Candidate Profile Statement**

John Cruden

I am a 67 year old retired teacher, I hold a Fishing Licence. I moved to Mosgiel from South Canterbury two years ago and I'm beginning to find my way around local water. For over forty years, however, I have holidayed in the Catlins and this area remains one of my favoured waters. I have previously served on a Fish and Game council, the Central South Island one from October 2015 to October 2018. I also served for just under a year on a Environment Canterbury water committee in South Canterbury in 2021, I resigned because I was moving to Dunedin. I am standing again to be a Fish and Game Councillor because I want to give back to the sport. My overwhelming concern about our sport is water quality, and the health of freshwater ecosystems in general. I have a Master of Science degree which included Ecology and taught Biology for many years. I was Principal of Ophi College in Temuka for seven years, so I am experienced in meeting procedures and understand the difference between governance and management.

## **Candidate Interest Statement**

John Cruden

I am an active and financial member of Forest and Bird.

John Highton

I am an active fisher and duck hunter from Dunedin. I am keen to enhance opportunities for hunting and fishing in the region. I have now been a councillor for two terms and have enjoyed being part of a strong Otago team. I bring to the table management experience as a past head of a University department and as a Trustee, together with current hunting and fishing experience. As a councillor, I have also been representing Fish and Game on the Board of Tiaki Maniototo, a Catchment Group that is focused on practical environmental improvements in the Upper Taieri.

My priorities include:

Enhanced internet access to licensing, regulations and information. I would like to have a Fish and Game App to simplify access.

Wetland creation and restoration as a high priority

Fundraising as part of improved internet access especially funds for wetland creation

Catchment Group engagement as a practical way to interact with the farming community and to restore rivers and wetlands

New access opportunities especially as part of Catchment Group activities

Careful management of put and take fisheries and hatcheries addressing increasingly high summer water temperatures

Progress with salmon enhancement

Continued evolution of the successful Designated Waters system for managing sensitive fisheries

Increased councillor and ranger interaction with anglers and hunters

Good opportunities for young game hunters

Constructive interaction with Iwi

Careful and constructive attention to interaction with native fish

Recognition of hunting and fishing values in environmental legislation

Independence of Fish and Game as an organisation

Vicky May

I am currently a volunteer on the Otago F&G Council, elected for the Executive Committee and the vice chair position. Teviot Angling Club member and Trustee of the newly formed Clutha/Mata Au Trust.

I am proactive and have immense passion for our sport, I believe strongly as a Kiwi myself that we have the birth-right to fish and hunt this land. Our visitors to NZ can and should be paying more for the privilege to use our resources through the specifically formed non-resident licence.

I would be happy to aid in administering positive changes along with diversity within the region. As an organisation there is considerable work ahead to ensure we can sustain and enhance a positive way forward through our governance structures.

Our future that lies ahead is challenging, the ever-changing environment, licence fees rising along with the general costs of living. We need this sport; this is our coping mechanism for all sorts of reasons.

I for one am not giving up and not giving in, if nominated I will advocate for:

- . Hunters and anglers as New Zealanders to ensure their rights are heard and our precious resources are protected.
- . Access rights.
- . Maintaining and enhancing fish and game stocks.
- . Encouraging and empowering woman to fish, hunt and join our council.
- . Most importantly I'd like to encourage any interested children the opportunity to hunt and fish as I believe skills such as, communication, patience, knowledge and independence will set them up for life. What we do today shapes their world tomorrow!



Adrian McIntyre

Father, farmer, ecologist and dedicated outdoor man.

Farming, hunting and fishing is a sixth-generation passion shared with my wife Lesley, our children Kirsten and Adam and wider family and friends. I see this role as a key opportunity to actively contribute toward the future direction and governance of Fish and Game.

I have a strong interest in game bird shooting and fishing, and along with my father have over the last 35 years developed and managed approximately 10 hectares of wetlands on our farm.

I have served five terms on the council and I am currently a member of the executive committee.

Key opportunities and goals for me include:

1. Promoting outdoor opportunities in fishing and hunting to the next generation of young people.
2. Balancing the books to increase the focus on wetland retention whilst keeping licence prices affordable for the average New Zealand family.
3. Increasing the licence fees for non-residents to reflect the differential in heritage investment made by New Zealanders.
4. Keeping our rivers clean, clear and safe through education and the effective utilisation of our waterways for all users.
5. Providing a landowner's perspective on both the recreational and commercial use and access to waterways.

Blair Trevathan

I am a passionate waterfowler and outdoor enthusiast with a deep care for the fish and game of New Zealand and their environment.

I am grateful to have enjoyed my first term as a councillor here in Otago. I look forward to the opportunity standing for my second term with some exciting progression happening within the organisation and for our license holders.

I come from a farming background and currently work in many sectors of the farming / agriculture industry here in New Zealand giving me the unique opportunity to see what is happening out on the ground daily and a close eye on the bird populations on our farms and surrounding lakes and rivers.

Born and raised in Otago in the heart of New Zealand outdoor playground, at a very young age I started out following dad up the many lakes and rivers and through the bush-clad mountains in our region, doing what I love most – hunting, fishing and anything outdoors.

From my childhood I found my passion with wildlife, it had lead me to a life where a lot of friends would say “revolves around ducks”. The amount of days I am not out hunting or scouting during the season can generally be counted on one hand. I hunt from top to bottom of the Otago region every year without fail and cross a few regional boundaries along the way.

Coming from a farming background I believe I can assist with the growth of the relationship between Fish and Game, local license holders and farmers, where we can work towards better environmental outcomes for our future generations to enjoy.

I am keen to assist in bringing both Fish and Game opportunities to our licence holders for a sustainable long term future for all to enjoy.

### **Candidate Interest Statement**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have no conflicts of interest with Fish & Game NZ at the date of my nomination and I do not believe that any conflicts of interest are likely to arise in the future.