

Ōpōtiki District Council  
Coast Ward  
Electing 1 Councillor

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**Maxie KEMARA**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Coast Ward area.

KO RANGIPOUA TE MAUNGA

KO HAPARAPARA TE AWA

KO TE WHANAU A NUKU TE HAPU

KO TE WHANAU A APANUI TE IWI

I married with 2 kids who are now adults and they are off doing life.

My past work life, working 16 years for the N.Z. Police had me and my family living in Opotiki for 13 years. My wife, Kelli and I took our kids to Hamilton in 2014 to further their education and opportunities. Kelli and I have since moved home (December 2021) to Omaio to live. Now I am home, I am very keen to help create more opportunities for our own people on the coast. There is also a huge need to bring more services here to the coast, due to the government taking many services away through what they call "centralisation".