

# Masterton District Council

## Mayor

### Electing the Mayor

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**Gary CAFFELL**

I'm standing for the mayoralty because I believe it's time for the voices of the ordinary Joe and Jane Bloggs to be heard. They desperately need one of their kind to take up the cudgels for them so their futures, and those of their children, are protected.

Masterton district cannot afford more of the same. Rate hikes of near double figure proportions for urban dwellers increase the already hefty financial burden on ratepayers. Addressing that must be a major priority. Let's put local people first when it comes to consultancy fees and contract work and let's call on the wealth of local knowledge to enhance the governance of our parks and reserves.

Let's too have a region where our streets are a safe haven for young and old.

We don't need to spend big to make Masterton district an extraordinary place in which to live. We need to spend wisely.