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- Clive Tongaawhikau
  - Living Wage: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
  - Priorities: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
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  - Easter trading: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

**Mayor and North Ward**
- Bill Simpson
  - Living Wage: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
  - Priorities: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
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  - Easter trading: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

**Mayor**
- Richard Handley
  - Priorities: ? ? ✓ ✓ ✓ ? ?

**Hawera - Normanby Ward**
- Jack Rangiwhia

**NP City Ward**
- Bev Gibson
  - Living Wage: ? ? ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
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- Shaun Biesiek
  - Living Wage: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
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- Louise James
  - Living Wage: ✓ ✓ ? ? ✓ ✓ ✓
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  - Living Wage: ✓ ✓ ? ? ✓ ✓ ✓
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- Allan Melody
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- Harry Duynhoven
  - Living Wage: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
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  - Public engagement: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
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- Greg Mackay

**Southwest Ward**
- Bruce Gatward-Cook
  - Living Wage: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
  - Priorities: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
  - Public engagement: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
  - Easter trading: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

**Taranaki Regional Council TRC NP Constituency**
- David Gibson
  - Living Wage: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
  - Priorities: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
  - Public engagement: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
  - Easter trading: ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

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