



Philippa Barriball, Thames Coromandel District Mayor

Philippa is the youngest Mayor in New Zealand. After a long involvement with Emergency Services, Business Associations and Ratepayer Associations, Philippa was successfully elected to her local Community Board in 1998 with an unprecedented majority. During her term on the Community Board she became the first Board Member to be appointed to a Council Committee, and went on to become a Councillor at the next election. She became the Deputy Mayor in her first term, and chaired the Judicial Committee, as well as being on a number of Council Standing Committees. Philippa successfully stood for the Mayoralty in 2004 against seven candidates and was returned in 2007 with an increased majority. Philippa was 28 years old when she was elected to the Community Board, and just 34 years old when she was first elected as Mayor. She is also the first female Mayor for the Thames Coromandel District.