

## **GROWING ACTIVE CITIZENS**

**Helena Catt** is Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission. Before that she was a lecturer in Politics at the University of Auckland with a particular interest in democratic practice. She grew up in Scotland and moved to NZ in 1990 'for four years' and has been here ever since.

Favourite super hero - Gambit and Jean Grey from Xmen

**Victoria Owen** is a Senior Policy Analyst with Local Government New Zealand.

In this role she focuses on enhancing participation in local government, and was involved in establishing the Growing Active Citizens Group. Her work also involves working with councils and central government to support social and cultural wellbeing of communities. Victoria has worked in a range of areas across central and local government as diverse as parks and recreation, Treaty settlements, youth justice, and land management. Victoria has also been involved over a long period with grass roots social change initiatives including Treaty education and women's refuge.

Wonderwoman is her favourite superhero - strong, sexy and great boots!

**Shailer Hart** is the Metropolitan Community Adviser Youth Team Leader for the Christchurch City Council and has worked in this field with a youth portfolio and a passion for inclusion for more than a few years. Former Librarian, part time Rescue guru, Adult educator and facilitator, Mountain Bike Park owner and tree hugger.

Shailer doesn't need a superhero, but in weaker moments he looks to Samurai Jack for direction and courage.