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Urban Task Force Announces 2026 Leader Development Scholarship Recipient

TAURANGA, 9 December 2025: Urban Task Force (UTF) is pleased to announce Jeremy Tucker as the recipient of the 2026 Leader Development Scholarship, following a strong field of applicants.

Jeremy, a registered property valuer with Preston Rowe Paterson (PRP), impressed the judging panel with his clarity of purpose, commitment to expanding his governance experience and knowledge, and his alignment with UTF's vision for progressive urban development in Tauranga. The panel—comprising members of the UTF Board sub-committee—unanimously agreed that Jeremy demonstrated the strongest combination of capability, commitment, and potential.

“Jeremy clearly articulated how he would add value to UTF and how the opportunity aligns with our purpose,” the panel noted. “His responses showed a genuine understanding of the role and alignment with the spirit of the scholarship. We agreed he would contribute meaningfully to the Board, while also benefiting significantly from the experience and development the scholarship provides.”

Jeremy's professional background includes nearly eight years in the valuation sector, spanning rating, residential, commercial, and industrial valuation work across the North Island. His governance pathway is already well underway, having served as a Future Leader with the Property Institute of New Zealand (PINZ), currently an observer on the New Zealand Institute of Valuers Board, and secretary of the local PINZ branch.

The Leader Development Scholarship provides emerging leaders with exposure to UTF's Board, involvement in sector-shaping discussions, and opportunities to contribute to key regional issues affecting Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty's growth.

Urban Task Force congratulates Jeremy on his selection and looks forward to the fresh perspective and energy he will bring to the organisation in 2026.

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