

2015

# Fact Sheet



## Old Harbour Board Building Referendum

### GENERAL

Whangarei District Council has resolved to hold a referendum to decide the future use of the Old Harbour Board Building at the Town Basin.

The referendum will be held by postal vote, commencing on 10 March 2015 and concluding on Friday 5 June 2015. It will be conducted under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 and will be administered under contract, by Election Services, for the Whangarei District Council.

The outcome of the referendum will be binding on the Council (subject to the preferred option having secured the remaining capital funding by 30 June 2017).

### PROPOSALS

Council has sought proposals from the public on the possible future use of the Old Harbour Board Building. Of the submissions received, two proposals have been accepted and put forward by Council for further consideration by the public.

Electors will be asked to indicate which of the following three options for the future of the Old Harbour Board Building at the Whangarei Town Basin they support:

- Option A: Development of the building for the Harbourside Project;
- Option B: Development of the building for the Hundertwasser Wairau Maori Art Centre;
- Option C: Demolition of the building.

### ELECTORAL ROLL

Those eligible to vote at the election are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the Whangarei District Council Electoral Roll when it closes. The Preliminary Electoral Roll (by ward) will be available for public inspection at Council offices within the district from **Thursday 12 March 2015 to Thursday 9 April 2015**.

Resident Roll. All parliamentary electors, including those on the Māori Electoral Roll, are automatically enrolled on the Resident Roll, at the address where they live.

Any alterations to the Resident Roll (eg change of address details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form at any post shop;
- telephoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- accessing the Enrolment Services (Electoral Commission) website on [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz)

Ratepayer Roll. If a person is on the parliamentary roll in one area and pays rates on a property in another area, this person may be eligible to be enrolled on the non-resident ratepayer roll. A firm, company, corporation or society paying rates on a property may nominate one of its members or officers as a ratepayer elector (providing the nominated person resides outside of the area). Ratepayer Roll Enrolment Forms are available at all Council offices, or by phoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822.

## ELECTORAL SYSTEM

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for this referendum.

## VOTING PERIOD

Voting documents will be sent to all eligible electors, by post, from **Thursday 14 May 2015**.

The voting period is three weeks (**Thursday 14 May 2015 to noon Friday 5 June 2015**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the pre-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Thursday 14 May 2015 to noon Friday 5 June 2015 at the following Council offices:

- Whangarei District Council's Main Office, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei;
- Ruakaka Service Centre, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakaka.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by **noon Friday 5 June 2015**.

Preliminary results will be known late in the afternoon on **Friday 5 June 2015**. These will be accessible on Council's website [www.wdc.govt.nz](http://www.wdc.govt.nz)



For further information regarding this referendum, please contact the electoral office:

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