

FACT SHEET

2022 election

8 OCTOBER 2022



What does Council do?

The District Council meets regularly to make many decisions that impact the day-to-day lives of people in the Whangarei District area. The Council governs a wide range of local services including roads, water systems, rubbish collection, libraries, parks, community centres, dog registration, community and economic development and district planning.

Background

Local government triennial elections are being held by postal vote on Saturday 8 October 2022 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to Whangarei District Council.

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for the Whangarei District Council and the Northland Regional Council elections.

2022 Key Dates

Nominations open	Friday 15 July
Nominations close	Noon, Friday 12 August
Delivery of voting packs	from Friday 16 September
Close of voting	Noon, Saturday 8 October
Official results announced	Thursday 13 October

Who is being elected?

Following a decision to establish a Māori ward in 2021, Whangarei District Council undertook a representation arrangements review (review of wards, boundaries, numbers of elected members etc).

As a result of this, elections will be required for the following positions:

- Mayor (elected 'at large')
- Councillors (13)
 - Bream Bay General Ward (2)
 - Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward (2)
 - Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward (1)
 - Whangarei Heads General Ward (1)
 - Whangarei Urban General Ward (5)
 - Whangarei District Māori Ward (2)
- Northland Regional Council Member - either *:
 - 1 member from the Whangarei Central General Constituency, or 1 member from the Mid North General Constituency, or 1 member from the Coastal Central General Constituency or 1 member from the Coastal South General Constituency; or
 - 2 members from the Te Raki Māori Constituency

* subject to determination by the Local Government Commission, expected by 10 April 2022.

There will be no district health board elections in 2022.

How can I be nominated?

Nominations for these positions will open on Friday 15 July 2022 and close at noon on Friday 12 August 2022.

Nomination papers will be available during this period from:

- Whangarei District Council, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei;
- Whangarei District Council Service Centre, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā;
- by accessing www.wdc.govt.nz
- by telephoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822.

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate **must** be:

- a New Zealand citizen (by birth or naturalisation ceremony); **and**
- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand) on either the general or Māori electoral roll, irrespective of the ward being nominated for; **and**
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective area that a candidate is standing for.

A detailed candidate information handbook will be available from April 2022.

Who can vote?

Those eligible to vote are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the electoral roll when it closes on Friday 12 August 2022. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from **Friday 15 July 2022 to Friday 12 August 2022** at the above locations.

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 (e.g. change of address details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form at any postal agency;
- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on www.vote.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 (provided the nominated person resides outside the area). Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are available at: www.wdc.govt.nz, or by phoning 0800 922 822.

All electors will be able to vote for the Mayor, and those electors on the general electoral roll will be able to vote for the respective general ward and those on the Māori electoral roll will be able to vote for the Māori ward.

How to vote?

Voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled from **Friday 16 September 2022**.

The voting period is three weeks (**Friday 16 September 2022 to noon Saturday 8 October 2022**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange pre-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

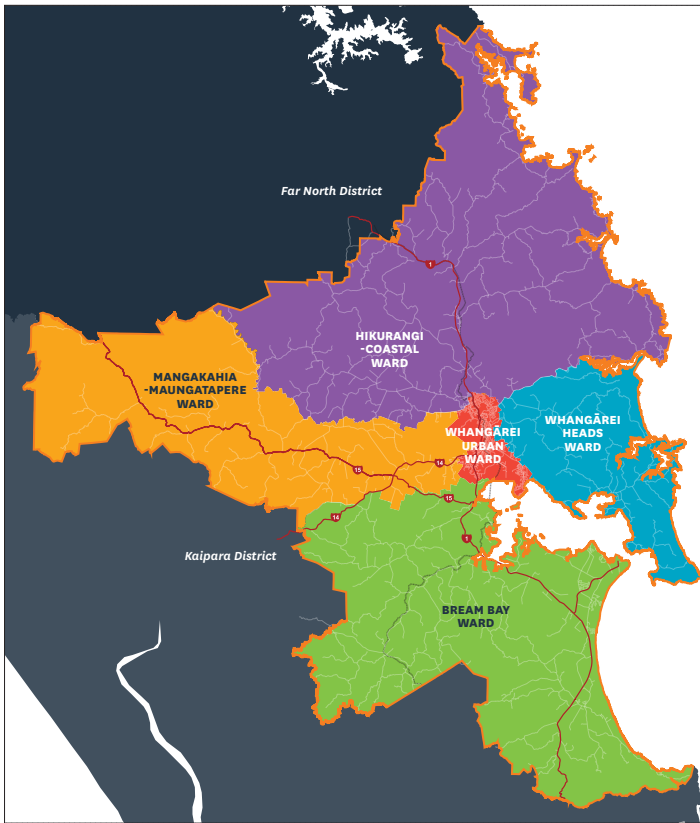
Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Friday 16 September 2022 to noon, Saturday 8 October 2022 at:

- Whangārei District Council, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangārei;
- Whangārei District Council Service Centre, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by **noon Saturday 8 October 2022**.

Progress results will be announced early afternoon on election day and preliminary results will be announced on Sunday morning, 9 October 2022. Final results will be known on Thursday 13 October 2022, with all results accessible on Council's website: www.wdc.govt.nz

WHANGĀREI DISTRICT COUNCIL - 2022 GENERAL WARDS MAP



WHANGĀREI DISTRICT COUNCIL - 2022 MĀORI WARD MAP



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