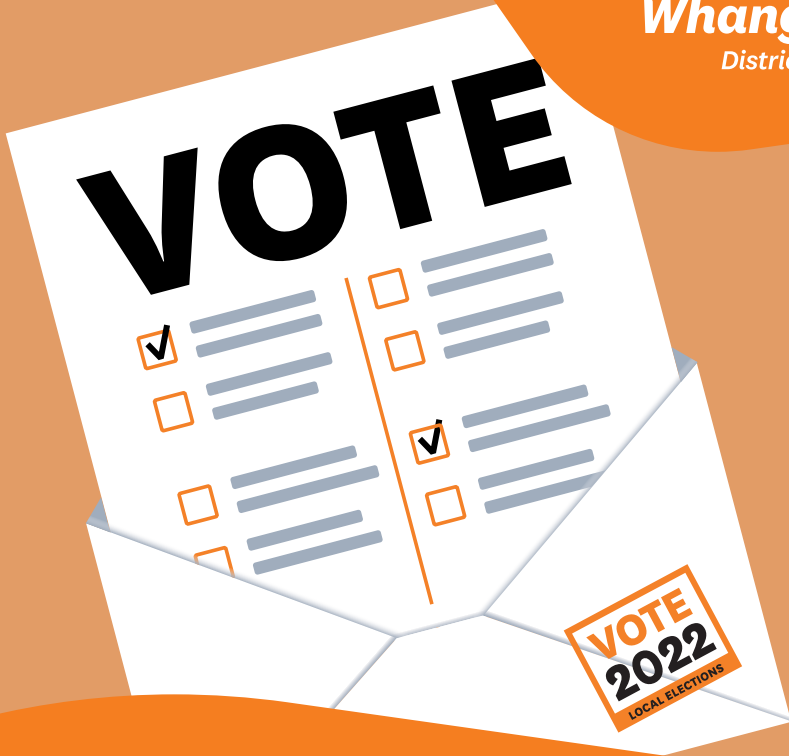




Whangarei
District Council



2022 Local Elections Guide

**2022 Pukapuka aratohu
pōtitanga ā-rohe**

Whangarei District Council will be holding a local election on **Saturday, 8 October 2022**. We've put together this booklet to help guide you through the election process, including key dates and information on how to enrol, how to stand and how to vote in the 2022 Local Government Election.

We'll be adding more detailed information to our website throughout the election process, so if you can't find what you're looking for in this guide, please keep checking online at www.wdc.govt.nz/LocalElections

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Our Council

Tō Tātou Kaunihera

Whangarei District Council is made up of the Mayor and councillors who represent our local communities. Local elections are held every three years to choose our representatives on Council.

After an extensive representation review in 2021, the Local Government Commission has determined representation of the Whangārei District for the 2022 local elections as follows:

Elected members

- 13 councillors in total:
 - 11 general ward councillors elected by ward, by electors enrolled on the general roll
 - 2 Māori ward councilors elected by one district-wide ward, by electors enrolled on the Māori roll

The Mayor elected at large, by those enrolled on both the Māori and general rolls.

Wards

SIX WARDS IN TOTAL

Five General Wards:

- Bream Bay General Ward
- Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward
- Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward
- Whangārei Heads General Ward
- Whangārei Urban General Ward

One Māori Ward:

- Whangārei District Māori Ward

| WARDS | | COUNCILLOR/S | ELECTED | ELECTORAL POPULATION (as at June 2020) |
|-------------|--|--------------|---------|---|
| Urban ward | ● Whangārei Urban General Ward | 5 | By ward | 40,800 |
| Rural Wards | ● Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward | 1 | By ward | 6,400 |
| | ● Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward | 2 | By ward | 11,600 |
| | ● Bream Bay General Ward | 2 | By ward | 13,100 |
| | ● Whangārei Heads General Ward | 1 | By ward | 7,130 |
| Māori Ward | ● Whangārei District Māori Ward | 2 | By ward | 18,800 |

GENERAL WARDS



- Bream Bay General Ward
- Hikurangi-Coastal General Ward
- Mangakahia-Maungatapere General Ward
- Whangārei Heads General Ward
- Whangārei Urban General Ward

MĀORI WARD



● Whangārei District Māori Ward

Electoral system

Te Pūnaha Pōti

Whangarei District Council uses the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system for its elections. When you vote in an FPP election, you tick the name of the candidate(s) you most prefer, up to the number of vacancies. When the votes are counted, the candidate(s) with the most votes are elected.

Electoral Officer

Te Kaiwhakahaere Pōti Mātua

Whangarei District Council appoints an independent Electoral Officer to conduct the local election on behalf of Council. Electoral Officers are responsible for all matters relating to the local election. The Electoral Officers duties include receiving nominations, counting votes and declaring the results.




Māori wards

Ngā Rohe Pōti Māori Ā–Kaunihera

Whangārei District will have one Māori ward for the 2022 Local Government Elections, with two Māori ward councillors elected District-wide.

If you're of Māori descent, you can vote for Māori ward candidates by enrolling on the Māori roll. If you enrol on the Māori roll, you can only vote for Māori ward candidates and the Mayor.

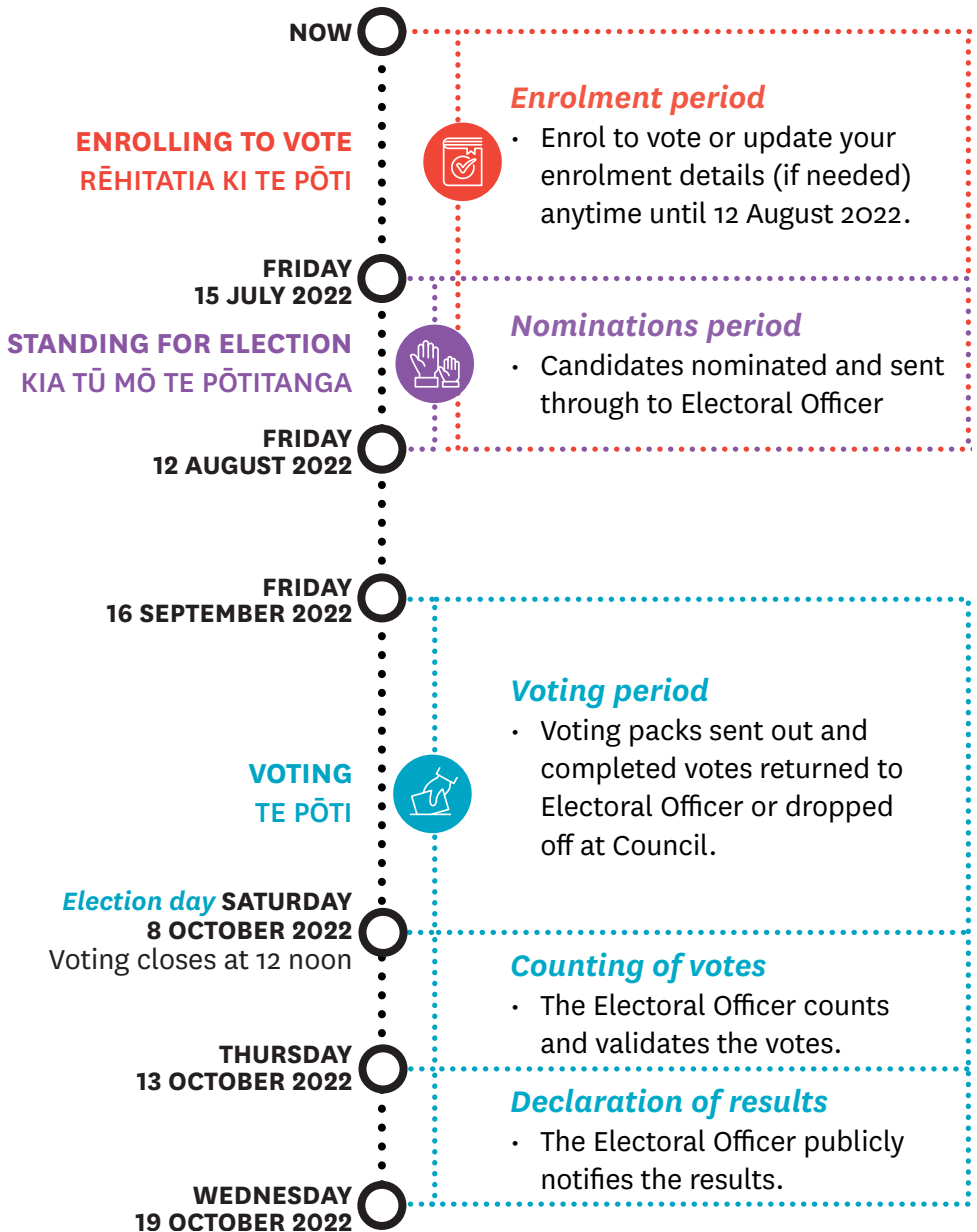
A candidate standing for election in a Māori ward does not have to be of Māori descent or on the Māori roll. To be eligible to stand for election in a Māori ward, you must be a New Zealand citizen (by birth or citizenship ceremony) and your name must be on the New Zealand parliamentary electoral roll anywhere in New Zealand. You'll need to be nominated by two people whose names appear on the Māori roll within the Whangārei District Māori Ward.



***All councillors
whether elected from
general or Māori wards,
represent the entire
community in the
Whangārei District.***

Key dates

Ngā Rā Mātua





Enrolling to vote ***Rēhitatia ki te pōti***

You're eligible to enrol and vote if you are 18 years or older, a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and you've lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more at some time in your life.

ENROLLING TO VOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME

RĒHITATIA KI TE PŌTI MŌ TE WĀ TUATAHI

If you're voting in an election for the first time, you must enrol to vote.

The Electoral Commission encourages and helps people to enrol to vote in elections. Enrolment forms are available at all post shops, or you can contact the Electoral Commission directly (contact details are provided at the end of this booklet).

IF YOU'RE ALREADY ENROLLED TO VOTE

KI TE RĒHITA ANŌ KI TE PŌTI

If you've already registered to vote in a general election, you're automatically enrolled to vote in a local election in the area where you live.

You can check or update your enrolment details by contacting the Electoral Commission or checking your enrolment details on their website www.elections.govt.nz

MĀORI AND GENERAL ROLLS

TE RĀRANGI PŌTI MĀORI ME TE RĀRANGI PŌTI WHĀNUI

Whangarei District Council has established a Māori ward for the 2022 local elections. If you're of Māori descent, you can choose between the Māori roll and the general roll when you first enrol to vote. You can only vote for candidates in the ward you're enrolled in (Māori or general). If you choose the general roll, you'll vote for candidates in a general ward. If you choose the Māori roll, you'll vote for candidates in a Māori ward.

If you are of Māori descent and have previously registered to vote in a general electorate, you are enrolled on the general roll and will not be able to vote for candidates standing in a Māori ward. Once you're enrolled, you can only change rolls during the Māori Electoral Option, which is usually held every 5 years. The next Māori Electoral Option is in 2024.

RESIDENT AND RATEPAYER ROLLS

TE RĀRANGI PŌTI KAINOHO ME TE RĀRANGI PŌTI KAIUTU REITI

For local elections, there are two electoral rolls, a resident roll for resident electors and a ratepayer roll for ratepayer electors. The preliminary electoral roll, containing both the resident roll and ratepayer roll, will be available for public inspection from Friday 15 July 2022 to Friday 12 August 2022. All eligible resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors who have enrolled by Friday 12 August 2022, will be sent voting papers by post.

RATEPAYER ROLL

TE RĀRANGI PŌTI KAIUTU REITI

If you live outside Whangārei District but you pay rates on a property within Whangārei District, you may be eligible to be enrolled on the ratepayer roll.

Find out more about ratepayer roll enrolment at

www.wdc.govt.nz/LocalElections



*You must be
enrolled to vote by
Friday 12 August
2022*



Standing for election ***Kia tū mō te pōtitanga***

Nominations for the Mayor and councillors will open on Friday 15 July 2022 and close at noon on Friday 12 August 2022.

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

- a New Zealand citizen (by birth or citizenship ceremony); and
- enrolled as a parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand); and
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the ward where the candidate is standing for election.

It doesn't matter where you live or what qualifications you have – all you need is a desire to serve your community.

There are a few important notes for candidates for the Whangarei District Council:

- a candidate may not stand for both the Whangarei District Council and the Northland Regional Council
- a candidate may stand for one ward only
- a candidate for mayor or councillor (or their spouse) cannot be concerned or interested in contracts worth over \$25,000 with the Whangarei District Council.

We'll be holding candidate information hui before nominations open, for those interested in standing for election. Keep an eye on our website for more information for candidates, including dates and times for candidate hui. www.wdc.govt.nz/LocalElections



Voting **Te Pōti**

Our local elections will be conducted by postal vote from Friday 16 September 2022 to Saturday 8 October 2022. Voting packs will be posted to everyone who has enrolled by Friday 16 September 2022.

Once you've received your voting papers, it's up to you to complete your vote, seal it in the pre-paid envelope and post or deliver it to the Electoral Officer. If you'd like to deliver it in person, we'll have ballot boxes at both of our Council Customer Service Centres.

SPECIAL VOTES

HE PŌTI MŌTUHAKE

Special votes are available to those who:

- have not received their voting pack during the voting period;
- do not appear on the final electoral roll but qualify to vote;
- have spoiled or damaged their voting paper.

You can learn more about special votes on our website.

COUNTING OF VOTES AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

TE TĀTAU O NGĀ PŌTI ME TE WHAKAPUAKITANGA O NGĀ OTINGA

Votes are counted by the Electoral Officer from noon Saturday 8 October 2022, and when all votes have been counted and validated, the result is declared.

After the results are in *Kua tae mai ngā otinga*

MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR SWEARING IN CEREMONIES AND INDUCTION

TE TIKANGA ŌATI O TE MEIA/KOROMATUA ME NGĀ KAIKAUNIHERA, ME Ā RĀTOU ARATAKI

After the results have been publicly notified, the newly elected Mayor and councillors will be sworn in. The Mayor and councillors will then be given an induction to make sure they have the knowledge needed to represent their community on Council.



Remember!

Post your vote BEFORE Tuesday 4 October

or

If you'd like to deliver it in person, ballot boxes will be at both of our Council Customer Service Centres from Friday 16 September 2022 to 12 noon Saturday 8 October 2022.



Contact details

Ngā taipitopito whakapā

ELECTORAL OFFICER

Dale Ofsoske – Election Services

Level 2A 198 Federal Street, Auckland 1010

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info@electionservices.co.nz

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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www.elections.govt.nz

WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

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www.wdc.govt.nz

Whangarei Service Centre

Forum North, 7 Rust Avenue, Whangarei

09 430 4200

Ruakaka Service Centre

9 Takutai Place

Ruakaka

09 432 8360

Local elections are conducted under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001.