

NOTICE OF 2025 TRIENNIAL LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS AND POLL

The following elections and poll will be held by postal vote on Saturday 11 October 2025.

Whanganui District Council

Election of the mayor

Election of ten councillors for the Whanganui General Ward

Election of two councillors for the Whanganui Māori Ward

Election of three members for the Kai Iwi subdivision of the Whanganui Rural Community Board

Election of two members for the Kaitoke subdivision of the Whanganui Rural Community Board

Election of two members for the Whanganui subdivision of the Whanganui Rural Community Board

Candidate names will be listed in fully random order on the voting papers.

In addition to the above elections – a Poll will be held to confirm whether Whanganui District Council electors wish to keep or remove the Māori ward as part of Whanganui District Council's representation structure.

The outcome of the poll is binding and will determine whether a Māori Ward will be retained for the Whanganui District Council elections in **2028 and 2031**.

Electoral System

First Past the Post

Nominations

Nominations for the listed positions open on **Friday 4 July 2025** and must be made on the appropriate nomination form for each position. Nomination forms and a candidate information handbook can be found either on the Whanganui District Council website or by request to electoral officers via Whanganui District Council Customer Services, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui

Completed nomination documents must be received by the electoral officer no later than **12 noon on Friday 1 August 2025**. Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 incl GST, payable by eftpos, cash or online banking (see nomination form for requirements).

Candidates are encouraged to submit a candidate profile statement and colour photograph with their nomination, for sending out with voting documents to electors. The requirements for profile statements and photos are set out in the candidate handbook which is available with the nomination forms. All nomination documents must be lodged at the same time.

Electoral Rolls

Preliminary electoral rolls for these elections can be inspected at the following locations during office hours from **Friday 4 July 2025 to Friday 1 August 2025**.

- Whanganui District Council office, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui
- Whanganui District Library, Pukenui Queen's Park, Whanganui
- Gonville Café Library, 44-46 Abbot St, Gonville, Whanganui

Electors may enrol or amend their enrolment details on the residential electoral roll by contacting the Electoral Commission:

- Online at www.vote.nz
- By texting your name and address to 3676,
- calling 0800 36 76 56,
- or by emailing enquiries@elections.govt.nz to ask for a form to be sent to you

Updates to the preliminary electoral roll close at **5pm on Friday 1 August 2025**.

You can still enrol after this time; however, you will need to cast a special vote. Locations and hours for community voting sessions will be published Whanganui District Council website closer to the voting period.

If you are of Māori descent, you may change between the Māori and General electoral roll for this election up until **Thursday 10 July 2025**.

Applications for registration as a ratepayer elector are to be made on the non-resident ratepayer elector enrolment form available wherever copies of the electoral rolls are displayed and must be returned to the Whanganui District Council electoral officer before **5pm Friday 1 August 2025**.

Online applications for ratepayer elector registration can also be made through the non-resident ratepayer portal: www.electionz.com/ratepayer

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