

FACT SHEET | WHĀRANGI MEKA

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
11 OCTOBER 2025



→ WHAT DOES COUNCIL DO?

The New Plymouth District Council meets regularly to make many decisions that impact the day-to-day lives of people in the New Plymouth District. 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

Triennial elections for elected members of most local authorities throughout New Zealand are to be conducted by postal vote, on Saturday 11 October 2025.

The elections will be conducted under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to New Plymouth District Council.

→ 2025 KEY DATES

Nominations open	Friday 4 July
Nominations close	noon, Friday 1 August
Delivery of voting packs	from Tuesday 9 September
Close of voting	noon, Saturday 11 October
Official results announced	Friday 17 October

→ ELECTORAL SYSTEM

The single transferable voting (STV) electoral system will be used for the New Plymouth District Council elections and the first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for the Taranaki Regional Council elections.

→ WHO IS BEING ELECTED?

The 2025 elections are for the following positions:

- Mayor (elected 'at large')
- Councillors (14)
 - at-large (5)
 - Kaitake-Ngāmotu General Ward (6)
 - Kōhanga Moa General Ward (1)
 - North General Ward (1)
 - Te Purutanga Mauri Pūmanawa Māori Ward (1)

- Community Board Members (20)
 - Clifton Community Board (4)
 - Inglewood Community Board (4)
 - Kaitake Community Board (4)
 - Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board (4)
 - Waitara Community Board (4)
- Taranaki Regional Council Members - either:
 - New Plymouth General Constituency (5); or
 - North Taranaki General Constituency (2); or
 - Taranaki Māori Constituency (1)

In addition, electors will be able to vote on two polls – whether to retain or disestablish the Māori ward for the New Plymouth District Council, and whether to retain or disestablish the Māori constituency for the Taranaki Regional Council. The outcome of these binding polls will apply to the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections.

→ HOW CAN I BE NOMINATED?

Nominations for these positions open on Friday 4 July 2025 and close at noon on Friday 1 August 2025.

For online nominations go to: www.esp.electionservices.co.nz

Printed nomination papers will also be available during this period from:

- New Plymouth District Council's Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth;
- Bell Block Library and Service Centre, 188 Parklands Avenue Shopping Centre, Bell Block;
- Inglewood Library and Service Centre, 46 Rata Street, Inglewood;
- Waitara Library and Service Centre, 15A Queen Street, Waitara;
- or download and print at: www.npdc.govt.nz.

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); **and**
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective area that a candidate is standing for.

A candidate information handbook will be available in May 2025.

➔ 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 1 August 2025. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from Friday 4 July 2025 to Friday 1 August 2025 at the locations overpage.

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:

➔ phoning 0800 36 76 56;

➔ accessing the Electoral Commission website:
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).

To check if you may be eligible, or to obtain an enrolment form, go to www.ratepayer.co.nz or www.npdc.govt.nz,

All electors will be able to vote for the mayor and respective community board members. Those electors on the general electoral roll will be able to vote for respective general ward councillors and those electors on the Māori electoral roll will be able to vote for the Māori ward councillor.

➔ HOW TO VOTE

Voting packs will be posted to all those who have enrolled from, from Tuesday 9 September 2025.

The voting period is just over four weeks (Tuesday 9 September 2025 to noon Saturday 11 October 2025).

Electors may drop off their completed voting documents to a vote box at a number of specified locations throughout the district or mail them back to the electoral officer using the orange ReplyPaid envelope sent with their voting documents.

The issuing of special voting documents and receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Tuesday 9 September 2025 to noon Saturday 11 October 2025 at the Civic Centre, New Plymouth District Council, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth. For up-to-date information on voting locations, check www.npdc.govt.nz

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by noon Saturday 11 October 2025.

➔ RESULTS

Progress results will be known early afternoon on election day, and preliminary results will be known on Sunday 12 October 2025.

Final results will be announced by Friday 17 October 2025, and all results will be accessible on Council's website: www.npdc.govt.nz.

2025 New Plymouth District Council Maps

