

FACT SHEET | WHĀRANGI MEKA

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
11 OCTOBER 2025



→ WHAT DOES COUNCIL DO?

The Waikato District Council meets regularly to make many decisions that impact the day-to-day lives of people in the 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 city planning.

→ BACKGROUND

Local government triennial elections are being held by postal vote on Saturday 11 October 2025 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to the Waikato District Council.

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for the Waikato District Council, the Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust and the Waikato Regional Council elections.

→ 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

→ WHO IS BEING ELECTED?

Elections will be required for the following positions:

- Mayor (elected 'at large')
- Councillors (13)
 - Awaroa-Maramarua General Ward (1)
 - Huntly General Ward (1)
 - Newcastle-Ngaaruawaahia General Ward (2)
 - Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward (2)
 - Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward (1)
 - Tai Runga Takiwaa Maaori Ward (1)
 - Tuakau-Pokeno General Ward (2)
 - Waerenga-Whitikahu General Ward (1)
 - Western Districts General Ward (1)
 - Whaingaroa General Ward (1)
- Community Board Members (32)
 - Huntly Community Board (6)
 - Ngaaruawaahia Community Board (6)

- Rural-Port Waikato Community Board (4) made up of:
 - North Subdivision (2), and
 - South Subdivision (2)
- Raglan Community Board (6)
- Taupiri Community Board (4)
- Tuakau Community Board (6)
- Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust (6 members elected 'at large')
- Waikato Regional Council members
 - Waikato General Constituency, (2), or
 - Ngā Hau e Whā Māori Constituency (1).

In addition, electors of the Waikato District Council area will be able to vote on a poll – whether to retain or disestablish the Maaori wards for the Waikato District Council. The outcome of the binding poll 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:

- Council's Main Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia
- Huntly Office and Library, 142 Main Street, Huntly
- Raglan Office and Library, 7 Bow Street, Raglan
- Te Kauwhata Office and Library, 1 Main Road, Te Kauwhata
- Tuakau Office, 2 Dominion Road, Tuakau
- or download and print at:
www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/elections.

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 on the electoral roll. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection between Friday 4 July 2025 and Friday 1 August 2025 at the locations listed above.

Resident Roll: All parliamentary electors, including those on the Maaori 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:

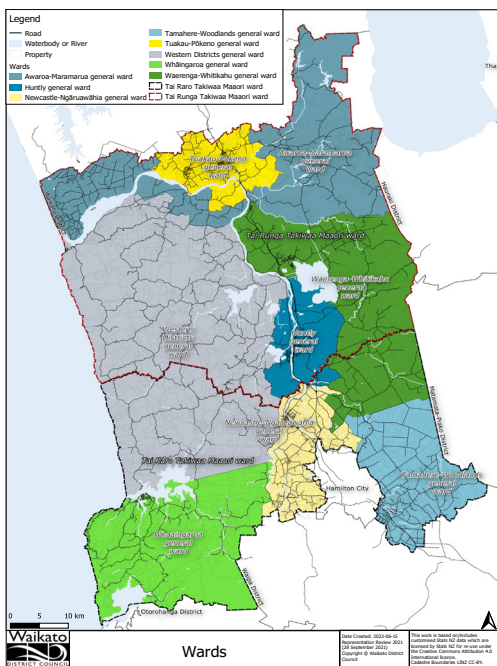
- ➔ phoning 0800 36 76 56;
- ➔ accessing the Electoral Commission website: www.vote.nz

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).

Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are available at:

- ➔ www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/elections or
- ➔ www.ratepayer.co.nz or
- ➔ by phoning 0800 922 822.

All electors will be able to vote for the mayor and respective community board members (if applicable). Those electors on the general electoral roll will be able to vote for the respective general ward councillors and those on the Maori electoral roll will be able to vote for the respective Maori ward councillors.



➔ HOW TO VOTE?

Voting packs will be posted to all those who have enrolled 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 post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange replypaid 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 Tuesday 9 September 2025 to noon Saturday 11 October 2025 at the following locations:

- ➔ Council's Main Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia
- ➔ Huntly Office and Library, 142 Main Street, Huntly
- ➔ Raglan Office and Library, 7 Bow Street, Raglan
- ➔ Te Kauwhata Office and Library, 1 Main Road, Te Kauwhata
- ➔ Tuakau Office, 2 Dominion Road, Tuakau

In addition, votes can also be hand delivered to a vote box at specific locations found on Council's website:

www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/elections

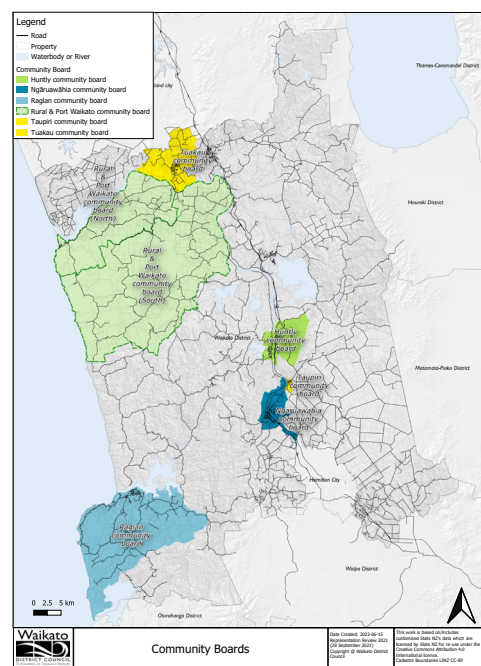
To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by noon, Saturday 11 October 2025.

➔ 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 at:

www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz



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