

BY-ELECTION FACT SHEET

Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward

GENERAL

As the result of a resignation, an extraordinary vacancy has occurred in the Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council. A by-election is now required to be held for one vacancy for the Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward on Friday 30 April 2021.

The by-election will be conducted by postal vote 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 Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the one vacancy open on **Thursday 4 February 2021** and close at **noon** on **Thursday 4 March 2021**.

Nomination papers will be available during this period from:

- Western Bay of Plenty District Council's Main Office, Barkes Corner, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton, Tauranga;
- Katikati Library & Service Centre, The Centre Pātuki Manawa, 21 Main Road, Katikati;
- Waihi Beach Library & Service Centre, Waihi Beach Road, Waihi Beach;
- by accessing www.westernbay.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); <u>and</u>
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll in the Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Those eligible to vote in the by-election are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the Electoral Roll for the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward by-election. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from **Thursday 4 February 2021** to **Thursday 4 March 2021** at the above locations.

<u>Resident Roll:</u> 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 (eg change of address details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- · completing the appropriate form at any post shop;
- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- 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 all territorial authority offices, or by phoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822.

VOTING PERIOD

Should the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies, voting documents will be sent to all eligible electors, by post, from **Thursday 8 April 2021.**

The voting period is three weeks (Thursday 8 April 2021 to noon Friday 30 April 2021). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the pre-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

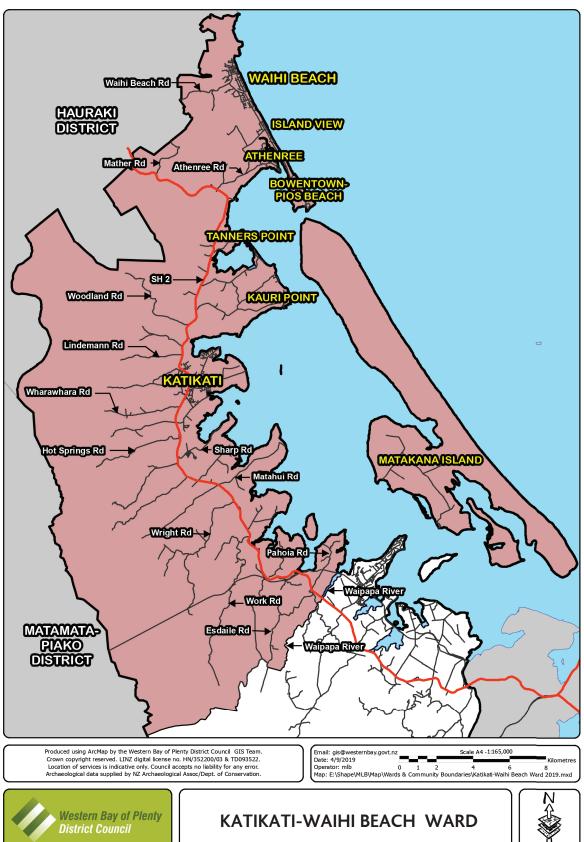
Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Thursday 8 April 2021 at the following locations:

- Western Bay of Plenty District Council's Main Office, Barkes Corner, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton, Tauranga;
- Katikati Library & Service Centre, The Centre Pātuki Manawa, 21 Main Road, Katikati;
- Waihi Beach Library & Service Centre, Waihi Beach Road, Waihi Beach:
- by phoning 0800 922 822, where one will be posted out.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official, by **noon** on **Friday 30 April 2021**.

Preliminary results will be known as soon as they are available after the close of voting on by-election day, and final results (including approved special votes) will be available later that afternoon. All results will be accessible on Council's website (www.westernbay.govt.nz).









For further information regarding this election, please contact the electoral office:



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