



**Western
Bay of Plenty**
District Council

Notice of By-elections

Maketu-Te Puke Ward and Ōmokoroa Community Board

By-elections are required to fill the following extraordinary vacancies;

- one Councillor to represent the Maketu-Te Puke Ward
- one Member for the Ōmokoroa Community Board.

The vacancies have arisen from the recent passing of Cr Richard Crawford (Maketu-Te Puke Ward) and the recent resignation of Greig Nielson (Ōmokoroa Community Board). Council now calls for nominations to fill the two vacancies.

Nominations

Nominations for the above positions open on Wednesday 24 April 2024 and must be made on the official nomination form. Copies of the nomination form and an information sheet can be requested from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council office, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton, Tauranga, downloaded from www.westernbay.govt.nz/council/elections or by request from the electoral officer (see contact details below).

Completed nomination documents must be received by the electoral officer no later than **noon on Wednesday 22 May 2024**. Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 incl GST, payable by cash, eftpos or online banking (see nomination form for requirements).

Candidates are encouraged to also submit a candidate profile statement and recent photograph, the requirements for which are set out in the information sheet. All nomination documents must be lodged together. Candidates should refer to the information sheet for further details.

Electoral rolls

Preliminary rolls for the by-elections can be inspected during normal office hours from Wednesday 24 April 2024 to Wednesday 22 May 2024 at the following venues:

- Ōmokoroa Library & Service Centre, 28 Western Avenue, Ōmokoroa;
- Te Puke Library & Service Centre, 130 Jellicoe Street, Te Puke;
- WBOPDC office, Barkes Corner, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton, Tauranga

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 to get a form sent to you
- By calling 0800 36 76 56 to ask for a form to be sent to you
- By email request to enquiries@elections.govt.nz

Updates to the preliminary electoral roll close at 5pm on Wednesday 22 May 2024.

Applications for registration as a ratepayer elector are to be made on the non-resident ratepayer elector enrolment form available from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council office or from the council's website and must be returned to the electoral officer before 5pm on Wednesday 22 May 2024.

Election Details

If a voting process is required to fill one or both vacancies, it will be conducted by postal voting using the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system. Candidate names will be listed in random order on the voting papers. The voting papers will be mailed out to electors on Wednesday 26 June 2024 and voting will close at midday on Thursday 18 July 2024.

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