

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

2025 Triennial Elections

PRELIMINARY RESULT

The preliminary result for the Western Bay of Plenty District Council elections held on Saturday 11th October is as follows.

Mayoralty		Votes Received
DENYER, James		4,370
MURRAY-BENGE, Margaret	(Independent)	2,678
JOYCE, Rodney	(Independent)	1,865
DALLY, Grant	(Basics Done Better)	1,710
THWAITES, Don		1,580
HOLYOAKE, John	(Independent)	1,175
BORELL, Suaree		926
BORELL-FAA'SOO, Danielle		294
INFORMAL		57
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		404

Katikati-Waihi Beach General Ward (2 vacancies)		Votes Received
SOLE, Allan		1,999
JOYCE, Rodney	(Independent)	1,893
CLEMENTS, John		1,325
EARL, Andy		1,301
STEVENSON, Wayne	(Bringing our communities together)	1,182
THOMAS, Candice		546
INFORMAL		16
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		92

Maketu-Te Puke General Ward (3 vacancies)		Votes Received
BEECH, Shane William		2,117
DALLY, Grant	(Basics Done Better)	2,046
RAE, Laura		1,526
WICHES, Andy		1,402
SINGH MANN, Manvir		993
BOWDEN, John		773
INFORMAL		2
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		73

Kaimai General Ward (3 vacancies)		Votes Received
MURRAY-BENGE, Margaret	(Independent)	2,388
COXHEAD, Tracey		2,348
ELVIN, Graeme		2,025

GRAINGER, Murray	1,880
THWAITES, Don	1,864
DEVER, Chris	1,847
COWLEY, Drew	678
BORELL-FAA'SOO, Danielle	452
LEAF, Destiny	448
INFORMAL	3
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	87

Waka Kai Uru Māori Ward (1 vacancy)	Votes Received
DINSDALE, Darlene (Independent)	517
BIDOIS, Carlton	420
BORELL, Suaree (Toitū te whenua - Toitū te Tiriti)	408
INFORMAL	1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	35

Katikati Community Board (4 vacancies)	Votes Received
HENRY, Anne	1,832
CLEMENTS, John	1,831
SAYER, James (Independent)	1,580
MAYO, Norm	1,360
EBERT, Barry (Independent)	1,336
MCCLLENAGHAN, Annie	1,103
THOMAS, Candice	809
SINGH, Puran	664
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	92

Maketu Community Board (4 vacancies)	Votes Received
WATERHOUSE, Aleisha	293
THOMAS, Cecil (Moki)	241
MOKO, Weina	223
ELLIOTT, Sue	222
WALTERS, Ieni (Beau)	219
SIMPSON, Stephan	204
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	23

Waihi Beach Community Board (4 vacancies)	Votes Received
STEVENSON, Wayne (Bringing our communities together)	921
KELLY, Gail	788
GOUDIE, Ross	701
GUPTILL, Heather (Independent)	690
INGLIS, Annette	568
MOWAT, Nicky	545
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	51

Ōmokoroa Community Board Subdivision (2 vacancies)	Votes Received
DEVER, Chris	1,474
MARSHALL, Murray (Experienced leadership for Ōmokoroa)	1,284
HUGHES, Allan	1,107
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	118

Kaimai West Community Board Subdivision (2 vacancies)	Votes Received
AKUHATA, Tina	827
TUHAKARAINA, Tania	795
PALM, Cherie	573
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	421

Kaimai East Community Board Subdivision (2 vacancies) **Votes Received**

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Bevan RAKOIA and Keith (Ski) WISNESKY are elected unopposed.

Te Puke Community Board Subdivision (3 vacancies)	Votes Received
SNELL, Dale	1,627
SUMMERHAYS, Karen (Your experienced Community Voice)	1,612
WILLIAMS, Marara	1,153
ELLIS, Kassie	1,114
INFORMAL	1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	155

Eastern Community Board Subdivision (2 vacancies) **Votes Received**

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Sally BENNING and Manvir SINGH MANN are elected unopposed.

Māori Ward Poll - Western Bay of Plenty DC (1 vacancy)	Votes Received
I VOTE TO REMOVE THE MĀORI WARD	8,359
I VOTE TO KEEP THE MĀORI WARD	5,788
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	912

The voter return was 37.61%, being 15,061 votes, excluding special votes.

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Electoral Officer
Western Bay of Plenty District Council
12 October 2025