

# FACT SHEET | WHĀRANGI MEKA

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS  
11 OCTOBER 2025



## → WHAT DOES COUNCIL DO?

The Kāpiti Coast 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 district 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 Kāpiti Coast District Council.

The single transferable voting (STV) electoral system will be used for both the Kāpiti Coast District Council elections and the Greater Wellington 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 (10)
  - elected 'at large' (2)
  - Ōtaki General Ward (1)
  - Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward (1)
  - Paraparaumu General Ward (3)
  - Waikanae General Ward (2)
  - Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward (1)

- Community Board Members (20)
  - Ōtaki Community Board (4)
  - Paekākāriki Community Board (4)
  - Paraparaumu Community Board (4)
  - Raumati Community Board (4)
  - Waikanae Community Board (4)
- Greater Wellington Regional Council Members
  - 1 member from Kāpiti Coast General Constituency, or
  - 1 member from the Te Upoko o te ika Māui Māori Constituency.

In addition electors will be able to vote on two polls — whether to retain or disestablish the Māori ward for the Kāpiti Coast District Council, and whether to retain or disestablish the Māori constituency for the Greater Wellington 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: [esp.electionservices.co.nz](https://esp.electionservices.co.nz).

Printed nomination papers and a candidate handbook will also be available during this period from:

- Kāpiti Coast District Council Offices, 175 Rimu Rd, Paraparaumu
- Waikanae Service Centre & Library, Mahara Pl, Waikanae
- Ōtaki Service Centre & Library, 81-83 Main St, Ōtaki
- Paraparaumu Library, 9 Iver Trask Pl, Paraparaumu
- Paekākāriki Library, 14 Wellington Rd, Paekākāriki
- Or download and print at: [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/vote](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/vote)
- For assistance call the electoral office 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) on either the general or Māori electoral roll, irrespective of the position being nominated for; **and**
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective area that a candidate is standing for.

A detailed candidate information handbook will be available online and at Council offices in May 2025.

## → WHO CAN VOTE?

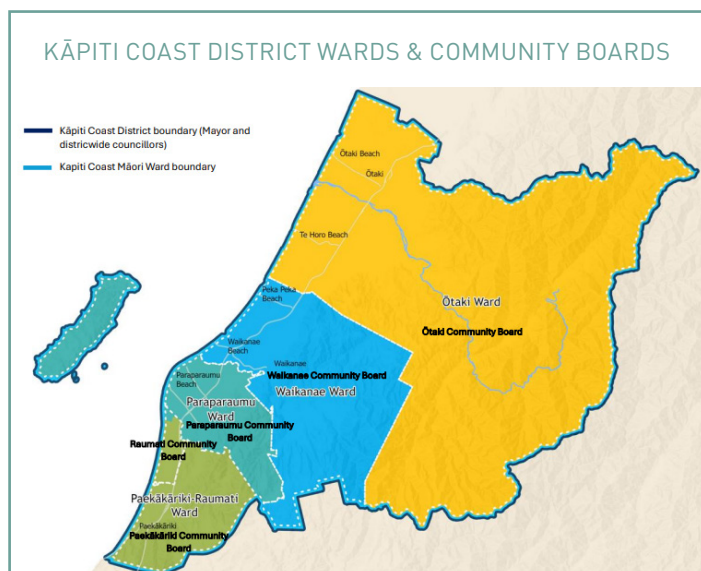
Those eligible to vote are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors on the electoral roll. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from Friday 4 July 2025 to Friday 1 August 2025 at the locations overpage. Those enrolled by 1 August 2025 will have their voting documents posted to them and those who enrol after 1 August 2025 will need to request a special vote.

**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:

- completing the appropriate form (available from the Electoral Commission or Council service centres and libraries);
- phoning 0800 36 76 56 to request a form be posted to you with a return envelope.
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on: [www.vote.nz](http://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 might be eligible, or to obtain a ratepayer roll enrolment form, go to [www.ratepayer.co.nz](http://www.ratepayer.co.nz) or [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz), or phone 0800 922 822.



## → HOW TO VOTE?

Voting packs will be sent out in the mail 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 prepaid envelope sent with their voting document.

**Special Votes:** Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents will be available at the following locations:

- Kāpiti Coast District Council Offices  
175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu;
- Ōtaki Library, 81-83 Main Street, Ōtaki.

For up-to-date information on special vote locations and opening hours, check [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz).

**Ballot boxes:** In addition, polling places for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Tuesday 9 September 2025 to noon Saturday 11 October 2025 at:

- Kāpiti Coast District Council Offices  
175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu;
- Paraparaumu Library, 9 Iver Trask Place, Paraparaumu;
- Waikanae Library, 9 Mahara Place, Waikanae  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Wed 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm
- Ōtaki Library, 81-83 Main Street, Ōtaki;
- Paekākāriki Library, Wellington Road, Paekākāriki.

A full list of times and locations of these polling places will be published on Council's website [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz](http://www.kapiticoast.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 announced on Sunday, 12 October 2025.

Final results will be announced on Friday 17 October 2025 and will be accessible on Council's website: [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/vote](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/vote)