



Local Government Elections 2016

Welcome

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Candidate Information Evening
5.30pm Tuesday 28 June 2016
War Memorial Hall, Wairoa

Programme

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- Tea/coffee



Team Intro

- **Fergus Power**
Chief Executive Officer
- **James Baty**
Electoral Officer
- **Trudy Clark**
Deputy Electoral Officer
- **Charlotte McGimpsey**
Governance Advisor & Policy Strategist
- **Dale Ofoske**
Independent Election Services Ltd, Electoral Official



Housekeeping

- Emergency exits
- Mobile phones (off please)
- Toilets
- Hold questions to the end
- Tea/coffee
- Why are we here this evening?



Wairoa District Council overview

- Role of local government
 - Established in statute
 - Authority to make decisions in the best long-term interests of the community
 - Consists of city, district and regional councils
 - Hawke's Bay is one of 11 regional councils
 - Wairoa is one of 54 district councils
 - There are six unitary authorities



Wairoa District Council overview

- Functions, responsibilities and activities
 - The purpose of the Wairoa District Council is to enable democratic local decision-making to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the Wairoa District in the present and for the future.



Wairoa District Council overview



- In meeting its purpose the Wairoa District Council has a variety of roles:
 - Facilitating solutions to local needs
 - Advocacy on behalf of the local community with central government, other local authorities and other agencies
 - Development of local resources



Wairoa District Council overview

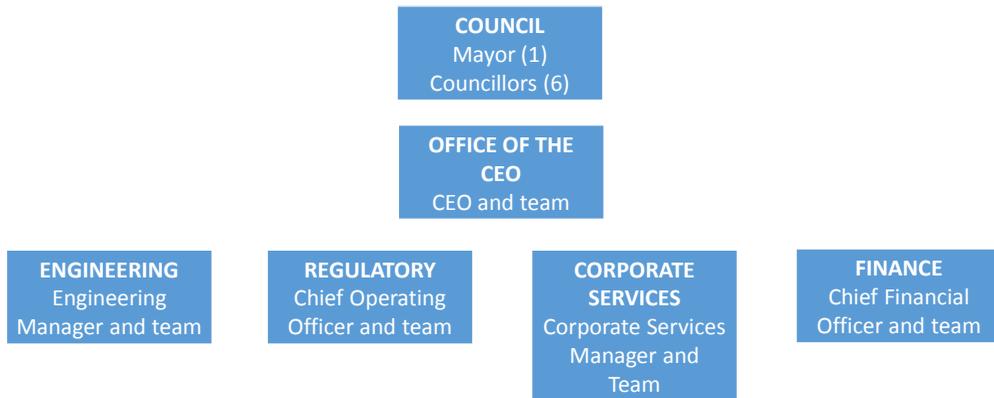


- Management of local infrastructure including network infrastructure (e.g. roads, sewage disposal, water, stormwater) and community infrastructure (libraries, parks and recreational facilities)
- Environmental management
- Planning for the future needs of the local district



Wairoa District Council Overview

- Structure



Wairoa District Council overview



- General facts and figures

- Population of district: ERP 8,180 (2015)
- District size: 411,963 hectares (4,120 km²)
- Annual expenditure: \$23.5m
- Rating income: \$11.7m
- Number staff: 55
- Number of electors: 5,460



Elections overview

- General electoral information
- Key election dates
- Elections required
- Electoral systems
- Electoral roll
- Candidate qualifications
- Nomination process
- Campaigning
- Candidate expenditure
- Scrutineers
- Results
- Resources



Elections overview: General information

- Wairoa District Council has 5,461 electors (at 30 April 2016)
- Elections held by postal vote
- Election day Saturday 8 October
- Two electoral systems used – FPP and STV
- Order of candidate names alphabetical



Elections overview: Key election dates

Date	Activity
Friday 15 July	Nominations open
Friday 12 August	Nominations close
Friday 13 September to Wednesday 21 September	Delivery of voting documents
Saturday 8 October	Election day, preliminary results after noon
Thursday 13 October	Declaration of results
Saturday 15 October	Public notice of declaration
Sunday 16 October	Elected members come into office

Elections overview: Elections required

- Mayor (1) – elected at large
- Councillors (6) – elected at large
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council (1) – Wairoa Constituency
- Hawke's Bay Health Board Members (7) – elected at large

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Elections overview: Elections required

- Māori representation poll
 - Held at same time as triennial Council election
 - Poll to determine whether Wairoa District is to be divided into one or more Māori wards
 - Outcome of poll binding for two triennial elections (2019, 2022)



Elections overview: Electoral systems

Two electoral systems used:

- First Past the Post (FPP)
 - Vote by ticking candidates names (for number of vacancies)
 - Candidates with highest number votes wins
 - Used for Wairoa District Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council
- Single Transferable Voting (STV)
 - Form of preferential voting
 - Vote by ranking candidate names in order of preference
 - Used for Hawke's Bay District Health Board



Elections overview: Electoral rolls

- Wairoa District Council compiles two electoral rolls:
 - Resident electoral roll
 - New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
 - Aged 18 or over
 - Resided continuously in New Zealand for one year or more
 - Resided at an address for one month or more
 - Total 5,461 resident electors (30 April 2016)



Elections overview: Electoral rolls

- Ratepayer electoral roll
 - For non-resident electors
 - Updated every three years
 - By application, not automatic
 - Approximately 100 rate payer electors (October 2013)



Elections overview: Candidate qualifications

- Candidates for district council:
 - New Zealand citizen
 - Over the age of 18
 - Enrolled on the parliamentary electoral roll (anywhere)
 - Cannot stand for the district council and the regional council
- Elected members (or spouses) cannot be concerned with or be interested in contract with Wairoa District Council over \$25,000 (contact The Office of the Auditor-General for advice)
- Any employee of Wairoa District Council who is elected must resign as employee before taking up position



Elections overview: Nomination process

- Nominations open Friday 15 July 2016
- Nomination papers will be available from:
 - Wairoa District Council's office's, Coronation Square, Queen Street, Wairoa
 - by phoning (06) 838 7309
 - by accessing www.wairoadc.govt.nz



Elections overview: Nomination process

- Cannot nominate yourself
- Nominated by two electors from district
- Each nomination requires:
 - \$200 (including GST) deposit (most are refunded)
 - 150 word candidate profile statement
 - Recent passport-size colour photo



Elections overview: Nomination process

- Candidates are able to have affiliation or can be independent
- Unacceptable affiliations
 - Might cause offence
 - Likely to cause confuse or mislead electors
 - Is an election slogan
- Nomination close noon, Friday 12 August
- Also required to include:
 - Statement on principal place of residence
 - Statement on all positions standing for



Elections overview: Campaigning

- Campaigning can occur anytime, including election day
- Election signs permitted on private property (with owners consent) from Monday 8 August 2016
- Election signs must be removed by midnight Friday 7 October 2016
- Election signs not permitted on council-owned property
- Election signs must show details of authorising person

Elections overview: Campaigning

- Candidates or their agents must not collect voting documents from electors
- Be mindful of election offences



Elections overview: Candidate expenditure

- All positions have candidate election expenditure limits based on population of area

Local government area population	Expenditure limit
Up to 4999	\$3500
5000-9999	\$7000
10,000-19,999	\$14,000
20,000-39,999	\$20,000
40,000-59,000	\$30,000
60,000-79,999	\$40,000
80,000-99,999	\$50,000
100,000-149,000	\$55,000
150,000-249,999	\$60,000
250,000-999,999	\$70,000
1,000,000 or more	\$100,000
*plus 50c per elector	
Expenditure limits are inclusive of GST	

Elections overview: Candidate expenditure

Constituency	Population	\$ Limit
Wairoa District (6)	8,100 (est.)	\$7,000

- Expenditure to be GST inclusive
- Electoral expenses and electoral donation form must be completed
- Forms to be returned by Friday 9 December (enforced)
- Forms available for public inspection:
 - Care to ensure accurate (declaration)

Elections overview: Scrutineers

- Candidates may appoint scrutineers
- Scrutineers can observe:
 - Roll scrutiny process (during voting period)
 - Counting of votes (after close of voting)
- Cannot observe early processing (during voting period)
- Processing of votes undertaken in Auckland
- Must be aged over 18 years
- Scrutineer appointment before noon Friday 7 October

Elections overview: Results

- Voting closes at noon Saturday 8 October
- Progress results (98% votes counted, exclude votes lodged at district council office on election morning)
- All candidates emailed, media advised
- Preliminary results (100% votes counted) before midnight
- All results available on www.wairoadc.govt.nz
- Final results available Thursday 13 October, 2016
- Declaration of results in newspapers - Saturday 15 October, 2016
- Elected members take office day after public notice

Elections overview: Resources

- Candidate Information Handbook
- Electoral legislation (www.legislation.govt.nz)
- Attend a Council meeting
- Read agenda and minutes that are available on line (http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz/wairoa/your_council/agendas_7_meetings/index.htm?xhighlightwords=minutes)
- Talk to presenter or council officer

After the election

- Preliminary results announced on election day
- Thursday 13 October, official results announced
- Public notice of election results, Saturday 15 October 2016
- XX October – Council inauguration. Newly elected members cannot act until making “oath of office”.
- Late October induction period



Questions at this point

