

VOTING OPENS 16 SEPTEMBER

With nominations for this year's Local Body election now confirmed the focus is turning to campaigning and voting. Locally there are 15 candidates standing for seven elected member positions, being the Mayoralty, three general ward positions and three Māori ward positions.

Traditionally Wairoa has had a strong voter turnout with 63% of people having their say in 2016 and dropping, in line with a national voting decline, in the last election to 51.43%.

Voting papers for this year's local body election will start to be sent out at the end of next week and voters should receive their voting papers between September 16 and 21.

Local voters are urged to have their say and make their vote count.

Voting closes at midday on Saturday October 8. If you are returning your voting paper by mail, you are advised to post your voting paper in a NZ Post Box before Tuesday, October 4, to reach the electoral office before the close of voting.

As well as voting in the Wairoa District Council election, Wairoa

voters will be able to vote for the Wairoa representative on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, and for those on the Māori Electoral Roll, the new northern ward seat.

To be able to vote in the upcoming Wairoa District Council election you need to be registered on the Parliamentary Roll. If you don't think you are registered to vote or want to check your details head to www.vote.nz to check your details.

Anyone wanting to vote who is not enrolled may need to arrange a special vote by contacting the Wairoa District Council Electoral Officer Juanita Savage at the Council by phoning 06 838 7309. To check your details, or to enrol, you can also pop into the Wairoa District Council office and fill in a form or call 0800 36 76 56 and ask for a form to be sent to you.

The Wairoa District Council website also has a range of electoral information, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions, www.wairoadc.govt.nz

FOR YOUR DIARY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 13th September 1.30pm

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 20th September 1.30pm

CONTACT US

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Queen St, Wairoa

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HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?

When will I receive my voting papers?

Voting papers will be delivered Friday 16 September to Wednesday 21st September. If you haven't received them by Friday 23 September give the electoral officer a call on 06 838 7309.

When I have filled in my voting papers where do I send them?

Put them in the postage paid return envelope included in your voting pack. They will be sent directly to Independent Election Services Limited in Auckland where the votes are processed and counted.

Who counts the votes for Wairoa's election?

Independent Election Services Limited based in Auckland. Their details can be found at <https://www.electionservices.co.nz/>

What if I don't receive my voting papers in the mail?

Contact the electoral officer on 06 838 7309.

What's the last day to put my voting papers in the mail?

We recommend putting them in the post no later than Tuesday 4 October to ensure they reach the electoral office before votes close on Saturday 8 October.

Is there a ballot box I can put my voting papers instead of the mail?

Yes. There is a secure ballot box located at the Council office, Coronation Square, Queen Street, Wairoa. The electoral officer will courier these to Independent Election Services Limited in Auckland for processing and counting. There is no processing or counting done in Wairoa.



Local people. Local impact.

HAWKE'S BAY 2022 LOCAL ELECTIONS

Voting opens **Friday 16 September** and closes at noon, **Saturday 8 October**.

Completed postal votes must be mailed by Tuesday 4 October, or dropped into a ballot box. Visit wairoadc.govt.nz and hbrc.govt.nz for more info and for a full list of ballot box locations.



SEPTEMBER MICROCHIPPING AMNESTY

Bring your dog to the Council building anytime during opening hours in September to get your dog microchipped for **FREE!**

WHY SHOULD YOU MICROCHIP YOUR DOG?

A microchip safely links a dog with its owner and ensures that if your dog is ever lost or stolen, they can be returned to you. Under Section 36A of the Dog Control Act 1996, all registered dogs must be microchipped.

Any dog classified as a working dog is exempt from being microchipped. However, working dogs are more than welcome to receive a free microchip if they are travelling often for work, dog trials, etc.

CONTACT US
FOR MORE
INFORMATION

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OPEN
WEEKDAYS
8AM - 4:30PM



ELECTION TIMELINE

- ✓ Consider being a candidate
Until Friday 15 July, 2022
- ✓ Candidate nominations open
Friday 15 July, 2022
- ✓ Candidate nominations close
12 noon, Friday 12 August, 2022
- ✓ Candidates announced
Wednesday 17 August, 2022
- 📌 Final Electoral Roll certified by
Electoral Officer
Monday 12 September, 2022
- 📅 Voting papers sent to enrolled
voters
16-21 September, 2022
- 📅 Voting opens
16 September-8 October, 2022
- 📅 Official results declared
14-19 October, 2022