

## 2010 Local Authority Elections

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### When are they?

Election day is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

### Why is it important for me to vote?

Voting is about having your say. Expressing your views is important in a democracy. Councils make decisions that affect your everyday life, such as decisions on roads, footpaths, water, drains, rubbish collection, libraries and sportsgrounds. By voting, you are taking part in your community and electing people to make decision in your community.

### How do I get my voting papers?

Voting papers will be posted to everyone on the electoral roll between Friday 17 September and Wednesday 22 September 2010.

### How do I know if I am on the Electoral Roll?

The Council uses the same data as is used for parliamentary elections. So, if you have enrolled on the parliamentary roll, you will be on the roll for local government elections.

### Can I inspect the Electoral Roll to check it?

Yes, the preliminary electoral roll will be open for inspection from Friday 23 July 2010. The full roll for the Central Hawke's Bay District can be inspected at:

- Central Hawke's Bay District Council Offices – 28-32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa
- Waipawa Library – Islington Drive, Waipawa
- Waipukurau Library and Service Centre – Kitchener Street, Waipukurau

### How do I get on the Electoral Roll?

There are 3 ways to get on the parliamentary roll. These will put you on what is called the residential roll for the local government elections.

- Complete the "Enrolling to Vote Application" form at any Post Shop.
- Go to the Elections New Zealand website [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz)
- Ring 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56).

You can also change your address details at any Post Shop or online.

### I live in Taupo but own a property in Central Hawke's Bay. Can I vote in Central Hawke's Bay?

Yes, there is a 'ratepayer electoral roll' for non-resident electors. Enrolment on it is voluntary and only one person can be nominated as a voter if a property is jointly owned or owned by a corporate body like and company or society.

A form for the non-resident ratepayer roll can be downloaded from this website or is available from the Electoral Officer.

### **What can I vote for?**

You will be able to vote for:

- The election of the mayor
- The election of councillors for your ward
- The election of councillors for your constituency of Hawke's Bay Regional Council
- The election of members of the Hawke's Bay District Health Board

### **How does the ward system work?**

Central Hawke's Bay District has 2 wards. The position of mayor is elected "at large", which means it is voted for by all the electors of the district.

Councillors are voted for by the residents on a ward system.

- Aramoana/Ruahine Ward – residents vote for 4 councillors
- Ruataniwha Ward – residents vote for 4 councillors

You can only vote for the councillors for the ward you live in.

### **Who can stand for Mayor or Councillor?**

If you wish to stand for election you must be:

- At least 18 years old
- On an electoral roll as a parliamentary elector
- A New Zealand citizen

You need to be nominated by 2 people, both of whom must be on the electoral roll for the ward you wish to stand for.

More information on standing is available in the Candidate Information Booklet which you can obtain from the Electoral Officer.

A Candidate Briefing session for prospective candidates will be held at the Council office, Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21 July 2010. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate is invited to attend.

### **When can I get Nomination Forms?**

Nominations open on Friday 23 July 2010.

Each candidate must be nominated on the official nomination paper available during normal office hours from the following places:

- By phoning toll free number 0508 666 990
- Central Hawke's Bay District Council's main office at 28-32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa
- Waipukurau Library and Service Centre, Kitchener Street, Waipukurau

- By phoning the Central Hawke's Bay District Council on (06) 857 8060
- Or downloaded from this website (from 23 July 2010)

**When do nominations close?**

Nominations close at 12 noon on Friday 20 August 2010.

Nomination papers for the Central Hawke's Bay District Council candidates are to be lodged at the Central Hawke's Bay District Council offices at 28-32 Ruataniwha Street, (PO Box 127) Waipawa. Central Hawke's Bay District Council's office hours for lodgement are, Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, except on 20 August when 12 noon is the cut-off time for lodgement.

Late nominations will not be accepted.

**Does it cost anything to stand?**

Every candidate pays a deposit of \$200 for each position they stand for. That is refunded if you get elected or get more than 25% of the votes of the lowest successful candidate.

**Queries**

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