

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

**SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY.
STAND FOR LOCAL GOVT.**



Karakia

Tūtawa mai i runga

Tūtawa mai i raro

Tūtawa mai i roto

Tūtawa mai i waho

Kia tau ai

Te mauri tū

Te mauri ora

Ki te katoa

Haumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!



Kia ora | Welcome



AGENDA

- Electoral Process
Presented by TCDC Electoral Officer
- Thames-Coromandel District Council Elections
Presented by TCDC Staff
- Waikato Regional Council Elections
Presented by WRC Electoral Official
- Question and Answer Session after each presentation

CANDIDATE INFORMATION BRIEFINGS

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

Candidate Information Briefings



SATURDAY, 12 JULY 2025

WHANGAMATĀ	10am – 12pm Whangamatā Service Centre 620 Port Road, Whangamatā
TAIRUA	1.30pm – 3.30pm St Francis House, 248 Main Road, Tairua
WHITIANGA	5pm – 7pm Mercury Bay Service Centre (rear of building) 10 Monk Street, Whitianga

SUNDAY, 13 JULY 2025

COROMANDEL TOWN	10am – 12pm Coromandel Town Service Centre 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town
THAMES	2pm – 4pm Thames War Memorial Civic Centre 200 Mary Street, Thames

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

2025 Local Government Elections

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Dale Ofsoske, Electoral Officer

12-13 July 2025

Agenda

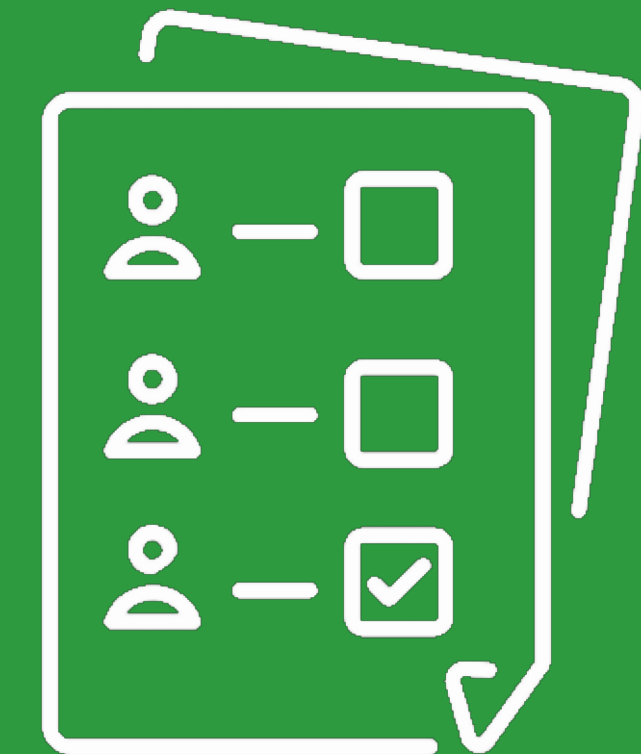
How do I become a candidate?



What do I need to know about campaigning?



How does the voting work?

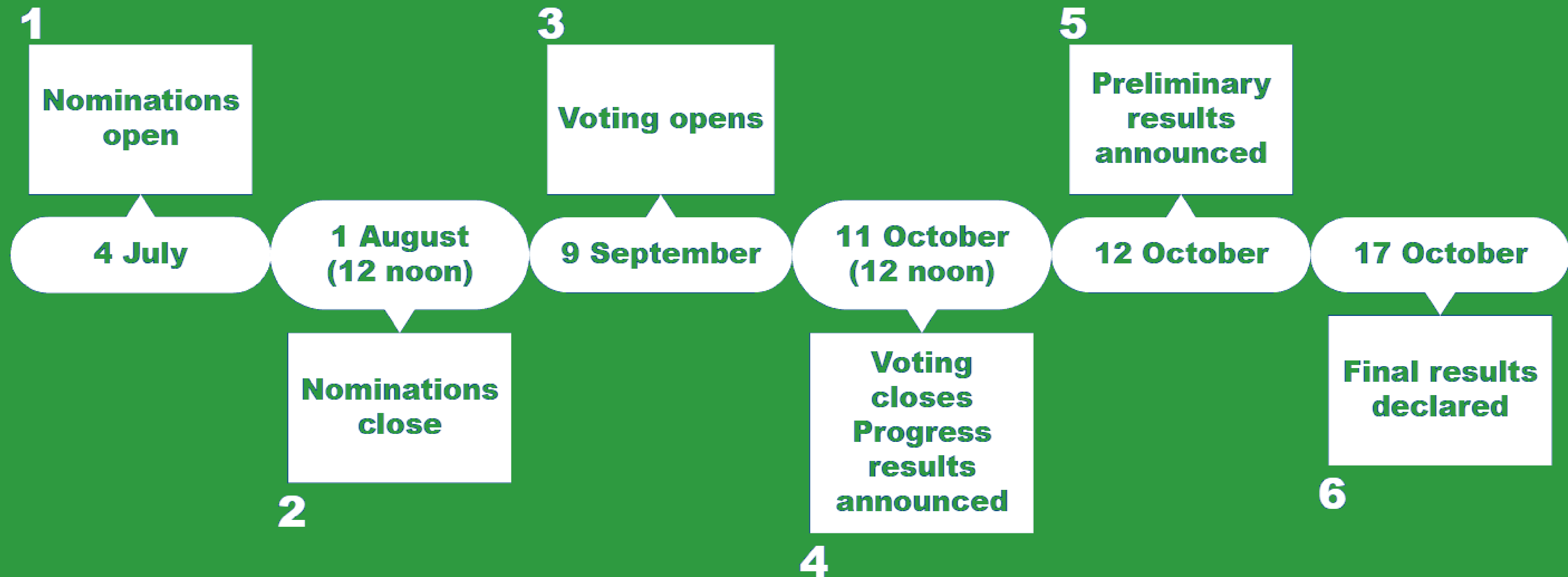


Key terms

Some terms:

- TCDC: Thames-Coromandel District Council
- WRC: Waikato Regional Council
- Elector: a person who is eligible to vote, and who is enrolled
- Electoral roll: list of electors, who are either on the Māori or general roll
- Maaori Electoral Roll: a list of electors who are enrolled on the Māori roll
- General Electoral Roll: a list of electors who are enrolled on the general roll

Key election dates



General electoral information

TCDC:

- Population of around 32,500 people, and 26,102 electors
 - 23,213 electors on the general roll
 - 1,732 electors on the Māori roll
 - 24,945 resident electors
 - 1,157 non-resident ratepayer electors (check/enrol www.ratepayer.co.nz)
 - Roll closes 1 August
- FPP electoral system used
- Candidates listed in alphabetical order

General electoral information

WRC:

- Elections also being held for Waikato Regional Council
- FPP electoral system used
- Candidates are listed in random order

Elections required

- Mayor
- 10 councillors
- 20 community board members
- Māori ward poll
- 1 regional councillor

Thames-Coromandel District Council

- 9 general ward councillors:
 - Coromandel-Colville General (1)
 - Mercury Bay General (3)
 - South East General (2)
 - Thames General (3)
- 1 Māori ward councillor
 - Te Tara o Te Ika Māori (1)

Thames-Coromandel District Council Wards



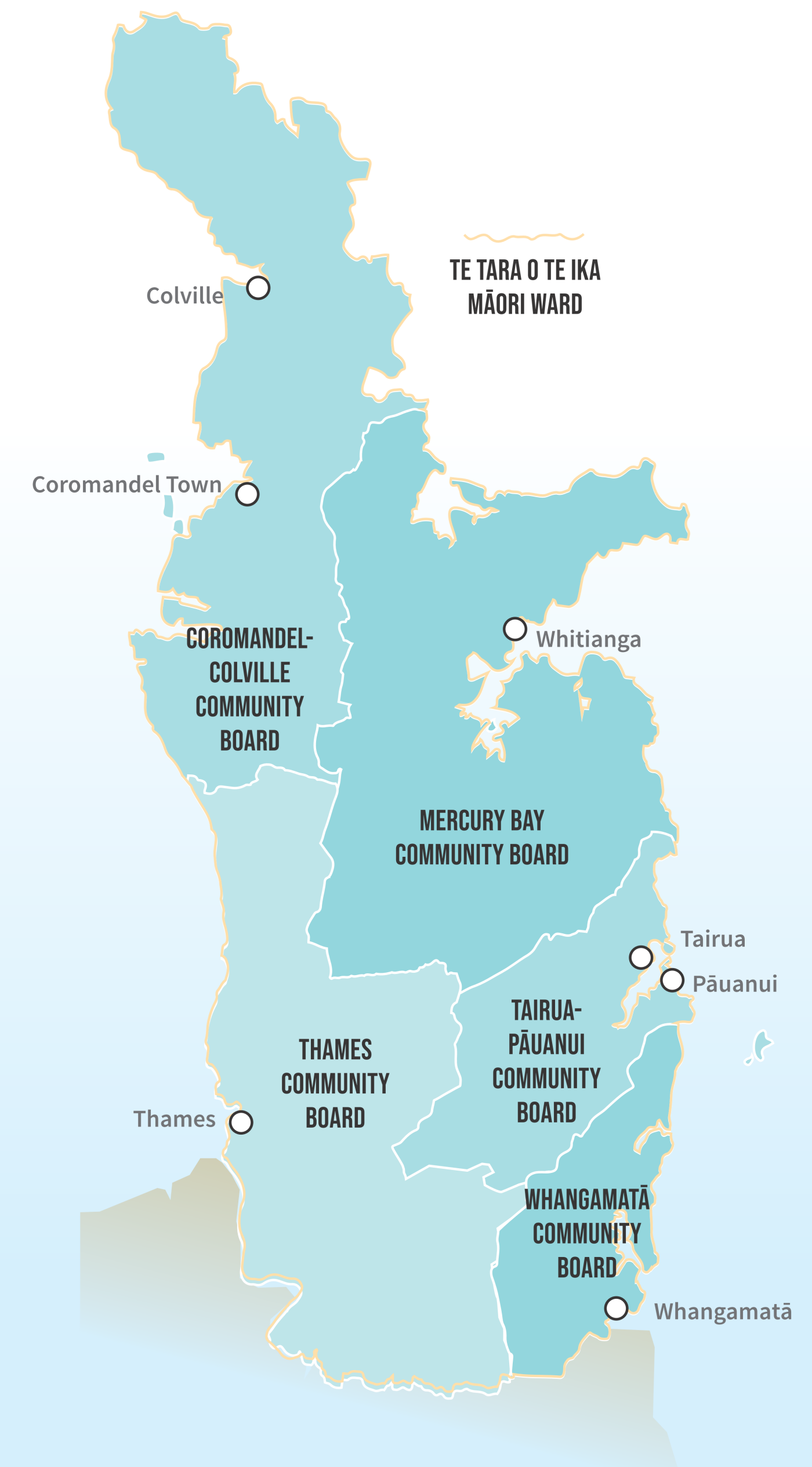
Elections required

20 community board members

- Coromandel-Colville (4)
- Mercury Bay (4)
- Tairua-Pāuanui (4)
- Whangamatā (4)
- Thames (4)

Waikato Regional Council

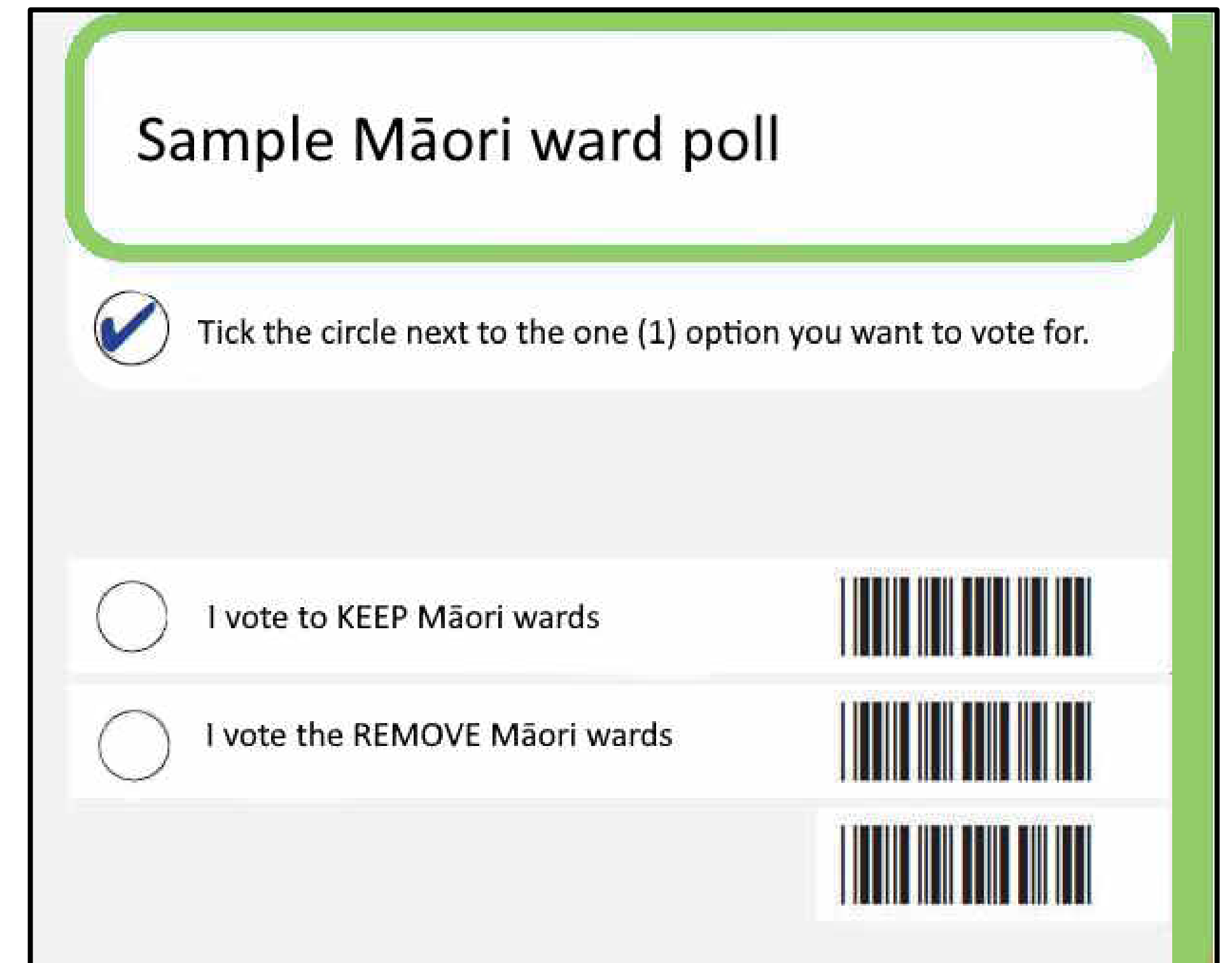
- Thames-Coromandel General Constituency (1) or
- Ngā Tai Ki Uta Māori Constituency (1)



Māori Ward Poll

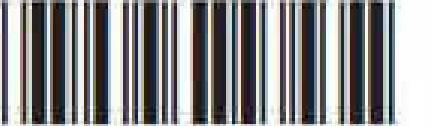
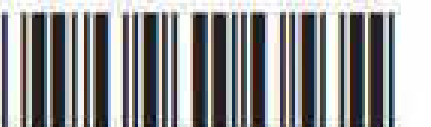

A poll will be held with 2025 elections, with two options:

- Vote to KEEP or REMOVE the Māori ward
- Poll is binding
- Outcome will apply for 2028 and 2031 elections
- Regardless of the outcome of the poll, the Māori ward will be in place for 2025-2028 term
- Māori Constituency Poll for WRC not required



Sample Māori ward poll

☒ Tick the circle next to the one (1) option you want to vote for.


<input type="radio"/> I vote to KEEP Māori wards	
<input type="radio"/> I vote the REMOVE Māori wards	
	







The image shows a sample ballot paper for a Māori ward poll. It has a green header with the title 'Sample Māori ward poll'. Below the header, there is a instruction: 'Tick the circle next to the one (1) option you want to vote for.' with a blue checkmark icon. There are two options, each with a radio button and a barcode to the right. The first option is 'I vote to KEEP Māori wards' and the second is 'I vote the REMOVE Māori wards'. There is an additional barcode at the bottom right of the ballot.

Electoral system

- TCDC and WRC both using the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system
 - Vote by ticking candidate names
 - Candidates with highest number of votes wins
 - Don't vote for more candidates than the number of positions

Sample FPP Voting Document

 Tick the circle next to **one (1)** candidate you want to vote for.

<input type="radio"/>	Candidate A		201
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Candidate B		202
<input type="radio"/>	Candidate C		203
<input type="radio"/>	Candidate D		204
<input type="radio"/>	Candidate E		205
			206

Candidate names are listed alphabetically.

Candidate eligibility

To be a candidate, you must be:

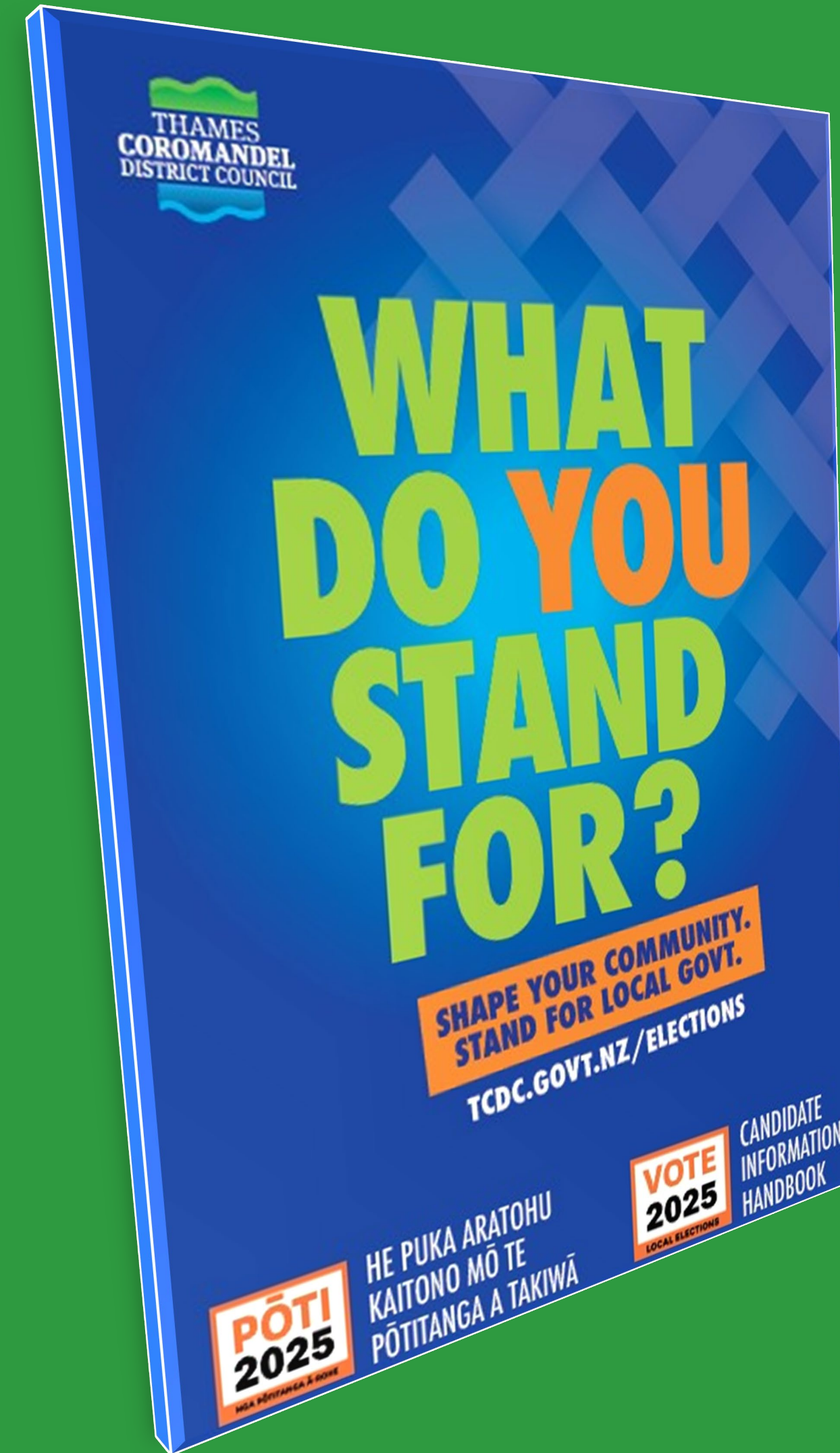
- A NZ citizen
- 18 or over
- Enrolled on the parliamentary roll in New Zealand
- Nominated by two people from area and roll standing
 - i.e. if you're standing for the Thames General Ward, your nomination must be signed by two people enrolled on the general roll in the Thames Ward area
 - or, if you're standing for the Te Tara o Te Ika Māori Ward, your nomination must be signed by two people enrolled on the Māori roll in the Te Tara o Te Ika Māori Ward area

Candidate eligibility

- Can stand for multiple positions (mayor, council and community board)
 - If elected to more than one position, candidate takes higher position
 - Can't stand for more than one ward
- Cannot stand for both TCDC and WRC
- Elected members (or spouses) cannot have contracts with council over \$25,000 (incl GST) in one financial year without approval
- If a council employee is elected to mayor or council, they must resign
- Can't nominate yourself

Nomination process

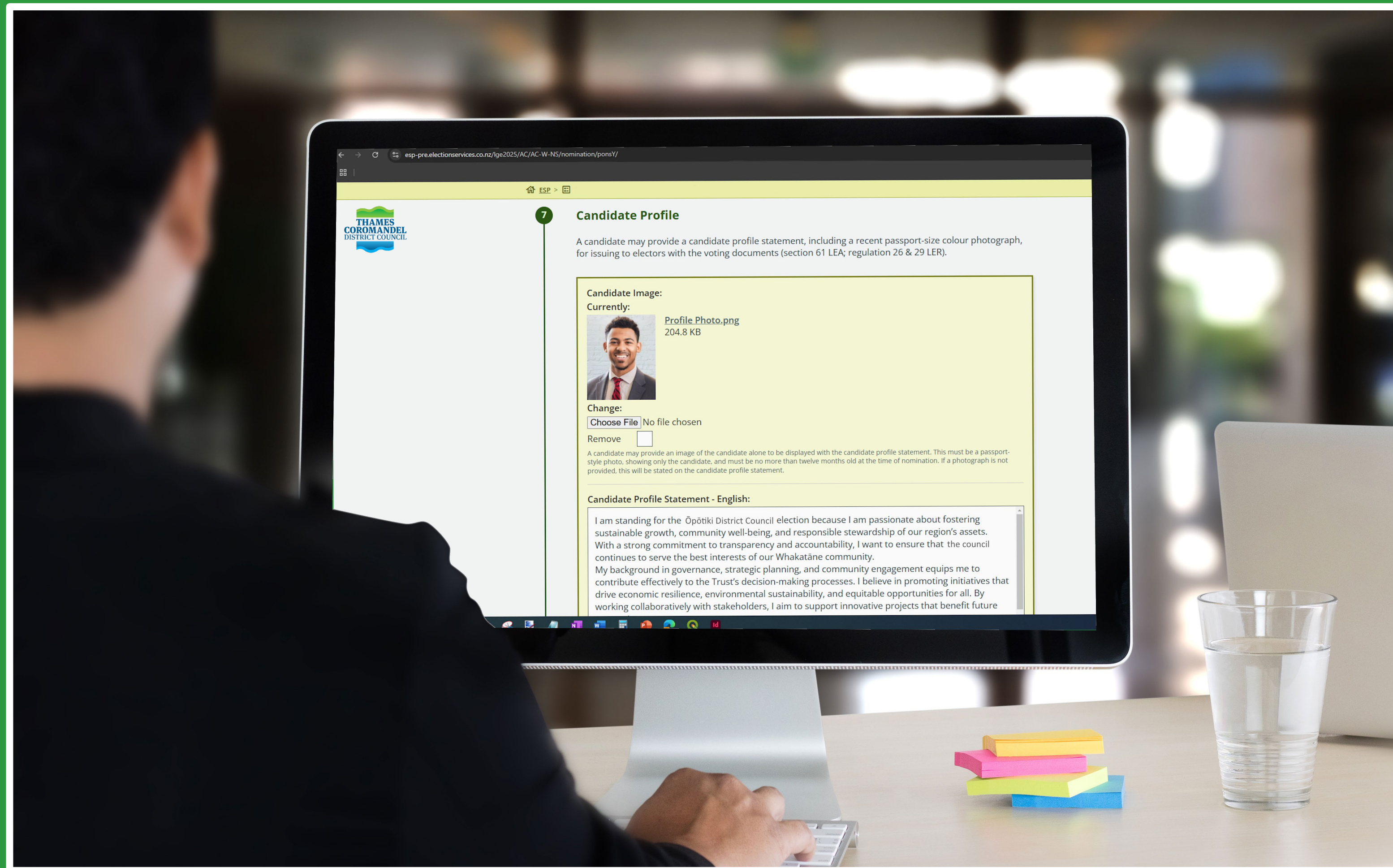
- First off - obtain a copy of the candidate information handbook
- Download a PDF from council's website, or request a hardcopy
- Contains everything you need to know about being a candidate
 - Nomination criteria, election sign rules, campaigning guidelines etc



Nomination process

- Nominations opened Friday 4 July
- Three ways to submit your nomination:
 1. Online (easiest way) at esp.electionservices.co.nz/lge2025/TC
 2. Download an editable PDF from www.tcdc.govt.nz
 3. Complete a hardcopy form and drop off in person (see handbook or council website for locations)

Nomination process



Online nominations portal:

- No printing, handwriting, scanning etc
- Enter your statement electronically
- Upload your photo
- Instantly confirm your nominators are eligible

Nomination process

Each nomination requires:

- \$200 (including GST) deposit (for each position standing for)
- 150-word candidate profile statement (English, Māori or both)
- Recent passport-size colour photo
- Evidence of NZ citizenship
- Candidates can declare an affiliation
 - Can be group, organisation or independent
 - Unacceptable affiliations (slogan, indecent, slanderous)

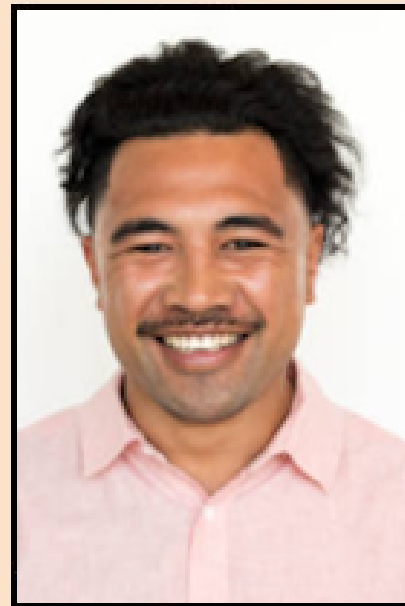
Nomination process

Required to include:

- Statement on principal place of residence
 - This automatic and not counted in your 150 words
- List any other positions you're standing for
- Nominations close 12 noon, 1 August
 - Sharp - don't leave to last minute
 - What if you need to fix an issue? Will you have time?

Nomination process

Sample District Council
Mayor
Electing the Mayor



Firstname SURNAME

Communities for Progress

My principal place of residence is in the Sample District Council area.

I am also standing for the Sample Māori Ward.

As a lifelong resident in our community, I understand the challenges we face and the opportunities ahead. I've served on the Parks and Recreation Committee and volunteered with local and regional non-profits, giving me firsthand experience in collaborative

- This candidate is standing for mayor
- They have supplied an affiliation
- Their principal place of residence is in the area they're standing for
- They have supplied a photo
- They have supplied a statement

Nomination process

Sample District Council
Mayor
Electing the Mayor

No photo
provided

Firstname SURNAME

My principal place of residence is not in the Sample District Council area.

No statement provided.

- This candidate is also standing for mayor
- They have not supplied an affiliation
- Their principal place of residence is not in the area they're standing for
- They have not supplied a photo
- They have not supplied a statement

Voter eligibility

If you're on the general electoral roll, you can vote for five issues:

Mayor



1-3 general ward councillors



4 community board members



1 general constituency
councillor



Māori ward poll



Voter eligibility

If you're on the Māori electoral roll, you can vote for five issues:

Mayor



1 Māori ward councillor



4 community board members



1 Māori constituency
councillor



Māori ward poll



Campaigning

- Campaigning can occur anytime (from now)
- TCDC has an election signs policy
 - Signs can go up at any time before election day
 - Signs must be removed within 10 days after election day (before 21 Oct)
 - Signs may only be erected on private property and must have landowner's consent
- All election advertisements must show contact details of authorising person
 - Signs, notices, pamphlets, webpages, vehicles etc
 - Excludes posts, tweets, messages – just put it once on your main page



Campaigning

Social media great way to campaign

- Instant, far-reaching, free
- Promote yourself and policies – state policies, run polls, encourage people to vote, key dates etc
- Fake news not acceptable

Council's media channels off-limits

- Must be politically neutral, monitored

Cyber-security – keep safe

- Computers can be hacked
- Be mindful of election offences

Donations

Yes, you can receive donations to spend on your campaign, noting:

- All donations must be recorded and declared after the election
- How much and who it came from, unless 'anonymous'
- 'Anonymous' donation can't be over \$1,500
- There's no limit on donations but there is a limit of how much you can spend

Campaign spend

How much can you spend on your campaign? Depends on which position you stand for

Position	Population*	Limit
Mayor	32,440	\$20,000
Coromandel-Colville General Ward	2,640	\$3,500
Mercury Bay General Ward	9,850	\$7,000
Thames General Ward	9,430	\$7,000
South East General Ward	7,320	\$7,000
Te Tara o Te Ika Māori Ward	3,200	\$3,500
Coromandel-Colville Community Board	3,360	\$3,500
Mercury Bay Community Board	10,450	\$14,000
Thames Community Board	10,750	\$14,000
Tairua-Pāuanui Community Board	3,030	\$3,500
Whangamatā Community Board	4,810	\$3,500

*as of 30 June 2024

Campaign spend

- Expenditure limits include GST
- Can't add limits together if campaigning for multiple seats
- Electoral expenses and donations return required by 11 December (enforced)
- Completed forms available for public inspection (7 years)
- Care to ensure accurate (declaration)

Voting

- Voting period 9 September to 12 noon, 11 October
- Voting packs delivered to electors 9 - 22 September
- Able to campaign up to and including election day
- Special votes available at certain locations - check council website or handbook
- Candidates not to collect votes from electors
- Voters can post back their votes or hand-deliver to a council location
- Voting closes 12 noon, Saturday 11 October (sharp)

Voting

- During the voting period, a voting return schedule will be available on council's website
- Updated daily, so you can keep track of turnout

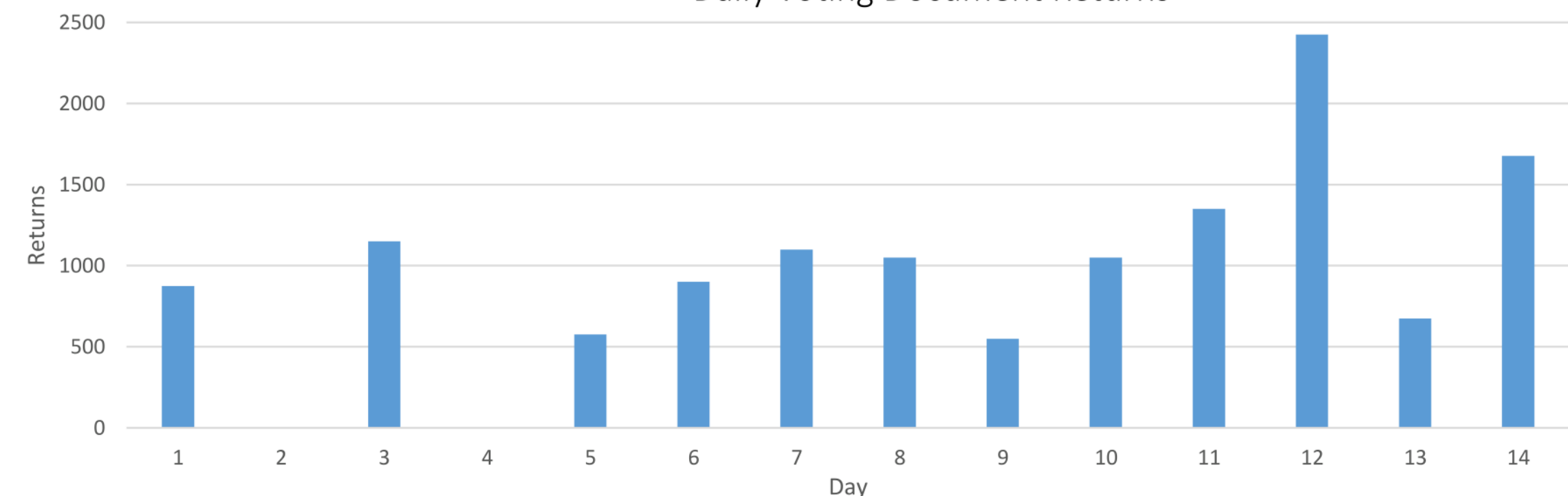


VOTING DOCUMENT RETURNS - 2022 ELECTIONS

CB/ELECTORS	21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep	3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct
COROMANDEL-COLVILLE	75	0	75	0	100	25	175	100	50	75	125	225	50	153
2695	75	75	150	150	250	275	450	550	600	675	800	1025	1075	1228
	2.8%	2.8%	5.6%	5.6%	9.3%	10.2%	16.7%	20.4%	22.3%	25.0%	29.7%	38.0%	39.9%	45.6%
MERCURY BAY	225	0	300	0	200	350	275	375	175	350	475	900	125	549
7981	225	225	525	525	725	1075	1350	1725	1900	2250	2725	3625	3750	4299
	2.8%	2.8%	6.6%	6.6%	9.1%	13.5%	16.9%	21.6%	23.8%	28.2%	34.1%	45.4%	47.0%	53.9%
TAIRUA-PAUANUI	150	0	175	0	75	125	150	175	75	50	200	200	75	147
2718	150	150	325	325	400	525	675	850	925	975	1175	1375	1450	1597
	5.5%	5.5%	12.0%	12.0%	14.7%	19.3%	24.8%	31.3%	34.0%	35.9%	43.2%	50.6%	53.3%	58.8%
THAMES	275	0	400	0	200	175	325	200	175	425	325	925	225	559
8437	275	275	675	675	875	1050	1375	1575	1750	2175	2500	3425	3650	4209
	3.3%	3.3%	8.0%	8.0%	10.4%	12.4%	16.3%	18.7%	20.7%	25.8%	29.6%	40.6%	43.3%	49.9%
WHANGAMATA	150	0	200	0	0	225	175	200	75	150	225	175	200	269
4160	150	150	350	350	350	575	750	950	1025	1175	1400	1575	1775	2044
	3.6%	3.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	13.8%	18.0%	22.8%	24.6%	28.2%	33.7%	37.9%	42.7%	49.1%
TOTAL	875	0	1150	0	575	900	1100	1050	550	1050	1350	2425	675	1677
25991	875	875	2025	2025	2600	3500	4600	5650	6200	7250	8600	11025	11700	13377
	3.4%	3.4%	7.8%	7.8%	10.0%	13.5%	17.7%	21.7%	23.9%	27.9%	33.1%	42.4%	45.0%	51.5%
DAILY %	3.4%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%	2.2%	3.5%	4.2%	4.0%	2.1%	4.0%	5.2%	9.3%	2.6%	6.5%
2019 Returns	2.9%	5.8%	9.5%	12.8%	17.2%	21.3%	24.3%	26.9%	32.5%	37.3%	42.9%	44.6%	45.5%	54.7%
2016 Returns	8.2%	11.1%	14.9%	18.1%	23.2%	25.6%	28.5%	30.9%	33.0%	37.7%	41.0%	45.6%	46.9%	53.1%

THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL 2022 ELECTION

Daily Voting Document Returns

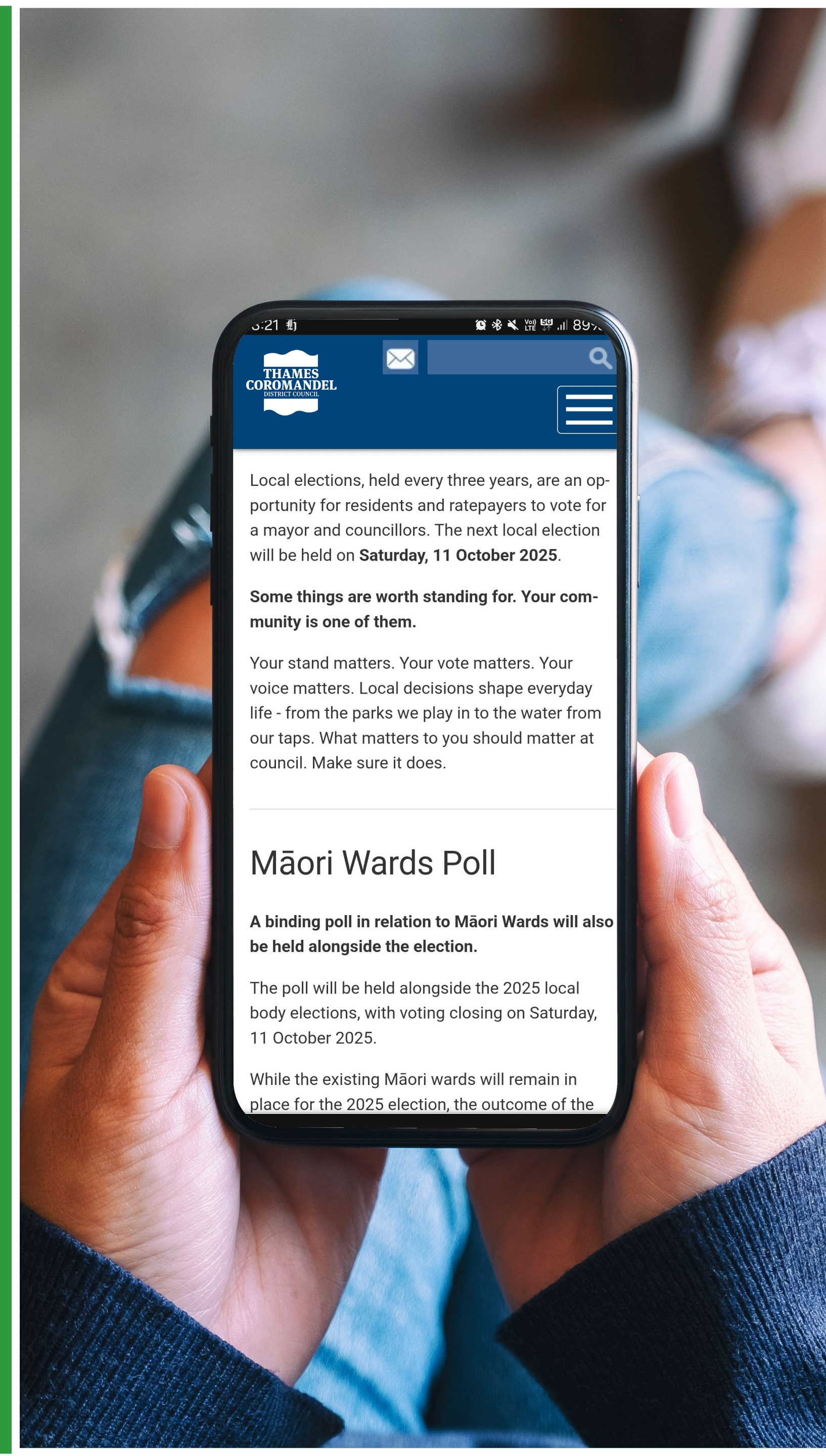


Results

- Progress results on election day afternoon (est 90% votes)
 - Do NOT assume progress results are final - outcomes may change!
- All candidates contacted, media advised
- Preliminary results on Sunday (includes all votes counted except special votes)
- All results available on Council website
- Final results expected by Friday 17 October
- Take office day after public notice (18 October)
- Can act after sworn in at first meeting

Resources

- Candidate Information Handbook
- Electoral legislation
 - Local Electoral Act 2001
 - Local Electoral Regulations 2001
 - www.legislation.govt.nz
- Pre-election Report
- Attend a council meeting
- Read agendas and minutes available online
- Talk to a council staff member



Contact us

Electoral Officer

Dale Ofsoske

Independent Election Services

Ground Floor, 167 Victoria Street West, Auckland (entrance off Dock Street)

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Email: dale.ofsoske@electionservices.co.nz

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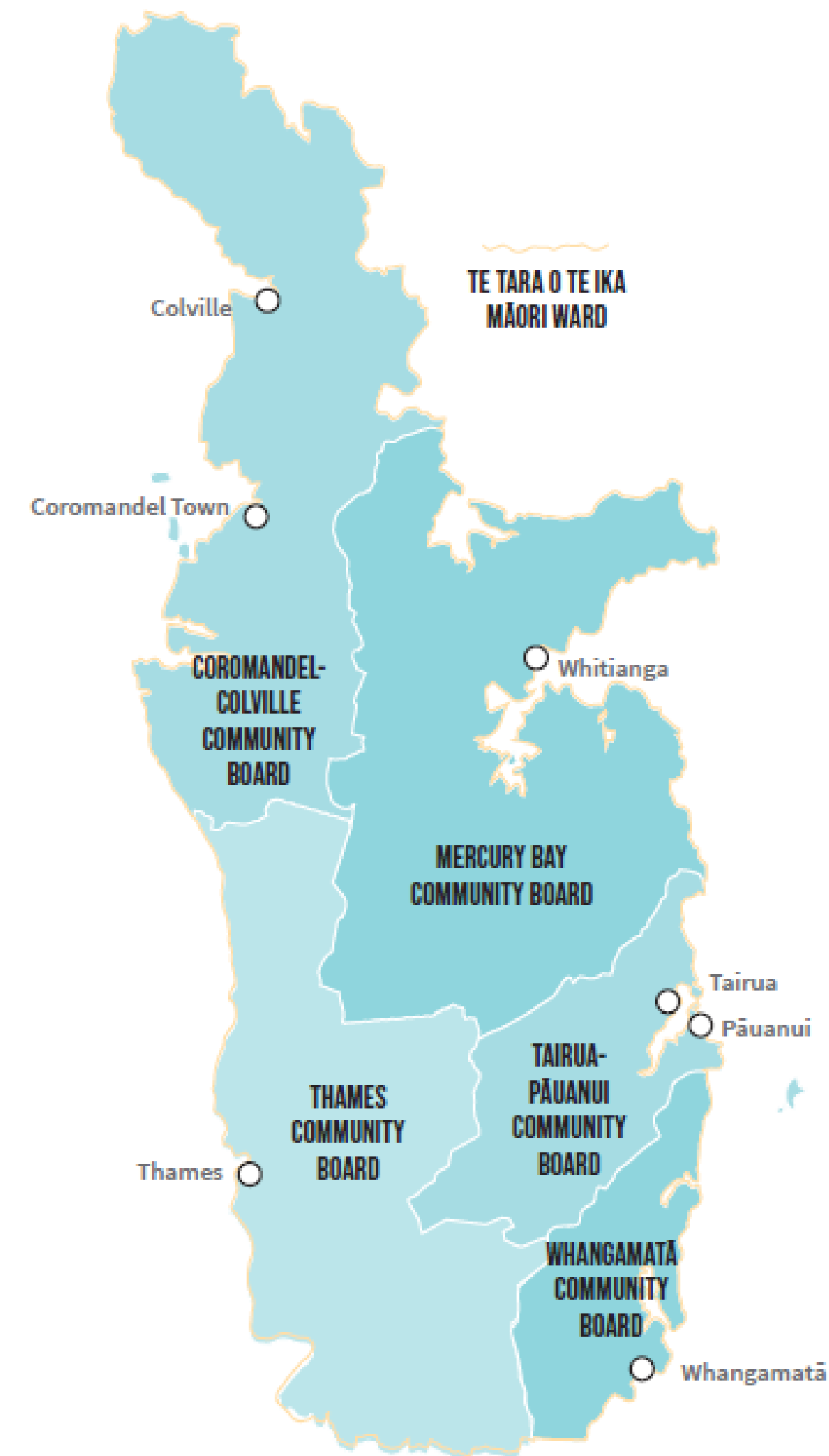
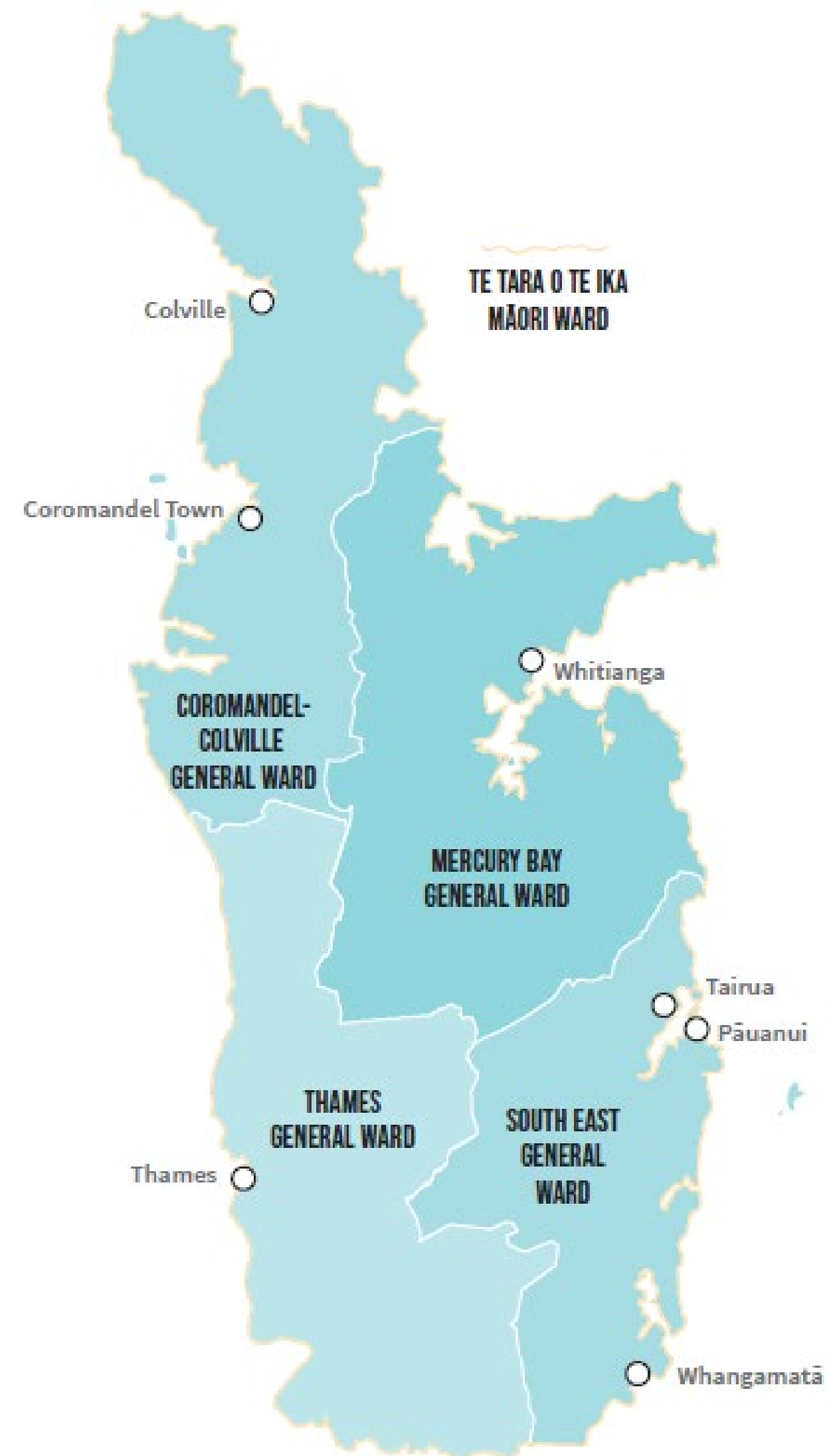


Te takiwa | The district



WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

Te takiwa | The district



Ko wai Tātou? | Who are we?



Our population

Our population is largely an older one. This brings a wealth of experience but it means that many are on fixed incomes and seeking different infrastructure and services to the young people and families our area also welcomes.



19% of our residents identify as **Māori**



24,585 individuals identify with a **Hauraki iwi**, and **6%** of those live in Thames-Coromandel



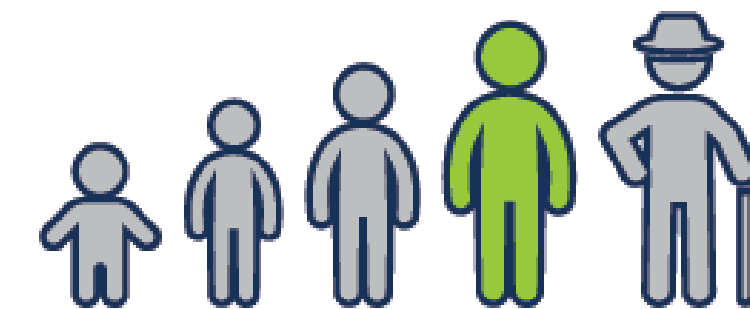
18% of our residents were **born overseas**



43% of our residents are **aged over 60**



An estimated **52%** of ratepayers **own property here and live outside of the district**



The median age is 55 years
(regionally and nationally the median age is 38 years).

Our population would be declining without a steady flow of people moving into the district.



We welcome **60,000+ visitors**
at peak times of the year

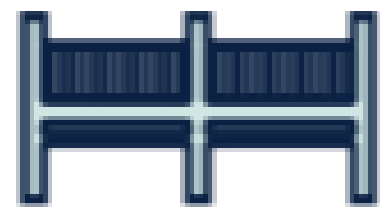
He aha tā tatou e mahi ai | What do we do ?



Transport



743 km council-managed (local) roads
509 km sealed | 234 km unsealed



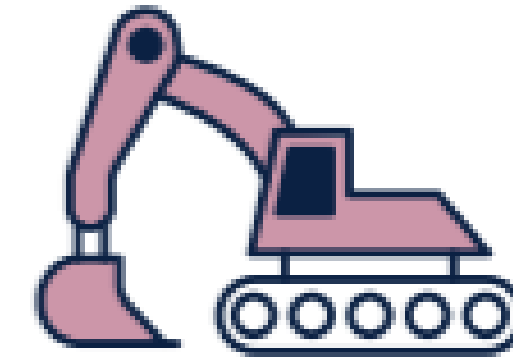
175
bridges



294 kms
of footpaths

Coastal protection

18 hard assets which protect
the coast



Wastewater



11 wastewater treatment plants

131 wastewater pump stations

437.8 km wastewater pipelines

6,418 wastewater manholes

Water supply



14 water treatment plants

50 reservoirs

597 km water pipelines

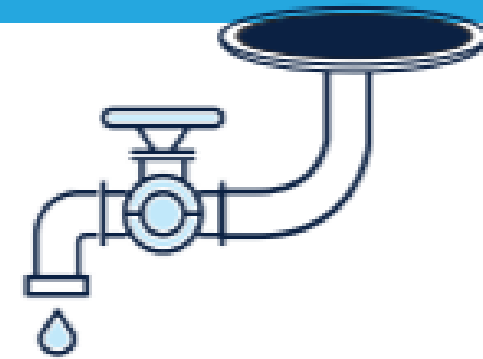
32 water pump stations

He aha tā tatou e mahi ai | What do we do ?



Stormwater

- 6 stormwater detention ponds
- 6 pump stations
- 323 km stormwater pipelines



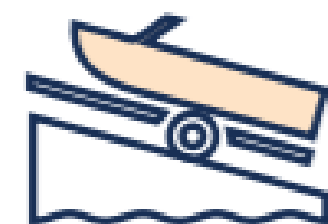
Solid waste

- 7 refuse and recycling transfer stations



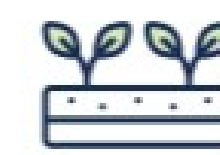
Harbour facilities

- 24 council-managed boat ramps
- 13 wharves
- 14 pontoons



Parks and open spaces

- 39 playgrounds
- 9 skateparks and dog parks
- 403 ha grass mown every fortnight
- 63,000 bin clearances a year
- 9 community gardens

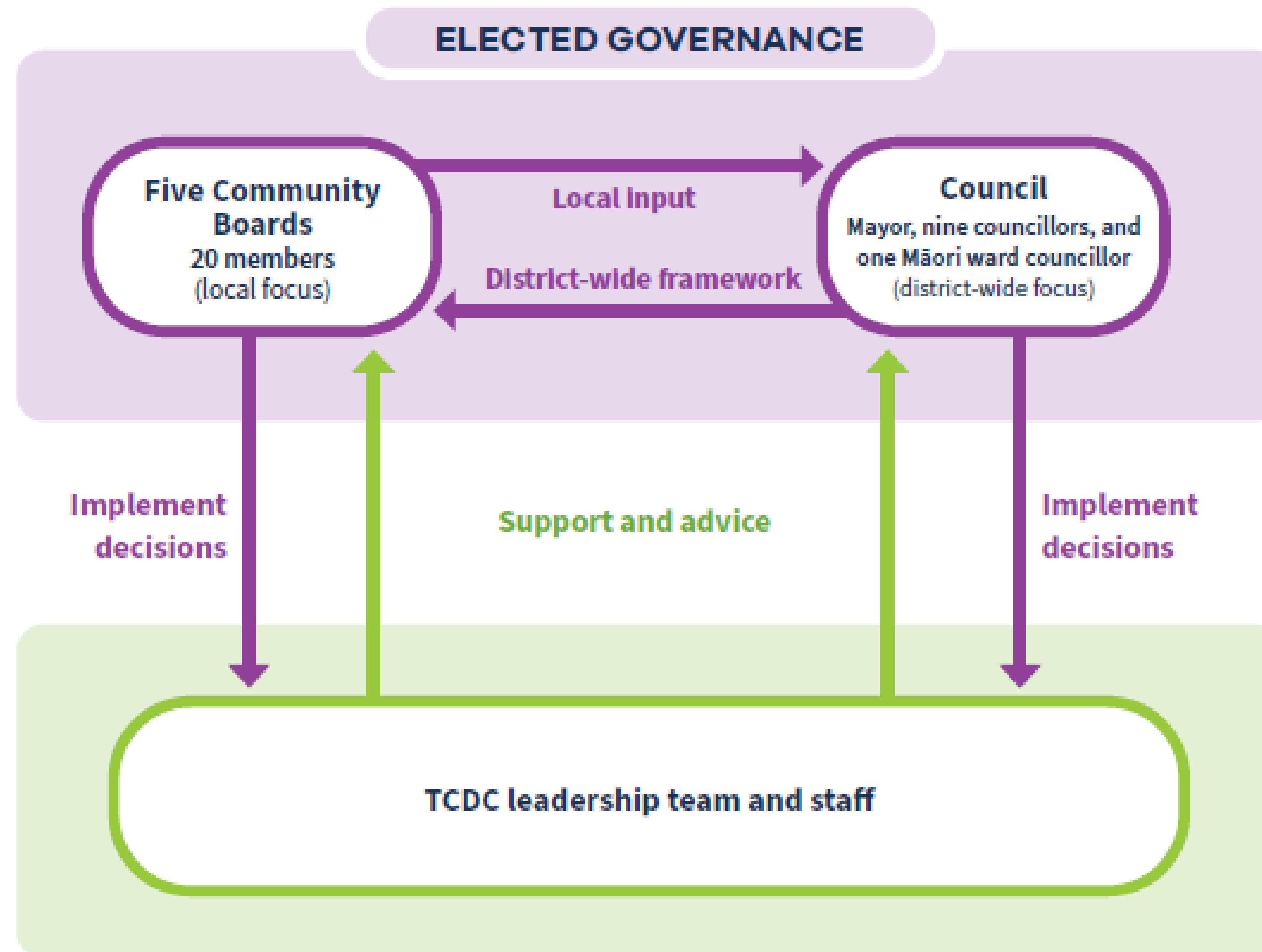


Community spaces

- 99 public toilets
- 1 swimming pool
- 3 community pools contributed to
- 2 airfields
- 14 cemeteries
- 3 council libraries
- 14 community centres and public halls



How Council Works



Whats involved as a Elected Member?



- Lots of reading, listening and seeking views
- Lobbying other elected members
- Voting on decisions
- Attend Informal briefings, Workshops, Community events and Ceremonies
- Attend Formal Meetings that are 6 weekly but occasionally may be more frequent

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

Induction



- Training about rules and expectations for meetings and processes
- Introduction to relevant legislation
- Learn our technology, agenda management systems etc
- Use a Council Email Addresses
- Introduction to Key Staff
- Learn about the current Work programmes, Long Term Plan and the Annual Plan
- Ward tours

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

Remuneration



To take effect after the Elections

Elected Members

- Mayor \$158,000
- Councillor \$45,561 minimum
- Community Board \$9,414 - \$11,937
- Community Board Chairperson \$18,829 - \$23,874

Allowance for home security system

- \$4,500 for installation
- \$1,000 for monitoring, call-outs and and repairs

Plus allowances for Childcare, ICT and Mileage and travel time



WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?



Pātai? Whakapā mai Question? Contact Us



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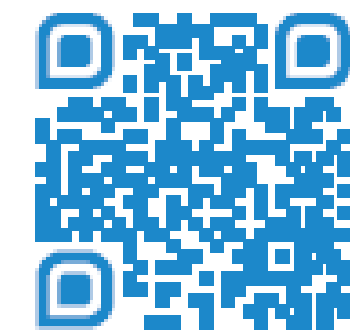
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Find out more

Learn more about enrolment and the election at



[tcdc.govt.nz/
elections](http://tcdc.govt.nz/elections)



vote.nz

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?



Local elections 2025

Candidate information

waikatoregion.govt.nz



Nga. aronga nui

Our strategic priorities



Wai
Water



Rerenga rauropi, tiakitanga taiao
Biodiversity and biosecurity



Takutai moana
Coastal and marine



Hanganga tauwhiro
Sustainable development and infrastructure



Hononga haponi
Community connections



Whakaheketukunga
Transition to a low emissions economy



Our rohe



The Waikato region

is made up of **one city** (Hamilton), **seven districts** and **parts of three districts** that straddle regional boundaries (Waikare, Taupō and Rotorua).

Our region at a glance

New Zealand's **fourth** largest region

25,000km² of land

More than 1000km of coastline

Internationally significant wetlands

The **largest** lake – Lake Taupō

Tongariro National Park

75% of New Zealand's geothermal resources

20 large rivers, including the Waikato River – the longest in New Zealand at 425km.



We're known for our natural environment from which great products are produced.



Waters second only to Marlborough Sounds for aquaculture production.



New Zealand's most important dairying region.



Nationally significant transport corridor.



Home to the largest proportion of plantation forests in New Zealand.



Our landscapes and environment – the number one reason why people visit.



New Zealand's premier electricity region, generating more electricity than any other single region.

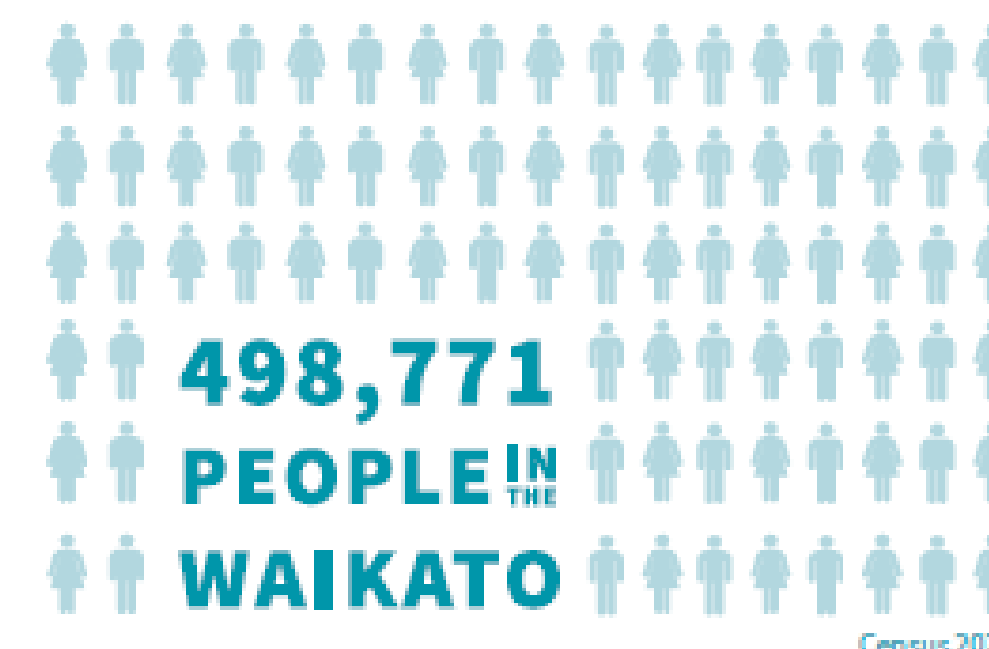


Along with Pukekohe, the Waikato dominates the growing of onions – New Zealand's most valuable vegetable export crop.



The most important minerals producing region in New Zealand.

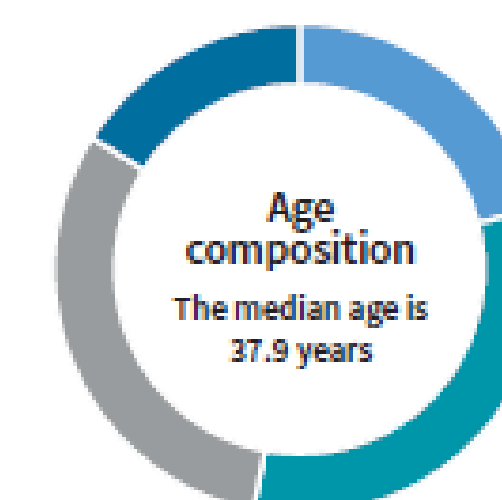
Our community profile



Around

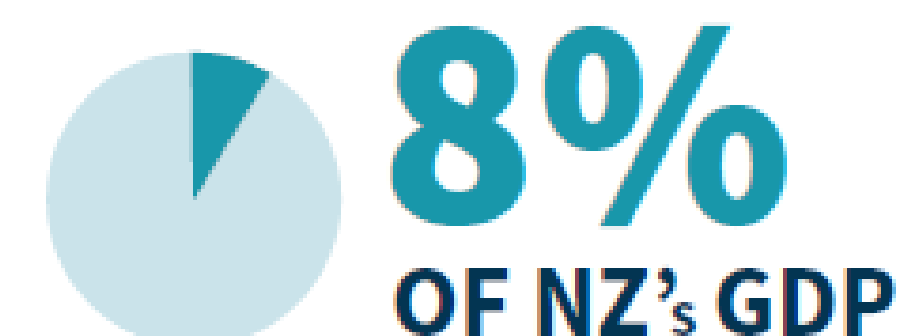
125,574

Māori usually live in the Waikato



0-14 years 15-39 years 40-64 years 65+ years

Our economic profile



Regional GDP is \$23.9 Billion

Real increase of 3.1% since 2017

Employment rate 64%

(as at 2023)

Fulltime 50.5%

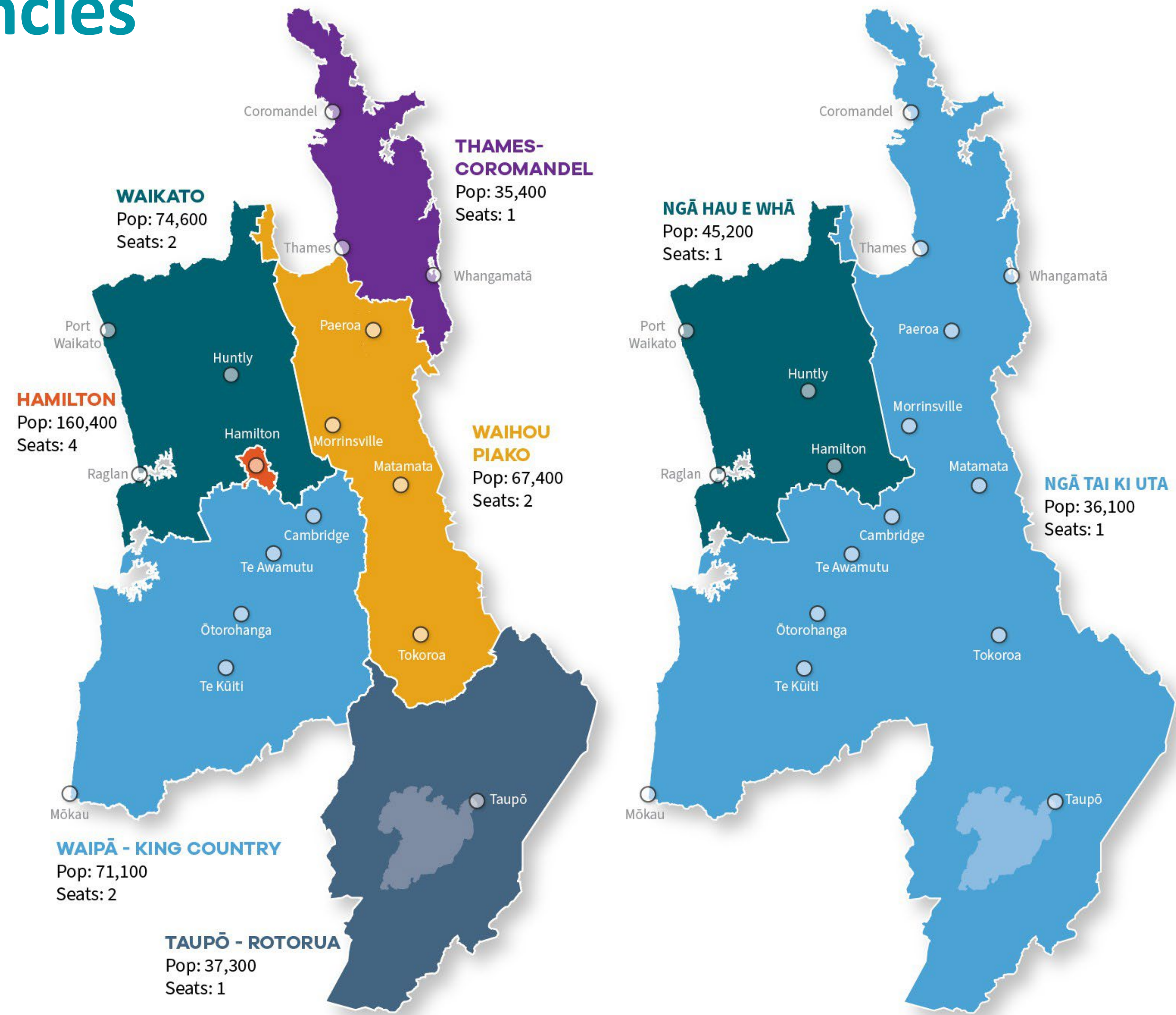
Part time 13.5%



Information about our key projects and financial position is included in the council's pre-election report, available in July.

 [waikatoregion.govt.nz/elections](https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/elections)

Constituencies



Waikato Regional Council election within the Thames-Coromandel District Council rohe

Representation arrangements

- Waikato Regional Council comprises of 14 members
 - 12 elected from 6 general constituencies
 - 2 elected from 2 Māori constituencies

Positions to be contested

- Thames-Coromandel General Constituency (x1)
- Ngā Tai ki Uta Māori Constituency (x1)

Time commitment

- Chair – mostly fulltime
- Councillor – varies depending on the number of responsibilities

Remuneration for Waikato Regional Council elected members (from 1 July 2024)

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| • Chair | \$169,294 |
| • Deputy Chair | \$86,693 |
| • Committee Chair | \$76,690-80,025 |
| • Councillor | \$66,687 |



For more information

- Ask for a copy of the Waikato Regional Council Candidate Information Handbook.
- Contact the Waikato Regional Council's Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer on 0800 800 401.
- Visit waikatoregion.govt.nz/elections.



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