

# IT'S TIME. KUA TAE TE WĀ.



## LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local government elections are your chance to have say in Council decisions that affect us all. Get involved for your whānau, business and community.

### What does Council do?

Kaipara 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, dog registration, community and economic development and district planning.

### Enrol - Rēhita

You're eligible to enrol and vote if you are 18 years or older, a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and you've lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more at some time in your life. If you've already registered to vote in a general election, you're automatically enrolled to vote in a local election in the area where you live.

### Enrolling to vote for the first time

To enrol, you need to complete an enrolment form. You can do this by:

- enrolling online at [enrol.vote.nz](https://enrol.vote.nz)
- calling 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56)
- texting your name and address to 3676
- picking a form up at your local New Zealand Post Shop.

Enrol by Friday 12 August so you can vote. If you enrol after 12 August, you will need to cast a 'special vote'.

### Stand - Tū

Local government elections are an opportunity for you to put yourself forward as a candidate for Council.

**Nominations open on Friday 15 July and close at noon on Friday 12 August 2022.**

If you have leadership qualities and take the time to listen and engage with people in your community, standing as a candidate may be right for you.

## How do I stand?

To stand, you must complete a nomination form. You can access nomination forms and a candidate information handbook by calling 0800 922 822. Nomination papers and candidate handbooks are also available from:

- Kaipara District Council's Dargaville office (32 Hokianga Road, Dargaville)
- Kaipara District Council's Mangawhai office (Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai)
- At [kaipara.govt.nz](http://kaipara.govt.nz)

## Information sessions

To find out more about standing, you can attend candidate information briefing with a Kaipara District Council Governance Advisor. Briefings are one-to-one and you can ask questions about standing and about the role of a councillor. Appointments are available online, over the phone, or in person. To make an appointment, contact Gavin Dawson on 0800 727 059 or [gdawson@kaipara.govt.nz](mailto:gdawson@kaipara.govt.nz)

## Vote - Pōti

### How do I vote?

Election day is Saturday 8 October 2022 and voting closes at noon. Have your vote in the mail before Tuesday 4 October 2022 to make sure it gets to us before voting closes.

You can also hand deliver your voting document to one of our ballot boxes at Kaipara District Council offices during the voting period – from Friday 16 September 2022 to 12 noon Saturday 8 October 2022.

If you are enrolled by 12 August, you will receive your voting documents and a freepost return envelope in the mail. If you enrol after 12 August, you will need to cast a 'special vote'. You can request this by calling the electoral office on 0800 922 822 or at a Kaipara District Council office:

- Dargaville office (32 Hokianga Road, Dargaville)
- Mangawhai office (Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai)

### How do I find out about candidates?

Candidates are announced on Wednesday 17 August 2022. Ways to get to know the candidates:

- a candidate profile booklet is sent with your voting documents
- candidate information will be posted on [localelections.co.nz](http://localelections.co.nz) and [kaipara.govt.nz](http://kaipara.govt.nz) after nominations close.

### How do I find out more about local elections?

You can find out more about enrolling, standing, or voting in local government elections at [localelections.co.nz](http://localelections.co.nz)

## Contact us

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