

Media Release

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Council Candidate Evenings

Do you think you've got what it takes to stand for a role on your district or regional council?

Maybe as mayor? Possibly as a district or regional councillor?

Before you make up your mind there's an opportunity to find out more on this year's local government elections at a number of candidates' information evenings. Hear about where the council is up to, what projects and challenges are on the horizon, and what sort of people council need to address the future.

The events will be hosted across the district;

- **Monday 22 July, 5:30 - 6:30pm**
 - Maungaturoto Country Club, Bickerstaffe Road
- **Wednesday 24 July, 5:30 - 6:30pm**
 - Mangawhai Heads Surf Club, Mangawhai
- **Monday 29 July, 5:30 - 6:30pm**
 - Kaiwaka Memorial Hall, Kaiwaka – Mangawhai Road
- **Wednesday 31 July, 5:30 - 6:30pm**
 - Dargaville Town Hall, Hokianga Road (with Northland Regional Council)
- **Monday 5 August, 5:30 - 6:30pm**
 - Ruawai – Tokatoka War Memorial Hall, Wharf Road

The evening will feature two presenters: KDC chief executive Louise Miller, alongside General Manager Governance, Strategy & Democracy Jason Marris with a brief presentation about the council and the roles and responsibilities of elected member. KDC electoral officer Dale Ofsoske will cover the election process including details on how prospective candidates can submit nominations. The event in Dargaville, will include a presentation from Northland Regional Council about the differences between Regional and District Council (more information on NRC evenings can be found on their website www.nrc.govt.nz).

Mr Marris said the "candidates' evening provided an excellent opportunity for people who have already decided or are still making up their minds about standing for a council role, to find out more on the various positions covered by the elections and how they can become candidates."

For the next three year term, Kaipara district voters need to elect a mayor, 8 district councillors from across the recently decided four ward structure (Central/West Coast, Dargaville, Otamatea, Kaiwaka – Mangawhai)

Nominations open on Friday 19 July and close on Friday 16 August (at noon), with voting papers being sent out to enrolled residents between 20 - 25 September. Election Day is Saturday 12 October this year, with provisional results expected to be announced by Sunday 13 October.

Candidate nomination forms will be available at the information evenings and are also available from the council's offices at Dargaville and Mangawhai, from Friday 19 July onwards.

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