

# Manawatū District Council

## Further Notice of Election and Poll and Declaration of Elected Candidates

Nominations have closed for the 2025 triennial local authority elections. Listed below are details of the confirmed candidates for Manawatū District Council.

Where elections are required, they will be conducted by postal voting using the First Past the Post electoral system. Voting will open on Tuesday 9 September 2025 and will close at 12 noon on Saturday 11 October 2025.

### Manawatū Rural General Ward (5 Vacancies)

DEW-HOPKINS, Shelley	
DUINDAM, Rob	Independent
MCFADZEAN, Colin	
MCKELVIE, James	Independent
QUARRIE, Andrew	
SHORT, Alison	An Experienced Rural Voice
TROWNSON, Kirk	

### Feilding General Ward (5 Vacancies)

COX, Daniel	
DYER, Colin	
HADFIELD, Grant	
HICKS, Alistair Graeme	
HILL, Sam	
LOADER, Raewyn	
MCLEOD, Aaron	ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates.
PICKFORD, Jerry	ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates.
RAHARUHI, Clive	Independent
WRIGHT, Tony	

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The following nominations were also received where the number of nominations did not exceed the available vacancies.

### Mayoralty (1 Vacancy)

FORD, Michael

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Michael FORD will be elected unopposed.

### Ngā Tapuae o Mātangi Māori Ward (1 Vacancy)

BELL, Bridget                      Te Kōtui Reo - Local Marae Collective

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Bridget BELL will be elected unopposed.

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### Māori Ward Poll - Manawatū District Council

A poll will be held in conjunction with the above elections to confirm whether Manawatū District Council electors wish to keep or remove the Māori Ward as part of Manawatū District Council's representation structure. The outcome of the poll is binding and will determine whether a Māori Ward will be retained for the Manawatū District Council elections in 2028 and 2031. The First Past the Post (FPP) Electoral System will be used for this poll.

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### Enrolment and Special Voting Arrangements

Manawatū District Council residential electors who are not listed on the final electoral roll for these elections can enrol up to 5pm on Friday 10 October 2025 by calling 0800 36 76 56, visiting the Electoral Commission website [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz), by texting your name and address to 3676 to get a form sent to you or by email request to [enquiries@elections.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@elections.govt.nz).

Manawatū District Council ratepayers who are not listed on the final electoral roll for these elections can obtain an enrolment form from the Manawatū District Council Office, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding and enrol up to 5pm on Friday 10 October 2025. Online applications for ratepayer elector registration can also be made at [www.electionz.com/ratepayer](http://www.electionz.com/ratepayer).

Special voting documents will be available during normal office hours from Tuesday 9 September to Friday 10 October and between 9am and 12 noon, Saturday 11 October 2025 from the Manawātū District Council Office, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding

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