

# FACT SHEET

## 2022 election

### 8 OCTOBER 2022



### What does Council do?

The District Council meets regularly to make many decisions that impact the day-to-day lives of people in the Far North. The Council governs a wide range of local services including roads, water systems, rubbish collection, libraries, parks, community centres, dog registration, community and economic development and district planning.

### Background

Local government triennial elections are being held by postal vote on Saturday 8 October 2022 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to the Far North District Council.

The single transferable voting (STV) electoral system will be used for the first time for the Far North District Council elections, and the first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for the Northland Regional Council elections.

### 2022 Key Dates

Nominations open	Friday 15 July
Nominations close	Noon, Friday 12 August
Delivery of voting packs	from Friday 16 September
Close of voting	Noon, Saturday 8 October
Official results announced	Thursday 13 October

### Who is being elected?

Following the decision to establish Māori wards in 2021, Far North District Council undertook a representation arrangements review (review of wards, boundaries, number of elected members etc).

As a result of this, elections will be required for the following positions:

- Mayor (elected 'at large')
- Councillors (10)
  - Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward (3)
  - Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward (1)
  - Te Hiku General Ward (2)
  - Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward (4)
- Community Board Members (19):
  - Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board (7), made up of:
    - Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision (1)
    - Kerikeri Subdivision (2)
    - Paihia Subdivision (1)
    - Russell-Ōpua Subdivision (1)
    - Waipapa Subdivision (1)
    - Whangaroa Subdivision (1)

- Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board (6), made up of:
  - Kaikohe Subdivision (3)
  - North Hokianga Subdivision (1)
  - South Hokianga Subdivision (2)
- Te Hiku Community Board (6), made up of:
  - Doubtless Bay Subdivision (1)
  - Kaitāia Subdivision (3)
  - North Cape Subdivision (1)
  - Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision (1)
- Northland Regional Council Members (either 1 member from the Far North General Constituency, or 1 member from the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Constituency, or 1 member from the Mid North General Constituency or 2 members from the Te Raki Māori Constituency).

There will be no district health board elections in 2022.

### How can I be nominated?

Nominations for these positions will open on **Friday 15 July 2022** and close at noon on **Friday 12 August 2022**.

Nomination papers will be available during this period:

- Council's Main Office, 5 Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe
- Kaitāia Service Centre, Te Ahu, Corner Matthews Avenue and South Road, Kaitāia
- Kāeo Service Centre, Leigh Street, Kāeo
- Kerikeri Service Centre, John Butler Centre, 60 Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri
- Kawakawa Service Centre, Gillies Street, Kawakawa
- Rawene Service Centre, 11 Parnell Street, Rawene
- by accessing [www.fndc.govt.nz](http://www.fndc.govt.nz);
- by telephoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822.

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate **must** be:

- a New Zealand citizen (by birth or naturalisation ceremony); **and**
- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand) on either the general or Māori electoral roll irrespective of the ward being nominated for; **and**
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective area that a candidate is standing for.

A detailed candidate information handbook will be available from April 2022.

### Who can vote?

Those eligible to vote are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the electoral roll when it closes on Friday 12 August 2022. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from **Friday 15 July 2022** to **Friday 12 August 2022** at the above locations.

**Resident Roll:** All parliamentary electors, including those on the Māori Electoral Roll, are automatically enrolled on the Resident Roll, at the address where they live.

Any alterations to the Resident Roll (e.g. change of address details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form at any postal agency;
- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on: [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz)

**Ratepayer Roll:** If a person is on the parliamentary roll in one area and pays rates on a property in another area, this person may be eligible to be enrolled on the non-resident ratepayer roll. A firm, company, corporation or society paying rates on a property may nominate one of its members or officers as a ratepayer elector (provided the nominated person resides outside the area). Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are available at [www.fndc.govt.nz](http://www.fndc.govt.nz), or by phoning 0800 922 822.

All electors will be able to vote for the Mayor and the respective community board subdivision members. In addition, those electors on the general electoral roll will be able to vote for the respective general ward councillors and those on the Māori electoral roll will be able to vote for the Māori ward councillors.

## How to vote?

Voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled from **Friday 16 September 2022**.

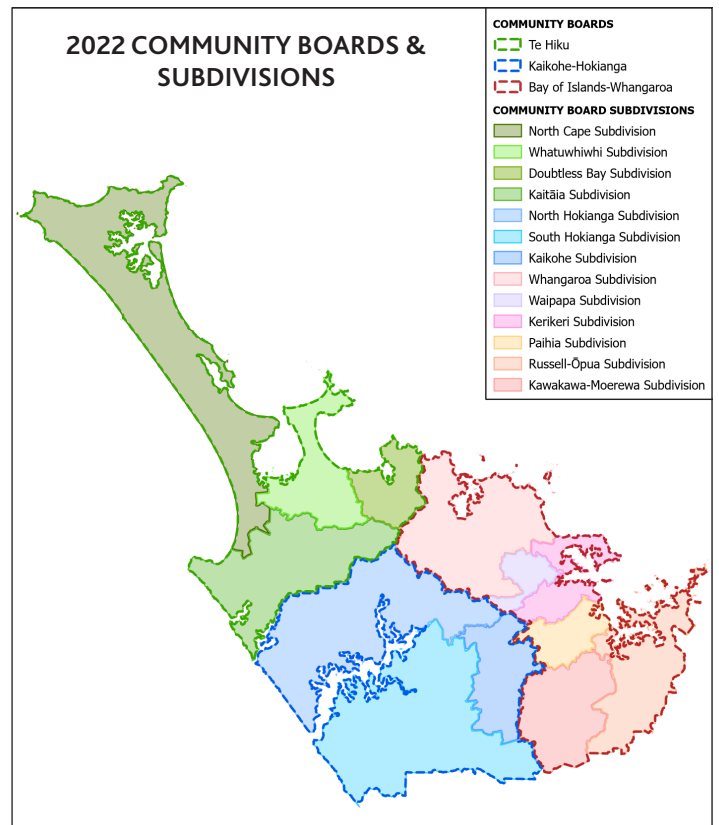
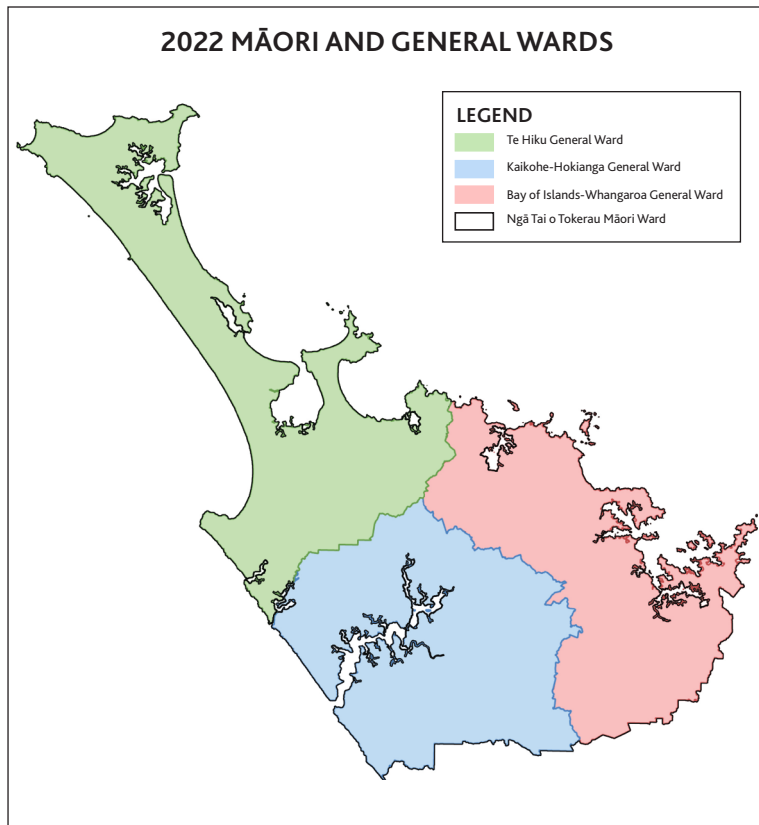
The voting period is three weeks (**Friday 16 September 2022 to noon Saturday 8 October 2022**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange pre-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Friday 16 September 2022 to close of business on Friday 7 October 2022 at all Council service centres.

On Saturday 8 October 2022, the issuing of special voting documents and the receiving of completed voting documents will be available at Council's Kaitiāia, Kerikeri and Kaikohe offices only.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by **noon Saturday 8 October 2022**.

Progress results will be announced early in the afternoon of election day. Preliminary results will be announced on Sunday morning, 9 October 2022, and final results will be known on Thursday 13 October 2022. All results will be accessible on Council's website: [www.fndc.govt.nz](http://www.fndc.govt.nz)



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