

July 2025

Far North District Council will soon be launching our **2025 Mobile Ballot Box Tour** aimed at educating our communities about the upcoming local government elections in October, and empowering people to vote.

Between September and October the Mobile Ballot Box Tour will visit you and your community at events or meetings. It'll come to your marae, your local hall, school, sports club or market. Our goal is to answer any questions you have about this year's election and help anyone who wants to get enrolled (Step Up), and/or vote (Speak Up).

Why is this important? Now, more than ever, the local voice is the most important voice.

- Your voting documents will include two voting systems:
 - Far North District Council - Single Transferable Vote (STV-ranking)
 - Northland Regional Council - First Past the Post (FPP-tick)
- You will vote on whether to keep or remove the Māori ward (constituency) for both Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council

Participating in local government processes is an important opportunity for each of us to directly affect what happens in our communities. Local government provides key services we all rely on day-to-day, such as water, wastewater, and roading. They also provide community place-making facilities, such as parks and playgrounds, libraries and much more.

From 10 September to 10 October, the tour will run to ensure it is as easy as possible for everyone to cast their vote.

Key dates for local government elections 2025:

- 4 July 2025 – nominations open.
- 1 August 2025 – nominations close.
- 6 August 2025 - candidates announced.
- 9 September – voting documents posted to electors.
- 11 October – voting closes at midday.

There is a limited amount of funding available to support community led initiatives throughout the district that encourage voter participation. NOTE: Vote Day events must be within the voting period when the 2025 Mobile Ballot Box Tour is running (10 Sept – 10 October). Please fill out this form before 8 August to register your interest. [Vote Day Event Expression of Interest](#)

This will be an exciting election year and we hope that you and your community will join us on the journey.

Mauri ora,

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