

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2025

The Electoral Officer  
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You can vote for the following elections:

- Māori Ward Poll
- Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council (trading as Horizons Regional Council) - Raki Māori
- Māori Regional Constituency Poll - Horizons RC Māori Constituencies

How to vote

There is one type of electoral system used in this voting document:

- ☒ the **first past the post** system where you tick candidate names

Voting instructions are in the heading of each election.

Return your voting document

- Drop**  
it in a ballot box at selected locations **before voting closes** - for ballot box locations see inside your voting pack or visit your Council's website.
- or**
- Post**  
it in the freepost envelope no later than **Tuesday, 7 October 2025.**
- Voting closes**  
**12 Midday, Saturday, 11 October 2025.**

Made a mistake on this voting document?

If you make a mistake that you can't correct clearly, promptly contact the electoral officer on 0800 666 048 and ask for another voting document.

*Take note: It is an offence under the Local Electoral Act to interfere, in any way, with any person who is about to vote, or to fraudulently alter any voting document.*

PLEASE TURN OVER TO VOTE  
ME HURI HEI TUKU I TŌ PŌTI

Me pēhea te pōti

Kotahi te momo pūnaha pōti ka kawhakamahia i roto i tēnei tuhinga pōti:

- ☒ ko te pūnaha **i mua kai kai** i reira ka tohua e koe ngā ingoa o ngā kaitono

Kei te upoko o ia pōtitanga ngā tohutohu pōti.

Whakahokia tō pepa pōti

- Me heri atu**  
ki tētahi pouaka pōti i ngā wāhi kua tipakohia i **mua i te katinga o ngā pōti** - mō ngā wāhi pouaka pōti tirohia tō mōki pōti, haere rānei ki te paetukutuku a tō Kaunihera.
- tērā rānei**
- Me pōhi**  
mā te kōpaki koreutu i mua o te **Tūrei, 7 o Oketopa 2025.**
- Ka kati ngā pōti**  
**hei te 12 te pouputanga o te rā, Rāhoroi, 11 o Oketopa 2025.**

I hapa koe i runga i tēnei pepa pōti?

Mēnā ka hapa, ā, kāore i te mārara tō whakatika, me waea tonu atu koe ki te āpiha pōti i 0800 666 048 ka tono i tētahi pepa pōti anō.

*Kia mōhio: He hara i raro i te Local Electoral Act te raweke, ahakoa pēhea, i tētahi tangata kei te pōti, te whakarerekē poka noa rānei i tētahi pepa pōti.*

Manawatū District Council  
Mayor  
Electing the Mayor

**THERE IS NO ELECTION REQUIRED** because the number of candidates standing for this election was not more than the number of vacancies.

This means **Michael FORD** is elected unopposed.

Manawatū District Council  
Ngā Tapuāe o Matangi Māori Ward  
Electing 1 Councillor

**THERE IS NO ELECTION REQUIRED** because the number of candidates standing for this election was not more than the number of vacancies.

This means **Bridget BELL** is elected unopposed.

Manawatū District Council  
Māori Ward Poll  
Ngā Tapuāe o Matangi Māori Ward

Legislation requires a poll on whether the Manawatū District Council Māori Ward should be kept or removed. The poll result will be binding for the 2028 and 2031 Manawatū District Council elections, but not for the period 2025 to 2028.

E ai ki te ture me whakahaere pōti mēnā me pupuri Te Kaunihera o te Takiwā o Manawatū i te Rohe Pōti Māori, me whakakore rānei. Ka mana te otinga pōti mō ngā pōtitanga o Te Kaunihera o te Takiwā o Manawatū a te tau 2028 me te 2031, engari kaua mō te wā 2025 ki te 2028.

☒ Tick the circle next to the option you want to vote for.

☐ I vote to KEEP the Māori Ward

☐ I vote to REMOVE the Māori Ward

Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council  
(trading as Horizons Regional Council)  
Raki Māori Constituency  
Electing 1 Regional Councillor

☒ Tick the circle next to **one (1)** candidate you want to vote for.

Candidate names are listed randomly.

- ☐ EDMONDS, Jim Turuhia
- ☐ MCMASTER, Tāwhiao Te Rangi
- ☐ PEKE-MASON, Soraya
- ☐ PUE, Elijah  
(Te Pāti Māori)

Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council  
(trading as Horizons Regional Council)  
Māori Regional Constituency Poll  
Raki and Tonga Māori Constituencies

Legislation requires a poll on whether the Horizons Regional Council Māori Constituencies should be kept or removed. The poll result will be binding for the 2028 and 2031 Horizons Regional Council elections, but not for the period 2025 to 2028.

E ai ki te ture me whakahaere pōti mēnā me pupuri Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Horizons i ngā Rohe Pōti Māori, me whakakore rānei. Ka mana te otinga pōti mō ngā pōtitanga o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Horizons a te tau 2028 me te 2031, engari kaua mō te wā 2025 ki te 2028.

☒ Tick the circle next to the option you want to vote for.

☐ I vote to KEEP the Māori Constituencies

☐ I vote to REMOVE the Māori Constituencies