

BY-ELECTION FACT SHEET

Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board

11 APRIL 2024



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

New Plymouth District Council

Background

An extraordinary vacancy has recently occurred in the Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board and a by-election is now required to fill the vacancy.

The by-election for the one vacancy will be held on Thursday 11 April 2024. It will be conducted by postal vote under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to New Plymouth District Council.

The single transferable voting (STV) electoral system will be used for the by-election.

Key dates for the by-election

Nominations open	Wednesday 17 January
Nominations close	12 noon, Wednesday 14 February
Delivery of voting packs	from Wednesday 20 March
Close of voting	12 noon, Thursday 11 April
Official results announced	PM, Thursday 11 April

How can I be nominated?

Nominations for these positions will open on **Wednesday 17 January 2024** and close at noon on **Wednesday 14 February 2024**.

Nomination papers will be available during this period from:

- New Plymouth District Council's Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth;
- Bell Block Library and Service Centre, Parklands Avenue Shopping Centre, Bell Block;
- by accessing www.npdc.govt.nz;
- by telephoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822.

Nominations can be returned by:

- **hand** to New Plymouth District Council's Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth; or
- **post** to the Electoral Officer, PO Box 5135, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142; or
- **email** to info@electionservices.co.nz

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; **and**
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board electoral roll.

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 Wednesday 14 February 2024. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from **Wednesday 17 January to Wednesday 14 February 2024** at:

- New Plymouth District Council's Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth;
- Bell Block Library and Service Centre, Parklands Avenue Shopping Centre, Bell Block.

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:

- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on 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.npdc.govt.nz, or by phoning 0800 922 822.

How to vote?

Voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled from **Wednesday 20 March 2024**.

The voting period is three weeks (**Wednesday 20 March 2024 to 12 noon, Thursday 11 April 2024**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange pre-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

Return of voting documents:

Voting documents must be returned by post or hand delivered during normal business hours to the following locations:

- Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth;
- Bell Block Library and Service Centre, Parklands Avenue Shopping Centre, Bell Block.

Special voting:

Special voting in terms of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 may be exercised during normal business hours only at the Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by **noon Thursday 11 April 2024**.

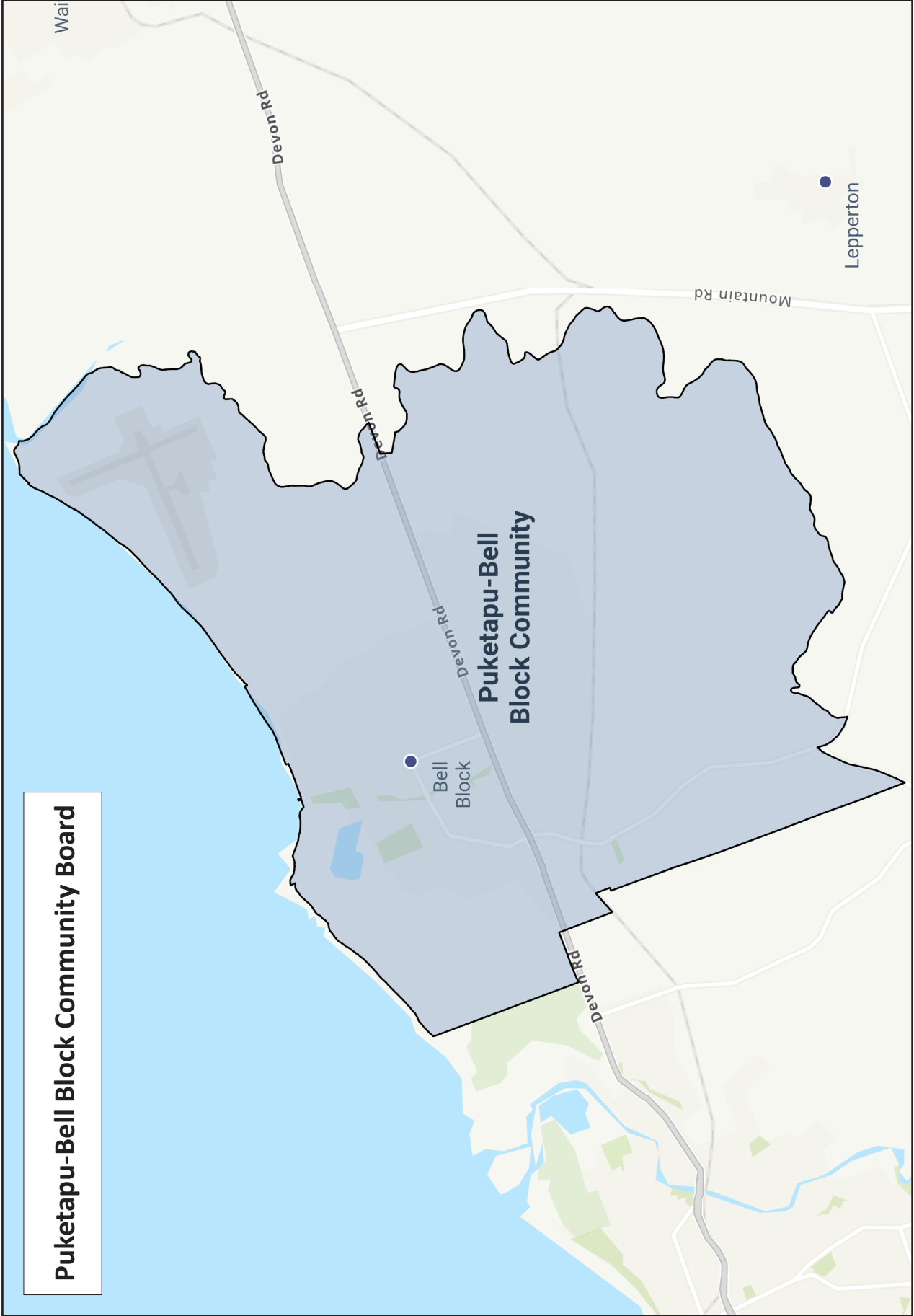
Results will be announced as soon as these are available after the close of voting on by-election day and will be accessible on Council's website: www.npdc.govt.nz

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