

BY-ELECTIONS FACT SHEET | WHĀRANGI MEKA

3 MARCH 2026

➔ BACKGROUND

As a result of there being insufficient candidates at the 2025 triennial elections, by-elections are now required to be held on Tuesday 3 March 2026, for:

- one vacancy for the Clifton Community Board;
- one vacancy for the Kaitake Community Board.

The by-elections 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-elections.

➔ 2025 KEY DATES

Nominations open	Monday 24 Nov 2025
Nominations close	noon, Monday 22 Dec 2025
Delivery of voting packs	from Friday 30 Jan 2026
Close of voting	noon, Tuesday 3 Mar 2026
Official results announced	Tuesday 3 Mar 2026

➔ HOW CAN I BE NOMINATED?

Nominations for these positions open on Monday 24 November 2025 and close at noon on Monday 22 December 2025. Nomination papers are obtainable during this period from:

- New Plymouth District Council Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth;
- by phoning 0800 922 822;
- www.npdc.govt.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); **and**
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective area that a candidate is standing for.

➔ 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 Monday 22 December 2025. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from Monday 24 November 2025 to Monday 22 December 2025.

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 36 76 56;
- accessing the Electoral Commission website:
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).

To check if you may be eligible, or to obtain an enrolment form, go to www.ratepayer.co.nz or www.npdc.govt.nz.

➔ HOW TO VOTE

Voting packs will be posted to all those who have enrolled from Friday 30 January 2026.

The voting period is just over four weeks (Friday 30 January 2026 to noon Tuesday 3 March 2026). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange reply-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

The issuing of special voting documents and the receiving of completed voting documents will be available at the New Plymouth District Council 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 Tuesday 3 March 2026.

➔ RESULTS

Final results will be announced on Tuesday 3 March 2026, and all results will be accessible on Council's website: www.npdc.govt.nz.

