

FACT SHEET | ĀROHI

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION
11 OCTOBER 2025



➔ WHAT DOES COUNCIL DO?

The District Council meets regularly to make many decisions that impact the day-to-day lives of people in the South Taranaki District area. 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 11 October 2025 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to South Taranaki District Council.

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for the South Taranaki District Council and the Taranaki Regional Council elections.

➔ 2025 KEY DATES

Nominations open	Friday 4 July
Nominations close	noon, Friday 1 August
Delivery of voting packs	from Tuesday 9 September
Close of voting	noon, Saturday 11 October
Official results announced	Friday 17 October

➔ WHO IS BEING ELECTED?

Elections will be required for the following positions:

- ➔ Mayor (elected 'at large')
- ➔ Councillors (13)
 - Eltham-Kaponga General Ward (2)
 - Pātea General Ward (2)
 - Taranaki Coastal General Ward (2)
 - Te Hāwera General Ward (5)
 - Te Kūrae Māori Ward (1)
 - Te Tai Tonga Māori Ward (1)
- ➔ Community Board Members (16)
 - Eltham-Kaponga Community Board (4)
 - Pātea Community Board (4)
 - Taranaki Coastal Community Board (4)

- Te Hāwera Community Board (4)

➔ Taranaki Regional Council Members - either:

- 2 members from the South Taranaki General Constituency; or
- 1 member from the Taranaki Māori Constituency

In addition electors will be able to vote on two polls – whether to retain or disestablish the Māori ward for the South Taranaki District Council, and whether to retain or disestablish the Māori constituency for the Taranaki Regional Council. The outcome of these binding polls will apply to the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections.

➔ HOW CAN I BE NOMINATED?

Nominations for these positions open on Friday 4 July 2025 and close at noon on Friday 1 August 2025.

For online nominations go to: www.esp.electionservices.co.nz.

Printed nomination papers and a candidate handbook will also be available during this period from:

- ➔ South Taranaki District Council's Administration Building, 105 – 111 Albion Street, Hāwera
- ➔ Or download and print at: www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/vote
- ➔ For assistance call the electoral office 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); **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 May 2025.

➔ 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 1 August 2025. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection between Friday 4 July 2025 and Friday 1 August 2025 at these locations:

- South Taranaki District Council's Administration

Building, 105 – 111 Albion Street, Hāwera.

- LibraryPlus locations across South Taranaki.

All electors will be able to vote for the Mayor. 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. All electors will be able to vote on the Māori Ward poll.

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 (available from the Electoral Commission or Council service centres and libraries);
- phoning 0800 36 76 56 to request a form be posted to you with a return envelope.
- 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).

To check if you may be eligible or to obtain an enrolment form, go to www.ratepayer.co.nz. Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are also available at www.southtaranaki.com or by phoning the electoral office 0800 922 822.

→ HOW TO VOTE

Voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled from Tuesday 9 September 2025. The voting period is just over four weeks (Tuesday 9 September 2025 to noon Saturday 11 October 2025.)

Electors may drop off their completed voting documents to a vote box at a number of specified locations throughout the district or mail them back to the electoral officer using the orange prepaid envelope sent with their voting documents.

Polling places for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Tuesday 9 September 2025 to noon, Saturday 11 October 2025 at:

- South Taranaki District Council's Administration Building, 105 – 111 Albion Street, Hāwera.
- Special Votes can also be posted out, by calling the electoral office 0800 922 822.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by noon, Saturday 11 October 2025.

Progress results will be known early afternoon on election day, and preliminary results will be known on Sunday, 12 October 2025. Final results will be known on Friday 17 October 2025, and all results will be accessible on Council's website: www.southtaranaki.com.

