

Central ward Community Board by-election 2020

Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board

Information guide

This by-election is being held on Friday 16 October 2020 to cover the extraordinary vacancy for one member for the Central ward of the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board.

The extraordinary vacancy has arisen from the resignation of Sally Buck.

The by-election will be conducted by postal vote using the First Past the Post voting electoral system, under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and Local Electoral Act Regulations 2001.

The Electoral Officer for this by-election is Jo Daly. Jo can be contacted by phone on (03) 941 8581 or 027 236 9052 or by email at jo.daly@ccc.govt.nz

By-election timetable

Thursday 23 July 2020	Public notice of by-election Nominations open Preliminary electoral roll open for inspection
Thursday 20 August 2020	Nominations close at noon Preliminary electoral roll closes
As soon as practical after 20 August 2020*	Public notice of election and candidate names*
Thursday 24 September 2020	Delivery of voting document begins Progressive roll scrutiny Early processing period starts Special voting period starts
Friday 16 October 2020	Election day Voting closes at noon Progress results available
Monday 19 October 2020	Preliminary results released
Wednesday 21 October 2020	Official results available
As soon as practical after 21 October 2020	Public notice of declaration of result
By Thursday 17 December 2020	Candidate return of electoral donations and expenses form due

* If only one nomination is received an election will not be held. The public notice will declare the candidate elected unopposed.

Nominations

Nominations for the vacancy open on Thursday 23 July and close at noon on Thursday 20 August 2020.

Nomination forms and candidate information are available from:

- The Council's Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
- Linwood Library and Service Centre (Customer Services Desk), Eastgate Mall, first floor
Corner Buckleys Road and Linwood Avenue

- Online at www.ccc.govt.nz/elections
- By contacting the Electoral Officer on 03 941 8581 or by emailing jo.daly@ccc.govt.nz to request one be posted to you.

Full eligibility criteria for this by-election are detailed on the reverse of the nomination form and in the candidate information sheet provided with the nomination form. Candidates do not need to reside within the Central ward, but must be a New Zealand Citizen, enrolled as a parliamentary elector in New Zealand and be nominated by two electors who are enrolled on the Central ward electoral roll.

Completed nomination forms for this by-election must be lodged with the Electoral Officer, Jo Daly, at the Christchurch Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch, or by email to jo.daly@ccc.govt.nz on or before noon on Thursday 20 August. Along with the nomination form, the candidate:

- must pay a \$200 (including GST) nomination deposit
- may submit a candidate profile statement of up to 150 words
- may submit a photo to be used for this by-election
- must provide evidence of New Zealand citizenship.

A full Candidate Information Booklet was produced for the 2019 local body elections. This booklet contains detailed information for candidates, including campaigning requirements and election offences. This information booklet is available online at www.ccc.govt.nz/elections or on request from the Electoral Officer.

Electoral rolls

Those eligible to vote in the by-election are all residential electors and non-residential ratepayer electors in the Central ward whose names appear on the parliamentary electoral roll when they close on Thursday 20 August 2020.

The preliminary electoral roll is available for public inspection from Thursday 23 July 2020 to Thursday 20 August at:

- The Council's Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
- Linwood Library and Service Centre, Eastgate Mall, first floor Corner Buckleys Road and Linwood Avenue
- Tūrunga, 60 Cathedral Square.

A person may still enrol as an elector and vote using a special vote up until Thursday 15 October 2020.

Residential roll

All parliamentary electors are automatically enrolled on the residential roll at the address where they live. Electors may enrol or amend their enrolment details on the residential electoral roll by:

- Calling 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)
- Visiting the elections website www.vote.nz
- Completing an enrolment form available from any NZ Post agency.

Ratepayer roll

If a person is on the parliamentary roll in another area of Christchurch or New Zealand than the Central ward and owns property in the Central ward, 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 in the Central ward may nominate one of its members or officers as a ratepayer elector (providing the nominated person resides outside of the ward).

Ratepayer roll enrolment forms are available on the Council website at www.ccc.govt.nz/elections or from the Electoral Officer.

Voting

Should the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies, voting documents will be posted to all eligible electors from Thursday 24 September 2020.

The voting period is from Thursday 24 September 2020 until noon on Friday 16 October 2020. Electors can post completed voting documents back to the Electoral Officer using the pre-paid envelope sent with voting papers or deliver them to the Council Civic Offices or Linwood Library and Customer Services before the close of voting.

A polling place for the issue of special voting documents and for the receipt of completed voting documents will be available Monday to Friday at the following locations between Thursday 24 September 2020 and noon on Friday 16 October 2020.

- The Council's Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch, Monday to Friday 9am–5pm
- Linwood Library and Service Centre (Customer Services Desk), Eastgate Mall, first floor Corner Buckleys Road and Linwood Avenue, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- By contacting the Electoral Officer on 03 941 8581 or jo.daly@ccc.govt.nz to get special voting papers posted to you.

All completed voting documents must be returned by noon on Friday 16 October 2020.

Preliminary results will be provided as soon as they are available after the close of voting on by-election day and final results are expected to be available by Wednesday 21 October 2020. All results will be accessible on Council's webpage at www.ccc.govt.nz/elections

For further information, please contact the Electoral Officer.