

Coastal ward Council by-election 2021

Christchurch City Council

Information guide

This by-election is being held on Friday 8 October 2021 to fill the extraordinary vacancy for Councillor representing the Coastal ward on the Christchurch City Council.

The extraordinary vacancy has arisen from the resignation of James Daniels from his position as Councillor representing the Coastal ward.

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 15 July 2021	Public notice of by-election Nominations open Preliminary electoral roll open for inspection
Thursday 12 August 2021	Nominations close at noon Preliminary electoral roll closes
From Wednesday 18 August *	Public notice of election and candidate names
Thursday 16 September 2021	Delivery of voting document begins Progressive roll scrutiny Early processing period starts Special voting period starts
Friday 8 October 2021	Election day Voting closes at noon Progress results available
Friday 8 October/Monday 11 October 2021	Preliminary results released
From Thursday 14 October 2021	Official results available Public notice of declaration of result
Approximately Wednesday 8 December 2021	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 15 July 2021 and close at noon on Thursday 12 August 2021.

Nomination forms and candidate information is available from:

- The Council's Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
- 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/emailed.

Full eligibility criteria for this by-election are detailed on the reverse of the nomination form and in the candidate information booklet available. Candidates do not need to reside within the Coastal 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 Coastal 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 12 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 Candidate Information Booklet is available for this by-election. 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 Coastal ward whose names appear on the parliamentary electoral roll when they close on Thursday 12 August 2021.

The preliminary electoral roll is available for public inspection from Thursday 15 July to Thursday 12 August 2021 at:

- The Council's Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
- New Brighton Library, 213 Marine Parade, New Brighton
- Parklands Library, 46 Queenspark Drive, Parklands
- Shirley Library and Service Centre, 36 Marshland Road, Shirley

A person may still enrol as an elector and vote using a special vote up until Thursday 7 October 2021.

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
- Free texting 3676

Ratepayer roll

If a person is on the parliamentary roll in another area of Christchurch or New Zealand than the Coastal ward and owns property in the Coastal 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 Coastal 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 16 September 2021.

The voting period is from Thursday 16 September 2021 until noon on Friday 8 October 2021. Electors can post completed voting documents back to the Electoral Officer using the pre-paid envelope sent with voting papers or deliver them to ballot boxes at: Council Civic Offices, New Brighton Library, Parklands Library or Shirley Library and Service Centre 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 16 September 2021 and noon on Friday 8 October 2021:

- The Council's Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch, Monday to Friday 9am–5pm
- Shirley Library and Service Centre (Customer Services Desk), 36 Marshland Road, Shirley 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 8 October 2021.

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 Thursday 14 October 2021. All results will be accessible on Council's webpage at www.ccc.govt.nz/elections

For further information, please contact the Electoral Officer.