

2023-24 Lyttelton Community Subdivision Community Board by-election
 Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board
 Frequently Asked Questions

What is the by-election for?	A community board member to represent the Lyttelton Community Subdivision on the Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board.
Why is there a by-election?	Community Board member Reuben Davidson resigned from the Community Board as he has been elected to Parliament. If there is a vacancy on Council or a Community Board more than 12 months before the next triennial election an election must be held.
When is the by-election?	Saturday 17 February 2024 Voting closes at 12 noon on Saturday 17 February 2024. Progress results will be announced later that afternoon.
Who is running the election?	The Electoral Officer for Christchurch City Council – Jo Daly and the Electoral Team: Emma Pachnatz, Electoral Official.
How do I contact the Electoral Officer/Electoral Team?	Emma Pachnatz, Electoral Official Phone 03 941 8755 Email: elections@ccc.govt.nz Jo Daly, Electoral Officer Phone: 03 941 8581 Email: elections@ccc.govt.nz
What type of voting method will be used?	The by-election will be conducted by postal voting under the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system. Candidate names will be listed in random order on the voting paper.
Who gets to vote in the by-election?	Electors in the Lyttelton Community Subdivision of Christchurch City Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electors are included in the residential electoral roll (this roll is also used for the general elections). • People who own a property in the Lyttelton Community Subdivision but live elsewhere may be entitled to enrol as a ratepayer elector and vote in this by-election. Contact the electoral team for more details.
How do I find out if I live in the Lyttelton Community Subdivision?	Look up your address on the interactive map: https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/elected-members/representation/

<p>How do I check I am on the electoral roll or update my details?</p>	<p>Contact the Electoral Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56) • vote.nz • Freetext 3676 - to request a form • Email enquiries@elections.govt.nz to request a form <p>Enrolment packs may also be available from Council Service Centres.</p> <p>People can check they are on the Lyttelton Community Subdivision preliminary electoral roll available for viewing at: Christchurch City Council Civic Offices and Lyttelton Library and Service Centre.</p>
<p>I want to be a candidate for the Lyttelton Community Subdivision by-election, what do I need to do?</p>	<p>Nominations for this by-election close at 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2023.</p> <p>You need to be a New Zealand Citizen and enrolled on the residential electoral roll (anywhere in NZ).</p> <p>You need to be nominated by two people who are on the electoral roll for the Lyttelton Community Subdivision.</p> <p>Nominations open on Friday 24 November 2023 and close at 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2023. Your nomination must be on the official nomination form and must be submitted, with supporting documents, to the electoral officer or an electoral official before the close of nominations.</p> <p>All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time, and must be complete and correct before the close of nominations.</p> <p>Information for candidates is available at: ccc.govt.nz/elections or contact the electoral officer or electoral team.</p>
<p>How much will it cost me to stand?</p>	<p>Candidates are required to pay a \$200 nomination fee deposit.</p> <p>The amount candidates can spend on their campaign is set in legislation (Local Electoral Act 2001). For this by-election the limit is \$3,500 (inclusive of GST).</p> <p>Candidates are required to pay for their own campaigning expenses.</p>
<p>How long is the electoral term for this position?</p>	<p>Until the next local government triennial elections in 2025.</p> <p>The next triennial election is on Saturday 11 October 2025.</p>
<p>How do I find out about being an elected community board member?</p>	<p>The elections webpage includes information for candidates: ccc.govt.nz/elections</p> <p>This includes a candidate information sheet for this by-election and the 2022 candidate information booklet.</p> <p>Information about Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board and the Banks Peninsula ward is available at: https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/te-pataka-o-rakaihautu-banks-peninsula-community-board</p>

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When is by-election signage/hoardings allowed to be put up?	<p>Temporary local election signage (which might otherwise exceed the District Plan limits) is permitted within the limits specified for a period of nine weeks before the start of voting, and must be removed by midnight the day before election day.</p> <p>For this by-election, election hoardings and election signage is authorised from Friday 24 November 2023 until midnight on Friday 16 February 2024.</p>
How do I find out about the candidates in the by-election?	<p>Information supplied by candidates will be available on the Council website ccc.govt.nz/elections in January 2024.</p> <p>Candidates are able to provide a recent photo and candidate profile statement which will be sent to electors with voting documents.</p> <p>Information about candidates may be available in the community, at meetings, online or in the media. Candidates may undertake their own promotion.</p>
When will I get to vote?	<p>The voting period is from Friday 26 January 2024 until 12 noon on Saturday 17 February 2024.</p>
How will I get my voting papers?	<p>New Zealand Post will deliver voting documents to enrolled electors in the Lyttelton Community Subdivision from Friday 26 January 2024.</p> <p>Voting documents will include voting papers, a candidate information sheet and a postage paid return envelope.</p> <p>People enrolled at the same address may receive their papers on different days.</p> <p>All enrolled electors should receive their voting papers by Wednesday 31 January 2024.</p> <p>Completed voting papers must be returned to be received before the close of voting at 12 noon on Saturday 17 February 2024.</p>
I haven't received my voting documents	<p>Contact the electoral team to request a special vote - phone: 03 941 8999 or email elections@ccc.govt.nz or</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Civic Offices, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday • Lyttelton Library and Customer Services, Customer Services Desk, 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday <p>to be issued with a special vote.</p> <p>Special votes will also be available on by-election day Saturday 17 February 2024 at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Civic Offices, 9am to 12 noon

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I am on the unpublished parliamentary role and want to vote in this by-election	<p>Contact the electoral team to request a special vote - phone: 03 941 8999 or email elections@ccc.govt.nz; or</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Civic Offices Customer Services, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday • Lyttelton Library and Customer Services, Customer Services Desk, 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday <p>to be issued with a special vote.</p> <p>Special votes will also be available on by-election day Saturday 17 February 2024 at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Civic Offices, 9am to 12noon • Lyttelton Library and Customer Services, 10am to 12noon <p>You may have received a letter from the Electoral Commission telling you how to request a special vote.</p>
Do I have to post my completed voting document back?	<p>You can post your completed voting document back in any NZ Post box– post by 5pm on Tuesday 13 February to make sure it arrives before the close of voting at noon on Saturday 17 February 2024.</p> <p>You can use the Post Shop-Kiwi bank location find out where post boxes are located in your area or see the map on the website: https://www.nzpost.co.nz/tools/postshop-kiwibank-locator/Christchurch</p> <p>You can also drop your completed voting paper in a vote box at the following locations before noon on Saturday 17 February 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Offices • Lyttelton Library and Customer Services
Where can I take my completed voting document:	<p>You can take your completed voting document to a vote box at the following locations before 12 noon on Saturday 17 February 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Offices • Lyttelton Library and Customer Services <p>Completed voting documents can also be posted back in any NZ Post box.</p>
I can't complete my voting paper by myself.	Contact the electoral team.
I made a mistake on my voting paper.	If you cannot clearly correct the mistake, contact the electoral team.

What is the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system?	Under the FPP electoral system the candidate that gets the most votes wins. You mark the candidate you want to vote for with a tick.
When will the results of the by-election be known.	Progress and preliminary results will be announced as soon as possible after the close of voting at 12 noon on Saturday 17 February 2024. The official results are expected by Thursday 22 February 2024. Candidates will be contacted by the electoral team by phone or email and results will be published on the Council elections webpage: ccc.govt.nz/elections
When will the successful candidate take office?	The successful candidate takes office the day after the official result has been declared by public notice. However, they cannot act until they have sworn an oath at a Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board meeting.

Information about the by-election and Council elections:

www.ccc.govt.nz/elections and available from the electoral team.

Information available includes:

- An information sheet
- A candidate information sheet
- Nomination documents
- Useful information for candidates from the 2022 elections - Candidate Information Booklet

Key contacts:

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