

Pōtitanga Kawanatanga ā Rohe 2025 Local Elections

Candidate Information Session

Mary Richardson, Chief Executive

Warwick Lampp, Electoral Officer

5 June 2025



Haere Mai | Welcome



STAND

Shape the
future of
Christchurch.

**Nominations open
Friday 4 July**

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VOTE 2025
LOCAL ELECTIONS

Christchurch
City Council



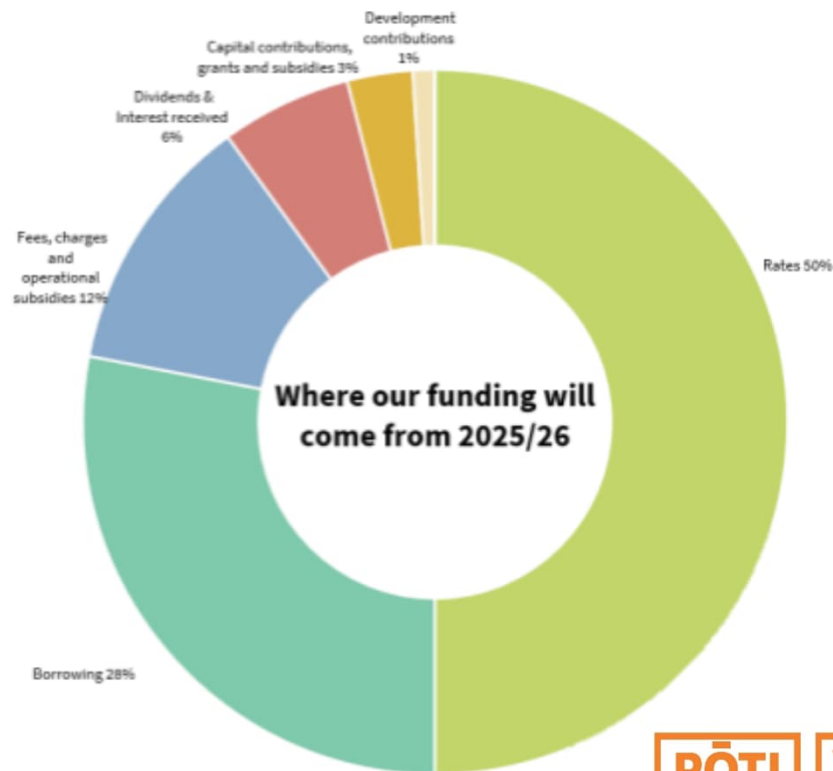
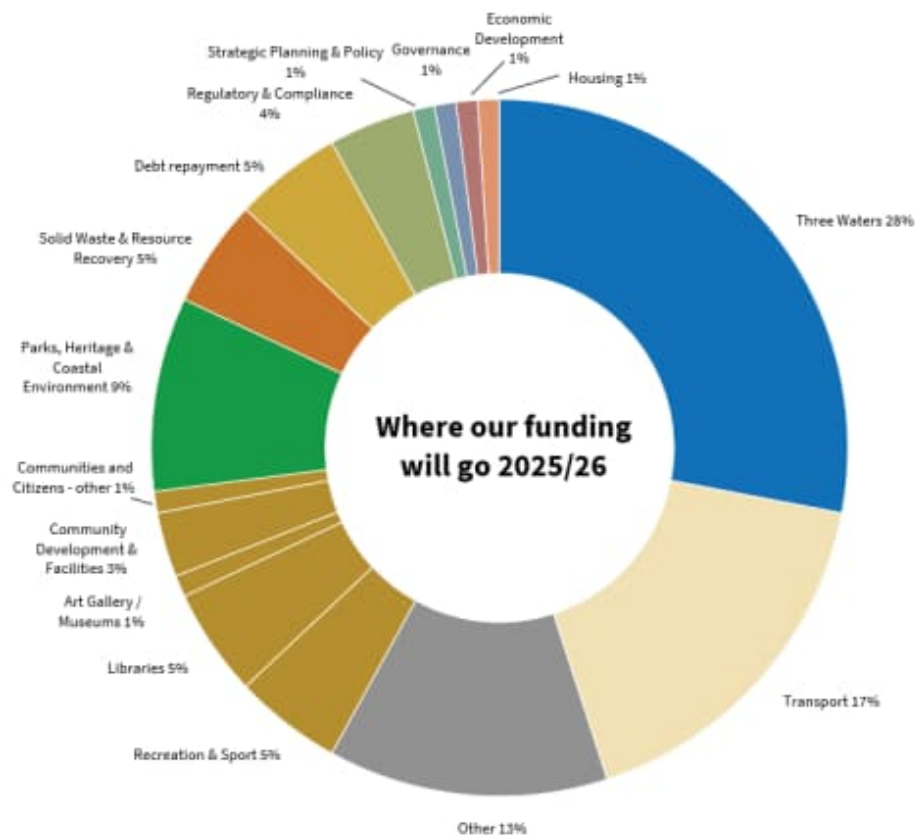
Christchurch City Council

- Christchurch City Council governs the city of Christchurch & surrounding areas, including Banks Peninsula amalgamated in 2006.
- Located in the takiwā of Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata, Ōnuku Rūnanga, Wairewa Rūnanga, and Te Taumutu Rūnanga
- Council consists of 16 councillors, each elected from different wards, plus the mayor. There are six community boards comprising 37 community board members
- Since 2010–2011 earthquakes, Christchurch has become a global example of urban resilience - evolved from an earthquake-damaged city to among the “World’s 100 Greatest Places”, “Happiest cities” and top five places to invest and a “capital of cool”.
 - Large areas of redzone land have been transformed into public parks and ecological reserves; > 400km of water and sewer pipes fixed or replaced; facilities have been repaired or rebuilt and neighbourhoods revitalised.
- Christchurch City Council is a large and complex organisation with responsibility for a multi-billion dollar asset base and a vast portfolio of responsibilities



Financial Overview

- Rates provide ~ 50% of the Council's funding - rates are a tax on property, and most are collected in proportion to the property's value
- Operating expenditure & interest costs ~ \$860 million AND Capital programme ~\$740 million



Challenges Ahead

- Council is “a Creature of Statute”
 - Water Services Delivery Reform
 - Local Government Act Reform
 - Resource Management Reform
- Environmental Resilience & Climate Change
- Significant Natural Hazards Event
- Changing, Ageing and Diverse City
- Infrastructure Assets
- Health, Safety and Wellbeing
- Financial stability
- Relationship with Partners
- Understanding Governance
- Community Expectation and Rates Affordability



**Pōtitanga Kawanatanga ā Rohe
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**Warwick Lampp
Electoral Officer**



Pōti Tīma | Electoral Team

- electionz.com Ltd contracted by Christchurch City Council
- **Warwick Lampp** - CCC Electoral Officer | *Āpiha Pōti Matua*
- **Jo Daly** - CCC Deputy Electoral Officer | *Kaiwhakahaere Āpiha Pōti*

Wātaka Pōti | Election Timetable

5 June (Thursday)

4 July (Friday)

8 July (Tuesday)

11 July (Friday)

1 August (Friday)

9 – 22 September (Tuesday to Tuesday)

9 September to 11 October

10 October (Friday)

11 October (Saturday)

11 October (Saturday)

12 October (Sunday)

16 October (Thursday)

Late October, early November

probably 11 December (Thursday)

Candidate Briefing, Christchurch

Nominations open

election signs can go up, nine weeks prior to voting

Pre-election Period starts

Nominations close at 12 noon

Delivery of voting papers

Special voting period

Removal of election signs by midnight

Close of voting at 12 noon

Progress results available by 3pm

Preliminary results announced

Final results announced, Official declaration

Inaugural Meetings of Council and CBs

Candidate expenses deadline

Ko wai a electionz.com? | Who is electionz.com?

- Warwick Lampp, Electoral Officer, lives in Tauranga
- Election services company based in Ōtautahi Christchurch
- 10 full time staff
- Average 200 elections in NZ each year (other than councils)
- Electoral Officer (EO) for 44 councils, eight regional councils
- Carrying out vote processing for 47 councils, approx 825,000 returned voting papers in Christchurch
- Electoral Officer for:
 - Christchurch, Wellington, Tauranga, Western Bay, Matamata-Piako, Rotorua Lakes, Taupō, Waipā, Ōtorohanga, Waitomo, South Waikato, Ruapehu, Rangītihei, Manawatū, Whanganui, Horowhenua, Napier, Hastings, Central Hawkes Bay, Tararua, Carterton, Masterton, South Wairarapa, Upper Hutt, Porirua, Nelson, Buller, Westland, Grey, Kaikōura, Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Mackenzie, Waimate, Waitaki, Dunedin, Gore, Queenstown, Central Otago, Southland, Invercargill
 - Greater Wellington, Southland, Canterbury, Otago, Hawke's Bay, Horizons, Bay of Plenty, West Coast

Kāwanatanga | Other Organisations

- What part does the Electoral Commission (EC) play?
 - EC provides the electoral roll for council elections, nothing else
 - EC does not have jurisdiction or oversight of council elections
- Does the Ombudsman have any say?
 - No, the Electoral Officer and the Local Electoral Act are specifically exempt from the Ombudsman
- Does LGOIMA apply to the Electoral Officer and the LEA
 - No, the Electoral Officer is exempt from LGOIMA
- Who does the Electoral Officer answer to?
 - A district court Judge (not mayor, not council CE, not Ombudsman)

Pōtitanga Kawanatanga ā Rohe 2025 Local Government Elections PART 1

What is local government all about?



Ngā whakamahuki ā Ngā Pou Kaunihera

What is Local Government all about?

It's a complex business!

Underpinned by more than 125 pieces of legislation, Council is responsible for:

- Formulating the District's strategic direction in conjunction with the community through the Long Term Plan (LTP) and reporting on progress
- Determining the services and activities to be undertaken by the Council
- Managing regulations and upholding the law, including the formulation and enforcement of bylaws
- Advocating on behalf of the local community with central government, other local authorities and other agencies
- Environmental management through the District Plan
- Ensuring local communities are encouraged to be part of the decision-making processes of local government

He aha te take o ngā tāngata kaunihera? What is being an elected member all about?

IT IS A BIG DEAL!

- Standing for Council or Community Board takes a strong commitment, **it is not a “5-minute job”**
- Not to be taken lightly, it is an important responsibility
- Represent and lead the district – eyes and ears
- Advocacy and governance
- Skill information set in Candidate Handbook
- Information on the Council website: ccc.govt.nz/elections
- Public resources, guides and training modules, including Local Government New Zealand

Tikanga Haumaru | Candidate Safety

- Being an Elected Member can be positive and rewarding
- But its not always a “bed of roses”!
- More and more abuse of elected members, particularly online
- Take proactive steps to keep yourself safe
 - Use campaign-specific social media accounts
 - Set up a dedicated campaign email address and phone number
 - Be aware of surroundings – know the exits, check environment
 - Consider your responses in difficult situations – de-escalate, remain calm, signal for help
 - Go to the Police if public safety is threatened
 - Candidate contact details on website won’t include physical address

Pārongo tūranga mahi | Job description

- Represent interests of Council and the Community
- Formulate strategic direction and priorities
- Determine expenditure and funding
- Monitor performance
- Develop and oversee policy
- Ensure prudent use of council resources
- Employ and monitor the Chief Executive (CE) only

Whanonga pono me ngā tikanga | Core competencies

- Genuine interest for issues faced by local communities
- Relate to wide range of people – strong people skills
- Competent listening and public speaking skills
- Express ideas clearly and be results focussed
- Understand, analyse and resolve complex issues
- Understand governance versus management
- Councillors think “city-wide” on issues
- Community Board members think “board-wide” on issues
- Commit to elected members’ Code of Conduct

Ngā hui Kaunihera | Council meetings

- **Council** currently meets twice a month
- Finance and Performance Committee of the whole meets monthly
- Other committees and subcommittees vary
- Information sessions weekly, hearings panels and working groups as required
- Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors are full-time jobs
- **Community Boards** currently meet monthly, monthly information sessions
- Varying board and community commitments
- Lots of reading of agendas and reports, other council related activity
- Variable working hours – daytime, evening and weekend work required

Utu ā-tau | Remuneration

- Mayor \$207,400 pa
- Councillor guaranteed minimum \$103,988 pa
- Pool for councillors \$1,970,300 pa
- Paid fortnightly
- Elected members are classified as self employed
- Allowances and Expenses Policy
 - vehicle mileage allowance for travel
 - travel time allowance for travel within the council area
 - allowance for use of personal ICT equipment and services
 - childcare allowance – community board members

Remuneration is set by the Remuneration Authority and may change after the election

Mema Poari Hapori | Community Boards

The role of a community board is to -

- represent and act as an advocate for the interests of the community;
- consider and report on any matter referred to it by their council, and any issues of interest to the community board;
- make an annual submission to their council on expenditure
- maintain an overview of services provided by their council within the community; and
- communicate with community organisations and special interest groups in the community, and undertake any other responsibilities delegated by their council.

Local Government Act 2002, section 52

Mema Poari Hapori | Community Boards

- Six community boards
 - five community boards with nine members, one with eight members
 - elected by the voters from the ward or subdivision they represent
- Community boards have a key advocacy role in Council decisions and policies
- Community Governance Partnership Agreement
- Make decisions on local community issues, activities and facilities, and help build strong communities
- Develop Community Board Plans with the key priorities

Mema Poari Hapori | Community Boards

Chairperson

- Each Board elects one of its members to be Chairperson
- The role of Board Chairperson requires substantial additional commitment

Deputy Chairperson and Members

- Each Board elects a Deputy Chairperson
- Community Board each supported by a dedicated Community Governance Team

Utu ā-tau | Remuneration

Community board remuneration is based on population

Community Board	Member	Community Board Chairperson*
Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board	\$10,950	\$21,899
Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood-Community Board	\$26,859	\$53,719
Waimāero Fendalton–Waimairi-Harewood Community Board	\$26,757	\$53,513
Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board	\$27,579	\$55,158
Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central-Community Board	\$25,549	\$51,097
Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board	\$28,082	\$56,164

** Community Board Chairpersons receive twice the remuneration of members*

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Councillors do not receive additional remuneration for being appointed to Community Boards

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2025 Election details

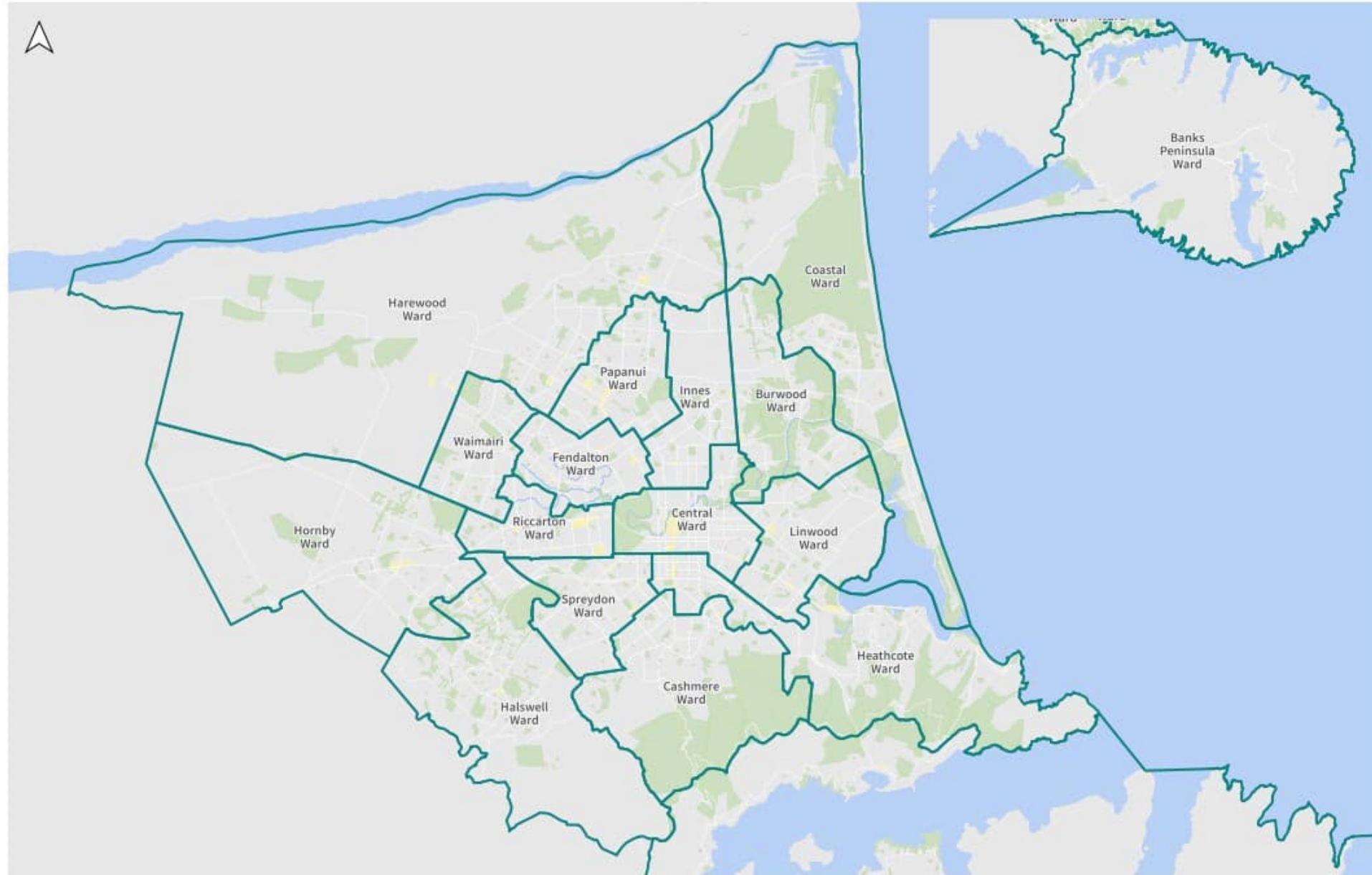


Ngā Tūranga me ngā Kawenga Āpiha Pōti Matua

Electoral Officer Role and Responsibilities

- The Electoral Officer (EO) is solely responsible for the conduct of the election
- The EO is not subject to the directions of any local authority, elected members, or the CE
- Provides a level playing field for all candidates
- **NB** Not responsible for monitoring campaigning by candidates. Only deals with alleged breaches of the Act by passing them to the Police.

Rohe Mapi | Ward Map

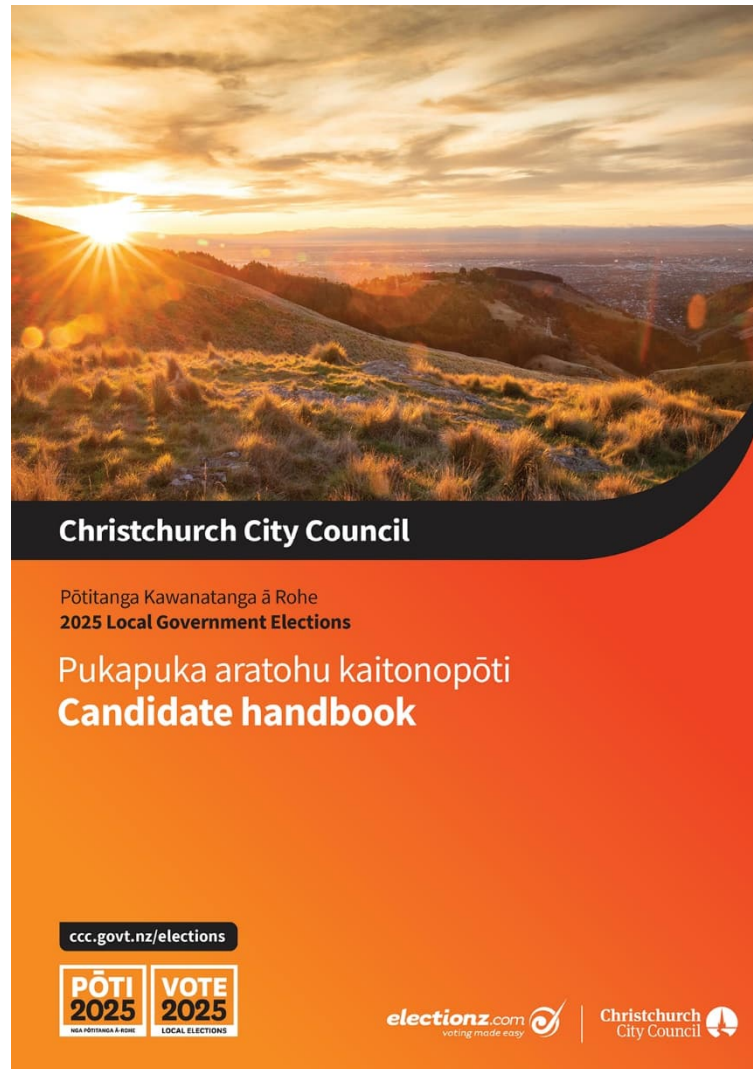


Six Community Boards

Community Board	Ward or Subdivision	Members
Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula	Akaroa subdivision	2
	Lyttelton subdivision	2
	Mt Herbert subdivision	2
	Wairewa subdivision	1
Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood	Coastal ward	2
	Burwood ward	2
	Linwood ward	2
Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood	Fendalton ward	2
	Waimairi ward	2
	Harewood ward	2
Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton	Halswell ward	2
	Hornby ward	2
	Riccarton ward	2
Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central	Papanui ward	2
	Innes ward	2
	Central ward	2
Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote	Spreydon ward	2
	Cashmere ward	2
	Heathcote ward	2

Pukapuka Aratohu Kaitonopōti | Candidate Handbook

Will be available on Council website later in June or on request from DEO



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PART 3

The nomination process



Ngā Take Pōti | Nominations will be called for:

Christchurch City Council – 288,372 residential electors

Koromatua | Mayor

Kaikaunihera | Councillors - 16 councillors from 16 wards

Mema Poari Hapori | Community Boards – 37 members from six CBs (with subdivisions)

Canterbury Regional Council – **four** constituencies

All elections have **random** order of candidate names

Whakaaringa | Nomination Process

Nomination Period – four weeks

- Nominations open Friday 4 July
- Nominations close at midday Friday 1 August

All nomination documents **must** be submitted together

- Nomination paper, profile statement, photo, evidence of \$200 deposit
- Must provide **evidence of NZ Citizenship** (passport, birth certificate)
- EITHER bring to the Electoral Office, CCC, Te Hononga Civic Offices
- OR scan/email to the DEO – nominations@ccc.govt.nz
- Will accept online banking of deposits – evidence required
- Cheques will **not** be accepted

Whakaaringa | Nomination Process (continued)

Candidate **must state if reside in area of election or not**

- My principal place of residence **is WITHIN / is NOT WITHIN** the area
- shown at the top of the profile statement
- not included in the 150 words
- Nomination paper includes notice for candidates to be aware that contact details will be public info
- Can use commonly used name on voting papers – but no titles
- Party affiliations – cannot be offensive, confusing, or too long, or list whānau, hapū or iwi details - maximum of 38 characters
- **Nomination paper is a public document, open for inspection by anyone**

**KOROMATUA | MAYOR
PUKA TONO | NOMINATION FORM
CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL | 2025 ELECTIONS**

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Important Notes:

- The front page of completed nomination forms are required to be available for public inspection at the Elections Office, Ground Floor Te Hononga Christchurch City Council Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch.
- Candidate name, email address and/or phone number details as provided in Section B will be made available from the council's website.
- Nominator names may also be made available from the council's website.
- In this form LEA = Local Electoral Act 2001 and LER = Local Electoral Regulations 2001

A TE ROHE PŌTI | ELECTION AREA

I wish to stand for election as **Mayor of Christchurch City**.

My principal place of residence (tick ONE circle):



is **WITHIN** the Christchurch City Council area



is **NOT WITHIN** the Christchurch City Council area

B MĀ TE KAITONO | CANDIDATE TO FILL OUT (after reading important information on reverse)

I (candidate's full name),

accept the nomination and confirm that I have read and understand the **Eligibility and Candidacy Notes** on the reverse of this form and certify that I am qualified to be a candidate under Section 25 of the LEA and the LER and that I am not disqualified under Section 58 of the LEA. In particular, I am a New Zealand citizen and a New Zealand parliamentary elector.

Contact details (will be made available for public inspection):

Phone No.:

Email Address:

I am also standing for the following elections:

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as:

I wish to use the following affiliation (to be left blank if the candidate does not wish to use any party / group affiliation. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'independent' be shown. Maximum length is 38 characters (including any spaces between words)):

Signature:

Date:

C MĀ TE KAITAUTOKO | NOMINATORS TO FILL OUT

We, the undersigned electors of the Christchurch City Council hereby nominate the candidate listed in **Section B** above with their consent, as a candidate for the office of **Mayor**, the election for which is to be held on 11 October 2025.

Full name of First Nominator:

Residential Address:

Phone No.:

Signature of First Nominator:

Full name of Second Nominator:

Residential Address:

Phone No.:

Signature of Second Nominator:

Nominations must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer before 12 noon on Friday 1 August 2025

All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time.
For assistance phone (03) 941 8581 or email nomination@ccc.govt.nz

D CANDIDATE CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE ELECTORAL OFFICER/OFFICIAL

These contact details will not be made public and will be used for election communication by the Electoral Officer/Official:

Residential Address:

(For the following 2 fields only complete if different from details listed in Section B of this form):

Phone No.:

Email Address:

ELIGIBILITY & CANDIDACY NOTES

- Candidates for this position do not need to live within the Christchurch City Council election area, but must be a New Zealand citizen and enrolled as a New Zealand parliamentary elector.
- Both nominators must be enrolled as electors of Christchurch City Council.
- No person can be elected to a local authority if they are concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 with that local authority. This restriction is waived if prior approval from the office of the Controller and Auditor-General is obtained (Section 3(1) Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968).
- A candidate may stand for either the regional council or city/district council/community board in the regional council's district, but not both.
- A candidate cannot nominate themselves for office.
- A candidate may under Section 56 of the LEA be nominated under a name which the candidate is commonly known as provided that the name will not: cause offence to a reasonable person; be unreasonably long; include or resemble an official rank or title; cause confusion or mislead electors (Section 56 of the LEA).
- Where no affiliation is claimed, or an affiliation is disallowed by the Electoral Officer under Section 57 of the LEA, nothing will be shown in the public notice or the voting paper alongside the candidate's name. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'independent' be shown.
- Under Section 121 of the LEA, any person is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000 who:
 - Knowing themselves to be ineligible for election, consents to being nominated for election; or
 - Nominates any person as a candidate whom they know to be ineligible for election; or
 - Not being the candidate signs any nomination paper knowing that they are not qualified to vote at the election.
- Each nomination must be accompanied by the required deposit of \$200.00 (GST inclusive) or proof of an electronic deposit.
- Evidence of NZ citizenship is required at the time of candidate nomination. Acceptable evidence includes a copy of a NZ passport, NZ birth certificate or NZ citizenship documentation.
- Nominations of candidates must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer, Christchurch City Council, before 12 noon on Friday 1 August 2025.
- An employee of a local authority may stand for election as mayor or councillor of that local authority, but if elected, must resign as an employee of the local authority before taking office. This provision does not apply to an employee of a local authority elected to a community or local board.

RETURN, PAYMENT AND REFUND DETAILS

I submit with this nomination (please tick appropriate circles):



Evidence of NZ citizenship



Evidence of deposit



Photo



Profile statement

I understand that if I do not provide a profile or photo, the words "Profile/Photo not supplied" will appear below my name in the profile booklet that will be sent out with the voting paper.

Deliver to (do not post): Elections Office, Ground Floor Te Hononga Christchurch City Council Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch.

Or, scan and email to: nominations@ccc.govt.nz

Payments can be made by **cash** or **eftpos** directly at the Christchurch City Council office at 53 Hereford St, Christchurch, if you are returning this form by hand or by **online banking** using the details provided below:

Account name:	Christchurch City Council	Bank:	BNZ
Account number:	02 0800 0044765-00	Particulars/reference:	Election Fee
Code:	(Your initials and surname)		

Refunds of Nomination Deposits

Where eligible, refunds of nomination deposits will be made by online deposit into your nominated bank account. Please provide either a bank deposit slip or verification of your bank account for the processing of your refund. Verification can be a screen shot from online banking or from the top of a bank statement, and must include the bank logo, the account name and the bank a/c number.

ELECTORAL OFFICIAL TO FILL OUT

Received at the hour of:		on the		day of		20
Candidate roll #:						
First nominator roll #:						
Nomination documents approved:	<input type="radio"/> Nomination paper	<input type="radio"/> Deposit/proof of deposit	<input type="radio"/> Place of residence			
	<input type="radio"/> Photo	<input type="radio"/> Profile statement	<input type="radio"/> Proof of NZ citizenship			
	<input type="radio"/> Standing for other elections	<input type="radio"/> Deposit refund verification				
Signature of Electoral Official:						Date:

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Te Paearu Kaitono | Candidate Qualifications

MUST BE:

- A New Zealand citizen (required to provide evidence)
- Enrolled on the parliamentary electoral roll (in NZ)
- Nominator and seconder on the electoral roll in the area standing

CANNOT:

- Be serving a prison sentence of three or more years
- Stand for CCC and Environment Canterbury at the same time
- Have interest in a contract over \$25K per year with council (candidate or their spouse/partner)
- Stand for more than one ward
- Withdraw after the close of nominations

CAN STAND:

- For mayor and/or councillor and/or community board member, or another council
- If a council employee, but must resign if elected as mayor or councillor
- If you live outside city or ward, but must state that on nomination paper

Ngā Maunu Kaitono | Candidate Withdrawals

- A candidate cannot strategically or politically withdraw after nominations have closed
- Same as for parliamentary elections, i.e. death or incapacity only
- Medical certificate required – deposit refunded
- Withdrawal application can be made by candidate or their agent

Ngā kōrero whaitake me ngā whakaahua a te Kaitono

Candidate Profile Statements and Photos

Profiles

- **May** be provided (not mandatory)
- must be provided electronically with the other nomination documents as a MS Word doc, not a pdf, not hand-written
- Up to **150** words about the candidate, their policies and intentions
- Cannot comment on policies etc of any other candidate
- Can be emailed to the DEO but **all docs submitted together**
- EO not required to verify or investigate any information included in profile
- Profiles with photos on Council website as soon as ready after close of nominations
- Candidate contact details, and profiles/photos will be on Council website after close of nominations

Photos

- Photos in **colour, within last 12 months**, head and shoulders shot only (no hats, sunglasses, children, trees, pets or friends)
- Photos provided as jpgs, scanned at 300 dpi

Hei tauira mō te whakaritenga

Example Profile Statement

Invercargill City Council

Electing the Mayor



Warwick LAMPP

Proven. Dedicated. Real.

My principal place of residence is in the Invercargill City Council area. I am also standing for Councillor - At Large.

I want you to be involved and excited about Invercargill.

My vision is a thriving city that exceeds your expectations.

A city where you are listened to, where your contribution is valued.

A city where stuff gets done through great leadership. I get stuff done.

That's why I want to be the Mayor

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PART 4

Campaigning



Whakahaeretia | Campaigning

- Can commence any time
- Generally no rules around campaigning or conduct, but:
 - Can't use council resources for campaigning (logo, branding, colours, council FB or X feed, photos, council buildings)
 - Voting papers should not be collected from electors by candidates or their assistants
 - **No campaigning or electioneering in Council chambers or on council premises or in the same premises as an orange ballot bin**
- Election expenses for campaigning must be recorded and declared in a return after the election
- **Any campaign material** (signs, posters, billboards, flyers, ads, cars, social media) **must have an authorisation** from the candidate or their agent, stating their name and contact details
 - Can be address, mobile, email, PO Box
 - Must be on the front of the sign or promotional material (not the back)
- Any content of signs is subject to ASA guidelines and complaints process – must be factual
- Usual rules of defamation apply but don't complain to the EO if you don't like what someone says about you!

Ngā Ataata a ngā Kaitono Pōti | **Candidate Videos**

- Council staff will contact candidates after nominations have closed and invite them to be filmed in a short video answering a small range of election-related questions
- Videos taken by council staff or their contractor
- Videos taken on council premises
- Up to 90 seconds long
- Answering 4 or 5 set questions
- Questions and length of video to be confirmed at time of invitation
- Videos will be made available from council election page with candidate profile statements when ready

Pae Pāpāho Pāpori | Social Media

Beware of Social Media! During the three-month election period:

- Council's social media channels will unlike / unfollow all candidate social media channels
- Candidates must not link their own social media channels (if they are used for campaigning purposes) to the Council's social media channels, and must ensure that they have the appropriate authorisation
- **Council social media channels cannot be used for electioneering by candidates or members of the public – will be constantly monitored and strictly enforced**
- Any post - positive or negative - made by any individual specifically relating to their own or someone else's nomination, intention to run for Council or election campaign, will be removed
- Council's social media channels will remain neutral. Council will promote elections and the importance of voting but will not associate these posts with any candidates

Pae Pāpāho Pāpori | Social Media continued

This means, when with the intention of campaigning / electioneering:

- No posting on Council pages / accounts
 - No comments / replies on Council pages
 - No mentions with a tag (e.g. @ChristchurchCityCouncil)
 - No picture tagging
 - No rating or reviewing Council pages or posts
- e.g. you cannot electioneer on Council's channels, or piggyback on their audiences
- **It is illegal to post a photo of a completed voting on FB**

Ngā Tohu Pōti | Election signs

- Election signs can go up from **Tuesday 8 July** (nine weeks before the start of voting)
- Must comply with District Plan re size and placement
- Can be on private land, must have approval of the landowner
- Waka Kotahi rules apply for State Highways, with a speed limit of more than 70kms
- Candidate or campaigning signage on a vehicle is an election sign
- Cost of running a vehicle with signage, if it is own personal transport, is not an election expense
- **The cost of framing for a sign is not an election expense**
- Complaints about size and placement made to Council's Customer Services / Compliance and Investigations – not the EO or DEO
- Complaints about authorisations to the EO

Ngā Tohu Pōti | Election signs

- No new individual temporary election sign may be more than 3m² in area
- A maximum of 3m² signage per site may be placed in addition to any other legal signage already permitted by the District Plan
- Signage must not obscure or distract from traffic signals or traffic safety signs
- Election advertising on vehicles must be flush – not protrude out from or above
- No temporary election or referendum signage that increase the size of trailers and other structures
- Additional restrictions apply to signage in certain areas identified by the District Plan as having special values, sites of ecological significance, heritage items or settings, significant trees.

Ngā Pūtea Koha | Electoral Donations

Definition – An electoral donation is a donation of money or goods or services that is made for use in a candidate's election (section 103A LEA)

- No time limit on when donations are received and no set maximum of how much can be received
- Donations with a reasonable market value of **\$300 or less do not** have to be declared
- Donations of **\$1,500 or more must** be declared
- Rules around “anonymous” donations - **can't be anonymous if you know who it has come from**
- An anonymous donation cannot be over \$1,500
- It is an offence to circumvent \$1,500 limit, i.e., by deliberately splitting up a donation into smaller contributions
 1. Donations over \$1,500 made up of contributions (e.g via a trust or fundraising) are treated as one donation and all contributors need to be disclosed
 2. Crowd funding services do not meet the legislation for recording who donations are from
- The following are not candidate donations:
 - volunteer labour
 - goods or services provided free of charge to a candidate, or to any person on the candidate's behalf that have a reasonable market value of \$300 or less
 - money provided by the candidate for his or her own campaign

Ngā Pōti Utu Aukatinga | Election Expenditure Limits

Total electoral expenses, including GST, must not exceed:

Mayor	\$70,000
Councillor city ward	\$20,000
Councillor – Banks Peninsula ward	\$7,000
Community Board – city ward	\$20,000
Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board - subdivisions	\$3,500

If standing for more than one position, the higher limit applies, not both.


Ngā Utu Whakahaere | Election Expenses

- If standing for more than one position the higher limit applies
- The applicable period for which campaign expenditure limits apply is three months before election day – **11 July 2025**
- Candidates required to provide details of electoral expenses incurred before or after the applicable period to Electoral Officer – pro-rata expenses for activity outside the three months
- Electoral expenses and electoral donation returns required within 55 days after the official result declaration – **approx 11 December 2025**
- Deposit not refunded until the return is completed (provided candidate gets more than 25% of the votes of the lowest successful candidate)
- Electoral expenses and electoral donations returns are public documents
- EO must make expenses documents available on council website for **seven years**

Ngā Hēanga Pōtitanga | Election Offences

- Imitation Voting Paper – examples next slide
- Bribery
- Treating
 - Can't provide food, alcohol, drinks, entertainment as an inducement to vote (light refreshments after a meeting is ok)
 - **Can't give away a pen, note pad, fridge magnet or item of value**
- Undue Influence – can't stand over someone telling them how to vote, or post or deliver someone else's voting paper
- Unauthorised advertisements
- Illegal nomination – e.g. candidate with a court order
- Any formal complaint passed straight to the Police

Ngā Tohu Pōti | Example of Signs



A valid election sign for Fred Daggs. It features a portrait of a man on the left. To the right, the word "VOTE" is at the top. Below it is a white box containing a checkmark icon and the name "FRED DAGG". Underneath this box, it says "FOR THE TOWN WARD" and "“OPEN GOVERNMENT AT ALL HOURS”". At the bottom, in small text, it says "THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS AUTHORISED BY JOHN SMITH OF 12 THIRD STREET WELLINGTON".



An invalid election sign, crossed out with a large red X. It features a list of candidates on the left: "FRED DAGG BLUE PARTY" (with a checkmark icon), "JOHN SNOW RED PARTY" (with an X icon), "JANE DOE WHITE PARTY" (with an X icon), and "BILL BOBBY PURPLE PARTY" (with an X icon). To the right of this list is a portrait of a man. Below the portrait, it says "FRED DAGG FOR THE TOWN WARD" and "“OPEN GOVERNMENT AT ALL HOURS”". At the bottom, in small text, it says "THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS AUTHORISED BY JOHN SMITH OF 12 THIRD STREET WELLINGTON".



MAYOR Michael again!

FEYEN TELLS IT... LIKE IT IS!





I'LL DO MY BEST
BUT I CAN'T
PROMISE
ANYTHING


VOTE

MARK SHEAFF
For Local Council



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Election process and results



Rārangi Pukapuka Pōti | Electoral Rolls

Preliminary Electoral Roll

- available for public inspection from 4 July to 5pm Friday 1 August
- at all libraries, service centres and Te Hononga Civic Offices
- includes the ratepayer roll
- **Cannot** be provided electronically to candidates

Final Electoral Roll

- produced following the EC update
- is the roll used for issuing voting papers
- can be purchased in hard copy

Pōti Motuhake | Special Voting

- Available for anyone who spoils, loses, or does not receive their voting paper or enrolls after 1 August
- Available for electors on the unpublished roll
- Available from 9 September to 12 noon on election day, 11 October at Te Hononga Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street
- Available 9 September to 10 October, Monday to Friday at Council Service Centres, details on the website: ccc.govt.nz/elections
- Applicants can come in or contact DEO by phone or email
- Can be posted out
- Candidates cannot collect special voting documents on behalf of electors

Otinga Pōtitanga | Election Results

Preliminary count occurs from 12 noon, Saturday 11 October

Progress results: expected about 3pm – approx 90% of votes received (not special votes and votes in transit to processing centre).

Progress results:

- Will be available from Council's website
- Email to all candidates with email address
- Candidates phoned by Council staff

Preliminary results: expected on Sunday 12 October, after all ordinary votes have been processed

Final results: expected by Thursday 16 October, after special votes have been processed

Nau mai ki te tari | Coming into Office

- All members come into office on the day after the election results are declared
- This is the day after the result declaration is posted on council's website - expected to be Friday 17 October
- Successful candidates contacted by staff
- Council and Community Board inaugural meetings and the “swearing in” of elected members (elected candidates cannot act until this has occurred)

Rauemi | Resources

Candidate Handbook and nomination papers

Council's Pre-election report – available by 18 July

- To inform the community and candidates on key aspects of Council business
- To set out major projects and expenditure for next three years
- To promote discussion on issues and inform any elections debate

Long-Term Plan 2024-34 – adopted 27 June 2024

Legislation (LEA, LER)

Council's website www.ccc.govt.nz/elections

Kupu Whakamutunga | Last word

- No Online Voting
- Lots of Orange Vote Bins
- Get your nominations in early
- Campaigning – stick to your own promotions
- Keep yourself safe
- Election results – on website/email – progress/prelim/final
- Election day – **Saturday 11 October 2025**
- Good luck!!

Questions



5 June 2025

