

## GENERAL

The Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009 and the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 establishes a new structure for local government for Auckland. The Auckland Council is a completely new model for New Zealand, designed to strengthen regional leadership while providing effective local and community democracy.

From 1 November 2010, the Auckland Council will replace the existing Auckland City Council, Auckland Regional Council, Manukau City Council, North Shore City Council, Papakura District Council, Rodney District Council, Waitakere City Council and Franklin District Council, as well as any associated community boards.

(Note that the parts of the Franklin District Council area not to be included in the Auckland Council area, are to be included in either the Waikato District Council area or the Hauraki District Council area).

Auckland Council will have two complementary and non-hierarchical decision-making parts:

- (i) the mayor and 20 councillors elected from across the region (known as the governing body) will focus on the big picture and region wide strategic decisions; and
- (ii) the local boards will represent their local communities and make decisions on local issues, activities and facilities. They provide strengthened community representation and are key to encouraging Aucklanders to become actively engaged in local and Auckland-wide issues.

The final representation arrangements for the Auckland Council were released by the Local Government Commission on 11 March 2010, these being:

- 13 wards (with 20 councillors elected from the wards)
- 21 local boards (with 149 members elected from the local boards). Of the 21 local boards, 7 are subdivided into smaller geographical areas for electoral purposes.

The Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009 also established the Auckland Transition Agency, to plan and manage all matters in relation to the reorganisation of local government in Auckland, and to ensure that the Auckland Council is ready to function on 1 November 2010.

Triennial elections for elected members of the Auckland Council's governing body and local boards are to be conducted, by postal vote, on **Saturday 9 October 2010**.

The elections will be conducted under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009 and the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009.

## POSITIONS

Each elector will be entitled to vote for:

- the Mayor (elected at large – Council-wide);
- Ward Councillor/s – from a respective ward area;
- Local Board Members – from a respective local board area (which may be subdivided);
- District Health Board Members – from a respective district health board area;
- where applicable, Licensing Trust Members – from a respective licensing trust area.

In summary, to be elected at the 2010 elections will be the following positions:

AUCKLAND COUNCIL		
Mayor	1	Elected at large (Council-wide)

WARD	COUNCILLORS	LOCAL BOARD & SUBDIVISIONS	MEMBERS
Rodney Ward	1	Rodney Local Board	9
		<i>Wellsford Subdivision</i>	1
		<i>Warkworth Subdivision</i>	3
		<i>Kumeu Subdivision</i>	4
		<i>Dairy Flat Subdivision</i>	1
Albany Ward	2	Hibiscus and Bays Local Board	8
		<i>Hibiscus Coast Subdivision</i>	4
		<i>East Coast Bays Subdivision</i>	4
		Upper Harbour Local Board	6
North Shore Ward	2	Kaipatiki Local Board	8
		Devonport-Takapuna Local Board	6
Waitakere Ward	2	Henderson-Massey Local Board	8
		Waitakere Ranges Local Board	6
Waitemata and Gulf Ward	1	Great Barrier Local Board	5
		Waiheke Local Board	5
		Waitemata Local Board	7
Whau Ward	1	Whau Local Board	7
Albert-Eden-Roskill Ward	2	Albert-Eden Local Board	8
		<i>Owairaka Subdivision</i>	4
		<i>Maungawhau Subdivision</i>	4
		Puketapapa Local Board	6
Orakei Ward	1	Orakei Local Board	7
Maungakiekie-Tamaki Ward	1	Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board	7
		<i>Maungakiekie Subdivision</i>	3
		<i>Tamaki Subdivision</i>	4
Te Irirangi Ward	2	Te Irirangi Local Board	9
		<i>Pakuranga Subdivision</i>	3
		<i>Howick Subdivision</i>	3
		<i>Botany Subdivision</i>	3
Manukau Ward	2	Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board	7
		Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board	7
		<i>Papatoetoe Subdivision</i>	4
		<i>Otara Subdivision</i>	3
Manurewa-Papakura Ward	2	Manurewa Local Board	8
		Papakura Local Board	6
Franklin Ward	1	Franklin Local Board	9
		<i>Waiuku Subdivision</i>	2
		<i>Pukekohe Subdivision</i>	4
		<i>Wairoa Subdivision</i>	3
	<b>20</b>		<b>149</b>

Note: A person may stand as a ward councillor and a local board member, but can not serve on both.

DISTRICT HEALTH BOARDS	MEMBERS
Waitemata District Health Board	7
Auckland District Health Board	7
Counties Manukau District Health Board	7
	<b>21</b>

LICENSING TRUSTS	MEMBERS
Parakai Licensing Trust	6
Birkenhead Licensing Trust	6
Waitakere Licensing Trust	7
Portage Licensing Trust	10
Mt Wellington Licensing Trust	6
Wiri Licensing Trust	6
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## NOMINATIONS

Nominations for all positions open on **Friday 23 July 2010** and will close at **12 noon on Friday 20 August 2010**.

Nomination forms will be available from Friday 23 July 2010 from:

- the electoral office (Independent Election Services Ltd, ground floor, Bledisloe House, 24 Wellesley Street, Auckland)
- Franklin District Council (82 Manukau Road, Pukekohe)
- Manukau City Council (31-33 Wiri Station Road, Manukau)
- North Shore City Council (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 1 The Strand, Takapuna)
- Papakura District Council (35 Coles Crescent, Papakura)
- Rodney District Council (Centreway Road, Orewa)
- Waitakere City Council (6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson)
- by telephoning (09) 307 7211 or 0800 922 822 where one will be posted out
- by accessing [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) (operative from 1 July 2010)

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate must be:

- enrolled as a parliamentary elector anywhere in New Zealand; and
- a New Zealand citizen.

Detailed candidate information booklets will be available from the electoral office in late May 2010.

## ELECTORAL ROLLS

Those eligible to vote at the elections are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the electoral roll when it closes. The preliminary electoral rolls (one for each local board area) will be available for public inspection at the above listed offices, libraries and post shops within the Auckland region from **Friday 23 July 2010** to **Friday 20 August 2010**.

Resident Roll. All parliamentary electors are automatically enrolled on the local authority resident electoral roll, at the address where they live. A confirmation card will be issued to all parliamentary electors in early July 2010.

Any alterations to the resident roll (eg change of addresses details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form at any post shop;
- telephoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- accessing the Electoral Enrolment Centre website on [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.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 (providing the nominated person resides outside of the area). Ratepayer roll enrolment forms are available at the above listed offices, by phoning (09) 307 7211 or 0800 922 822 or by accessing [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) (operative from 1 July 2010).

Any alterations to the ratepayer roll should be made at the electoral office.

## ELECTORAL SYSTEM

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for all elections except for the three district health boards which will use the single transferable voting (STV) electoral system.

## VOTING PERIOD

Voting documents will be sent to all eligible electors, by post, from **Friday 17 September 2010**.

The voting period is three weeks (**Friday 17 September 2010 to noon Saturday 9 October 2010**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange pre-paid envelope sent with the voting document. Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Friday 17 September 2010 to noon Saturday 9 October 2010 at:

- the electoral office (Independent Election Services Ltd, ground floor, Bledisloe House, 24 Wellesley Street, Auckland)
- Franklin District Council (82 Manukau Road, Pukekohe)
- Manukau City Council (31-33 Wiri Station Road, Manukau)
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To assist electors, further 'drop-off' vote collection points will be available at all libraries from 9 am to noon on election day (Saturday 9 October 2010).

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by **noon Saturday 9 October 2010**.

Progress results will be known about 2pm, and preliminary results will be known about 7pm on **Saturday 9 October 2010**. These will be accessible on Auckland Council's website [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) (operative from 1 July 2010).

## CONTACT DETAILS

For further information regarding these elections, please contact the electoral office:

*Telephone: (09) 307 7211 or 0800 922 822 Fax: (09) 307 7443 Email: [info@electionservices.org.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.org.nz)*

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