

## It's time to vote for the TRC decision makers

Voting papers have been delivered so it's time for residents to make a call on who they want to make the big decisions in Taranaki.

There are 19 candidates standing for Taranaki Regional Council in four constituencies. The Māori Constituency candidate has been reelected unopposed.

Voters have until 12 noon on 11 October to make their choice and pick who will shape the region for the next three years.

The Council's mission is to protect the environment and its work programmes include freshwater management, flood protection, biodiversity and biosecurity, caring for three regional gardens and providing public transport.

Chief Executive Steve Ruru says: "There are some major decisions to be made over the next three years around the Council table so it's vital we get as many people taking part in the elections as possible and residents know who they are voting for."

"By having your say and casting your vote, you'll be picking the people representing you and making the calls about where your rates money should be spent and what our priorities for taking the region forward should be."

"We've seen voter turnout falling over many elections and we would be delighted to see that trend reverse as we want all voters to engage with the democratic process and make their voice heard."

### Find out more

For candidate bios and Q&As, head to [taranakirc.nz/candidates](https://taranakirc.nz/candidates)

### How and where to vote

Voting documents can be returned by post or hand delivered at the following locations between 9 September and 10 October during normal business hours, and on Saturday 11 October between 9am to noon:

#### New Plymouth District Council

- New Plymouth District Council, Civic Centre, 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth
- Bell Block Library and Service Centre, 188 Parklands Avenue Shopping Centre, Bell Block
- Inglewood Library and Service Centre, 46 Rata Street, Inglewood
- Waitara Library and Service Centre, 15a Queen Street, Waitara
- Puke Ariki Library, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth
- Ōākura Library, 16 Donnelly Street, Ōākura
- Urenui Library, Takiroa Street, Urenui (open Tuesday 9am – 2pm and Friday 12pm – 4pm).

#### South Taranaki District Council

- Council's Administration Building, 105-111 Albion Street, Hāwera
- Te Ramanui o Ruaputahanga, 121 High Street, Hāwera
- Eltham LibraryPlus, 102 King Edward St, Eltham
- Kaponga LibraryPlus, 42 Victoria St, Kaponga
- Manaia LibraryPlus, 22 South Road, Manaia
- Ōpunakē LibraryPlus, 43 Tasman St, Ōpunakē o Pātea LibraryPlus, 128 Egmont Street, Pātea
- Waverley LibraryPlus, 58 Weraroa Road, Waverley

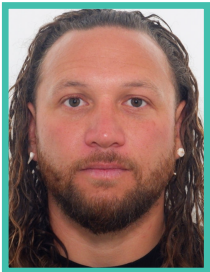
#### Stratford District Council

- Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford
- Stratford District Library and Visitor Information Centre, Prospero Place, Stratford
- Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, 53 Portia Street, Stratford.

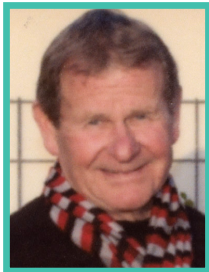
## 2025 Candidates

● North Taranaki: 2 seats  
● New Plymouth: 5 seats

● Stratford: 1 seat  
● South Taranaki: 2 seats



Tama Blackburn



Mike Davey



Leedom Gibbs



Lee Kennedy



Christopher Wilkes



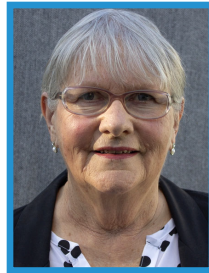
Tom Cloke



Craig Foltz



Susan Hughes



Louise James



Rusty Kane



John Maxwell



Nicola Ngarewa



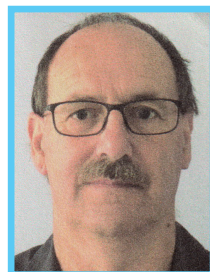
Craig Williamson



Jonathan Young



Brendan Attrill



Alan Jamieson



Donna Cram



Urs Signer



Neil Walker



Bonita Bigham

Taranaki Māori Constituency  
Elected Unopposed

### Māori Constituency referendum

Under the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 we are required to hold a binding referendum alongside this year's election.

The Taranaki Māori constituency, for electors on the Māori roll, was brought in in 2022 after a

public consultation and will be in place for the 2025 election.

Electors have a 'yes' and 'no' box on their voting papers to decide whether to keep or not to keep the Taranaki Māori constituency for the 2028 local elections and future elections.




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