



FACT SHEET

2014 BY-ELECTIONS Murupara Community Board (Murupara Subdivision) Ohope Beach Community Board

GENERAL

As a result of insufficient candidates at the 2013 triennial elections, two by-elections are now required to be held on **Tuesday 11 February 2014**. By-elections are required for:

- Murupara Community Board (Murupara Subdivision) - one vacancy
- Ohope Beach Community Board – three vacancies

The by-elections will be conducted by postal vote under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 and will be undertaken by Independent Election Services Ltd, under contract.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the vacancies open on **Monday 18 November 2013** and close at **noon on Monday 16 December 2013**.

Nomination material will be available during this period from Council offices at:

- Administration Offices, Whakatane District Council, Civic Centre, Commerce Street, Whakatane;
- Murupara Library & Service Centre, Civic Square, Murupara;
- by visiting www.whakatane.govt.nz;
- by telephoning 0800 922 822 where one will be posted out.

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.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Those eligible to vote at the by-elections are all resident and non-resident ratepayer electors in the respective area (Murupara Subdivision of the Murupara Community Board or the Ohope Beach Community Board) whose names appear on the electoral roll when it closes.

The preliminary electoral roll will be available for public inspection from **Monday 18 November 2013** to **Monday 16 December 2013** at the above locations.

VOTING PERIOD

Should the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies, voting packs will be posted to all eligible electors from **Monday 20 January 2014**.

The three-week voting period is **Monday 20 January 2014 to noon Tuesday 11 February 2014**. Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using a pre-paid envelope sent with the voting documents. A polling place for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Monday 20 January 2014 to noon Tuesday 11 February 2014 from the above Council locations.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by **noon Tuesday 11 February 2014**.

Preliminary results will be known as soon as practicable after the close of voting, and will be accessible on Council's website (www.whakatane.govt.nz).

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