

**Notice of Day of By-Elections**  
**Whakatāne District Council**  
**Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision)**  
**Tāneatua Community Board**



As a result of extraordinary vacancies in the **Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision)** and the **Tāneatua Community Board**, notice is given under section 65 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, that the following persons have been duly nominated:

**Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision) – one vacancy:**

ISEMONGER-RAMEKA, Karen  
OLIVER, Alicia

**Tāneatua Community Board – three vacancies:**

GOSLING, Kerry (Independent)  
JAHN, Ozgur  
JAMES, Elise  
MASON, Phillipa Marie  
ROTA, Angie  
TUWAIRUA, MJ

As there are more candidates for the Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision) and the Tāneatua Community Board than there are vacancies to be filled, elections will be held between the listed candidates on Tuesday 3 March 2026, under the first past the post electoral system by postal vote.

**Issue of Voting Documents**

Voting documents will be posted to electors of each of the respective areas from Friday 30 January 2026.

**Return of Voting Documents**

Voting documents must be returned no later than noon, Tuesday 3 March 2026 to the electoral officer, Whakatāne District Council.

Voting documents can be returned by post, or hand-delivered during normal business hours from Friday 30 January 2026 to the following locations:

- Whakatāne District Council, 14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne;
- Murupara Service Centre & Library, Civic Square, Pine Drive, Murupara.

**Special Voting**

Special voting in terms of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 may be exercised at the above times and locations.

**Order of Candidate Names on Voting Documents**

Candidate names will appear in random order on the voting documents pursuant to regulation 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001.

Dated at Whakatāne

22 December 2025

Dale Ofoske, Electoral Officer  
Independent Election Services Ltd  
for **Whakatāne District Council**