

# BY-ELECTION FACT SHEET

## Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision)

5 JUNE 2024

### Background

As a result of the resignation of a member, an extraordinary vacancy has occurred and a by-election is now required to be held on **Wednesday 5 June 2024** for one vacancy for the **Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision)**.

The by-election 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 Election Services, under contract to Whakatāne District Council.

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for the by-election.

### Key dates for the by-election

Nominations open	Tuesday 12 March 2024
Nominations close	12 noon, Tuesday 9 April 2024
Delivery of voting packs	from Tuesday 14 May 2024
Close of voting	12 noon, Wednesday 5 June 2024
Official results announced	PM, Wednesday 5 June 2024

### How can I be nominated?

Nominations for this position will open on **Tuesday 12 March 2024** and close at **12 noon** on **Tuesday 9 April 2024**.

Nomination papers will be available during this period from:

- Civic Centre, Whakatāne District Council, 14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne;
- Murupara Service Centre & Library, Civic Square, Pine Drive, Murupara;
- by accessing [www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz)
- by contacting the electoral office on 0800 922 822 or [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)

Nominations can be returned by:

- hand to the Civic Centre, Whakatāne District Council, 14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne;
- hand to the Murupara Service Centre & Library, Civic Square, Pine Drive, Murupara;
- scanning and emailing to [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)

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

- a New Zealand citizen (by birth or naturalisation ceremony); **and**
- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand); **and**
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision of the Murupara Community Board area.

### Who can vote?

Those eligible to vote are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the electoral roll for the Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision) area, when it closes on **Tuesday 9 April 2024**. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from **Tuesday 12 March 2024** to **Tuesday 9 April 2024** at the above locations.

Resident Roll: All parliamentary electors (those on both the General and Māori Electoral Rolls) are automatically enrolled on the Resident Roll, at the address where they live.

Any alterations to the Resident Roll (e.g. change of address details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.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 (provided the nominated person resides outside the area). Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are available at [www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz), by phoning 0800 922 822 or by emailing [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)

### How to vote?

Voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled from **Tuesday 14 May 2024**.

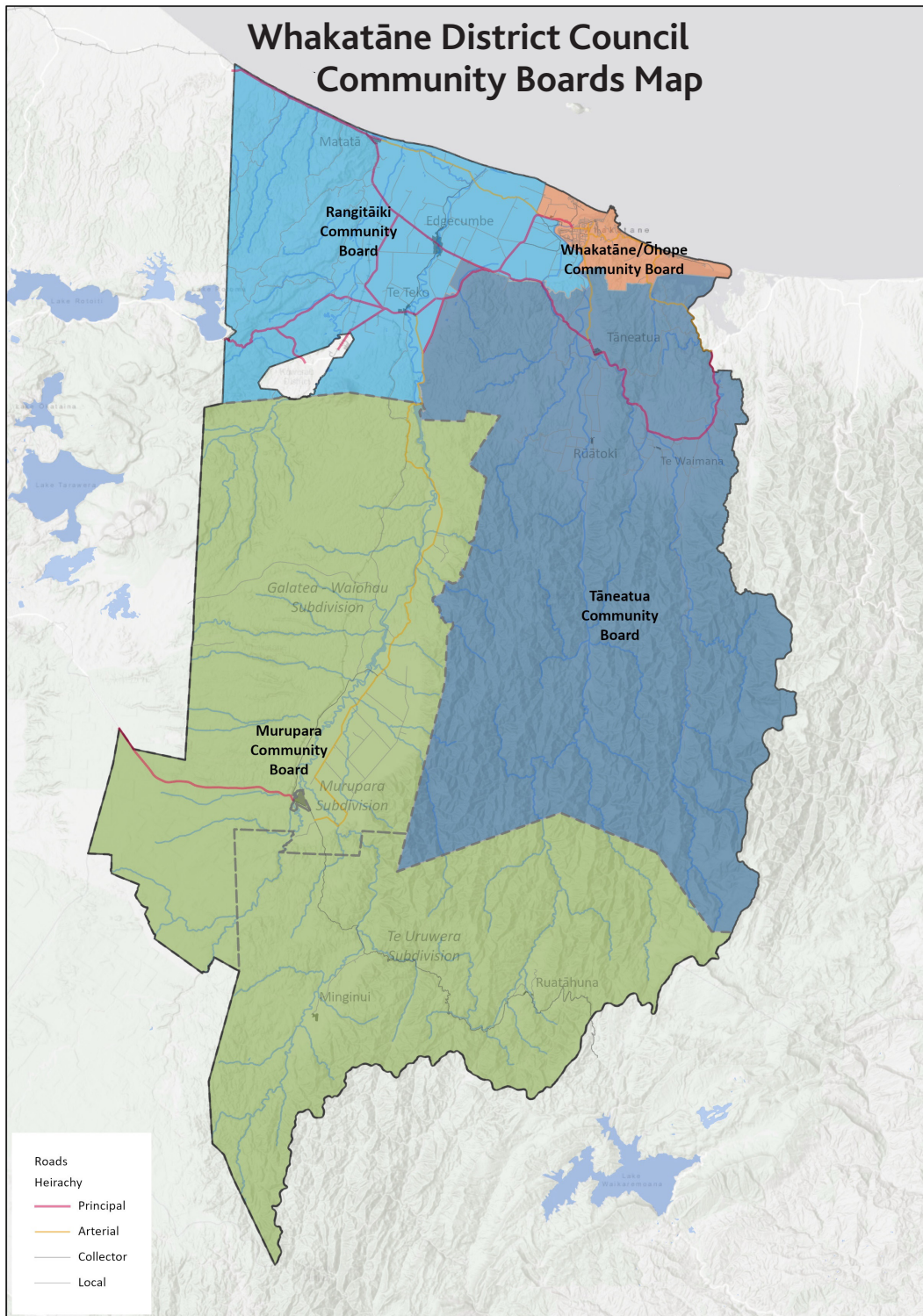
The voting period is three weeks (**Tuesday 14 May 2024 to 12 noon Wednesday 5 June 2024**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange reply-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from **Tuesday 14 May 2024 to 12 noon Wednesday 5 June 2024** at the following locations:

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

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by **12 noon Wednesday 5 June 2024**.

Results will be announced as soon as these are available after the close of voting on by-election day and will be accessible on Council's website: [www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz)



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