

BY-ELECTION FACT SHEET

Murupara Community Board (Murupara Subdivision)

9 NOVEMBER 2023

Background

As a result of the resignation of two members, extraordinary vacancies have occurred and a by-election is now required to be held on Thursday 9 November 2023 for **two vacancies** for the **Murupara Community Board (Murupara 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	Wednesday 16 August
Nominations close	Noon, Wednesday 13 September
Delivery of voting packs	from Wednesday 18 October
Close of voting	Noon, Thursday 9 November
Official results announced	Thursday 9 November

How can I be nominated?

Nominations for this position will open on **Wednesday 16 August 2023** and close at noon on **Wednesday 13 September 2023**.

Nomination papers will be available during this period from:

- Administration Offices, Whakatāne District Council, 14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne;
- Murupara Service Centre & Library, Civic Square, Pine Drive, Murupara;
- by accessing www.whakatane.govt.nz
- by telephoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822

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 Murupara 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 (Murupara Subdivision) area, when it closes on Wednesday 13 September 2023. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from **Wednesday 16 August 2023** to **Wednesday 13 September 2023** at the above locations.

Resident Roll: All parliamentary electors (those on the 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:

- completing the appropriate form at any postal agency;
- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on 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, or by phoning 0800 922 822.

How to vote?

Should the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies, voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled from **Wednesday 18 October 2023**.

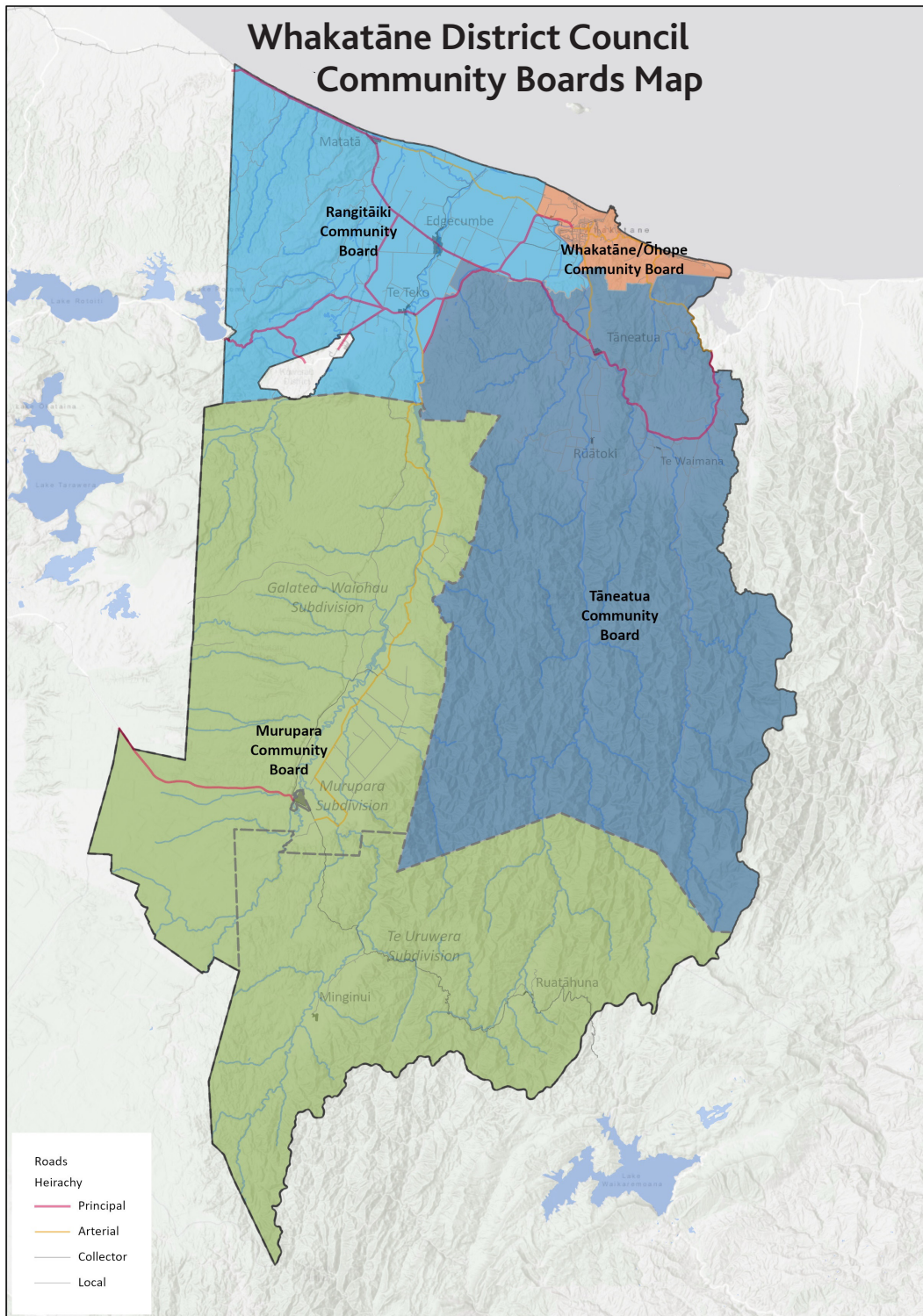
The voting period is three weeks (**Wednesday 18 October 2023 to noon Thursday 9 November 2023**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange reply-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Wednesday 18 October 2023 to noon Thursday 9 November 2023 at the following locations:

- Administration Offices, 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 **noon Thursday 9 November 2023**.

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



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