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Report to the
Far North District Council
regarding the

2019 Triennial Elections

From the
Electoral Officer

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election services

Far North District Council
Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki

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Outline

The 2019 local government triennial elections occurred on Saturday 12 October 2019. The elections for Far North District Council, Northland Regional Council and Northland District Health Board were conducted satisfactorily and on time and met all legislative and practical requirements.

This report summaries the electoral process.

Background

Local government elections are required to be conducted every three years, with the 2019 election occurring on Saturday 12 October 2019. The conduct of these elections is prescribed by legislation and regulation to ensure public confidence and electoral integrity are maintained.

The following preliminary actions/decisions were made:

(i) the FPP (first past the post) electoral system to be used for Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council elections; the STV (single transferable voting) electoral system to be used for the Northland District Health Board elections;

(ii) postal voting to be used;

(iii) the alphabetical order of candidate names to be used for Far North District Council, Northland Regional Council and Northland District Health Board elections;

(iv) a representation arrangements review was undertaken in 2018 by the Northland Regional Council with the same number of elected members being retained, but minor changes made to some to constituency boundaries.

The electoral officer appointed by the Far North District Council is Dale Ofsoske of Election Services.

With the 2019 elections now complete, this report details the various electoral processes undertaken, together with election statistics for the information of Council.

Narrative

Elections Required

Elections were undertaken for:

Far North District Council

- mayor (elected at large)
- 9 councillors (elected from 3 wards)
- 19 community board members (elected from 3 subdivided community boards)

Northland Regional Council

- 2 members (elected from the Coastal North Constituency); or
- 1 member (elected from the Hokianga-Kaikohe Constituency); or

- 1 member (elected from the Te Hiku Constituency)

Northland District Health Board

- 7 members (elected at large)

Election Timetable

Key election functions and dates were:

Nomination period

19 July – 16 August 2019

Inspection of Preliminary Electoral Roll

19 July – 16 August 2019

Delivery of voting mailers

20-26 September 2019

Special voting/early processing

20 September – 12 October 2019

Election day

12 October 2019

Preliminary count

13 October 2019

Official count

14-18 October 2019

Return of Electoral Donations & Expenses Form

by 13 December 2019

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll comprises two parts, the Residential Electoral Roll and the non-resident Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

The Residential Electoral Roll contains parliamentary electors, whose details are maintained and supplied by the Electoral Commission.

Each territorial authority is responsible for compiling its own non-resident Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

To compile the Ratepayer Electoral Roll, two actions are required:

(i) a nationwide advertising campaign on the criteria of ratepayer elector qualifications and enrolment procedures; and

(ii) the issuing of Ratepayer Confirmation Forms to all eligible 2016 Ratepayer Electoral Roll electors, and if returned, these along with any new enrolments, form the basis of the 2019 Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

A national advertising campaign was undertaken by SOLGM during May 2019 advising readers in all major daily newspapers of the criteria and qualifications required to be eligible for the Ratepayer Electoral Roll. A 0800 free-phone service was again used as a national helpline for ratepayer

roll enquiries.

In April 2019, 212 Ratepayer Roll confirmation forms were issued to eligible 2016 Ratepayer Electoral Roll electors. A total of 162 non-resident ratepayer electors appeared on the 2019 Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

Preliminary and Final Electoral Rolls

The Preliminary and Final Electoral Rolls contained elector details in alphabetical order with a flag denoting voting entitlement (ward, subdivision of community board, regional council constituency and district health board).

The Preliminary Electoral Roll was available for public inspection at all Council offices/libraries between 19 July 2019 and 16 August 2019.

The Final Electoral Roll contained 43,130 electors (resident and ratepayer) and was an increase of 3,750 (or +9.52%) from the 39,380 electors at the 2016 election.

Statistics relating to the Final Electoral Roll are as follows:

Wards/CB	Final Roll		
	No. Residents	No. Ratepayers	Total
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa	20,314	75	20,389
Kaikohe-Hokianga	9,048	25	9,073
Te Hiku	13,606	62	13,668
TOTAL	42,968	162	43,130

Nominations

The nomination period was 19 July to noon 16 August 2019 with nomination material available by:

(i) visiting one of three Council offices;

(ii) downloading the material from the Council's website;

(iii) phoning the electoral office.

A detailed '2019 Candidate Information Handbook' was prepared and made available to all candidates, any interested party (eg media) and available online. The handbook contained relevant information about the electoral process to potential candidates.

A total of 90 nominations were received for the 29 Council vacancies, these detailed as follows:

Issue	No. Nominations	No. Vacancies
Mayor	11	1
Councillors	42	9
Community Board Members	37	19
Total	90	29

For the Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision, the Paihia Subdivision and the Russell-Opua Subdivision of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board; the Kaikohe Subdivision of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board; and the Doubtless Bay Subdivision and the North Cape Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board, the number of nominations received equalled the number of vacancies, and these candidates were duly declared elected following the close of nominations.

The 90 nominations received for mayor, council, and community board vacancies is up significantly from the 51 nominations received for these positions at the 2016 election and the 77 nominations received at the 2013 election.

For candidate names, refer Notice of Day of Election – **Appendix 2**.

Voting Mailers

Voting mailers consisting of an outward envelope, return prepaid envelope, voting document and a candidate profile booklet (which included instructions in English and Māori) were posted to electors from Friday 20 September 2019.

The voting mailers were produced by the NZ Post Group and were consistent in design layout to all other local authorities in the country.

Special Voting

Special votes were available from 20 September 2019 to noon 12 October 2019 by:

(i) visiting one of the three Council offices;

(ii) phoning the electoral office.

591 special votes were returned prior to the close of voting, of which 428 (72.42%) were valid. This compares to 124 special votes returned in 2016, of which 98 (79%) were valid.

Elector Turnout

Of the 43,130 electors on the Final Electoral Roll, 20,479 electors returned their voting document. This represents a 47.48% return and compares to a 41.73% return in 2016.

A schedule of the number of daily returned voting documents over the voting period is attached (**Appendix 1**).

Of note, the 2019 average nationwide elector turnout is 41.7% compared to 42% for the 2016 election, 41.3% for the 2013 election and 49% for the 2010 election.

Results

With the undertaking of the early processing of returned voting documents during the voting period, progress results were able to be released on election day at around 1pm. Progress results reflected about 90% of votes cast and did not include votes received at Council offices on election day morning. The release of progress results was very successful and avoided an unnecessary wait by candidates on knowing who had been provisionally elected.

The preliminary results were released on Sunday following the receipt and processing of a significant number of votes received by hand at the Council offices on election day morning. In 2016 it was estimated that 5% of all votes received were hand delivered on election day morning. In 2019 this increased to approximately 10% (more voters hand delivering their votes rather than posting them).

Both the progress and preliminary results were released to candidates and placed on Council's website.

The final results (Declaration of Results of Election – see **Appendix 3**) were made on Friday 18 October 2019 and appeared in the Northern Advocate on Tuesday 22 October 2019 and Northern News on Wednesday 23 October 2019.

Judicial Recount

Following the public declaration of results, an application for a judicial recount for the Te Hiku Ward vote was made to the Whangārei District Court. The declaration of results for the candidates polling third and fourth recorded a difference of 10 votes.

On consideration, the judge approved the application, and a judicial recount subsequently took place on 31 October 2019.

This process involved the capture and recount of all Te Hiku Ward votes received under the supervision of Judge Kevin Kelly. There were no candidate scrutineers appointed.

The result of the judicial recount confirmed the declared Te Hiku Ward candidates. The difference in votes between the third and fourth polling candidates however increased to 12 votes, two votes higher than the original declaration (due to interpretation of informal votes by the judge).

By order of the judge, an amended Declaration of Results was made and appeared in the Northern Advocate on Monday 4 November 2019 (see **Appendix 4).**

Election Cost

The 2019 estimated election cost set in June 2017 was $224,000 + GST (or for 41,350 electors, $5.42 + GST per elector), subject to actual third-party costs.

The 2019 final election cost has now been determined at $259,924 + GST (or for 43,130 electors, $6.03 + GST per elector). The cost increase is largely due to:

- a significant increase in postage costs than budgeted (+51.6%) – advised after the budget was set;
- a higher number of electors than budgeted (+4.3%);
- a higher number of candidates to 2016 (90 to 51);
- a higher number of special votes issued to 2016 (591 to 124).

Of the $259,924 + GST final cost, Council is able to recover $99,381 + GST (38.23%) from other organisations elections were conducted on behalf of. The cost share for each organization is determined by the nationally provided (SOLGM) MOU Cost Sharing Calculator.

Accordingly, this leaves a net cost to Council for their election of $160,543 + GST (61.77% of the total), or $3.72 + GST per elector.

In addition is the cost of the Te Hiku Ward Judicial Recount of $4,628.28 + GST, part of which may be recovered under the national elections insurance policy.

Upcoming Issues

Inquiry into the 2016 elections

Parliament's Justice Committee released its report 'Inquiry into the 2017 General Election and 2016 Local Elections' in December 2019.

Recommendations in the report relating to local government elections include:

- centralizing the running of local elections
- aligning DHB boundaries to TAs
- one voting method
- aligning advertising and campaigning rules with general elections
- shifting election day to avoid school holidays
- requiring candidates to provide evidence of citizenship

- requiring candidates to provide evidence of the existence of a political party/affiliation

The report can be viewed at:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/reports/document/SCR_93429/inquiry-into-the-2017-general-election-and-2016-local-elections

Inquiry into the 2019 elections

Parliament's Justice Committee is to undertake its normal inquiry into the conduct of the 2019 local government elections. Submissions have been called for and close on Saturday 29 February 2020. The Terms of Reference include:

- examine the law and administrative procedures for the conduct of the 2019 local elections with particular reference to:
  - low voter turnout
  - licensing trusts
  - role of council staff during election periods around decisions on information release and public statements
  - disclosure of candidate criminal convictions
  - any irregularities that may have compromised the fairness of the elections
- consult stakeholders and the wider public regarding the Justice Committee's recommendations from the 2016 local elections, particularly:
  - giving responsibility of running all aspects of local government elections to the Electoral Commission
  - encouraging or requiring the same voting system to be used in all local elections
  - foreign interference
- examine the law and administrative procedures for the conduct of energy trust elections held since 2016.

Council may wish to consider making a submission to the Committee on the above (by 29 February 2020).

Electoral System Review

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001, any local authority may resolve, before 12 September 2020, to change the electoral system used at the last election, unless a poll on the matter was held. Should Council wish to consider changing its electoral system (from first past the post to single transferable voting), it can do so by resolution no later than

12 September 2020.

However, a public notice must be given by 19 September 2020 providing the right of electors to demand a poll on the matter.

Māori Representation Review

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council may at any time resolve to introduce Māori wards, unless a poll on the matter was held (the outcome of the poll binding on two triennial elections).

In October 2014, Council resolved to hold a poll on Māori wards, the outcome binding on the 2016 and 2019 triennial elections. A poll was subsequently held on 17 March 2015 with a 35.1% voter turnout. 4,309 electors voted for the introduction of Māori wards (31.5%) and 9,315 electors voted against the introduction of Māori wards (68%).

The matter of Māori wards can be considered again in 2020 (for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections) and it can do so by resolution no later than 23 November 2020.

However, a public notice must be given by 30 November 2020 providing the right of electors to demand a poll on the matter.

Representation Arrangements Review

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires every local authority to undertake a representation arrangements review at least once in every 6-year period.

Council last undertook a review in 2015 (for the 2016 and 2019 elections), so is required to conduct a full review in 2020/21, the outcome applicable for the 2022 triennial elections.

Summary and Conclusions

The Far North District Council's 2019 triennial elections were conducted successfully and met all legislative and practical requirements. No issues or concerns of significance arose from these elections and all tasks were completed satisfactorily and on time.

There are however several electoral issues Council may wish to consider during 2020/21:

(i) make a submission to the Justice Committee's inquiry into the 2019 local government elections (by 29 February 2020);

(ii) consider whether Council retains the first past the post electoral system or adopts the single transferable voting electoral system for the 2022 triennial elections – by 12 September 2020;

(iii) consider whether Council establishes Māori wards for the 2022 triennial elections – by 23 November 2020;

(iv) undertake a representation arrangements review in 2020/21 (including undertaking any informal public consultation).

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Election Services

APPENDIX 1

Far North District Council
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VOTING DOCUMENT RETURNS - 2019 ELECTIONS

CB(SUB)/ELECTORS	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	30-Sep	1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	ELECTION DAY 12-Oct
DOUBTLESS BAY	0	0	100	75	150	75	100	25	100	25	150	175	100	75	75	153
2593	**0**	**0**	**100**	**175**	**325**	**400**	**500**	**525**	**625**	**650**	**800**	**975**	**1075**	**1150**	**1225**	**1378**
			3.9%	6.7%	12.5%	15.4%	19.3%	20.2%	24.1%	25.1%	30.9%	37.6%	41.5%	44.4%	47.2%	53.1%
KAIKOHE	0	0	200	150	125	75	175	75	150	75	225	125	225	50	25	439
4663	**0**	**0**	**200**	**350**	**475**	**550**	**725**	**800**	**950**	**1025**	**1250**	**1375**	**1600**	**1650**	**1675**	**2114**
			4.3%	7.5%	10.2%	11.8%	15.5%	17.2%	20.4%	22.0%	26.8%	29.5%	34.3%	35.4%	35.9%	45.3%
KAITAIA	0	0	275	200	150	200	225	175	150	200	250	175	325	125	175	328
6750	**0**	**0**	**275**	**475**	**625**	**825**	**1050**	**1225**	**1375**	**1575**	**1825**	**2000**	**2325**	**2450**	**2625**	**2953**
			4.1%	7.0%	9.3%	12.2%	15.6%	18.1%	20.4%	23.3%	27.0%	29.6%	34.4%	36.3%	38.9%	43.7%
KAWAKAWA-MOEREWA	0	0	150	50	75	75	50	75	50	25	25	100	100	50	25	100
2516	**0**	**0**	**150**	**200**	**275**	**350**	**400**	**475**	**525**	**550**	**575**	**675**	**775**	**825**	**850**	**950**
			6.0%	7.9%	10.9%	13.9%	15.9%	18.9%	20.9%	21.9%	22.9%	26.8%	30.8%	32.8%	33.8%	37.8%
KERIKERI	0	0	475	225	225	175	350	175	250	200	325	500	600	275	50	910
9201	**0**	**0**	**475**	**700**	**925**	**1100**	**1450**	**1625**	**1875**	**2075**	**2400**	**2900**	**3500**	**3775**	**3825**	**4735**
			5.2%	7.6%	10.1%	12.0%	15.8%	17.7%	20.4%	22.6%	26.1%	31.5%	38.0%	41.0%	41.6%	51.5%
NORTH CAPE	0	0	75	50	75	50	75	75	50	75	75	100	75	100	25	113
2010	**0**	**0**	**75**	**125**	**200**	**250**	**325**	**400**	**450**	**525**	**600**	**700**	**775**	**875**	**900**	**1013**
			3.7%	6.2%	10.0%	12.4%	16.2%	19.9%	22.4%	26.1%	29.9%	34.8%	38.6%	43.5%	44.8%	50.4%
NORTH HOKIANGA	0	0	0	75	0	75	25	25	25	50	50	50	50	75	25	65
1559	**0**	**0**	**0**	**75**	**75**	**150**	**175**	**200**	**225**	**275**	**325**	**375**	**425**	**500**	**525**	**590**
				4.8%	4.8%	9.6%	11.2%	12.8%	14.4%	17.6%	20.8%	24.1%	27.3%	32.1%	33.7%	37.8%
PAIHIA	0	0	150	75	75	25	175	75	125	100	75	150	225	75	25	193
3036	**0**	**0**	**150**	**225**	**300**	**325**	**500**	**575**	**700**	**800**	**875**	**1025**	**1250**	**1325**	**1350**	**1543**
			4.9%	7.4%	9.9%	10.7%	16.5%	18.9%	23.1%	26.4%	28.8%	33.8%	41.2%	43.6%	44.5%	50.8%
RUSSELL-OPUA	0	0	150	75	50	75	100	75	50	50	100	200	150	100	25	148
2787	**0**	**0**	**150**	**225**	**275**	**350**	**450**	**525**	**575**	**625**	**725**	**925**	**1075**	**1175**	**1200**	**1348**
			5.4%	8.1%	9.9%	12.6%	16.1%	18.8%	20.6%	22.4%	26.0%	33.2%	38.6%	42.2%	43.1%	48.4%
SOUTH HOKIANGA	0	0	125	100	25	50	100	75	75	75	125	125	150	50	0	278
2851	**0**	**0**	**125**	**225**	**250**	**300**	**400**	**475**	**550**	**625**	**750**	**875**	**1025**	**1075**	**1075**	**1353**
			4.4%	7.9%	8.8%	10.5%	14.0%	16.7%	19.3%	21.9%	26.3%	30.7%	36.0%	37.7%	37.7%	47.5%
WHANGAROA	0	0	150	25	100	50	100	50	50	50	75	125	100	125	50	171
2849	**0**	**0**	**150**	**175**	**275**	**325**	**425**	**475**	**525**	**575**	**650**	**775**	**875**	**1000**	**1050**	**1221**
			5.3%	6.1%	9.7%	11.4%	14.9%	16.7%	18.4%	20.2%	22.8%	27.2%	30.7%	35.1%	36.9%	42.9%
WHATUWHIWHI	0	0	125	100	100	50	100	50	100	50	75	125	125	50	75	156
2315	**0**	**0**	**125**	**225**	**325**	**375**	**475**	**525**	**625**	**675**	**750**	**875**	**1000**	**1050**	**1125**	**1281**
			5.4%	9.7%	14.0%	16.2%	20.5%	22.7%	27.0%	29.2%	32.4%	37.8%	43.2%	45.4%	48.6%	55.3%
TOTAL	0	0	1975	1200	1150	975	1575	950	1175	975	1550	1950	2225	1150	575	3054
43130	**0**	**0**	**1975**	**3175**	**4325**	**5300**	**6875**	**7825**	**9000**	**9975**	**11525**	**13475**	**15700**	**16850**	**17425**	**20479**
	0%	0%	4.58%	7.36%	10.03%	12.29%	15.94%	18.14%	20.87%	23.13%	26.72%	31.24%	36.40%	39.07%	40.40%	47.48%
DAILY %			4.58%	2.78%	2.67%	2.26%	3.65%	2.20%	2.72%	2.26%	3.59%	4.52%	5.16%	2.67%	1.33%	7.08%
2010 Returns	*0.1%*	*6.4%*	*10.4%*	*13.6%*	*16.4%*	*18.9%*	*22.4%*	*24.9%*	*26.5%*	*28.4%*	*30.6%*	*34.7%*	*37.8%*	*41.4%*	*43.3%*	*46.9%*
2013 Returns	*0.0%*	*4.4%*	*8.3%*	*10.4%*	*13.0%*	*16.1%*	*19.9%*	*22.5%*	*25.3%*	*26.8%*	*29.0%*	*33.4%*	*36.4%*	*41.4%*	*43.3%*	*48.9%*
2016 Returns		*3.9%*	*7.4%*	*10.2%*	*12.6%*	*14.9%*	*18.8%*	*20.6%*	*22.3%*	*24.1%*	*25.7%*	*29.2%*	*31.6%*	*36.1%*	*37.1%*	*41.7%*

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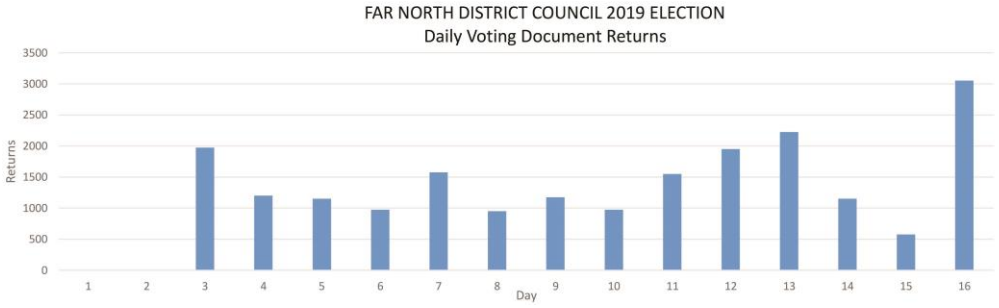

APPENDIX 2

NOTICE OF DAY OF ELECTION
for the Far North District Council 2019 elections

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Nominations received

Notice is given under section 65 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that the following persons have been duly nominated as candidates for:

Mayor *(one vacancy)*

BASSETT, John Edward (Independent)
BROWN, Harko
CARTER, John
GILL, Peter
HEPI, Jay
HOOKWAY, Dave Bear
KNIGHT, Monty
LEVERS, John
MATENE, Kuini
MCINNES, Tania
TAHANA, JT

Council

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward
(four vacancies)

BROWN, Harko
CLENDON, David (Independent)
CORBIN, Rodger (Independent)
COURT, Ann
GILL, Peter
HETA, Ruth
JOHNSTON, Jane Ellen
JOSEPH, Chris
MIHAKA, Hone
OWEN, Frank (Independent)
SHORTLAND, Maxine
SMITH, Rachel (Independent)
STEVENS, Mike
STRATFORD, Kelly
WILCE, Steve

Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward
(two vacancies)

ERSTICH COLES, Rawhiti (Independent)
HEPI, Jay
KAPA, Babe (Independent)
MACAULEY, Sally (Independent)
MATENE, Kuini
RAWSON, Lily
ROGERS, Marara
TE HAARA, Te Arani Angeline
TEPANIA, Moko
TOORENBURG, Louis
VUJCICH, John
ZIELINSKI, Rhonda

Te Hiku Ward
(three vacancies)

AUSTEN-REID, Naomi
BAMBER, Ian
BRADFORD, Sue
COLLARD, David
FOY, Felicity
KARAKA, Lillian
KERRISON, Jason (Independent)
MURRAY, Barry
OSBORNE, Mark (Independent)
PAINTING, Lyle
RADICH, Mate
TAHANA, JT
TAUHARA, Niki
WINDELBORN, Hazely (Independent)
YANKE, Sacha Kearney (Independent)

Community Boards

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board

Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision
(one vacancy)

GREEN, Lucie
WELLS, Manuwai

Paihia Subdivision
(one vacancy)

WARD, Belinda
WILCE, Steve

Russell-Opua Subdivision
(one vacancy)

GMUER-HORNELL, Manuela
PHILLIPS, Gray
WALKER, Wiki

Whangaroa Subdivision
(one vacancy)

HETA, Ruth
MILLS, Bruce

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board

Kaikohe Subdivision
(three vacancies)

ADAMS, David (Independent)
BYERS, Laurie
EDMONDS, Mike
PICKERY, Mara
RAWSON, Lily
REILLY, Shaun Kavanagh
TEPANIA, Moko
VAN GAALEN, Kelly

North Hokianga Subdivision
(one vacancy)

DAVIS, Emma
NAHI, Richard (Independent)

Te Hiku Community Board

Doubtless Bay Subdivision
(one vacancy)

BAINBRIDGE, Sheryl
WARD, Nuu
YURETICH, Martin (Independent)

Kaitaia Subdivision
(three vacancies)

BROWN, Jaqi
GARDNER, Adele
HUNT, Bronwyn
PAINTING, Lyle Richard
SENIOR, David
STEWART, John

Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision
(one vacancy)

ATKINSON, Lawrie
BELLAS, Eddie
RUTENE, Whetu

As there are (for each office) more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, an election will be held between the listed candidates on Saturday, 12 October 2019, under the first past the post electoral system by postal vote.

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board

Kerikeri Subdivision
(three vacancies)

AYR, Lane
OWEN, Frank (Independent)
SMITH, Rachel (Independent)

As the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, Lane AYR, Frank OWEN and Rachel SMITH are duly declared elected members of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board.

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board

South Hokianga Subdivision *(two vacancies)*

HESSELL, Alan Philip
TOORENBURG, Louis

As the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, Alan Philip HESSELL and Louis TOORENBURG, are duly declared elected members of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board.

Te Hiku Community Board
North Cape Subdivision
(one vacancy)

AXE, Darren Carl

As the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, Darren Carl AXE is duly declared elected a member of the Te Hiku Community Board.

Issuing of voting documents

Voting documents will be posted to electors from Friday, 20 September 2019.

Return of voting documents

Voting documents must be returned not later than noon, Saturday, 12 October 2019 to the electoral officer.

Voting documents can be returned by post or hand delivered at the following council offices between Friday, 20 September 2019 and Friday, 11 October 2019 during normal office hours, and Saturday, 12 October 2019 between 9am – noon:

- Council's Main Office, Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe
- Kaitaia Service Centre, Te Ahu , corner Matthews Avenue and South Road, Kaitaia
- Kerikeri Service Centre, Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri

Special voting

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

A person can apply to enrol as either a residential or ratepayer elector right up to and including 11 October 2019 –the day before the close of voting.

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APPENDIX 3

DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF ELECTION
for the Far North District Council 2019 elections

Far North District Council
Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki

I hereby declare the results of the elections held on 12 October 2019 for the following offices:

Mayor *(one vacancy)*

	Votes Received
BASSETT, John Edward (Independent)	291
BROWN, Harko	802
CARTER, John	5831
GILL, Peter	985
HEPI, Jay	1249
HOOKWAY, Dave Bear	3520
KNIGHT, Monty	2345
LEVERS, John	612
MATENE, Kuini	239
MCINNES, Tania	3903
TAHANA, JT	354

Informal votes received: 77
Blank votes received: 267
I therefore declare John CARTER to be elected.

Council

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward

(four vacancies)	Votes Received
BROWN, Harko	2661
CLENDON, David (Independent)	2832
CORBIN, Rodger (Independent)	836
COURT, Ann	4717
GILL, Peter	2560
HETA, Ruth	1253
JOHNSTON, Jane Ellen	1847
JOSEPH, Chris	1146
MIHAKA, Hone	1350
OWEN, Frank (Independent)	2125
SHORTLAND, Maxine	2095
SMITH, Rachel (Independent)	2828
STEVENS, Mike	1055
STRATFORD, Kelly	3427
WILCE, Steve	599

Informal votes received: 36
Blank votes received: 405
I therefore declare David CLENDON, Ann COURT, Rachel SMITH and Kelly STRATFORD to be elected.

Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward *(two vacancies)*

	Votes Received
ERSTICH COLES, Rawhiti (Independent)	466
HEPI, Jay	608
KAPA, Babe (Independent)	459
MACAULEY, Sally (Independent)	996
MATENE, Kuini	187
RAWSON, Lily	319
ROGERS, Marara	448
TE HAARA, Te Arani Angeline	305
TEPANIA, Moko	1109
TOORENBURG, Louis	441
VUJCICH, John	1342
ZIELINSKI, Rhonda	796

Informal votes received: 14
Blank votes received: 59
I therefore declare Moko TEPANIA and John VUJCICH to be elected.

Te Hiku Ward *(three vacancies)*

	Votes Received
AUSTEN-REID, Naomi	1443
BAMBER, Ian	1308
BRADFORD, Sue	1301
COLLARD, David	1876
FOY, Felicity	2644
KARAKA, Lillian	482
KEARNEY-YANKE, Sacha	1058
KERRISON, Jason (Independent)	1006
MURRAY, Barry	448
OSBORNE, Mark (Independent)	1631
PAINTING, Lyle	63
RADICH, Mate	1870
TAHANA, JT	418
TAUHARA, Niki	470
WINDELBORN, Hazely (Independent)	1860

Informal votes received: 22
Blank votes received: 101
I therefore declare David COLLARD, Felicity FOY and Mate RADICH to be elected.

Community Boards

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board

Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision

(one vacancy)	Votes Received
GREEN, Lucie	275
WELLS, Manuwai	635

Informal votes received: 2
Blank votes received: 38
I therefore declare Manuwai WELLS to be elected.

Paihia Subdivision *(one vacancy)*

	Votes Received
WARD, Belinda	1015
WILCE, Steve	385

Informal votes received: 1
Blank votes received: 142
I therefore declare Belinda WARD to be elected.

Russell-Opua Subdivision *(one vacancy)*

	Votes Received
GMUER-HORNELL, Manuela	868
PHILLIPS, Gray	83
WALKER, Wiki	293

Informal votes received: 4
Blank votes received: 100
I therefore declare Manuela GMUER-HORNELL to be elected.

Whangaroa Subdivision *(one vacancy)*

	Votes Received
HETA, Ruth	396
MILLS, Bruce	733

Informal votes received: 1
Blank votes received: 91
I therefore declare Bruce MILLS to be elected.

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board

Kaikohe Subdivision *(three vacancies)*

	Votes Received
ADAMS, David (Independent)	135
BYERS, Laurie	879
EDMONDS, Mike	642
PICKERY, Mara	475
RAWSON, Lily	582
REILLY, Shaun Kavanagh	463
TEPANIA, Moko	1114
VAN GAALEN, Kelly	920

Informal votes received: 0
Blank votes received: 75
I therefore declare Laurie BYERS, Moko TEPANIA and Kelly VAN GAALEN to be elected. However as Moko TEPANIA has been declared elected a councillor to the Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward, his name has been withdrawn and the next highest polling candidate Mike EDMONDS is declared elected.

North Hokianga Subdivision *(one vacancy)*

	Votes Received
DAVIS, Emma	302
NAHI, Richard (Independent)	223

Informal votes received: 0
Blank votes received: 65
I therefore declare Emma DAVIS to be elected.

Te Hiku Community Board

Doubtless Bay Subdivision *(one vacancy)*

	Votes Received
BAINBRIDGE, Sheryl	488
WARD, Nuu	320
YURETICH, Martin (Independent)	458

Informal votes received: 4
Blank votes received: 108
I therefore declare Sheryl BAINBRIDGE to be elected.

Kaitaia Subdivision *(three vacancies)*

	Votes Received
BROWN, Jaqi	1461
GARDNER, Adele	1586
HUNT, Bronwyn	1037
PAINTING, Lyle Richard	199
SENIOR, David	1284
STEWART, John	1383

Informal votes received: 0
Blank votes received: 131
I therefore declare Jaqi BROWN, Adele GARDNER and John STEWART to be elected.

Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision *(one vacancy)*

	Votes Received
ATKINSON, Lawrie	468
BELLAS, Eddie	315
RUTENE, Whetu	419

Informal votes received: 1
Blank votes received: 78
I therefore declare Lawrie ATKINSON to be elected.

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board

Kerikeri Subdivision

As Rachel Smith was declared elected unopposed when nominations closed and has now been declared elected a councillor to the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward, her name is withdrawn as an elected member of the community board. A by-election will be held in the new year.

VOTE 2019 LOCAL ELECTIONS
PŌTI 2019 NGĀ PŌTITANGA Ā-ROHE

Dated at Kaikohe, 17 October 2019
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APPENDIX 4

AMENDED DECLARATION OF RESULT OF ELECTION
for the Te Hiku Ward of the Far North District Council 2019 election

Far North District Council
Te Kaunihera o Te Tokerau ki te Raki

Following a Judicial Recount of the Te Hiku Ward of the Far North District Council election held on 31 October 2019, I declare the amended results of the above election (held on 12 October 2019):

Te Hiku Ward *(three vacancies)*	Votes Received
AUSTEN-REID, Naomi	1444
BAMBER, Ian	1309
BRADFORD, Sue	1301
COLLARD, David	1874
FOY, Felicity	2645
KARAKA, Lillian	481
KEARNEY-YANKE, Sacha (Independent)	1056
KERRISON, Jason (Independent)	1006
MURRAY, Barry	449
OSBORNE, Mark (Independent)	1630
PAINTING, Lyle	63
RADICH, Mate	1871
TAHANA, JT	419
TAUHARA, Niki	469
WINDELBORN, Hazely (Independent)	1859

Informal votes received: 23
Blank votes received: 98
This amended declaration confirms David COLLARD, Felicity FOY and Mate RADICH as elected members.

Dated at Kaikohe, 31 October 2019
Dale Ofsoske, Electoral Officer
Far North District Council
Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe