

Voting in the

Tauranga City Council election





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# What is this document about?

This Easy Read document is about the 2024 **Tauranga City Council** **election**.

The **Tauranga City Council** makes decisions about how Tauranga City is run.

A council **election** is the time when you can votefor the people you want to make important decisions about:

* things that affect how you live
* the city you live in.

This document tells you:

* what you need to know about the election
* how to vote in the election.

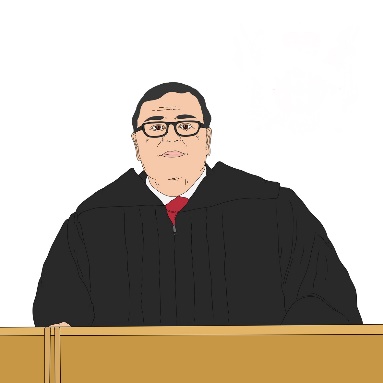
# What is the election about?



The Tauranga City Council election will choose who will lead the city.

There are 10 jobs on the council being voted on which are:

* the mayor
* 8 general ward **councillors**
* a councillor for the new **Māori ward** called Te Awanui.

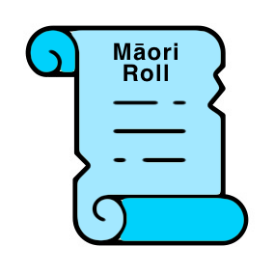


The **mayor** is the person who leads the city council.

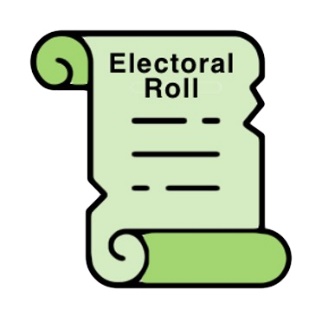
A city **councillor** is a person who represents a part of the city on the council.



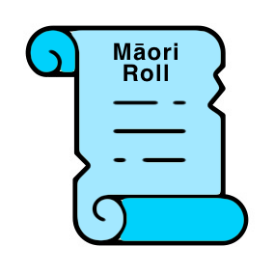
A **ward** is the voting area of the city like your suburb.

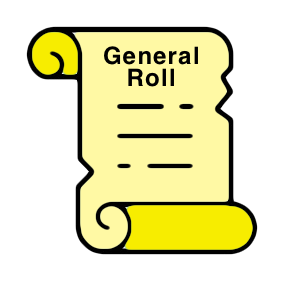


A **Māori ward** is the voting area people on the **Māori electoral roll** can vote in.

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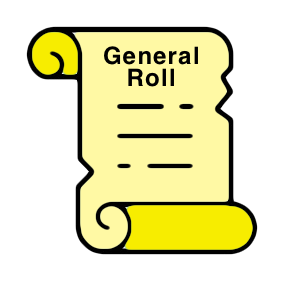
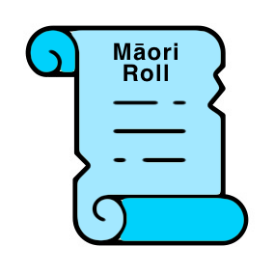
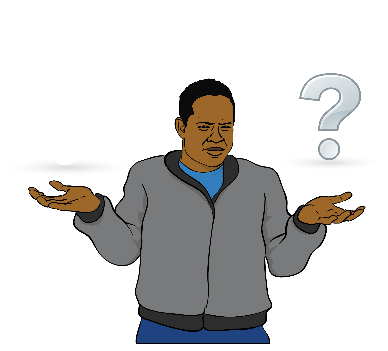
The **electoral roll** is a list of all the people in New Zealand who have enrolled to vote**.**

The electoral roll is split into 2 lists:

* the **Māori roll** that is open to voters who are Māori
* the general roll that is open to all voters.

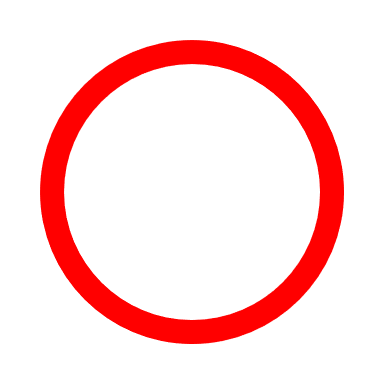
Māori can:

* choose to go on the Māori roll

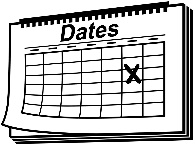


* choose to go on the general roll
* move between the rolls.

# How to vote

You can vote in the Tauranga City Council election if you:

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* are at least 18 years old
* have lived in New Zealand for more than 1 year at some time in your life
* have lived at your Tauranga address for at least 1 month
* are:



* a **New Zealand citizen**

**or**



* a **New Zealand permanent resident.**

A **New Zealand citizen** is someone who can get a New Zealand passport.



Most New Zealand citizens were born in New Zealand.



A **New Zealand permanent resident** is someone who:

* is not a New Zealand Citizen.
* has been told by the government they can live in New Zealand all the time.



You will get a **voting pack** in the mail from **29 June 2024**.

A **voting pack** has:

* information on how to vote
* the form to put your vote on.



If your voting pack does not arrive you can do a special vote.

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The Tauranga City Council can tell you how to do a special vote.

To get information on how to do a special vote you can:

* **email**:

**election24@tauranga.govt.nz**

* **phone**:

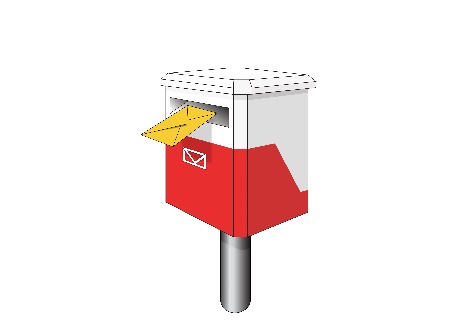
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# When to vote

Election day for the Tauranga City Council election is **Saturday   
20 July 2024.**



Voting closes at 12 midday.

When you have filled in your voting form you can:

* post it

or

* put it in the orange voting bins.

If you are **posting** your voting form put it in the mail by **Wednesday   
17 July 2024.**

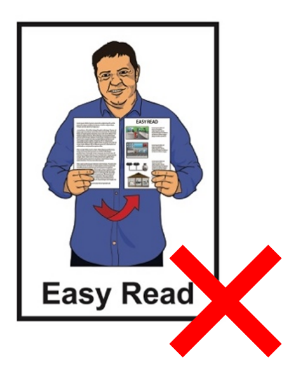


If you are putting your voting form in an **orange voting** **bin** do it by

**12 midday Saturday 20 July 2024**.

You can find a list of where the orange voting bins are on the Tauranga City Council **website**:

[**www.tauranga.govt.nz/elections**](https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/elections)



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# Where to get more information

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* **phone**:

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You can find more information about the Tauranga City Council election at this **website**:

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