



# FACT SHEET

## TRIENNIAL ELECTION

### Clutha District Council

#### 12 October 2019

## GENERAL

Triennial elections for elected members of all local authorities throughout New Zealand are to be conducted, by postal vote, on Saturday 12 October 2019.

The elections will be conducted 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 Clutha District Council.

## POSITIONS

During 2018, Clutha District Council undertook a representation arrangements review (a review of wards, community boards, boundaries, number of elected members etc). The final proposal, as confirmed by the Local Government Commission, retains the existing number of councillors, wards, community board members and community boards but with some slightly modified ward and community board boundaries.

Elections are required for the following positions:

- mayor (elected 'at large')
- councillors (14)
  - Balclutha Ward (4)
  - Bruce Ward (3)
  - Catlins Ward (1)
  - Clinton Ward (1)
  - Clutha Valley Ward (1)
  - Kaitangata-Matau Ward (1)
  - Lawrence-Tuapeka Ward (1)
  - West Otago Ward (2)
- community board members (12)
  - Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board (6)
  - West Otago Community Board (6)
- Otago Regional Council members (11 members, of which 2 members are elected from the Molyneux (Clutha) Constituency)
- Southern District Health Board members (7 members, of which 4 members are elected from the Otago Constituency)
- Clutha Licensing Trust members (9)
  - Ward 1 (Balclutha) (3)
  - Ward 2 (Tokomairiro) (2)
  - Ward 3 (Kaitangata) (1)
  - Ward 4 (Lawrence) (1)
  - Ward 5 (Owaka) (1)
  - Ward 6 (Clinton) (1)

- Mataura Licensing Trust members (9 members, of which 3 members are elected partly from Clutha District Council):
  - Ward 1 (Tapanui) (1)
  - Ward 6 (Wyndham) - part (1)
  - Ward 7 (Tokanui) - part (1)
- Gore and Districts Health Incorporated members (6 members, of which 1 member is elected from Clutha District Council area)
- Clutha Health Incorporated members (5 elected 'at large')

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the above positions will open on Friday 19 July 2019 and close at noon on Friday 16 August 2019.

Nomination papers will be available during this period from:

- Council's Main Office, 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha;
- Catlins Information Centre/Owaka Service Centre, 10 Campbell Street, Owaka;
- Lawrence Service Centre, 5 Peel Street, Lawrence;
- Milton Service Centre, 124-126 Union Street, Milton;
- Tapanui Service Centre/Information Centre, 1 Suffolk Street, Tapanui;
- by accessing [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.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 citizenship 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 respective area that a candidate is standing for.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

Those eligible to vote in the election are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the electoral roll when it closes on Friday 16 August 2019. The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from **Friday 19 July 2019** to **Friday 16 August 2019** at the above locations.

Resident Roll: All parliamentary electors, including those on the Māori Electoral Roll, are automatically enrolled on the Resident Roll, at the address where they live.



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

- completing the appropriate form at any post shop;
- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.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 all Council offices, or by phoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822.

## ELECTORAL SYSTEM

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for all elections except for the Southern District Health Board which will use the single transferable voting (STV) electoral system.

## VOTING PERIOD

Voting documents will be sent to all eligible electors, by post, from Friday 20 September 2019.

The voting period is three weeks (Friday 20 September 2019 to noon Saturday 12 October 2019). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange pre-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

Completed voting documents can also be hand-delivered to all council offices from Friday 20 September 2019 to noon Saturday 12 October 2019. Special votes will also be available during the voting period at all council offices. To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by noon Saturday 12 October 2019.

Progress results will be known early afternoon on Saturday 12 October 2019 and preliminary results will be known on Sunday morning, 13 October 2019. These will be accessible on council's website: [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)

## CONTACT US

For further information regarding this election, please contact the electoral office:



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