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Key election dates 2019

Consider becoming a candidate
30 October 2018 - 18 July 2019

Candidate nominations open
19 July - 16 August 2019

Postal voting
20 September - 12 October 2019

Results announced between
17 October 2019 - 22 October 2019

Consider standing

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019
Live-streamed information session

11 July
6 pm - 7.30 pm
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Information for prospective candidates

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Who can be a candidate?

You can stand for Council as:

- mayor
- governing body member (councillor)
- local board member

You can also stand for:

- district health board (DHB)
- licensing trust (LT)

You can stand if you are:

- 18 years old or over
- enrolled on the NZ electoral roll by 12 noon 16 August 2019
- A citizen of New Zealand

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Why stand for Council?

• Opportunity to contribute to your community, connect and build networks.

• Way to develop your leadership.

• Great career opportunity - it is a paid job!
**Governing body**
Mayor and 20 members
*Regional decisions*

- Regional decisions, strategies, policies and plans (e.g. Rail link)
- Sets rates
- Appoints Chief Executive
- Adopts long-term plan, annual plan, annual report
- Governs the Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs)
- Makes regulatory decisions

**21 local boards**
149 members
*Local decisions*

- Local decision making (e.g. park management)
- Local board plans
- Local board agreements
- Input into development of regional strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws
- Propose local bylaws
- Represent communities and provide local leadership

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Understanding the role: Governing Body

- 20 councillors from 13 wards

1 mayor

Governing Body

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the big picture and Auckland-wide decision-making
What does the Mayor do?

- Promotes and leads a vision for Auckland
- Leads the development of council plans, policies and budgets
- Ensures effective engagement between council and the community
- Appoints the deputy mayor
- Establishes committees of the governing body
- Appoints chairs for governing body committees

Annual remuneration:

$279,562 (for 2018/2019)

Note:
New remuneration rates will take effect from 23 October 2019.
What does the deputy Mayor do?

The deputy mayor:

- is appointed by the mayor from the elected ward councillors.
- works full time (40 hours or more a week).

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Annual remuneration:

$157,518 (for 2018/2019)

Note:
New remuneration rates will take effect from 23 October 2019.
What does a councillor do?

Councillor:
- Governing body member.
- Represents their ward.
- Full time role (40 hours or more a week).

Responsibilities:
- Attend monthly governing body and committee meetings.
- Attend meetings and workshops with local boards, council staff and external parties.
- Read plans, reports and agendas.
- Engage with the public (e.g. public events and meetings).
- Work alongside the local boards in their ward to address issues in the area.

Annual remuneration:
$109,750 (for 2018/2019)

Note:
New remuneration rates will take effect from 23 October 2019.
A typical week in the life of a councillor

Monday
- Attend the opening of a new cycleway
- Meetings with council’s Healthy Waters specialists to discuss options for improving water quality at a local beach

Tuesday
- Environment and Community Committee:
  - making decisions about council’s Low Carbon strategy
  - hearing an update on council’s progress to prevent the spread of Kauri dieback
  - deciding on the provision of park space for a new subdivision

Wednesday
- Planning Committee:
  - approving the structure plan for a Future Urban Zone, to enable new housing for Auckland’s growing population
  - giving Auckland Transport direction for its priorities in the coming year

Thursday
- Finance & Performance Committee:
  - receiving the quarterly review of council’s performance
  - approving ways to improve the value for money from council services
  - making decisions on the disposal of council property

Friday
- Meetings with members of the community to hear their views, concerns and suggestions about the direction of Auckland
- Speaking to a local residents’ association about upcoming consultation on council’s budget

Saturday
- Attending opening of local art gallery

Sunday
- Reading and preparation for upcoming week committee meetings
- Participate in working bee at local stream regeneration project

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What do local boards do?

Decision-making scope:
- Local board plans.
- Local board agreements
- Input into development of regional strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws.
- Proposing local bylaws.
- Representing communities and providing local leadership.

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What does a local board chair do?

Local board chairs:
- Are chosen by the board after the election.
- Works full time (40 hours or more a week).

Responsibilities:
- Oversight of the local board’s activities.
- Fronting media enquiries.
- Representing the local board at a regional level.
- Leading local board meetings and maintaining conduct.

Local board deputy chair:
- Works part time (20-30 hours a week)
- Annual remuneration $33,074 - $59,076

Annual remuneration:
$55,123 - $98,472
varies between local board areas

Note:
New remuneration rates will take effect from 23 October 2019
A typical week for a local board chair

Monday
- Monthly regional cluster workshop
- Monthly local board chair’s forum in CBD
- Business meeting agenda run-through
- Auckland Transport briefing
- Site visit

Tuesday
- Respond to constituent enquiries
- Attend citizenship ceremony
- Read material for the week’s workshop and business meeting

Wednesday
- Relationship manager catch up
- Chair/deputy chair’s briefing with staff
- Weekly local board workshop
- Monthly local board business meeting
- Business assoc. monthly meeting

Thursday
- Monthly constituent clinic at library
- Stakeholder meeting with Citycare
- Preparing feedback on bylaws being reviewed
- Attend citizenship ceremony

Friday
- Fortnightly Business Assoc. meeting
- Meeting with Comms Advisor for media piece
- Powhiri at local school
- Speech at community centre

Saturday
- Participate in athletics club working bee

Sunday
- Attend park opening and barbecue

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What do local board members do?

Local board members:
• Flexible part time (20+ hours a week approx)

Responsibilities:
• make decisions on local matters.
• develop and adopt local board plans.
• engage with local community.
• propose local bylaws and local targeted rates.
• responsibility for particular area or portfolio.

Annual remuneration:
$24,103 - $44,852 varies between local board areas

Note:
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## A typical week for a local board member

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<td>Respond to constituent enquiries</td>
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<td>Attend governance training in the CBD</td>
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<td>Attend citizenship ceremony</td>
<td>Attend informal meeting with local board staff</td>
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<td>Meeting with constituents</td>
<td>Attend community celebration on the appointment of Ethiopian Honorary Counsel in Auckland</td>
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**What skills do you need?**

- Building relationships and collaborating with a diverse range of people.
- Being a team player.
- Managing time effectively.
- Comfortable with using technology.
- Strong communication skills.
- Confidence in English literacy (reading and writing).
- Engaging with communities.
- Understanding and resolving complex issues.
- Being confident at negotiating.
- Debating and public speaking.

Training will be provided to develop these skills.
District Health Boards and Licensing Trusts

Auckland Council also coordinates the elections on behalf of local DHBs and Licensing Trusts. While these positions are included on the voting papers, they are not part of Auckland Council.

DHBs provide health services in their district. 7 board members are elected to each DHB every 3 years at the time of the local elections. After the election, the Minister of Health appoints a further four members to each DHB.

Licensing Trusts control the development of premises licensed for the sale of alcohol in an area. Licensing Trusts enable surplus profits from alcohol sales to be invested back into the community.
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If you would like to find out more about standing for a DHB or a Licensing Trust, please contact them directly.
The cost of campaigning

All campaign costs are **paid by the candidate** – the council does not provide any funding.

The law **limits how much** you can spend on your campaign.

You have **to declare** any donations and campaign expenses to the Electoral Officer by December 2019.

**Typical campaign expenses** may include hoardings and election signs, posters and leaflets and adverts in local and community newspapers or other media.

Tip:
Have a plan and set yourself a budget.
How do you keep campaign costs manageable?

**Raise funds** – a good way to connect people to support your campaign.

**Use social media** (e.g. Chloe Swarbrick in the 2016 campaign).

Look for **interview opportunities** on the radio, local newspapers or magazines.

**Door knocking** and attending community markets and events can be extremely effective in getting known.

Make the most of [www.voteauckland.co.nz](http://www.voteauckland.co.nz) and council and candidates events run at your community.
Affiliation: what does it mean to stand on a ticket?

In Auckland local elections, you can stand as:

- an independent candidate.
- a candidate affiliated to a particular political organisation, party or ticket.

**Party affiliation**

If you are member of a political party, ask if they will be having a nomination process for Auckland local elections.

A ticket is usually a group of like-minded individuals who support each others’ campaigns:

- Those who are more experienced on a ticket can be an advantage to those who have less name recognition (experience, established networks).
- Tickets share campaign costs – e.g. produce one leaflet/poster and have multiple people distributing. Some tickets tithe throughout the three-year term so it is not such a financial burden at election time.
- Some tickets agree a mandate. Many tickets have members with a range of political affiliations.
Preparing yourself to be a great candidate

• Start now!
  • Think about the **key issues** for Auckland and for your area, and what resonates for you.
  • **Understand the difference** between regional decision-making and local decision-making.
  • Increase **your experience** of local government.
  • **Know the rules**.
  • **Identify a mentor**.
  • Think about your own **personal resilience and support networks**.
  • **Get your nomination in early!** Nominations open on **Friday 19 July**.
Where to find more information

- Make the most of voteauckland.co.nz
- The Electoral Officer is responsible for the conduct of the election. They will be your first point of call for election procedures. Email info@electionservices.co.nz or call 0800 922 822.
- The candidate handbook is available on voteauckland.co.nz
- See minutes and agendas of governing body and local board meetings: http://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/
- Watch Council meetings online: https://counclivelive.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/
- The pre-election report will be available on voteauckland.co.nz
- Find voting and candidate research: http://www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz/
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