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Candidates for the 2025 Rangitikei District Local Elections confirmed

The nomination period for the 2025 Rangitikei District Local Elections has now closed. 32 candidates have put themselves forward for election with voting to take place between 9 September to 11 October this year.

Rangitikei District Council's Deputy Electoral Officer, Katrina Gray, says that a last-minute flurry of nominations has led to a positive result for Rangitikei with six confirmed election contests.

"This is an increase of two from the 2022 elections, where we only had contests for the Mayorality, two wards and a community board. We have also increased the number of candidates standing from 29 in 2022 to 32 which is encouraging," says Katrina.

In the Mayoral race there are four candidates; David Christison, John Hainsworth, Simon Loudon, and incumbent Andy Watson.

The Northern Ward received three candidates for two vacancies; Diana Baird, Peter Kipling-Arthur and Jeff Wong.

The Central Ward is being contested by eight candidates for five vacancies; Justin Adams, Alan Buckendahl, David Christison, Fi Dalgety, Sandra Field, John Hainsworth, Bryan Hastings and Dave Wilson.

There are four candidates for the two vacancies in the Southern Ward; Graham Jenkins, Graeme O'Fee, Bryan Rowe and Paul Sharland.

There are two candidates for the Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Ward vacancy; Coral Raukawa and David Yates.

Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa will be elected unopposed in the Tiikeitia ki Uta (Inland) Ward as they were the only candidate to stand for this vacancy.

An election is confirmed for the Taihape Community Board, having received six nominations for four vacancies available; Caryse Clark, Gill Duncan, De-Anna Green, Fiona Kahukura Hadley-Chase, Peter Kipling-Arthur and Melanie Pera.

The four candidates for the Rātana Community Board will be elected unopposed: Jason Hihira, Ruthie Lawrence, Charlie Mete, and Grace Joan Taiaroa.

Rangitikei District Council Chief Executive Carol Gordon has welcomed the strong response to this year's local elections, noting the impressive number of candidates stepping forward. She says this reflects a healthy and engaged democracy, where bold and diverse ideas are encouraged.

"Local government is going through a period of significant change and putting your hand up for election is no small undertaking. It is encouraging to see individuals who are clearly passionate about their communities, willing to lead, and prepared to meet the challenges ahead. A vibrant and diverse contest of ideas is not only healthy, it's essential. It's how we continue to grow and strengthen communities" says Carol.

Profiles for all our candidates will be available on our website once all their profile statements have been through a review to ensure that they adhere to election rules.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/local-elections-2025

We're inspecting the wastewater network in Taihape soon

We're letting you know that over the coming months we'll be conducting various inspections in Taihape as part of routine maintenance and investigation of our wastewater network.

Our consultant, Taonga Water Advisory will be working closely with Council's Operations and Maintenance team, in carrying this out across the town from late August to October.

Tests will include manhole inspections, visual property inspections, CCTV inspections and some hydraulic testing. There may also be some vapour testing, which will be able to help detect where stormwater is entering the wastewater network – such as through cracked pipes, broken gully traps, illegal connections, or faulty manholes.

It involves blowing a non-toxic, artificial vapour into the underground wastewater pipes. The vapour may be seen coming out of vent pipes on buildings, manholes, or the ground where defects exist. It is non-toxic and not harmful to people, pets, or plants. It doesn't leave any residue or odor and it won't enter your home unless there is defective plumbing or dry drain traps.

Also, Council are contracting Downer NZ to do some watermain renewals on Titi Street, Swan Street and Ruru Road, which will be starting in September. Residents impacted by this work will receive letters in advance and we will have more information available on our website closer to the time.



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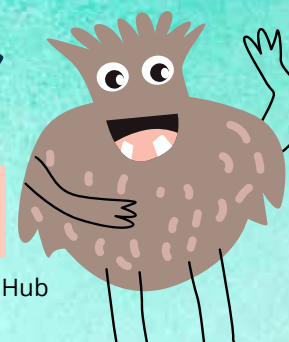
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