

# Proposed representation arrangements for 2025 local elections

## Have Your Say

Whanganui District Council is reviewing its representation arrangements and has resolved the following proposal apply to the council and its community board for local elections to be held on 11 October 2025.

### Council representation

It is proposed the council comprise 12 members elected from two (2) wards, and the mayor. The two wards reflect the following communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of interest
Whanganui General Ward	Comprising the whole of the Whanganui District area
Whanganui Māori Ward	Comprising the whole of the Whanganui District area

The population that each elected member will represent is shown below:

Ward	Population	Number of councillors	Population per councillor
Whanganui General Ward	40,200	10	4020
Whanganui Māori Ward	8720	2	4360
<b>District total</b>	<b>48,920</b>	<b>12</b>	

### Community board representation

It is proposed the following community board be elected:

Community board	Area of community
Whanganui Rural Community Board	Comprising the rural areas of the Whanganui District area outside of the Whanganui urban area

The Whanganui Rural Community Board will be subdivided for electoral purposes as follows:

Subdivision	Area of subdivision
Kaitoke subdivision	The Kaitoke subdivision is in the south-eastern region of the district – the boundary finishes just beyond the Whangaehu River
Kai Iwi subdivision	The Kaitoke subdivision is in the south-western region of the district – the boundary finishes just before the Waitotara River
Whanganui subdivision	The Whanganui subdivision is in the northern region of the district and covers the remaining rural community to the district boundary line

The population that members of each subdivision will represent is shown below:

Subdivision	Population	Number of members	Population per member
Kaitoke subdivision	1940	2	970
Kai Iwi subdivision	2560	3	853
Whanganui subdivision	1710	2	855
<b>Total</b>	<b>6210</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>887</b>

The population each member of the Whanganui Rural Community Board represents falls within the range of 887 +/-10% (798 - 976) in accordance with section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001.

### Further information

Copies of the council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards, communities and subdivisions may be viewed and obtained from:

- [www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024)
- Council customer services, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui 4541

For any queries regarding this proposal, please email the Democracy Services team at: [democracy@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:democracy@whanganui.govt.nz)

### Have your say – ways to make a submission

- Online – please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024)
- Paper forms are available from council customer services, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui 4541 (printable forms are also available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024))
- Email – [democracy@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:democracy@whanganui.govt.nz)

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