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Nelson City Council Electoral Officer



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Nelson City Council



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## **1. Introduction to Nelson City Council**

*Pat Dougherty - Chief Executive*

## **2. Election Details 2019**

*Warwick Lampp - NCC Electoral Officer*

## **3. The Nomination Process**

*Warwick Lampp - NCC Electoral Officer*

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## 5. Process and Results

*Warwick Lampp - NCC Electoral Officer*

## 6. Life as an elected member

*Paul Matheson - Deputy Mayor*

*Stuart Walker - Councillor*





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# Part 1: Introduction to Nelson City Council

# What is Local Government all about?

It's a complex business!

Under more than 125 pieces of legislation, Council is responsible for:

- Formulating the city's strategic direction in conjunction with the community through the Long Term Plan (LTP) and reporting on progress
- Determining the services and activities to be undertaken by the Council
- Managing various regulations and upholding the law, including the formulation and enforcement of bylaws
- Advocating on behalf of the local community with central government, other local authorities and other agencies
- Environmental management through the Nelson Resource Management Plan
- Ensuring local communities are encouraged to be part of the decision-making processes of local government
- Ensuring effective succession of Elected Members



## Job description

- Represent interests of Council
- Formulate strategic direction and priorities
- Determine expenditure and funding
- Monitor performance
- Develop and oversee policy
- Ensure prudent use of council resources
- Employ and monitor the CE only

# Core competencies

- Genuine interest for issues faced by Nelson community
- Relate to wide range of people – strong people skills
- Competent listening and public speaking skills
- Express ideas clearly and be results focussed
- Understand, analyse and resolve complex issues
- Understand governance versus management
- Think “city-wide” on issues
- Commit to elected members’ Code of Conduct



# Nelson City is a Unitary Authority

- Territorial Authority
- Regional Council



# Council Activities

- Transport
- Water supply
- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Flood protection
- Solid Waste
- Environment
- Social
- Parks and active recreation
- Economic
- Corporate

# Council meetings and Remuneration

- Council and Committee meetings generally held on Thursdays every week. Plus Tuesdays and Wednesdays when workload peaks.
- Generally they start at 9am and go for 4-6 hours
- 90 Council and Committee Meetings for 2018
- Generally Mayor is full time job, Councillor is approx 30 hrs/week
- Lots of reading of reports and agendas
- Flexible working hours – evening and weekend work required

## Remuneration:

- Mayor \$ 144,500 pa
- Councillor \$ 39,686 pa minimum base
- Paid fortnightly



# Vision

## Priorities:

- CBD Development
- Environment
- Infrastructure
- Lift Council Performance



**Nelson is  
the Smart  
Little City:**

he tāone  
tōrire a  
whakatū



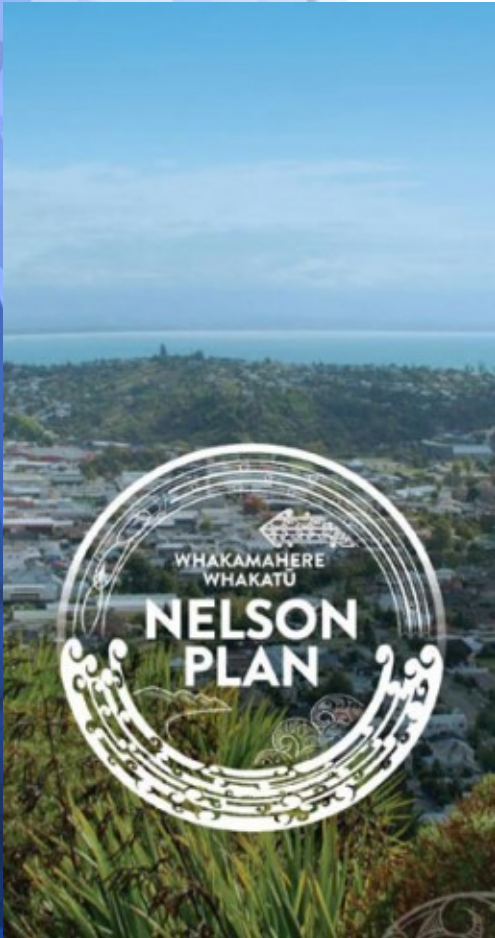
## Key Policy Documents

- **Long Term Plan (LTP):** Under the Local Government Act 2002, we are required to detail the activities we undertake and the outcomes desired for a period of at least 10 years



- **Annual Plan:** This defines Council's work programme for each financial year

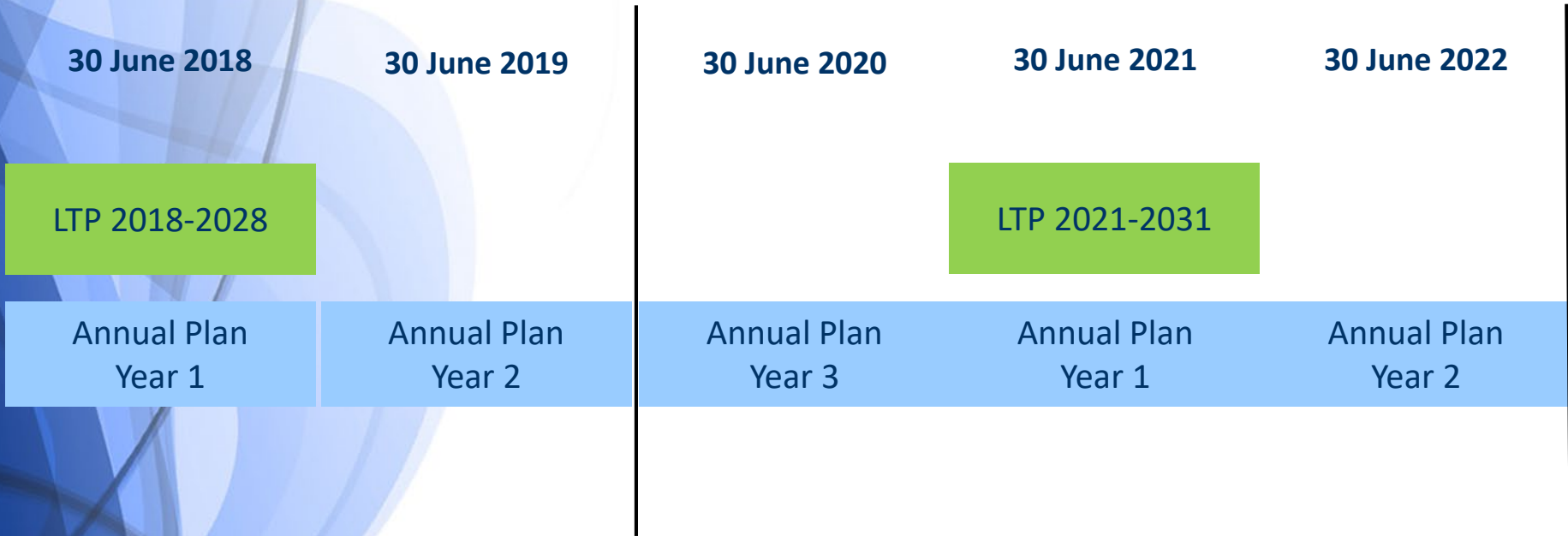
# Key Policy Documents cont...



- **Annual Report:** This reports to ratepayers on Council's performance in relation to what it said it would do in its Annual Plan
- **Whakamahere Whakatu Nelson Plan:** will incorporate the Regional Policy Statement, Air Quality Plan, District Plan, Regional Plan and Regional Coastal Plan into our document.



# Three Yearly Planning Cycle



# The Organisation

- Council employs the Chief Executive
- The Chief Executive employs all staff
- Primary role of staff is to implement the decisions of Council, and provide the service to Council and the ratepayer





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# Part 2: 2019 Election Details



# Electoral Team

- *electionz.com Ltd* contracted by Nelson City Council
- **Warwick Lampp** - NCC Electoral Officer
- **Mary Birch** - NCC Deputy Electoral Officer
- **Robyn Byrne** - NCC Electoral Official

# Who are *electionz.com*?

- Warwick Lampp, *electionz.com*, lives in Tauranga
- Election services company based in Christchurch
- 10 full time staff
- Average about 200 elections in NZ each year
- EO for 33 councils, 4 RCs and 10 DHBs
- Carrying out vote processing for 42 councils, 650K voting papers
- Vote Processing centre in Christchurch

## EO for:

- BOPRC, GWRC, ECAN, ORC and ten DHBs (incl NMDHB)
- Tauranga, Rotorua, Taupō, Waipa, Otorohanga, Waitomo, South Waikato, Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Manawatu, Palmerston North, Horowhenua, Napier, Central Hawkes Bay, Carterton, Wellington, Masterton, South Wairarapa, Upper Hutt, Nelson, Westland, Kaikoura, Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, Mackenzie, Waimate, Waitaki, Dunedin, Central Otago, Gore, Invercargill

# Electoral Officer Role and Responsibilities

- The Electoral Officer (EO) is solely responsible for the conduct of the election
- The EO is not subject to the directions of any local authority, elected members, or the CE
- Provides a level playing field for all candidates
- **NB** Not responsible for monitoring campaigning by candidates. Only deals with alleged breaches of the Act by passing them to the Police.



# Key Dates

Election Period starts	<b>12 July</b> (Friday)
Nominations open	<b>19 July</b> (Friday)
Electoral signs can go up (Bishopdale Hill and Miyazu Park special areas)	<b>12 August</b> (Monday – 2 months prior) 12 September (Thursday - 1 month prior)
Nominations close	<b>12 noon, 16 August</b> (Friday)
Delivery of voting papers	<b>20 – 25 September</b> (Friday-Wednesday)
Special voting period	<b>20 September - 12 October</b>
Removal of election signs	<b>11 October</b> (Friday)
Close of voting	<b>12 noon, 12 October</b> (Saturday)
Progress results available	<b>12 October, approx 2pm</b>
Official declaration	likely to be <b>17 October</b> (Thursday)
Candidate expenses deadline	probably <b>12 December</b> (Thursday)



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# Part 3: The Nomination Process



# PART THREE

# The Nomination Process

#### A: CANDIDATE to fill out after reading important information on reverse

I (candidate's full name),

accept the nomination and confirm that I have read and understand the **Eligibility and Candidacy** notes on the reverse of this form and certify that I am qualified to be a candidate under section 25 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and regulations and that I am not disqualified under section 58 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Address (as listed on the parliamentary roll):

Email (EO's preferred first point of contact):

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

I understand that the details provided on this nomination paper will be publicly available for election purposes.

**Please advise the Electoral Officer/Official at the time of lodging your nomination if there are contact details that you would not like to be published.**

**Note:** Section 55(5) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that this nomination form be available for public inspection at **Nelson City Council** offices located at **Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson**. Please note that candidate and nominator details provided on this form may also be made available from the **Nelson City Council** website.

I submit with this nomination (please tick appropriate circles):

Evidence of NZ citizenship

Evidence of deposit (\$200)

Photo

Profile statement

I understand that, in not providing a profile or photo, the words "Profile/Photo not supplied" will appear below my name in the profile booklet that will be sent out with the voting paper. **All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time.**

My principal place of residence (tick ONE circle):

is **WITHIN** the Nelson City area

is **NOT WITHIN** the Nelson City area

I am also standing for the following elections:

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as:

I wish to use the following affiliation (To be left blank if the candidate does not wish to use any party/group affiliation. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'independent' be shown):

Signature:

Date:

#### B: NOMINATORS to fill out

We, the undersigned electors of **Nelson City Council** hereby nominate (candidate's full name):

with his/her consent, as a candidate for the office of **Councillor** of the **Nelson City Council**, the election for which is to be held on Saturday 12 October 2019.

Full name of **First Nominator**:

Address:

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

Signature of **First Nominator**:

Date:



# Nominations will be called for:

**Mayor**

**Councillors At Large**

12 councillors

**Nelson Marlborough DHB**

7 members at large (STV)

All candidate names are in **random** order

# Nomination Process

## Nomination Period – 4 weeks

- Nominations open Friday 19 July
- Nominations close at midday Friday 16 August

## All nomination documents **must** be submitted together

- Nom paper, profile statement, photo, evidence of \$200 deposit
- Must provide **evidence of NZ Citizenship** (passport, birth cert)
- Must come to the NCC office if in person, or scan and email to the DEO (elections@ncc.govt.nz)
- Cannot put nom paper in first week, leave profile till last week
- Will accept online banking of deposits – evidence required
- Cheques will **not** be accepted
- Nomination paper includes warning for candidates to be aware that contact details will be public info
- Can use commonly used name on voting papers – but no titles
- Party affiliations – cannot be offensive, confusing, or too long

# Nomination Process (continued)

## Candidate **must** state if standing in any other elections in NZ

- Mayor, Ward/At Large Council, Comm Bd, LTs, DHB, other TAs?
- **Is shown at top of profile statement**
- Is not included in the 150 words
- Applies to standing anywhere in NZ
- Must update earlier nomination form if not included
- Nomination paper is a public document, open for inspection

## Candidate **must** state if reside in area of election or not

- My principal place of residence **is WITHIN / is NOT WITHIN** the area
- **Is shown at the top of the profile statement**
- Is not included in the 150 words

## Other elections

- Nelson-Marlborough DHB noms to Nelson City Council



# 2016 Voting Paper

## LOCAL ELECTIONS 2016

The Electoral Officer  
Tauranga City Council  
Private Bag 770114  
Orchard Road  
Christchurch 8154

You can vote in up to 5 elections using this voting document

### Tauranga City Council

- ▶ Mayor
- ▶ At Large
- ▶ Mount Maunganui-Papamoa Ward

### Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Tauranga General Constituency)

### Bay of Plenty District Health Board

### How to vote

Please read the instructions carefully.

There are two types of electoral system used for these elections

- the **FIRST PAST THE POST** system where you tick candidate names
- the **SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTING** system where you rank the candidates using numbers

If you make a mistake that you can't correct clearly, contact the electoral officer and ask for a new voting document.

The candidates' surnames may not be in alphabetical order for all elections.

**Warning** - it is an offence under the Local Electoral Act to interfere in any way with any person who is about to vote with the intention


## Tauranga City Council ELECTING THE MAYOR



FPP - THIS IS A FIRST PAST THE POST ELECTION

Tick  the circle next to **one (1)** candidate you want to vote for.

The candidate names are listed randomly for this election.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BALDOCK, Larry</b> (More Democracy Less Bureaucracy)		101
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BROWNLESS, Greg</b> (Independent)		102
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CLOUT, Kelvin</b> (Energy and Experience)		103
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>GUY, Murray</b> (Community Focused Leadership)		104
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>LEAMING, Hori BOP</b>		105
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>MASON, Max</b> (Experienced Positive Leadership)		106
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>MORRIS, Steve</b> (Together we can build a better city)		107
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>OWENS, Doug</b> (Effectiveness, Efficiency, Growth)		108
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PETERSON, Noel James</b> (Independent)		109
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PURCHES, Graeme</b> (Independent)		110
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ROBSON, John</b> (Real Change in TCC - Guaranteed)		111

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I (candidate's full name),

accept the nomination and confirm that I have read and understand the **Eligibility and Candidacy** notes on the reverse of this form and certify that I am qualified to be a candidate under section 25 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and regulations and that I am not disqualified under section 58 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Address (as listed on the parliamentary roll):

Email (EO's preferred first point of contact):

Mobile phone:

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I submit with this nomination (please tick appropriate circles):  Evidence of NZ citizenship  Evidence of deposit (\$200)  Photo  Profile statement

I understand that, in not providing a profile or photo, the words "Profile/Photo not supplied" will appear below my name in the profile booklet that will be sent out with the voting paper. **All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time.**

My principal place of residence (tick ONE circle):  is WITHIN the Nelson City area  is NOT WITHIN the Nelson City area

I am also standing for the following elections:

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as:

I wish to use the following affiliation (To be left blank if the candidate does not wish to use any party/group affiliation. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'independent' be shown):

Signature:

Date:

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Full name of First Nominator:

Address:

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

Signature of First Nominator:

Date:

Full name of Second Nominator:

Address:

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

Signature of Second Nominator:

Date:

### ELIGIBILITY & CANDIDACY NOTES

- Candidates for the position of Councillor do not need to live within Nelson City area, but must be enrolled as a NZ parliamentary elector.
- Both nominators must be enrolled as electors of the Nelson City Council.
- No person can be elected to a local authority if he/she is concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 per annum with that local authority. This restriction is waived if prior approval from the office of the Controller and Auditor-General is obtained (section 3(1) Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968).
- A candidate **cannot** nominate themselves for office.
- A candidate may under section 56 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) be nominated under a name which the candidate is commonly known provided that the name will not: cause offence to a reasonable person; be unreasonably long; include or resemble an official rank or title; cause confusion or mislead electors [section 56 LEA].
- Where no affiliation is claimed, or an affiliation is disallowed by the Electoral Officer under section 57 of the LEA, nothing will be shown in the public notice or the voting paper against the candidate's name. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'Independent' be shown.
- Under section 121 of the LEA, any person is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000 who:
  - Knowing themselves to be ineligible for election, consents to being nominated for election; or
  - Nominates any person as a candidate whom he/she knows to be ineligible for election; or
  - Not being the candidate signs any nomination paper knowing that they are not qualified to vote at the election.
- Each nomination must be accompanied by the required deposit of \$200.00 (inclusive of GST) or proof of an electronic deposit.
- Evidence of NZ citizenship is required at the time of candidate nomination. Acceptable evidence includes NZ passport, NZ birth certificate or NZ citizenship documentation.
- Nominations of candidates **must** be in the hands of the Electoral Officer/Official, Nelson City Council, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson, before 12 noon on the 16 August 2019.
- An employee of a local authority may stand for election as mayor or councillor of that local authority, but if elected, must resign as an employee of the local authority before taking office. This provision does not apply to employees of a local authority elected to a community or local board.
- Previous restrictions on Police employees wanting to stand for election to a local authority have now been removed and there are now no restrictions applying to Police employees wishing to stand in local authority elections.

### RETURN, PAYMENT AND REFUND DETAILS

Return by: post to: The Deputy Electoral Officer/Official, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040

or, deliver to: Nelson City Council offices at Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

or, scan and email to: elections@ncc.govt.nz

Payments can be made by **cash** or **efpos** directly at the Nelson City Council offices at Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson, if you are returning this form by hand or by **online banking** using the details provided below:

Account name:	Nelson City Council	Bank:	Westpac
Account number:	03-0703-0325055-00	Particulars/Reference:	Election
Code:	(Your surname)		

Refunds of nomination deposits (where eligible) will be made by online deposit into a bank account. Please list below the bank account to use for your refund.

Account name:

Account number:

**Nominations must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer/Official before 12 noon, Friday 16 August 2019.**

All nomination documents **must** be submitted at the same time. For assistance phone the tollfree helpline: **0800 300 103**

### ELECTORAL OFFICIAL to fill out

Received at the hour of: on the day of 20

Candidate Roll #:

First Nominator Roll #:

Second Nominator Roll #:

Nomination documents approved:  Nomination paper  Deposit/proof of deposit  Place of residence  
 Photo  Profile statement  Standing for other elections  
 Proof of NZ citizenship

Signature of Electoral Official:

Date:

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(*please tick appropriate circles*):

Evidence of NZ  
citizenship

Evidence of  
deposit (\$200)

Photo

Profile  
statement

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My principal place of residence  
(*tick ONE circle*):

is **WITHIN** the Nelson City area

is **NOT WITHIN** the Nelson City area

I am also standing for the following elections:

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as:

I wish to use the following affiliation (*To be left blank if the candidate does not wish to use any party/group affiliation. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'independent' be shown*):

**Signature:**

**Date:**



# Candidate Qualifications

## MUST BE:

- A **New Zealand citizen (required to provide evidence)**
- Enrolled on the **parliamentary electoral roll** (in NZ)
- Nominator and seconder on the roll in the area

## CANNOT:

- Be serving a prison sentence of three or more years
- Have interest in a contract over \$25K per year with council

## CAN STAND:

- For DHB and the council (mayor and council)
- For both mayor and councillor, or another council
- If a council employee but must resign if elected as mayor or councillor

# Candidate Withdrawals

- A candidate cannot strategically or politically withdraw after nominations have closed
- Same as for parliamentary elections, ie death or incapacity only
- Medical certificate required – deposit refunded
- Withdrawal application can be made by candidate or their agent

# Candidate Profile Statements

- **May** be provided (not mandatory) – see page 16
- If provided, must be provided electronically with the other nomination documents, as an email attachment (MS Word) or on a pen drive
- Up to **150** words about the candidate, their policies and intentions
- Cannot comment on policies etc of any other candidate
- Hand written profiles will **not** be accepted
- Profiles and photos should be emailed to the DEO but hard copies must be attached to nom paper, **i.e. all docs submitted together**
- EO not required to verify or investigate any information included in profile
- Photos in **colour, within last 12 months**, head and shoulders shot only (no hats, sunglasses, children, pets or friends)
- Photos should be supplied electronically as jpgs, scanned at 600 dpi
- Profiles on NCC website as soon as ready after close of nominations
- Candidate contact details on NCC website after close of nominations



# Example Profile Statement

Wellington City Council

Electing the Mayor

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**Celia WADE-BROWN**

a good choice for Wellington

*My principal place of residence is not in the Wellington City Council area.*

Auto-populated text

*I am also standing for the Northern Ward and the Capital and Coast DHB.*

Celia Wade-Brown is an approachable, fair and inclusive leader. Her positive Council contribution, community work and business background offer a good combination of skills. She has protected heritage and open space, led significant energy and water

Hard-coded text



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# Part Four: Campaigning



# Campaigning

- Can commence any time
- Generally no rules around campaigning or conduct, but:
  - Can't use council resources for campaigning (logo, branding, colours, NCC FB or twitter feed, photos, council buildings)
  - Voting papers should not be collected from electors by candidates or their assistants
- Election expenses for campaigning must be recorded and declared in a return after the election
- **Any campaign material** (signs, posters, billboards, flyers, ads, cars, social media) **must have an authorisation** from the candidate or their agent, stating their name, and physical address
  - Not a PO Box, Private Bag, rural number, website address, council's street address
  - Must be on the front of the sign or promotional material (not the back)
- Any content of signs is subject to ASA guidelines and complaints process – must be factual
- **Usual rules of defamation apply but don't complain to the EO if you don't like what someone says about you!**



# Social Media

## Beware of Social Media! During the three month election period:

- Council's social media channels will unlike / unfollow all candidate social media channels
- Candidates must not link their own social media channels (if they are used for campaigning purposes) to the Council's social media channels, and must ensure that they have the appropriate authorisation
- **NCC social media channels cannot be used for electioneering by candidates or members of the public – will be constantly monitored and strictly enforced**
- Any post - positive or negative - made by any individual specifically relating to their own or someone else's nomination, intention to run for Council or election campaign, will be removed
- Council's social media channels will remain neutral. Council will promote elections and the importance of voting but will not associate these posts with any candidates
- During the lead up to elections, the current Mayor and Councillors may be used in social media posts where it is appropriate and is considered 'business as usual' to use them.

# Social Media continued

This means, when with the intention of campaigning / electioneering:

- No posting on Council pages / accounts
- No comments / replies on Council pages
- No mentions with a tag
- No picture tagging
- No rating or reviewing Council pages or posts
- No sharing / reposting of NCC posts with electioneering comments

e.g. you cannot electioneer on Council's channels, or piggyback on their audiences – see page 19

# Election signs

- See page 20 of candidate handbook
- Election signs can go up from **Monday 12 August**
  - (2 months prior to election day)
  - (Bishopdale Hill and Miyazu Park special areas) from 12 September - 1 month prior)
- Maximum of 10 signs per candidate in the city
- Can be on private land, but only for 2 months
- Must be removed day before election day, ie Friday 11 October
- NZTA rules apply for State Highways, see page 21
- Vehicle signwriting is ok – cost of running a vehicle if it is own personal transport is not an election expense
- **The cost of framing for a sign is not an election expense**
- Complaints made to NCC's Enforcement Officers – not the EO or DEO



# Electoral Donations

- No time limit on when donations are received, every donation to be recorded
- You don't have to accept a donation – be careful of reason for donation
- Must be included in candidate expenditure return
- No such thing as an “anonymous” donation if you know who it has come from:
  - someone can't give a donation and ask for it to be treated anonymously
  - anonymous means you don't know who it came from, can't reasonably work it out
  - A third party who passes on a donation must disclose who the donor is
- An anonymous donation cannot be over \$1,500:
  - if it is, candidate can't keep balance over \$1,500, it must be given to EO to pass onto council
  - a donation made up of contributions (e.g. to a trust) is treated as one donation, and can't be over \$1,500 if anonymous
  - it is an offence to circumvent \$1,500 limit, i.e. by deliberately splitting up a donation into smaller contributions.

# Election Expenditure Limit

Nelson Mayoralty	\$30,000
Council At Large	\$30,000
NMDHB	\$55,000

# Election Expenses

- If standing for more than one position the higher limit applies
- The applicable period for which campaign expenditure limits apply is 3 months before election day - **12 July 2019**
- Candidates required to provide details of electoral expenses incurred before or after the applicable period to Electoral Officer – pro-rata expenses for activity outside the 3 months
- Electoral expenses and electoral donation returns required within 55 days after the official result declaration – about 12 December
- Deposit not refunded until the return is completed (provided candidate gets more than 25% of the votes of the lowest successful candidate)
- Electoral expenses and electoral donations returns are public documents
- EO must make expenses documents available on council website for **7 years**
- See page 16 of the Handbook



# Election Offences

- See page 34
- Imitation Voting Paper — examples next slide
- Bribery
- Treating
  - Can't provide food, alcohol, drinks, entertainment as an inducement to vote (light refreshments after a meeting is ok)
  - Can't give away a pen, note pad, fridge magnet or item of value
- Undue Influence — cant stand over someone telling them how to vote, or post or deliver someone else's voting paper
- Unauthorised advertisements
- Illegal nomination — e.g. candidate with a court order
- Any formal complaint passed straight to the Police

# Example of Signs



**VOTE**

**FRED DAGG**

*FOR THE*  
**TOWN WARD**

*"OPEN GOVERNMENT  
AT ALL HOURS"*

THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS AUTHORISED BY JOHN  
SMITH OF 12 THIRD STREET WELLINGTON

**FRED DAGG**  
BLUE PARTY

**JOHN SNOW**  
RED PARTY

**JANE DOE**  
WHITE PARTY

**BILL BOB**  
PURPLE PARTY

**VOTE**



**FRED DAGG**  
*FOR THE*  
**TOWN WARD**

*"OPEN GOVERNMENT AT ALL HOURS"*

THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS AUTHORISED BY JOHN SMITH OF 12 THIRD STREET WELLINGTON





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# Part 5: Election Process and Results



# Electoral Rolls

## Preliminary Electoral Roll

- available for public inspection from 19 July to 5pm Friday 16 August 2019
- at all libraries and the council offices
- includes the ratepayer roll
- Cannot be provided electronically to candidates

## Final Electoral Roll

- produced following the EC update campaign
- is the roll used for issuing voting papers
- can purchase hard copy for \$100 (plus GST)

# Special Voting

- Available for anyone who spoils, loses, or does not receive their voting paper or enrolls after 16 August
- Available for electors on the unpublished roll
- Available from 20 September to 12 noon on election day, 12 October 2019
- available from the NCC office, can be posted out
- Applicants can come in or contact DEO by phone or email
- Candidates cannot collect special voting documents on behalf of electors

# Election Results

Preliminary count occurs from 12 noon, Saturday 12 October 2019

**Progress results** expected about **2pm** – approx 98% of votes received (not special votes and votes in transit to processing centre).

Progress results:

- Will be available from council's website
- email to all candidates with email address
- Candidates personally rung by council staff

**Preliminary results** expected late on Sunday 13 October, after all ordinary votes have been processed

**Final results** expected by Thursday 17 October, after special votes have been processed



# Coming into Office

- All members come into office on the day following the day on which the candidates are declared to be elected
- This is the day after the public notice has been published - expected to be Friday 18 or Saturday 19 October
- Successful candidates contacted by mayor/staff
- Council's inaugural meeting and the "swearing in" of elected members (elected candidates cannot act until this has occurred) – expected to be Thursday 31 October 2019

# Resources

**NCC candidate handbook and nomination papers**

**LGNZ 'Making a Stand' booklet**

**NCC's Pre-election report** – available from 31 July 2019:

- To inform the community and candidates on key aspects of Council business
- To set out major projects and expenditure for next 3 years
- To promote discussion on issues and inform any elections debate

**Legislation (LEA, LER)**

**Council's website** (for election information):

- NMDHB candidate handbook



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# Last word

No Online Voting

Campaigning

Election results – on websites/email –  
progress/prelim/final

Election day – Saturday 12 October 2019

**Good luck!!**