

**Pōtitanga Kawanatanga ā Rohe
2025 Local Government Elections**

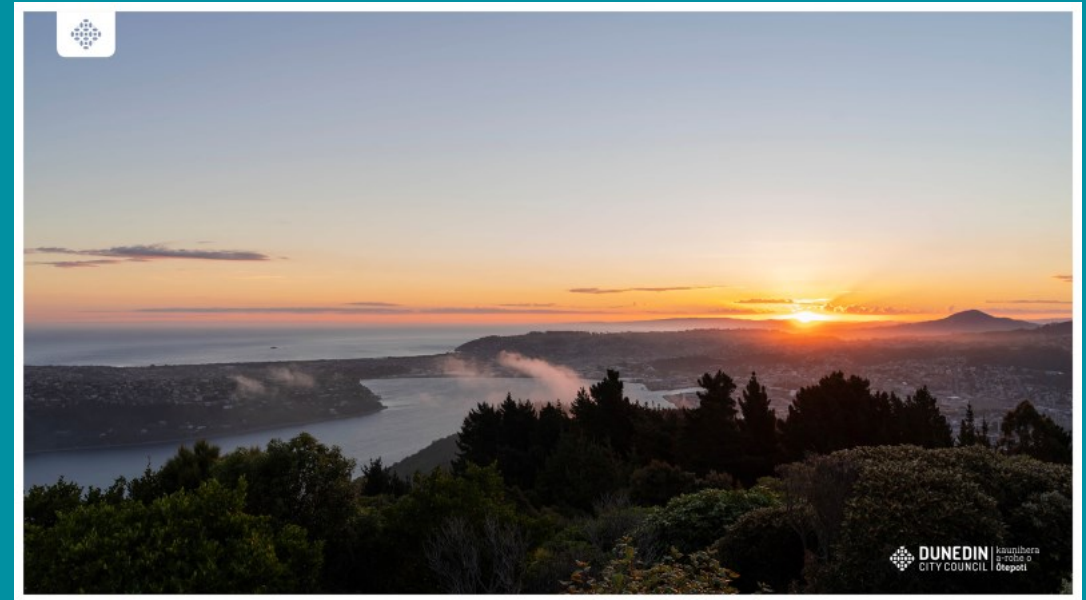
2025 Local Elections Candidate Briefing Presentation

3 July 2025

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Sandy Graham, Chief Executive



THE MAKE UP OF DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL

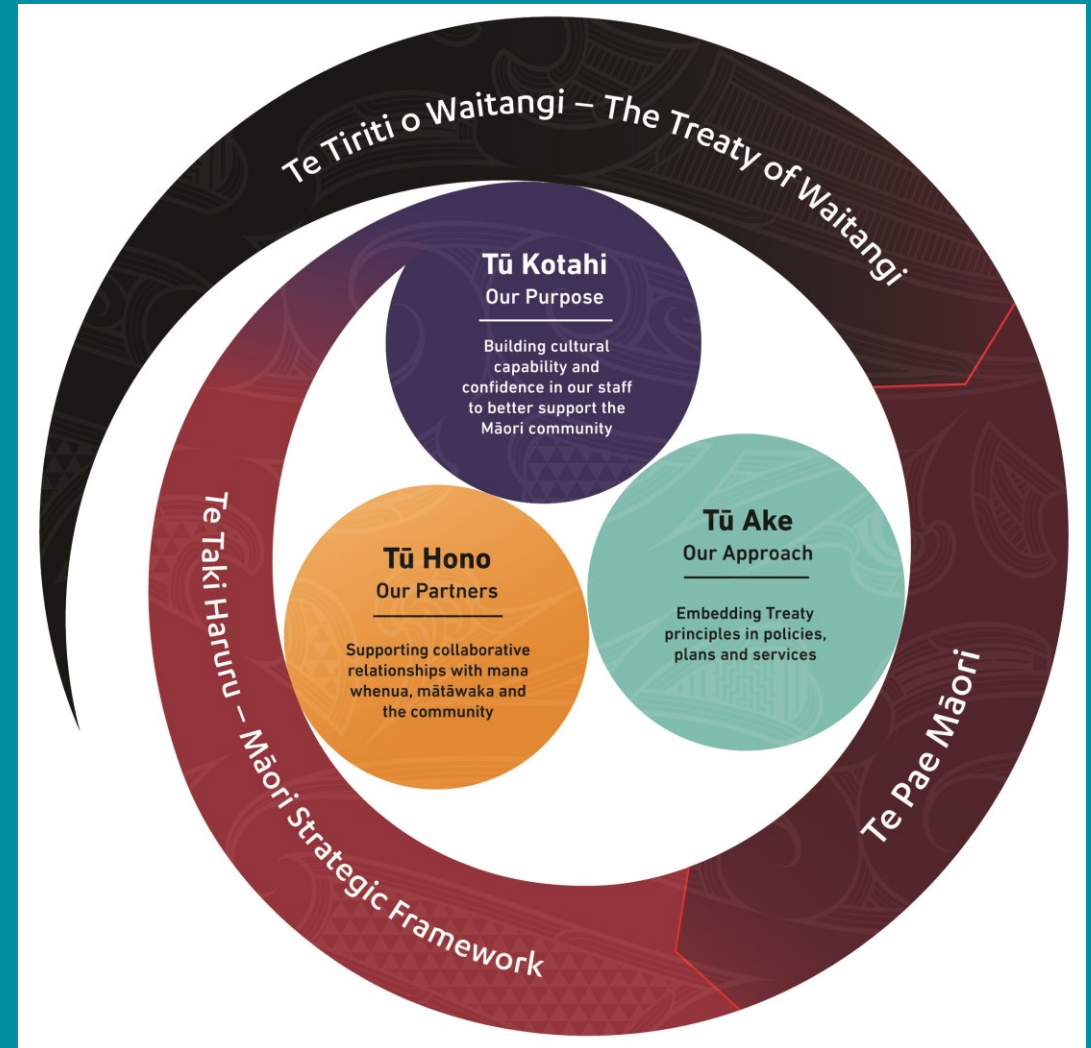
- Every three years, one mayor, 14 councillors and six community boards are elected by Ōtepoti Dunedin residents to represent them on the Dunedin City Council (DCC).
- Our territory extends from north of Waikouaiti to the Taieri River in the south and inland to Middlemarch and Hyde, covering 3,340 square kilometres of land area.
- The Council is responsible for the governance of the city as well as the strategic direction, ensuring we work towards meeting expectations of our community as set out in the recently adopted 9 Year Plan 2025 - 2034.

DCC STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

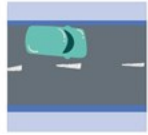


TE TAKI HARURU

Te Taki Haruru (TTH) is a framework designed to guide the Council in partnering with mana whenua and fulfilling its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. It envisions a future for Ōtepoti Dunedin that ensures the wellbeing of future generations and the sustainability of the environment from a Te Ao Māori perspective.



OPERATING COSTS FOR THE NEXT 9 YEARS



\$708m

Roding and Footpaths
16%



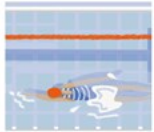
\$1,388m

3 Waters
31%



\$412m

Waste Minimisation
9%



\$451m

Community Recreation
10%



\$504m

City Properties
11%



\$269m

Creative and Cultural Vibrancy
6%



\$162m

Regulatory Services
3%



\$96m

Resilient City
2%



\$101m

Vibrant Economy
2%



\$440m

Governance and Support Services
10%



\$9m

Treaty Partnership

Total = \$4,540b

CAPITAL COSTS FOR THE NEXT 9 YEARS



\$505m

Rooding and Footpaths

25%



\$1,030m

3 Waters

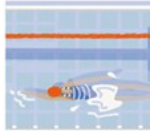
51%



\$201m

Waste Minimisation

10%



\$75m

Community Recreation

4%



\$153m

City Properties

7%



\$20m

Creative and Cultural Vibrancy

1%



—

Regulatory Services



\$6m

Resilient City



—

Vibrant Economy



\$35m

Governance and Support Services

2%



—

Treaty Partnership

Total = \$2,025b

COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION POST 2025 ELECTION

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	190,006
Councillor minimum	84,496

COMMUNITY BOARD REMUNERATION POST ELECTION

BOARD

ANNUAL REMUNERATION

MOSGIEL-TAIERI

CHAIRPERSON \$23,050

BOARD MEMBER \$11,525

OTAGO PENINSULA

CHAIRPERSON \$19,465

BOARD MEMBER \$ 9,733

SADDLE HILL

CHAIRPERSON \$19,721

BOARD MEMBER \$ 9,860

STRATH TAIERI

CHAIRPERSON \$17,344

BOARD MEMBER \$ 8,666

WAIKOUAITI COAST

CHAIRPERSON \$19,208

BOARD MEMBER \$ 9,603

WEST HARBOUR

CHAIRPERSON \$19,721

BOARD MEMBER \$ 9,860

MEETING REQUIREMENTS

- Council and Committee meetings are held every 4 to 6 weeks
- Other subcommittees, taskforce groups, working parties, project steering groups etc. are formed as needed
- Generally Mayor is a full time job, councillor is between 2 - 5 days per week
- A lot of reading of reports and agendas required
- Flexible working hours – some evening and weekend work required

Candidate Information Evening Otago Regional Council 2025

Amanda Vercoe, General Manager Strategy and Customer

Goals

1. Plans are in place to ensure that the region's most vulnerable communities (geographic and demographic) and ecosystems are resilient in the face of natural hazards.
2. Our infrastructure is designed and built to accommodate variability and uncertainty associated with changing weather patterns and sea level rise.
3. Our Regional Policy Statement and regional plans control development in areas that are vulnerable to natural hazards.

Resilience



Otago builds resilience in a way that contributes to community and environmental wellbeing through planned and well-managed responses to shocks and stresses, including natural hazards.

Climate



Otago is a climate-resilient region that plans for and invests in initiatives that reduce emissions and help us adapt to our changing climate.

Goals

1. The carbon footprint of our organisation is reduced in line with our climate change strategy, and we are supporting and collaborating with others to do the same.
2. Climate change mitigation and adaption are key considerations in all our decisions.
3. Our agriculture and horticulture systems are more climate resilient in the face of changing weather patterns, water availability and consumer choice.

Goals

1. Ecosystems are healthy, our water and air are clean, and biodiversity loss is arrested across the region.
2. We predict and address emerging environmental issues before they arise.
3. Our regional plans are effective at ensuring our resources are managed sustainably within biophysical limits in a planned and considered way.

Environment



Otago has a healthy environment ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea), including thriving ecosystems and communities, as well as flourishing bio diversity.

Goals

1. Te Ao Māori concepts of intergenerationally and deeply connected systems are incorporated throughout Council's work programmes.
2. Mātauraka Māori and the principle of te mana o te wai are incorporated into our environmental planning, management, and decision making.
3. We always go above and beyond our statutory responsibilities (as prescribed in local government and treaty settlement legislation) to support the intention of the Crown to uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/ The Treaty of Waitangi.

Partnership



Otago Regional Council has effective and meaningful partnerships with mana whenua, creating better outcomes for our region.

Our vision

Our environment and communities are healthy and connected ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea).

Transport



Otago has an integrated transport system that contributes to the accessibility and connectivity of our community, reduces congestion and supports community wellbeing aspirations.

Goals

1. Congestion is reduced and connection is increased throughout the region.
2. Carbon emissions are reduced and air quality is improved across the region, supported by our efficient and affordable public transport services.
3. Active transport is the preferred mode for short journeys in urban areas.

Communities



Otago has cohesive and engaged communities that are connected to the environment and each other.

Goals

1. Our communities trust us, and they are satisfied with us and the outcomes that we are delivering.
2. Our communities are supported and empowered to achieve better environmental outcomes.
3. The social, cultural, economic, and environmental wellbeing of Otago is consistently improving.

ORC's mission

Protecting, connecting and enhancing Otago's environment, now and for the future — mōu, mōku, mō tātou, for you, for me, for us.

Our values

We do the right thing and do things right

We show that we care

MANA

We influence with respect and integrity

TIKA

AROHA



Otago Regional Council

What does ORC do?

Safety & Resilience

- Emergency management
- Climate change and natural hazards
- Flood protection, drainage and river management

Environment

- Land & Water
- Biodiversity and biosecurity
- Air

Transport

- Transport planning
- Public passenger transport

Regional leadership

- Governance and community engagement
- Regional planning and urban development
- Regulatory



Dunstan constituency
4 Councillors

Moeraki constituency
1 Councillor

Dunedin constituency
5 Councillors

Molyneux constituency
2 Councillors

How ORC governance works

Schedule

- For 2022-2025 we had monthly Council meetings, and committees every two months. We host our meetings over two consecutive days (Wed/Thur) to support travelling councillors . Workshops and briefings are held as needed and are a mix of in person and online.
- Meetings are held in the Council Chamber in Dunedin, and we also meet twice a year in a regional location and include site visits as part of the programme.

Remuneration (2024/2025)

- Council Chair - \$158,538
- Deputy Chair - \$88,009
- Councillor / Committee Co-Chairs - \$67,405
- Councillor (minimum) - \$52,714

Where to find more information about standing for ORC

ORC Website (www.orc.govt.nz)

- Stand information
- Candidate Handbook
- Pre-election report (available 18 July)

Local Government New Zealand website (www.lgnz.co.nz)

- Ākōna (<https://akona.lgnz.co.nz/login/index.php>)

Get in touch with our friendly team

- Anthony Morton, ORC Electoral Officer
- Di Railton, ORC Deputy Electoral Officer
- Richard Saunders, Chief Executive
- Amanda Vercoe, GM Strategy and Customer

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2025 Election details



About electionz.com?

- Election services company based in Ōtautahi Christchurch
- 10 full time staff
- Average 200 elections in NZ each year (other than councils)
- Electoral Officer (EO) for 44 councils, 8 regional councils
- Carrying out vote processing for 47 councils, approx 825,000 returned voting papers
- Vote Processing centre in Ōtautahi, Christchurch
- Anthony Morton is based in Christchurch
- Electoral Officer for:
Tauranga, Western Bay, Matamata-Piako, Rotorua Lakes, Taupō, Waipā, Ōtorohanga, Waitomo, South Waikato, Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Manawatū, Whanganui, Horowhenua, Napier, Hastings, Central Hawkes Bay, Tararua, Carterton, Masterton, South Wairarapa, Upper Hutt, Porirua, Wellington, Nelson, Buller, Grey, Westland, Kaikōura, Hurunui, Waimakariri, Christchurch, Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Mackenzie, Waimate, Waitaki, Dunedin, Gore, Queenstown, Central Otago, Southland, Invercargill.

Greater Wellington, Southland, Canterbury, Otago, Hawke's Bay, Horizons, Bay of Plenty, West Coast



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Electoral Team

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- Anthony Morton – DCC Electoral Officer
0800 666 048 or dcc@electionz.com
- Robyn Dillon – DCC Deputy Electoral Officer
(03) 477 4000 or elections@dcc.govt.nz
- Warwick Lampp – Electoral Official
0800 666 048 or dcc@electionz.com



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 candidates and electors
- **NB** Not responsible for monitoring campaigning by candidates. Only deals with alleged breaches of the Act by passing them to the Police.



Election Timetable



3 July (Thursday)

4 July (Friday)

11 July (Friday)

1 August (Friday)

11 August (Monday)

9 – 22 September (Tuesday to Monday)

9 September – 11 October

11 October (Saturday)

11 October (Saturday)

12 October (Sunday)

12 October (Sunday)

16 October (Thursday)

29 October (Wednesday)

by **11 December** (Thursday)

Candidate Briefing

Nominations open

Pre-election Period starts

Nominations close at 12 noon

Election signs can be displayed

Delivery of voting papers

Special voting period

Close of voting at 12 noon

Progress results available by 5pm

Preliminary results announced

Removal of election signs by midnight

Final results announced, Official Declaration

Inaugural Meeting of Council

Candidate expenses deadline



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Nominations will be called for:

Mayor

14 Councillors At Large

Community Board members

Mosgiel-Taieri	6 members
Otago Peninsula	6 members
Saddle Hill	6 members
Strath Taieri	6 members
Waikouaiti Coast	6 members
West Harbour	6 members

Oamaru Licensing Trust



At Large across Trust Area

5 members

Otago Regional Council



Dunedin Constituency
Molyneux Constituency

5 councillors
2 councillors



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The nomination process



Candidate Eligibility

CANDIDATE MUST:

- Be a NZ citizen and enrolled on parliamentary electoral roll
- Be nominated by 2 electors who are enrolled for the electoral issue the candidate is standing for
- Provide all nomination documents together

CANDIDATE CANNOT:

- Be serving a prison sentence of three or more years
- Stand for Dunedin City Council and ORC
- Have interest in a contract over \$25K per year with council (or OLT for OLT candidates)
- Nominate yourself

CANDIDATE CAN STAND:

- For both mayor and/or councillor and/or community board
- If you live outside area, but must state that on nomination paper (not OLT)
- If a council employee but must resign if elected as mayor or councillor

CAN'T WITHDRAW AFTER NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Nomination Process

- Open Friday 4 July and close midday Friday 1 August (4 weeks)
- **Documents to submit:**
 - nomination form
 - evidence of \$200 deposit
 - evidence of NZ citizenship
 - profile statement (optional)
 - photo (optional)
 - evidence of bank a/c details (for deposit refund)
- DCC forms available from Plaza Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Civic Centre and DCC website
- DCC nominations can be lodged at DCC office at 50 The Octagon or emailed to elections@dcc.govt.nz (ORC nominations to be lodged with ORC and OLT nominations to be lodged with Waitaki DC)
- Nomination deposit can be paid by cash, EFTPOS or online banking
- Candidates to be aware that contact details will be public info (available from website after nomination has been accepted)



KOROMATUA | MAYOR
PUKA TONO | NOMINATION FORM
DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL | 2025 ELECTIONS



Important Notes:

1. The front page of completed nomination forms are required to be available for public inspection at the Dunedin City Council office, 50 The Octagon, Dunedin.
2. Candidate name, email address and/or phone number details as provided in Section B will be made available from the council's website.
3. Nominator names may also be made available from the council's website.
4. In this form LEA = Local Electoral Act 2001 and LER = Local Electoral Regulations 2001

A TE ROHE PŌTI | ELECTION AREA

I wish to stand for election as **Mayor of Dunedin City**.

My principal place of residence
(tick ONE circle):

☐

is **WITHIN** the Dunedin City Council area

☐

is **NOT WITHIN** the Dunedin City Council area

B MĀ TE KAITONO | 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 LEA and the LER and that I am not disqualified under Section 58 of the LEA. In particular, I am a New Zealand citizen and a New Zealand parliamentary elector.

Contact details (will be made available for public inspection):

Phone No.:

Email Address:

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. Maximum length is 38 characters (including any spaces between words)):

Signature:

Date:

C MĀ TE KAITAUTOKO | NOMINATORS TO FILL OUT

We, the undersigned electors of the Dunedin City Council hereby nominate the candidate listed in **Section B** above with their consent, as a candidate for the office of **Mayor**, the election for which is to be held on 11 October 2025.

Full name of First Nominator:

Residential Address:

Phone No.:

Signature of First Nominator:

Full name of Second Nominator:

Residential Address:

Phone No.:

Signature of Second Nominator:

Nominations must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer before 12 noon on Friday 1 August 2025

All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time. For assistance, phone the helpline: 0800 666 048

D CANDIDATE CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE ELECTORAL OFFICER/OFFICIAL

These contact details will not be made public and will be used for election communication by the Electoral Officer/Official:

Residential Address:

(For the following 2 fields only complete if different from details listed in Section B of this form):

Phone No.:

Email Address:

ELIGIBILITY & CANDIDACY NOTES

- 1 Candidates for this position do not need to live within the Dunedin City Council election area, but must be a New Zealand citizen and enrolled as a New Zealand parliamentary elector.
- 2 Both nominators must be enrolled as electors of Dunedin City Council.
- 3 No person can be elected to a local authority if they are concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 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).
- 4 A candidate may stand for either the regional council or city/district council/community board in the regional council's district, but not both.
- 5 A candidate cannot nominate themselves for office.
- 6 A candidate may under Section 56 of the LEA be nominated under a name which the candidate is commonly known as 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 of the LEA).
- 7 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 alongside the candidate's name. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'independent' be shown.
- 8 Under Section 121 of the LEA, any person is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000 who:
(a) Knowing themselves to be ineligible for election, consents to being nominated for election; or
(b) Nominates any person as a candidate whom they know to be ineligible for election; or
(c) Not being the candidate signs any nomination paper knowing that they are not qualified to vote at the election.
- 9 Each nomination must be accompanied by the required deposit of \$200.00 (GST inclusive) or proof of an electronic deposit.
- 10 Evidence of NZ citizenship is required at the time of candidate nomination. Acceptable evidence includes a copy of a NZ passport, NZ birth certificate or NZ citizenship documentation.
- 11 Nominations of candidates must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer, Dunedin City Council, before 12 noon on Friday 1 August 2025.
- 12 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 an employee of a local authority elected to a community or local board.

RETURN, PAYMENT AND REFUND DETAILS

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

☐

Evidence of
NZ citizenship

☐

Evidence of
deposit

☐

Photo

☐

Profile
statement

I understand that if I do not provide 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.

Deliver to (do not post): Dunedin City Council, 50 The Octagon, Dunedin

Or, scan and email to: elections@dcc.govt.nz

Payments can be made by cash or eftpos directly at the Dunedin City Council office at 50 The Octagon, Dunedin, if you are returning this form by hand or by online banking using the details provided below:

Account name:	Dunedin City Council	Bank:	Westpac
Account number:	03-0905-0184000-07	Particulars/reference:	(your surname)
Code:	MAYOR		

Refunds of Nomination Deposits

Where eligible, refunds of nomination deposits will be made by online deposit into your nominated bank account. Please provide either a bank deposit slip or verification of your bank account for the processing of your refund. Verification can be a screen shot from online banking or from the top of a bank statement, and must include the bank logo, the account name and the bank a/c number.

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:	<input type="radio"/> Nomination paper	<input type="radio"/> Deposit/proof of deposit	<input type="radio"/> Place of residence				
	<input type="radio"/> Photo	<input type="radio"/> Profile statement	<input type="radio"/> Proof of NZ citizenship				
	<input type="radio"/> Standing for other elections	<input type="radio"/> Deposit refund verification					
Signature of Electoral Official:						Date:	

Candidate Profile Statements and Photos

Profiles

- **May** be provided (not mandatory) – see page 18 of Candidate Handbook
- Must be provided electronically with the other nomination documents as a MS Word doc - not a pdf, not hand-written
- Up to **150** words about the candidate, their policies and intentions
- **Paragraph style – no bullet points, bolding, underlining, upper casing etc**
- Cannot comment on policies etc of any other candidate
- Should be emailed to the DEO (with photo)
- EO not required to verify or investigate any information included in profile
- Profiles on Council website as soon as ready after close of nominations
- Candidate contact details on council website after nomination confirmed

Photos

- Photos in **colour, within last 12 months** (no hats, sunglasses, children, pets or friends)
- Photos provided as jpgs
- Should be against a light coloured background (not a window)

Example Profile Statement

Waitaki District Council

Electing the Mayor



Warwick LAMPP

Your Switched-on Candidate

My principal place of residence is in the
Waitaki District Council area. I am also standing
for Corriedale Ward Councillor.

150 word candidate profile text.

Auto-populated text

Hard-coded text

Candidate Videos

- Council staff will contact candidates after nominations have closed and invite them to be filmed in a short video answering a small range of election-related questions.
- Videos taken by Council contractor
- Up to 90 seconds long
- Answering 2 or 3 set questions
- Tentative filming the week of 11th August
- Questions and length of video to be confirmed at time of invitation
- Videos will be made available from Council election page with candidate profile statements when ready

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Campaigning



Candidate Safety

Being an Elected Member can be incredibly rewarding — but it also comes with challenges.

- Increasing levels of abuse, particularly online, and confrontations from fringe groups
- Plan ahead to keep yourself and others safe

Tips for Staying Safe During Your Campaign:

- Use campaign-specific social media accounts
- Set up a separate campaign email and phone number
- Be mindful of your surroundings — know your exits and stay aware
- Stay calm in difficult interactions — de-escalate where possible and seek help if needed
- Report any threats to Police immediately

Note: Candidate contact details published online will **not** include physical addresses.



Campaigning



- Can commence any time
 - Can't use Council resources for campaigning (logo, branding, colours, Council FB or X feed, photos, Council buildings etc)
 - No campaigning or electioneering in Council chambers or on Council premises
- 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 contact details
 - Can be address, phone number, email, PO Box, link to website
 - Should 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!

Election Expenditure Limits

Total electoral expenses, including GST, must not exceed:

Dunedin City Council

• Mayor	\$ 55,000
• Council At Large	\$ 55,000
• Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board	\$ 14,000
• Otago Peninsula Community Board	\$ 3,500
• Saddle Hill Community Board	\$ 7,000
• Strath Taieri Community Board	\$ 3,500
• Waikouaiti Coast Community Board	\$ 3,500
• West Harbour Community Board	\$ 7,000

Oamaru Licensing Trust

• Area At Large	\$ 20,000
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Otago Regional Council

• Dunedin Constituency	\$ 55,000
• Molyneux Constituency	\$ 20,000



If standing for more than one position, the higher limit applies, not both. **Campaign expenses are the candidate's responsibility. Council doesn't refund you.**



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Election Expenses

See pages 23 and 46 of handbook

- Declaration period starts 3 months before election day - **11 July 2025**
- Must apportion expenses for activity outside the 3 months
- Declaration listing summary of electoral expenses and electoral donations required within 55 days after the official result declaration – **approx 11 December**
- Includes Nil declarations
- Deposit not refunded until the return is completed (provided candidate gets more than 25% of the votes of the lowest successful candidate)
- Invoices and receipts not required with declaration but must be retained by candidate
- EO must make expenses documents available on Council website for **7 years**

Electoral Donations



See pages 23-24 of the handbook

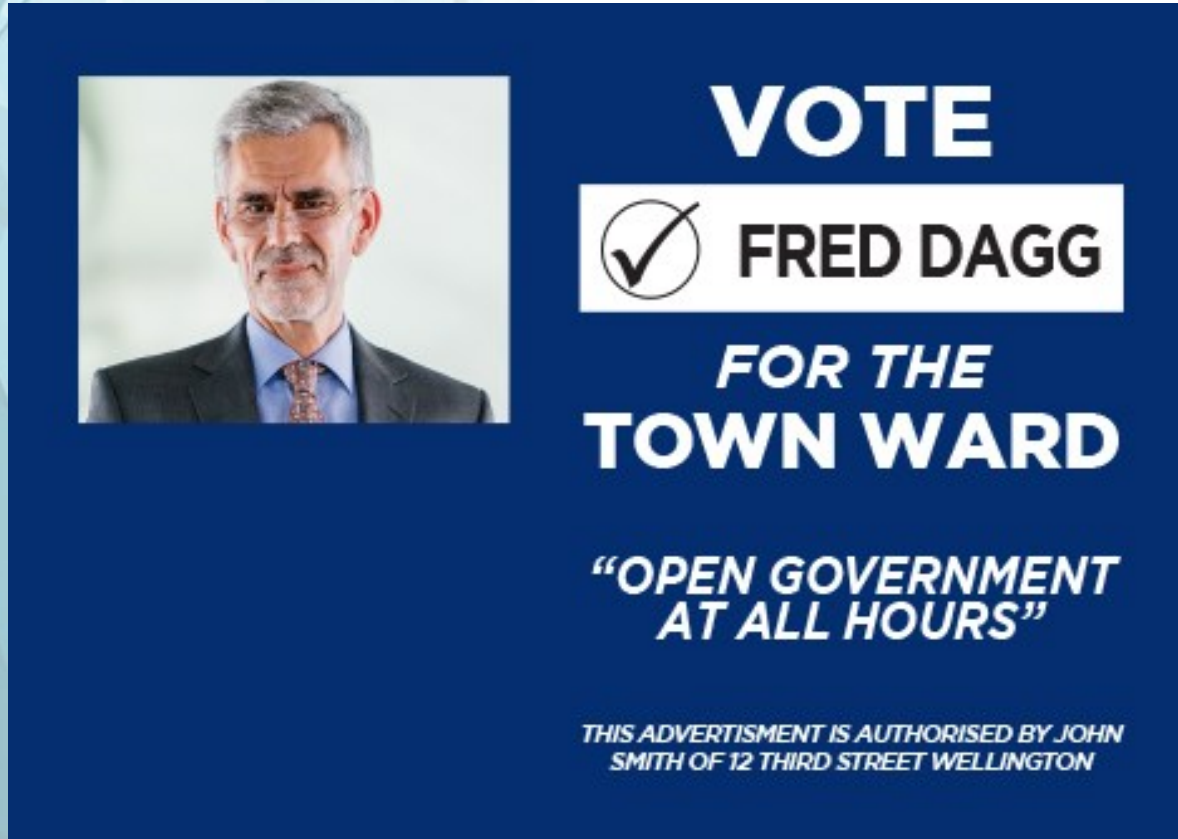
- No time limit on when donations are received and no set maximum of how much can be received
- Donations with a reasonable market value of **\$300 or less do not** have to be declared
- Donations of more than **\$1,500 must** be declared
- Rules around “anonymous” donations - **can’t be anonymous if you know who it has come from**
- An anonymous donation cannot be over \$1,500
- It is an offence to circumvent \$1,500 limit, i.e., by deliberately splitting up a donation into smaller contributions
 1. Donations over \$1,500 made up of contributions (e.g via a trust or fundraising) are treated as one donation and all contributors need to be disclosed
 2. Crowd funding services do not meet the legislation for recording who donations are from
- The following are not candidate donations:
 - volunteer labour
 - goods or services provided free of charge to a candidate, or to any person on the candidate’s behalf that have a reasonable market value of \$300 or less
 - money provided by the candidate for his or her own campaign

Election signs

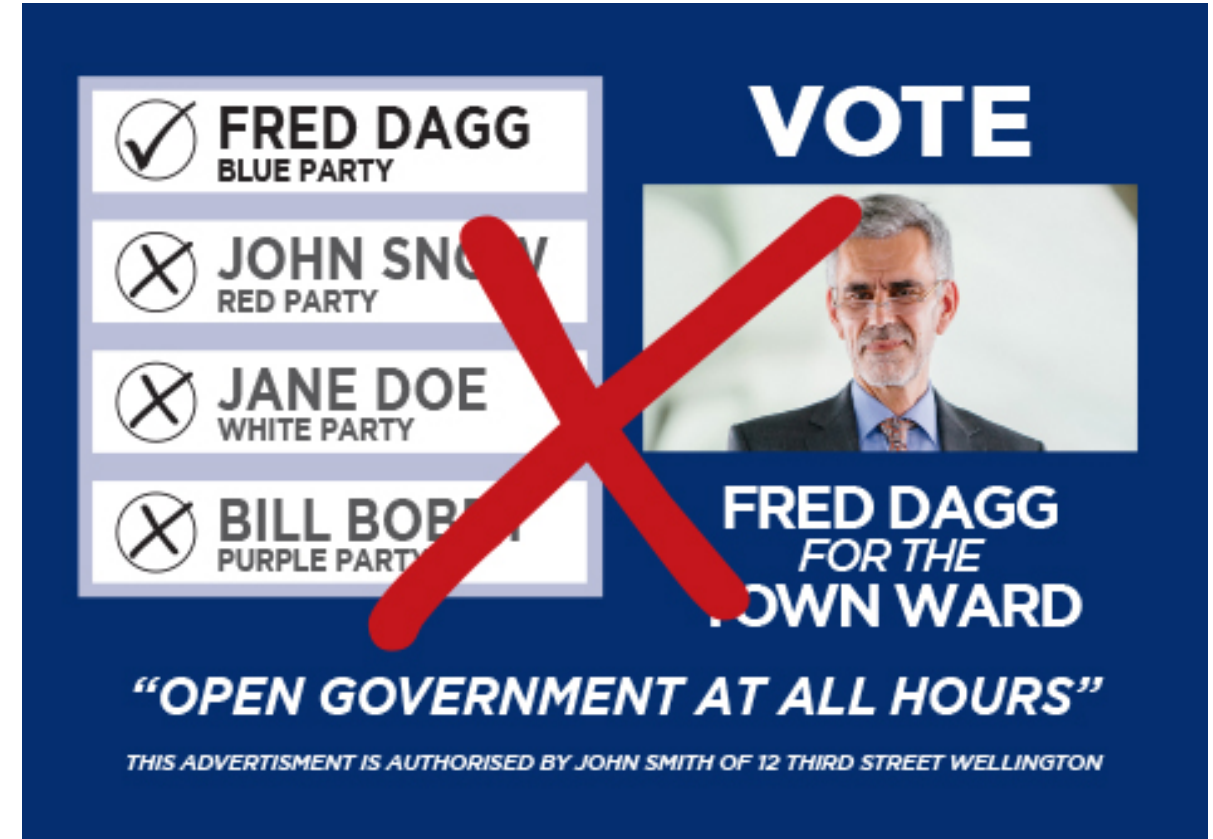
See page 28 of Candidate Handbook

- Election signs can go up from **Friday 11 August** (2 months prior to election day)
- Must comply with council hoardings policy re size and placement
- Must have authorisation statement
- Can't include copy of voting paper
- Can be on private land, with owner's permission
- One sign per candidate per site
- NZTA rules apply for State Highways, see page 36
- Vehicle signwriting is ok – cost of running a vehicle if it is own personal transport is **not** an election expense
- Complaints about size and placement made to council's Enforcement Officers – not the EO or DEO
- Signs to be removed by midnight 10 October
- **The cost of framing for a sign is not an election expense**

Example of Signs



A valid campaign sign for Fred Dagg. It features a portrait of Fred Dagg on the left. To the right, the text reads: **VOTE** (in large white letters), followed by a white box containing a checkmark icon and the name **FRED DAGG**. Below this, it says **FOR THE TOWN WARD** and **"OPEN GOVERNMENT AT ALL HOURS"**. At the bottom, in smaller white text: *THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS AUTHORISED BY JOHN SMITH OF 12 THIRD STREET WELLINGTON*.



An invalid campaign sign for Fred Dagg. It features a list of candidates on the left: **FRED DAGG** (Blue Party) with a checkmark icon, **JOHN SNOW** (Red Party) with an 'X' icon, **JANE DOE** (White Party) with an 'X' icon, and **BILL BOBB** (Purple Party) with an 'X' icon. To the right, it says **VOTE** (in large white letters), followed by a portrait of Fred Dagg, then **FRED DAGG FOR THE TOWN WARD** and **"OPEN GOVERNMENT AT ALL HOURS"**. At the bottom, in smaller white text: *THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS AUTHORISED BY JOHN SMITH OF 12 THIRD STREET WELLINGTON*. A large red 'X' is drawn over the entire sign, indicating it is invalid.





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Social Media

Beware of Social Media requirements during the three-month election period:

- 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
- **Council social media channels cannot be used for electioneering by candidates or members of the public – will be constantly monitored and strictly enforced**
- 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
- 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

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 (e.g. @DunedinCityCouncil)
- No picture tagging
- No rating or reviewing Council pages or posts

e.g. you cannot electioneer on Council's channels, or piggyback on their audiences – see pages 25

Candidates should not post photos of their completed voting paper on any social media platform

Election Offences

See page 53 – Appendix 6

- Imitation Voting Paper
- 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 – can't stand over someone telling them how to vote
- Unauthorised advertisements
- Illegal nomination – e.g. candidate with a court order
- Any formal complaint passed straight to the Police

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Election process and results



Electoral Rolls

Preliminary Electoral Roll

- available for public inspection from 4 July to 5pm Friday 1 August 2025
- at the following venues:
 - DCC Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, The Octagon, Dunedin
 - Mosgiel Library/Service Centre, Hartstonge Avenue, Mosgiel
 - Port Chalmers Library/Service Centre, Beach Street, Port Chalmers
 - Dunedin City Library, Moray Place, Dunedin
 - Waikouaiti Library, Main Road, Waikouaiti
 - Blueskin Bay Library, Harvey Street, Waitati
 - Middlemarch Service Agency, Swansea street, Middlemarch
- Includes the ratepayer roll
- **cannot** be provided electronically to candidates
- can purchase a hard copy for \$100 plus GST

Final Electoral Roll

- produced following the EC update
- is the roll used for issuing voting papers
- can purchase a hard copy as above

Confirmed candidates can apply to Electoral Commission to purchase electronic file (\$455.50 fee applies).

See page 12 of handbook.

Voting Process

- Postal voting only. No early voting option available.
- Voter packs lodged with NZ Post Monday 8 September.
- **Deliveries from 9 September.**
- Closes 12 noon on election day, 11 October 2025.
- Special voting available at the Dunedin City Council office, Ground Floor, Civic Centre, The Octagon or can be posted out to applicants (if time allows).
- Special vote applicants can come in or contact DEO by phone or email.
- Candidates should not collect voting documents on behalf of electors.



Election Results

Preliminary count occurs from 12 noon, Saturday 11 October 2025

Progress results: expected by 5pm – approx 90% of votes received (not special votes and votes in transit to processing centre).

Progress results:

- email to all candidates with email address
- candidates personally rung by Council staff
- will be available from Council's website

Preliminary results: expected late on Sunday 12 October, after all ordinary votes have been processed

Final results: expected by Thursday 16 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 result declaration is posted on Council's website - expected to be Friday 17 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)

Resources

Candidate handbook and nomination papers

LGNZ 'Making a Stand' booklet

Manatū Wāhine | Ministry for Woman - Free to lead toolkit

Own your online - Protect your privacy online

Netsafe - Online abuse and harassment

Council's Pre-election report – available from 4 July

- 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

Long-Term Plan

Legislation (LEA, LER)

Council's website (for election information)



Last words

- Check that nominators are correctly enrolled
- Get your nomination documents in early
- Campaigning – stick to your own promotions
- Campaigning – if you don't have permission, don't use it
- Authorisation statements on all campaigning material
- Keep yourself safe
- Election results on websites/email from Saturday 11 October

Good Luck!
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Questions