

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

2025 Triennial Elections

DECLARATION OF RESULT

The final result for the Western Bay of Plenty District Council elections held on Saturday 11th October is as follows.

Mayoralty		Votes Received
DENYER, James		4,424
MURRAY-BENGE, Margaret	(Independent)	2,737
JOYCE, Rodney	(Independent)	1,890
DALLY, Grant	(Basics Done Better)	1,743
THWAITES, Don		1,596
HOLYOAKE, John	(Independent)	1,191
BORELL, Suaree		951
BORELL-FAA'SOO, Danielle		295
INFORMAL		57
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		414

James DENYER is declared elected.

Katikati-Waihi Beach General Ward (2 vacancies)		Votes Received
SOLE, Allan		2,036
JOYCE, Rodney	(Independent)	1,919
CLEMENTS, John		1,350
EARL, Andy		1,315
STEVENSON, Wayne	(Bringing our communities together)	1,205
THOMAS, Candice		559
INFORMAL		16
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		93

Rodney JOYCE and Allan SOLE are declared elected.

Maketu-Te Puke General Ward (3 vacancies)		Votes Received
BEECH, Shane William		2,147
DALLY, Grant	(Basics Done Better)	2,068
RAE, Laura		1,550
WICHES, Andy		1,416
SINGH MANN, Manvir		1,025
BOWDEN, John		783
INFORMAL		2
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		75

Shane William BEECH, Grant DALLY and Laura RAE are declared elected.

Kaimai General Ward (3 vacancies)		Votes Received
MURRAY-BENGE, Margaret	(Independent)	2,419
COXHEAD, Tracey		2,383
ELVIN, Graeme		2,039
GRAINGER, Murray		1,909
THWAITES, Don		1,875
DEVER, Chris		1,867
COWLEY, Drew		681
BORELL-FAA'SOO, Danielle		460
LEAF, Destiny		456
INFORMAL		3
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		88

Tracey COXHEAD, Graeme ELVIN and Margaret MURRAY-BENGE are declared elected.

Waka Kai Uru Māori Ward (1 vacancy)		Votes Received
DINSDALE, Darlene	(Independent)	531
BIDOIS, Carlton		421
BORELL, Suarez	(Toitū te whenua - Toitū te Tiriti)	421
INFORMAL		1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		35

Darlene DINSDALE is declared elected.

Katikati Community Board (4 vacancies)		Votes Received
CLEMENTS, John	(Independent)	1,859
HENRY, Anne		1,850
SAYER, James		1,595
MAYO, Norm		1,376
EBERT, Barry	(Independent)	1,351
MCCLLENAGHAN, Annie		1,120
THOMAS, Candice		825
SINGH, Puran		675
INFORMAL		0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		92

John CLEMENTS, Anne HENRY, Norm MAYO and James SAYER are declared elected.

Maketu Community Board (4 vacancies)		Votes Received
WATERHOUSE, Aleisha		296
THOMAS, Cecil (Moki)		249
ELLIOTT, Sue		228
MOKO, Weina		226
WALTERS, Ieni (Beau)		221
SIMPSON, Stephan		212
INFORMAL		0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		24

Sue ELLIOTT, Weina MOKO, Cecil (Moki) THOMAS and Aleisha WATERHOUSE are declared elected.

Waihi Beach Community Board (4 vacancies)		Votes Received
STEVENSON, Wayne	(Bringing our communities together)	947
KELLY, Gail		808
GOUDIE, Ross	(Independent)	721
GUPTILL, Heather		713
INGLIS, Annette		577
MOWAT, Nicky		566
INFORMAL		0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		51

Ross GOUDIE, Heather GUPTILL, Gail KELLY and Wayne STEVENSON are declared elected.

Ōmokoroa Community Board Subdivision (2 vacancies)		Votes Received
DEVER, Chris	(Experienced leadership for Ōmokoroa)	1,494
MARSHALL, Murray		1,303
HUGHES, Allan		1,121
INFORMAL		0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		120

Chris DEVER and Murray MARSHALL are declared elected.

Kaimai West Community Board Subdivision (2 vacancies)		Votes Received
AKUHATA, Tina		840
TUHAKARAINA, Tania		803
PALM, Cherie		577
INFORMAL		0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		427

Tina AKUHATA and Tania TUHAKARAINA are declared elected.

Kaimai East Community Board Subdivision (2 vacancies)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Bevan RAKOIA and Keith (Ski) WISNESKY are elected unopposed.

Te Puke Community Board Subdivision (3 vacancies)		Votes Received
SNELL, Dale	(Your experienced Community Voice)	1,646
SUMMERHAYS, Karen		1,618
WILLIAMS, Marara		1,170
ELLIS, Kassie		1,136
INFORMAL		1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		170

Dale SNELL, Karen SUMMERHAYS and Marara WILLIAMS are declared elected.

Eastern Community Board Subdivision (2 vacancies)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Sally BENNING and Manvir SINGH MANN are elected unopposed.

Māori Ward Poll - Western Bay of Plenty DC**Votes Received**

I VOTE TO REMOVE THE MĀORI WARD	8,462
I VOTE TO KEEP THE MĀORI WARD	5,892
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	944

I declare that the option to REMOVE THE MĀORI WARD has received the most votes. The poll result is binding and will apply for Western Bay of Plenty District Council elections to be held in 2028 and 2031.

The voter return was 38.06%, being 15,301 votes, including special votes.

**Warwick Lampp
Electoral Officer
Western Bay of Plenty District Council
16 October 2025**