



Southland District Council

2025 Triennial Elections

DECLARATION OF RESULT

The final result for the Southland District Council elections held on Saturday 11th October is as follows.

Mayor	Votes Received
SCOTT, Rob	6,734
TONG, Gary	1,418
BAKER, Wendy Joy (Standing Strong & Working With Wisdom.)	465
INFORMAL	2
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	123

Rob SCOTT is declared elected.

Mararoa Waimea Ward (3 vacancies)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Sarah GREANEY, Tom O'BRIEN and Matt WILSON are elected unopposed.

Waiau Aparima Ward (3 vacancies)	Votes Received
BYARS, Don	1,230
WEUSTEN, Michael	1,177
BOPARAI, Jaspreet	1,050
CHERNISHOV, Stevey	419
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	97

Jaspreet BOPARAI, Don BYARS and Michael WEUSTEN are declared elected.

Ōreti Ward (3 vacancies)	Votes Received
MENZIES, Christine	1,937
SOMERVILLE, Brian	1,685
DOBSON, Phil	1,425
ALLAN, Katie (Independent - long live common sense)	895
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	72

Phil DOBSON, Christine MENZIES and Brian SOMERVILLE are declared elected.

Waihōpai Toetoe Ward (2 vacancies)**Votes Received**

DUFFY, Paul	1,014
KEAST, Julie	833
YORKE, Pamela	638
SCOTHERN, Phil	318
INFORMAL	2
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	23

Paul DUFFY and Julie KEAST are declared elected.

Stewart Island/Rakiura Ward (1 vacancy)**Votes Received**

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Jon SPRAGGON is elected unopposed.

Wallace Takitimu Community Board (6 vacancies)**Votes Received**

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Shelley HITCHCOX, Colin LAWRY, Edwin MABONGA, Tony PHILPOTT, Gretchen WILSON and Lester WILSON are elected unopposed.

Ōraka Aparima Community Board (6 vacancies)**Votes Received**

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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Carole ELDER, Emma GOULD, Troy HOLIDAY, Neil LINSKOTT, and Robin MCCALL are elected unopposed.

Michael Weusten has previously been declared elected unopposed as a member of the Ōraka Aparima Community Board. Michael Weusten is also a candidate for the Waiau Aparima Ward. As he is now an elected member for the Waiau Aparima Ward he has been withdrawn from the Ōraka Aparima Community Board election. A by-election to fill the remaining vacancy for the Ōraka Aparima Community Board will be held after the triennial elections have been finalised.

Waihōpai Toetoe Community Board (7 vacancies)**Votes Received**

BUTTERS, Emily	1,084
MCCABE, Fiona	885
FODIE, Denise Mary	883
STRAITH, Andrea	866
STEVENSON, George	846
YORKE, Pamela	842
MCINTYRE, Melanie	707
KOWALEWSKI, Michael	644
HONISS, Josh (Independent)	590
INFORMAL	1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	35

Emily BUTTERS, Denise Mary FODIE, Fiona MCCABE, Melanie MCINTYRE, George STEVENSON, Andrea STRAITH and Pamela YORKE are declared elected.

Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board (6 vacancies)	Votes Received
DOUGLASS, Mike	192
MEADS, Daniel	189
CONNER, Aaron (Squirt)	175
JOY, Aaron (Independent)	158
YOUNG, Andrea	156
SIMPSON-BOYCE, Emma	118
FAULKNOR, Alistair (Tippy)	112
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	1

Aaron (Squirt) CONNER, Mike DOUGLASS, Aaron JOY, Daniel MEADS, Emma SIMPSON-BOYCE and Andrea YOUNG are declared elected.

Fiordland Community Board (6 vacancies)	Votes Received
HOLMES, Diane	1,049
BURGESS, Julie	1,026
THOMAS, Luke	986
ROBERTSON, Nick	939
HUNTER, Marilyn	826
VAN RENSBURG, Monique	688
KEITH, Diana	666
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	14

Julie BURGESS, Diane HOLMES, Marilyn HUNTER, Nick ROBERTSON, Luke THOMAS and Monique VAN RENSBURG are declared elected.

Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board (6 vacancies)	Votes Received
HORRELL, Anne Cherrie	387
DE VRIES, Blayne	357
CHAMBERLAIN, Derek	332
CHAMBERS, Lynette	307
EDGERTON, Wayne Andrew (Independent)	295
PARRIS, Marilyn	295
MARSHALL, Chantel (Independent)	161
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	6

Derek CHAMBERLAIN, Lynette CHAMBERS, Blayne DE VRIES, Wayne Andrew EDGERTON, Anne Cherrie HORRELL and Marilyn PARRIS are declared elected.

Ardlussa Community Board (6 vacancies)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Richard CLARKSON, Ray DICKSON, Chris DILLON, Clarke HORRELL, Raewyn LINDSAY and Grant MCFELIN are elected unopposed.

Parawa-Fairlight Community Subdivision (1 vacancy)		Votes Received
CLARK, Ian	(Independent)	60
PETERSON, John	(Independent)	20
INFORMAL		0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		2

Ian CLARK is declared elected.

West Dome Community Subdivision (2 vacancies)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Lance HELLEWELL and Megan VANDE SANDT are elected unopposed.

Mid Dome Community Subdivision (3 vacancies)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Amanda Lee REEDY, Carolyn SMITH and Greg TITHER are elected unopposed.

Hokonui Community Subdivision (1 vacancy)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Margie RUDDENKLAU is elected unopposed.

Midlands Community Subdivision (4 vacancies)	Votes Received
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IRWIN, Blair	1,542
THOMSON, Ross	1,154
* SOMERVILLE, Brian (Withdrawn)	1,019
TURTON, Steve	881
ALLISON, Sue	873
INFORMAL	1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	20

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Sue ALLISON, Blair IRWIN, Ross THOMSON and Steve TURTON are declared elected.

Makarewa Community Subdivision (2 vacancies)	Votes Received
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As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Alexis HALDER and Jamie WINSLOE are elected unopposed.

The voter return was 42.26%, being 8,755 votes, including special votes.

**Anthony Morton
Electoral Officer
Southland District Council
16 October 2025**