Westland District Council Further Notice of Election and Declaration of Elected Candidates

Nominations have closed for the 2025 triennial local authority elections. Listed below are details of the confirmed candidates for Westland District Council and Development West Coast (Westland District).

Where elections are required, they will be conducted by postal voting using the First Past the Post electoral system. Voting will open on Tuesday 9 September 2025 and will close at 12 noon on Saturday 11 October 2025.

Mayoralty (1 Vacancy) COURTNEY, Logan GRANT, Jacquie LASH, Helen

OSMASTON, Richard Money Free Party New Zealand

Northern Ward (3 Vacancies)

BURDEN, Reilly MACKENZIE, Euan

MAITLAND, Greg Independent MORGAN, Lez Independent

NEALE, Jane

Hokitika Ward (3 Vacancies)

BAIRD, Donna BARKER, Phil BOLLAND, Martin

GILLETT, Steven Independent

IN, Flow

MARTIN, Carol

WALKER, Joseph Independent

Development West Coast - Westland District (1 Vacancy)

IRAIA, Whare

PEARSON, Rebecca

The following nominations were also received where the number of nominations did not exceed the available vacancies.

Southern Ward (2 Vacancies)

MANERA, Brian MUNNS, Janella

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Brian MANERA and Janella MUNNS are elected unopposed.

Enrolment and Special Voting Arrangements

Westland District Council residential electors who are not listed on the final electoral roll for these elections can enrol up to 5pm on Friday 10 October 2025 by calling 0800 36 76 56, visiting the Electoral Commission website www.vote.nz, by texting your name and address to 3676 to get a form sent to you or by email request to enquiries@elections.govt.nz.

Westland District Council ratepayers who are not listed on the final electoral roll for these elections can obtain an enrolment form from the Westland District Council Office, 36 Weld Street, Hokitika and enrol up to 4.30pm on Friday 10 October 2025. Online applications for ratepayer elector registration can also be made at www.electionz.com/ratepayer.

Special voting documents will be available during normal office hours from Tuesday 9 September to Friday 10 October and between 9am and 12 noon, Saturday 11 October 2025 at the Westland District Council Office, 36 Weld Street, Hokitika.

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