



Notice of By-election – Wairarapa General Constituency

A by-election is required to fill an extraordinary vacancy for the Wairarapa General Constituency of the Greater Wellington Regional Council. The vacancy exists due to the recent death of Councillor Adrienne Staples.

Nominations

Nominations for the above position open on Thursday 14 May 2026 and must be made on the official nomination form. Copies of the nomination form and a by-election information sheet can be downloaded from www.gw.govt.nz, requested from the Greater Wellington Regional Council (email elections@gw.govt.nz or phone 0800 496 734), or from the Electoral Officer (see contact details below).

Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 (GST inclusive), payable by EFTPOS or online banking (see nomination form for requirements).

Candidates are encouraged to also submit a candidate profile statement and recent colour photograph for sending out with the voting documents to electors. The requirements for the profile statement and photo are set out in the information sheet which is available with the nomination form. Candidates should refer to the information sheet for further details.

All nomination documents must be lodged together, and emailed to elections@gw.govt.nz, or delivered by courier or in person to the Electoral Officer, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011, before 12 noon on Thursday 11 June 2026.

Electoral rolls

Preliminary electoral rolls for the by-election can be inspected at the following locations during office hours from Thursday 14 May 2026 to Thursday 11 June 2026:

- Carterton District Council, 28 Holloway St, Carterton
- Greater Wellington Regional Council, 100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington
- Masterton District Council, 27 Lincoln Road, Masterton
- South Wairarapa District Council, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough.

Residential electors may enrol or amend their enrolment details on the electoral roll:

- Online at **www.vote.nz**
- By texting your name and address to **3676** to get a form sent to you
- By calling **0800 36 76 56** to ask for a form to be sent to you
- By email request to **enquiries@elections.govt.nz**

Applications for registration as a ratepayer elector are to be made on the non-resident ratepayer elector enrolment forms available wherever copies of the electoral rolls are displayed and must be returned to the Greater Wellington Regional Council Electoral Officer before 4.00pm on Thursday 11 June 2026. Online applications for ratepayer elector registration can also be made through the non-resident ratepayer portal: www.electionz.com/ratepayer.

Updates to the preliminary electoral roll close at 4.00pm on Thursday 11 June 2026.

Election details

If a voting process is required to fill this vacancy, it will be conducted by postal voting using the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral system. Candidate names will be listed in random order on the voting papers. The voting papers will be mailed out to electors from Monday 20 July 2026 and voting will close at 12 noon on Friday 21 August 2026.

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