

AUCKLAND LOCAL ELECTIONS

How you and your communities can participate – August 2025

Find out how to vote or be a candidate
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What are the Auckland local elections?



Candidate participation in Auckland 2022 local elections

466 candidates

71%
European
candidates



Voter Participation in Auckland 2022 local elections

35.5%
voter turnout

25%
turnout amongst
youth, Māori,
diverse
communities



Why do local elections matter?

Auckland Council's elected members make decisions on:

Public transport & local roads



Water distribution



Rubbish & recycling



Beaches



Local & regional parks



Libraries



Local elections overview

Local government (Auckland Council) elections occur every three years by postal vote.

Auckland voters elect:

- A mayor
- 20 councillors (across 13 wards)
- 151 local board members (across 21 local boards)



How Auckland Council works

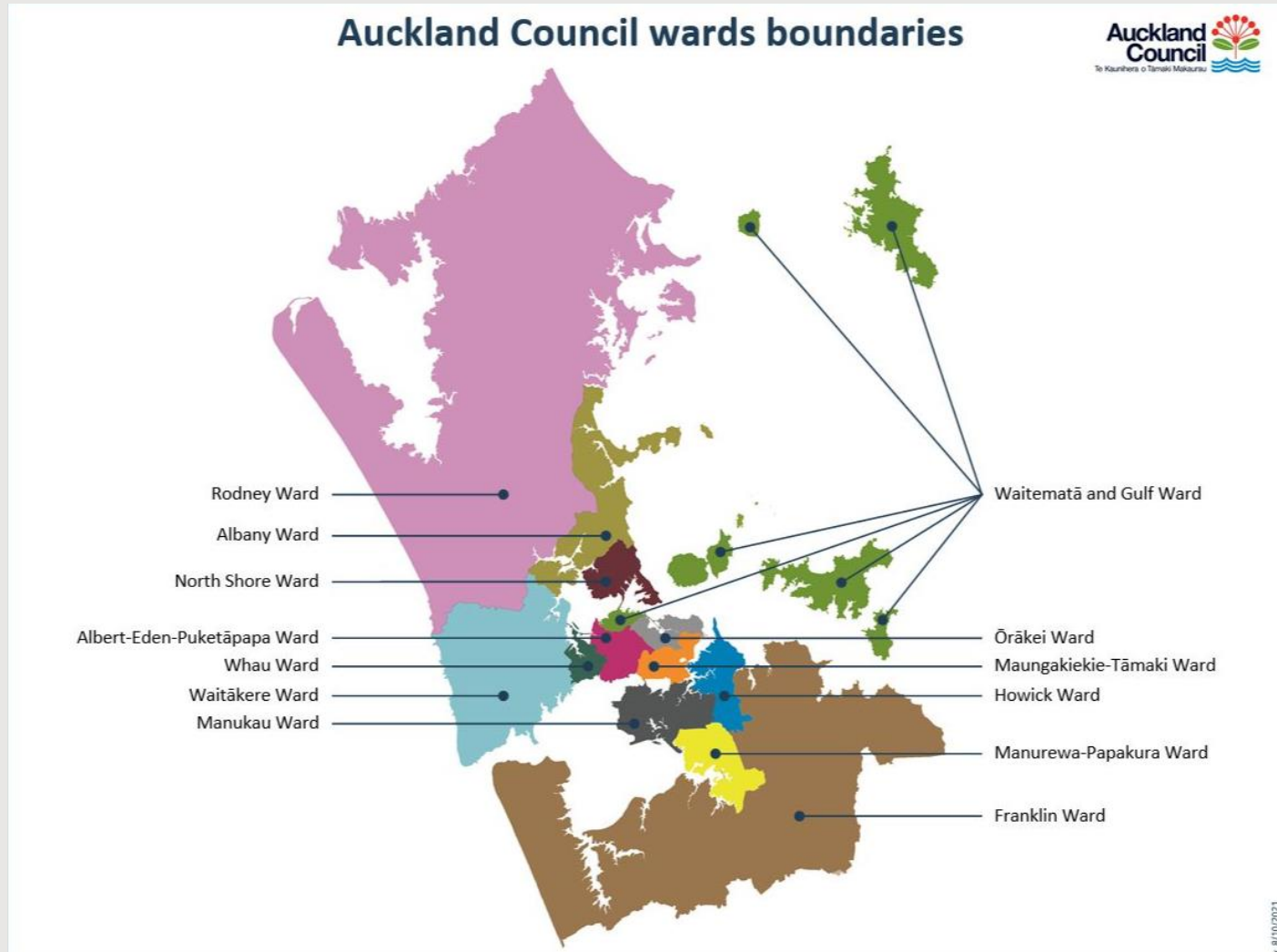
Auckland Council has a shared governance model.

Decision-making is shared:

- **The Governing Body** (mayor and 20 councillors) focuses on the whole region
- **21 Local boards** make decisions on local issues



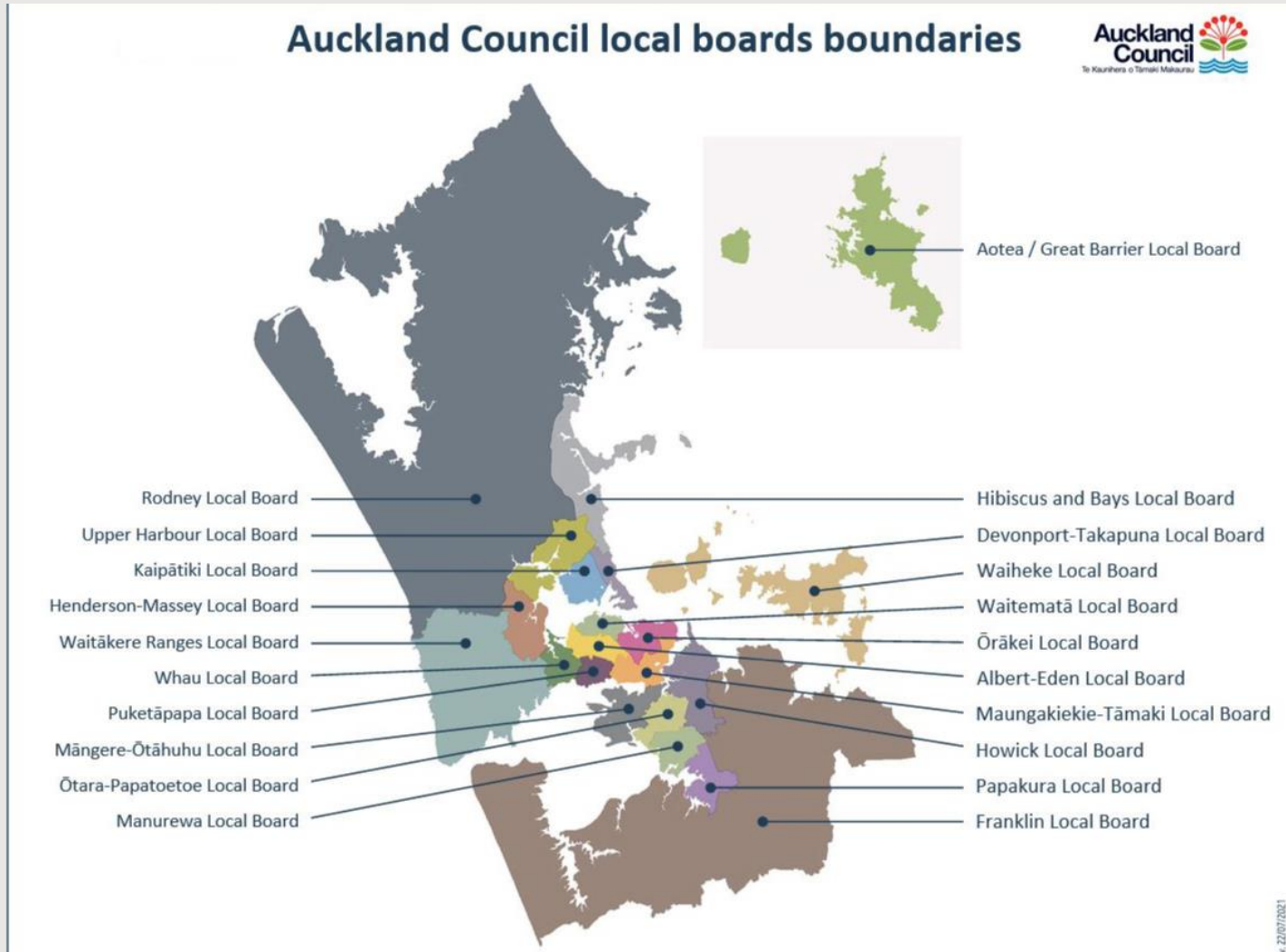
Auckland is divided into 13 wards



- 1 or 2 councillors per ward
- 20 councillors in total
- Councillors make up the Governing Body (with the mayor) and **focus on regional decisions**



Auckland also has 21 local boards



- Each local board has between **5 - 11** local board members
- There are **151** local board members
- Focus on **local decisions**



Voting - by postal vote

- Voting period: 9 Sept – midday 11 Oct
- Voting papers are sent to enrolled voters from 9 to 22 Sept



Who can vote?

To be eligible to vote, you must:

- be enrolled
(if you are not, you need to cast a special vote)
- be 18 years old or older
- be a New Zealand permanent resident or citizen
- currently live in New Zealand



How do I find out about candidates?



- **Voting booklet in your voting pack**
- **Full candidate profiles** will be available on the voteauckland.co.nz from **1 September**
- **Meet-the-Candidate events** – a list of events will be available on voteauckland.co.nz



How to vote – your voting pack

If you are enrolled with up-to-date details by 1 August, you will receive your voting pack in your mailbox between 9 and 22 September

Look out for this envelope:



Inside you will find:

The voting booklet
(instructions
and a blurb
about the
candidates)



Your voting
paper

A voting paper for Auckland Council Local Board elections. It includes instructions on how to vote, a list of candidates for the Mayor and two Local Boards, and a 'THANK YOU FOR VOTING' section. The paper is marked with a large 'X' and the text 'Specimen for educational purposes'.

The return
envelope to
post or drop
off your
completed
vote

A return envelope for the voting pack. It features the Auckland Council logo, a 'Reply' stamp, and a large 'DROP-OFF YOUR VOTE' graphic with 'VOTING CLOS MIDDAY 11 OCTOBER' underneath. The envelope is marked with a large 'X' and the text 'Specimen for educational purposes'.

Voting – Return your vote

- Post your paper in the **mail** before 7 October
- Drop your paper in **Vote boxes** in supermarkets, libraries, transport hubs, retail, The Warehouses



What if I don't receive my voting pack or I'm not enrolled?

Special voting will be available

- at **24 libraries**
- and **Vote-on-the-Go** events
 - It is an opportunity for voters to enrol and cast a special vote all at once.
 - No voting papers or pre-enrolment required.

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**WE WANT OUR
COMMUNITY TO
HAVE A VOICE
SO WE VOTE**

Your vote in the local election counts

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**Altogether Auckland
Tāmaki Turuki**

**Auckland
Council**
To Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau



Why is it important to vote?

- An **opportunity** to choose representatives who **share similar ideas** and **experiences**
- So that your community can be heard and contribute to **major decisions**



Next Steps

- Raise awareness of the upcoming elections and encourage voting
- Visit voteauckland.co.nz for more information

