

2022-23 Innes ward Community Board by-election. Frequently Asked Questions

What is the by-election for?	A community board member to represent the Innes ward on the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board.
Why is there a by-election?	Community Board member elect Shreejana Chhetri resigned following the October 2022 triennial elections. If there is a vacancy on Council or a Community Board more than 12 months before the next triennial election an election must be held.
When is the by-election?	Friday 17 February 2023 Voting closes at noon on Friday 17 February 2023. Progress results will be announced later that afternoon.
Who is running the election?	The Electoral Officer for Christchurch City Council – Jo Daly and the Electoral Team: Emma Pachnatz, Electoral Official.
How do I contact the Electoral Officer/Electoral Team?	Emma Pachnatz , Electoral Official Phone 03 941 8755 Email: elections@ccc.govt.nz Jo Daly , Electoral Officer Phone: 03 941 8581 or 027 236 9052 Email: elections@ccc.govt.nz <i>These details can be given to members of the public</i>
What type of voting method will be used?	The by-election will be conducted by postal voting under the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system. Candidate names will be listed in random order on the voting paper.
Who gets to vote in the by-election?	Electors in the Innes ward of Christchurch City Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electors are included in the residential electoral roll (this role is also used for the general elections). • People who own a property in the Innes ward but live elsewhere may be entitled to enrol as a ratepayer elector and vote in the Innes ward by-election. Contact the electoral team for more details.
How do I find out if I live in the Innes ward?	Check the Innes ward map: https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/How-the-Council-works/Ward-maps/2022-Wards/Innes-Ward.pdf Look up your address on the interactive map: https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/representation-review

<p>How do I check I am on the electoral roll or update my details?</p>	<p>Contact the Electoral Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56) • vote.nz • Freetext 3676 - to request a form • Email enquiries@elections.govt.nz to request a form <p>Enrolment packs may also be available from Council Service Centres.</p> <p>People can check they are on the Innes ward preliminary electoral roll available for viewing at: Christchurch City Council Civic Offices, Papanui Library and Service Centre, Redwood Library, Shirley Library and Service Centre and Tūranga.</p>
<p>I want to be a candidate for the Innes ward Community Board by-election, what do I need to do?</p>	<p>Nominations for this by-election closed on 22 December 2022.</p> <p>You need to be a New Zealand Citizen and enrolled on the residential electoral roll.</p> <p>You need to be nominated by two people who are on the residential electoral roll for the Innes ward.</p> <p>Nominations open on Thursday 24 November 2022 and close at noon on Thursday 22 December 2022. Your nomination must be on the official nomination form and must be submitted, with supporting documents, to the electoral officer before the close of nominations.</p> <p>All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time, and must be complete correct before the close of nominations.</p> <p>Information for candidates is available at: ccc.govt.nz/elections or contact the electoral officer.</p>
<p>How much will it cost me to stand?</p>	<p>Candidates are required to pay a \$200 nomination fee deposit.</p> <p>The amount candidates can spend on their campaign is set in legislation (Local Electoral Act 2001). For this by-election the limit is \$20,000.</p> <p>Candidates are required to pay for their own campaigning expenses.</p>
<p>How long is the electoral term for this position?</p>	<p>Until the next local government triennial elections in 2025.</p> <p>The next triennial election is on Saturday 11 October 2025.</p>
<p>How do I find out about being an elected community board member?</p>	<p>The elections webpage includes information for candidates: ccc.govt.nz/elections</p> <p>This includes a candidate information sheet for this by-election and the 2022 candidate information booklet.</p> <p>Information about Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board is available at: https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/elected-members/community-boards/papanui-innes-central</p> <p>Hard copies of information is available on request from the electoral team.</p>

<p>When is by-election signage/hoardings allowed to be put up?</p>	<p>Temporary local election signage (which might otherwise exceed the District Plan limits) is permitted within the limits specified for a period of nine weeks before the start of voting, and must be removed by midnight the day before election day.</p> <p>For this by-election, election hoardings and election signage is authorised from Thursday 24 November 2022 until midnight on Thursday 16 February 2023.</p>
<p>How do I find about the candidates in the by-election?</p>	<p>There are seven candidates for this by-election.</p> <p>Candidates are able to provide a recent photo and candidate profile statement which will be sent to electors with voting documents.</p> <p>Information supplied by candidates will be available on the Council website ccc.govt.nz/elections in January 2023.</p> <p>Information about candidates may be available in the community, at meetings, online or in the media. Candidates may undertake their own promotion.</p>
<p>When will I get to vote?</p>	<p>The voting period is from Thursday 26 January 2023 until noon on Friday 17 February 2023.</p>
<p>How will I get my voting papers?</p>	<p>New Zealand Post will deliver voting documents to enrolled electors from Thursday 26 January 2023.</p> <p>Voting documents will include voting papers, a candidate information sheet and a postage paid return envelope.</p> <p>People enrolled at the same address may receive their papers on different days.</p> <p>All enrolled electors should receive their voting papers by Tuesday 31 January 2023.</p> <p>Completed voting papers must be returned to be received before the close of voting at noon on Friday 17 February 2023.</p>
<p>I haven't received my voting documents</p>	<p>Contact the electoral team to request a special vote - phone: 03 941 8999 or email elections@ccc.govt.nz or</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Civic Offices Customer Services; or • Papanui Library and Service Centre - Customer Services Desk; or • Shirley Library and Service Centre Customer Services Desk <p>between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday to be issued with a special vote (voting closes at noon on 17 February).</p> <p>You might also need to contact the Electoral Commission to check or update your details on the electoral roll.</p>

<p>I am on the unpublished parliamentary role and want to vote in this by-election</p>	<p>Contact the electoral team to request a special vote - phone: 03 941 8999 or email elections@ccc.govt.nz; or</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Civic Offices Customer Services or • Papanui Library and Service Centre - Customer Services Desk or • Shirley Library and Service Centre Customer Services Desk <p>between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday to be issued with a special vote (voting closes at noon on 17 February).</p> <p>You may have received a letter from the Electoral Commission telling you how to request a special vote.</p>
<p>Do I have to post my completed voting document back?</p>	<p>You can post your completed voting document back in any NZ Post box– post by 5pm on Tuesday 14 February to make sure it arrives before the close of voting at noon on Friday 17 February.</p> <p>You can use the Post Shop-Kiwi bank location find out where post boxes are located in your area or see the map on the website: https://www.nzpost.co.nz/tools/postshop-kiwibank-locator/Christchurch</p> <p>You can also drop your completed voting paper in a vote box at the following locations before noon on Friday 17 February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Offices • Papanui Library and Service Centre • Redwood Library • Shirley Library and Service Centre • Tūranga <p>We are also trialling vote bins in the community at the following locations during their opening hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kohinga St Albans Community Centre, 1049 Colombo Street, opening hours 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday • Shirley Community Trust MacFarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre, 17 Acheson Avenue, during opening hours.
<p>Where can I take my completed voting document:</p>	<p>You can take your completed voting document to a vote box at the following locations before noon on Friday 17 February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Offices • Papanui Library and Service Centre • Redwood Library • Shirley Library and Service Centre • Tūranga <p>Completed voting documents can also be posted back in any NZ Post box.</p>
<p>I can't complete my voting paper by myself.</p>	<p>Contact the electoral team.</p>

I made a mistake on my voting paper.	Contact the electoral team
What is the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system?	Under the FPP electoral system the candidate that gets the most votes wins. You mark the candidate you want to vote for with a tick.
When will the results of the by-election be known.	Progress and preliminary results will be announced as soon as possible after the close of voting at noon on Friday 17 February 2023. The official results are expected by Wednesday 22 February 2023. Candidates will be contacted by the electoral team and results will be published on the Council elections webpage: ccc.govt.nz/elections
When will the successful candidate take office?	The successful candidate takes office the day after the official result has been declared by public notice. However, they cannot act until they have sworn an oath at a Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board meeting.

Information about the By-election and Council elections:

www.ccc.govt.nz/elections and available from the electoral team.

Information available includes:

- An information sheet
- A candidate information sheet
- Nomination documents
- Useful information for candidates from the 2022 elections - Candidate Information Booklet
- Information about where to take or post your completed vote
- Candidate profiles and photos

Key contacts:

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These details can be given to members of the public

Newsline stories:

Nominations open soon:

<https://newsline.ccc.govt.nz/news/story/nominations-open-soon-for-innes-ward-community-board-by-election>