

**The next local government elections will be held in Palmerston North on Saturday 12 October 2019. Voters will elect the positions of Mayor and 15 City Councillors.**

### What does Council do?

The City Council meets regularly to make many decisions that impact the day-to-day lives of people in Palmerston North. The Council governs a wide range of local services including roads, water systems, rubbish collection, libraries, parks, community centres, dog registration, community and economic development, and city planning.

### Who can be elected?

Elections are an opportunity for voters to select a Council who will represent the diverse range of views and perspectives that exist in our community.

To stand for election you must be:

- A New Zealand citizen AND
- Enrolled as an elector (this also means you must be 18 years or older) AND
- Nominated by two electors from Palmerston North.

Nominations close on **Friday 16 August** at 12 noon.

### Who can vote?

Only people who are enrolled can vote. You are eligible to enrol and vote if:

- You are 18 years or older AND
- You are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident or resident visa holder AND
- You have lived in New Zealand for one year or more continuously at some point.

If you are Cook Island Maori, Niuean, Tokelauan or Australian you can enrol once you have lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months; you do not have to hold a resident visa to enrol and vote.

**To enrol, visit [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) or call 0800 36 76 56.**

### How to vote:

A voting pack will be sent to out in the mail in September to all those who have enrolled. The voting pack will include instructions on how to complete the voting form.

It is very safe to vote in New Zealand, and your vote will always be confidential. You do not need to tell anyone who you have voted for, unless you choose to.

### Key dates for voters

<b>Friday 20 September</b>	Voter packs sent out in the mail, and voting opens
<b>Saturday 12 October</b>	Voting closes at 12 noon
<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	Official results announced



### For help or more information

To enrol to vote: call 0800 36 76 56 or visit [vote.nz](http://vote.nz)

For help with voting or other election queries: **call 0800 300 126**

You can also visit the City Council reception or the Manawatū Multicultural Centre for assistance.