



Buller District Council

2025 Triennial Elections

PROGRESS RESULT

The progress result for the Buller District Council elections held on Saturday 11th October is as follows.

This result is based upon the counting of approximately 85% of the returned votes. The progress result does not include some special votes and votes returned today that are still in transit to the processing centre. The outcome of these elections may change once all votes have been counted.

Mayoralty	Votes Received
RUSSELL, Chris	1,250
CLEINE, Jamie	1,115
WEBB, Linda	1,087
OSMASTON, Richard (Money Free Party New Zealand)	35
INFORMAL	2
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	48

Seddon Ward (2 vacancies) Votes Received

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Toni O'KEEFE and Rosalie SAMPSON are elected unopposed.

Inangahua Ward (2 vacancies) Votes Received

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Dave HAWES and Linda WEBB are elected unopposed.

Westport Ward (6 vacancies) Votes Received

BARRY, Shayne (Independent)	1,226
RUTHERFORD, Philip	1,012
REIDY, Colin (Independent)	1,005
CURNOW, Ray	1,000
HINGSTON, Dave	959
REYNOLDS, Paul	937
NEWBURRY, Stephanie	925
WYLDE, Ross	871
GEAR, Nick	852
O'DEA, Pat	746
DE FRIEZ, Veronica L (Independent)	627
BASHER, Andrew	618
GRAFTON, Philip	607
BEAUMONT, Andrew	471
HILTON, Jim	433
HAMILL, Pauline	422
WESTON, Grant	408

INFORMAL	7
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	1

Inangahua Community Board (4 vacancies)

Votes Received

FORTUNE, Tony	375
BOLLINGER, Alun	286
ABBEY, Don	261
GARDNER, Gwen	220

KENNEDY, Nicky	(Independent)	199
NEIL, Lisa		159
TONKIN, Keith		156

INFORMAL	1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	0

Development West Coast - Buller District (1 vacancy)

Votes Received

HOWARD, Garry	1,648
HINGSTON, Joshua	901
HARRIS, Lee	778

INFORMAL	18
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	191

The voter return was 46.37%, being 3,537 votes, excluding votes in transit to the processing centre and special votes.

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Electoral Officer
Buller District Council
11 October 2025