



Buller District Council

2025 Triennial Elections

DECLARATION OF RESULT

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

Mayoralty	Votes Received
RUSSELL, Chris	1,432
CLEINE, Jamie	1,331
WEBB, Linda	1,329
OSMASTON, Richard (Money Free Party New Zealand)	45
INFORMAL	2
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	60

Chris RUSSELL is declared elected.

Seddon Ward (2 vacancies)	Votes Received
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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
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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
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BARRY, Shayne	(Independent)	1,460
REIDY, Colin	(Independent)	1,176
RUTHERFORD, Philip		1,167
CURNOW, Ray		1,136
HINGSTON, Dave		1,113
REYNOLDS, Paul		1,104
NEWBURRY, Stephanie		1,100
GEAR, Nick		1,029
WYLDE, Ross		1,005
O'DEA, Pat		878
DE FRIEZ, Veronica L	(Independent)	725
BASHER, Andrew		720
GRAFTON, Philip		717
BEAUMONT, Andrew		559
HILTON, Jim		517
HAMILL, Pauline		488
WESTON, Grant		484
INFORMAL		7
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		1

Shayne BARRY, Ray CURNOW, Dave HINGSTON, Colin REIDY, Paul REYNOLDS and Philip RUTHERFORD are declared elected.

Inangahua Community Board (4 vacancies)		Votes Received
FORTUNE, Tony		433
BOLLINGER, Alun		322
ABBEY, Don		293
GARDNER, Gwen		253
KENNEDY, Nicky	(Independent)	233
NEIL, Lisa		182
TONKIN, Keith		175
INFORMAL		1
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		0

Don ABBEY, Alun BOLLINGER, Tony FORTUNE and Gwen GARDNER are declared elected.

Development West Coast - Buller District (1 vacancy)		Votes Received
HOWARD, Garry		1,932
HINGSTON, Joshua		1,048
HARRIS, Lee		959
INFORMAL		21
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		237

Garry HOWARD is declared elected.

The voter return was 54.6%, being 4,199 votes, including special votes.

**Anthony Morton
Electoral Officer
Buller District Council
15 October 2025**