



FACT SHEET

Triennial election

Portage Licensing Trust

12 OCTOBER 2019

ABOUT THE TRUSTS

The Portage and Waitakere Licensing Trusts were established in 1972 by a community vote. They have responsibility for managing the retail sale of alcohol and hospitality venues that operate with a tavern licence within their respective boundaries.

Because the Trusts are community-owned, profits from their businesses are given back to the community, through grants, sponsorships, community events and household distributions such as first aid kits, tool kits or smoke alarms. In 2018 those donations totalled nearly \$2.5 million.

Each Trust is governed by a group of Elected Members of the local community who are voted in every three years.

Elected Members are the community's voice and an essential link between the community and the operations of their Trust.

The Trusts are accountable to the public to (a) ensure that liquor is sold responsibly and with integrity and (b) be appropriately responsive to public concerns. Elected Members meet every month to review the operations and businesses of your Trusts.

In addition, Elected Members also make recommendations to The Trusts Community Foundation Ltd (TTCF) on where gaming proceeds should be distributed in their area. TTCF operates gaming machines and has the final say on the allocation of grant monies from gaming.

More information can be found at www.thetrusts.co.nz

GENERAL

Triennial elections for elected members of most local authorities throughout New Zealand, including licensing trusts, are to be conducted, by postal vote, on Saturday 12 October 2019.

The elections will be conducted under the provisions of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001.

The Auckland Council will be conducting the election of members to the Portage Licensing Trust on the Trust's behalf.

POSITIONS

Elections will be required for the following 10 positions:

- 3 members from Ward No 1 (Auckland City)
- 2 members from Ward No 2 (New Lynn)
- 2 members from Ward No 3 (Glen Eden)
- 2 members from Ward No 4 (Titirangi/Green Bay)
- 1 member from Ward No 5 (Kelston West)

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the above positions will open on Friday 19 July 2019 and close at noon on Friday 16 August 2019.

Nomination forms will be available during this period from:

- the Electoral Office (Independent Election Services Ltd, Level 2, 198 Federal Street, Auckland)
- by telephoning the electoral office on 09 973 5212
- by accessing www.thetrusts.co.nz

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate must be:

- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand); and
- a New Zealand citizen; and
- a resident of the respective licensing trust ward; and
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective licensing trust ward.

Under section 322 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, a candidate is disqualified from election if he or she:

- has such an involvement or appearance of involvement with the alcohol industry that he or she could not perform the duties of a member of a licensing trust without bias or appearance of bias;
- is not a residential elector of the respective licensing trust ward.

A candidate is disqualified from continuing to be a member if he or she:

- would be disqualified under the above criteria (section 322);
- where an order is made under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 (section 30), the member is deemed to have been granted leave of absence and not capable of acting as a member of the trust.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Those eligible to vote at the Portage Licensing Trust election are all resident electors whose names appear on, and are tagged with a P on the relevant Auckland Council electoral roll. The preliminary electoral roll will be available for public inspection at all Auckland Council libraries from Friday 19 July 2019 to Friday 16 August 2019.

Resident Roll. All parliamentary electors, including those on the Māori Electoral Roll are automatically enrolled on the Resident Roll, at the address where they live.

Any alterations to the Resident Roll (eg change of address details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form at any post shop;
- telephoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on www.elections.org.nz

ELECTORAL SYSTEM

The first past the post (FPP) electoral system will be used for the Portage Licensing Trust election.

VOTING PERIOD

Voting documents (including the licensing trust issue) will be sent to all eligible electors, by post, from Friday 20 September 2019.

The voting period is three weeks (Friday 20 September 2019 to noon Saturday 12 October 2019). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange pre-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

A polling place for the issuing of special voting documents and for the receiving of completed voting documents will be available from Friday 20 September 2019 to noon Saturday 12 October 2019 at the electoral office.

To be counted, all completed voting documents must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official by noon Saturday 12 October 2019.

Progress results will be known early afternoon on Saturday 12 October 2019, and preliminary results will be known early Sunday morning, 13 October 2019.

CONTACT US

For further information regarding this election, please contact the electoral office:



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