

Media Kit

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By-Election 2010



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Mana By-Election Media Information

A Parliamentary by-election will be held in the Mana electorate on Saturday 20 November 2010.

Polling places will be open from 9.00am to 7.00pm on the day. Preliminary results are expected to be available from www.electionresults.govt.nz from 7.00pm on election day.

Enclosed is background information on the by-election:

- **Timeline** for the Mana By-election
- **Enrolment Information**
- **Electorate Statistics** including turnout and votes cast for the past three General Elections
- **Candidate and Party Vote statistics** for the Mana electorate for the 2008 General Election
- **Campaigning Rules Information**
- **Questions and Answers**

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20 November 2010 Mana By-election Timetable

Date	Activity
Monday 4 October	By-election date announced
	Lists of people enrolled in the Mana electorate as at 20 August available for public inspection at PostShops and libraries in the electorate Enrolment drive for Mana by-election underway
Wednesday 20 October	Writ Day Governor General issues direction to the Electoral Commission to conduct a by-election in Mana Last day for enrolment before Electoral Rolls close for printing Voters enrolled after this date cast a special declaration vote
Thursday 21 October	Nominations open for candidates in the Mana by-election
Wednesday 27 October Noon Deadline	Nominations close for candidates in the Mana by-election
4.00pm Target	Mana by-election candidates announced by Electoral Commission Information on where to vote available from www.elections.org.nz
Wednesday 3 November	Advance Voting starts in the Mana electorate and at Registrars of Electors Offices around the country Overseas Voting starts
Saturday 13 November	EasyVote information packs available for those enrolled in the Mana electorate
Friday 19 November	Enrolments close All political advertising ceases and election signs taken down by midnight
Saturday 20 November	Mana By-election held Polling places open from 9.00am to 7.00pm. Polling places will be located in the Mana electorate Preliminary Results progressively available from 7.00pm on www.electionresults.govt.nz . Targets for release are: - by 7.30pm all advance vote results - by 9.00pm results from 50% of polling places - by 10.00pm results from 100% of polling places. These are targets not guarantees.
Wednesday 1 December Noon Target	Official Results declared (including special declaration and overseas votes)
Monday 6 December	Deadline for applications for judicial recount
Thursday 9 December	Return of Writ by Electoral Commission naming successful candidate (presuming no recount)

Enrolment

Only people eligible to vote and enrolled in the Mana electorate can vote in the by-election.

Everyone enrolled by Wednesday 20 October 2010 will get an EasyVote pack which includes an EasyVote card in the mail. People who enrol after this but before the final deadline of Friday 19 November 2010 will need to cast a Special Declaration Vote.

People are eligible to enrol in the Mana electorate if they:

- ✓ are 18 years or over;
- ✓ are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident who has lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months; and
- ✓ have been living in the Mana electorate for one month or more.

Enrolling is easy. Enrolment forms are available

- ✓ from the elections website www.elections.org.nz
- ✓ by free texting your name and address to 3676
- ✓ from any PostShop or by calling 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)

People can also check their details and enrol online at www.elections.org.nz.

As at 30 September 2010 42,909 people or 96.33% of the estimated eligible voting population were enrolled for the Mana Electorate.

There are also 4,871 people enrolled on the Māori Roll who live within the Mana Electorate boundaries but as they are on the Māori Roll they are not eligible to vote in this by-election.

A breakdown of enrolment statistics nationally and by electorate is available from <http://www.elections.org.nz/ages/>

Mana Electorate Statistics

	Mana Electorate		
	2008	2005	2002
Enrolments	42,440	39,043	36,903
Total votes cast	35,176	32,539	29,915
Turnout	82.88 %	83.34%	81.06%
Number of special votes cast	3,805	3,221	2,712
Number of advance ordinary votes	2,173	1,763	1,163
Number of overseas votes	506	495	300
Winning candidate majority	6,155	6,734	6,376

Mana Electorate Results 2008 General Election

Electorate Votes		Party Votes			
Candidate	Valid Votes	% Share of Valid Votes	Party	Valid Votes	% Share of Valid Votes
COLLINS, Mike ACT	628	1.84%	ACT New Zealand	819	2.36%
GILCHRIST, Michael GP	2,288	6.72%	Green Party	2,903	8.38%
GOODE, Richard LIB	64	0.19%	Libertarianz	17	0.05%
GUNSTON, Robin UFNZ	472	1.39%	United Future	458	1.32%
LABAN, Winnie LAB	18,070	53.06%	Labour Party	15,209	43.91%
MACLACHLAN, Renton KIWI	337	0.99%	Kiwi Party	206	0.59%
MANU, Tim Salele'a NZPP	282	0.83%	New Zealand Pacific Party	189	0.55%
PARATA, Hekia NAT	11,915	34.99%	National Party	12,701	36.67%
			Alliance	17	0.05%
			Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	133	0.38%
			Democrats for Social Credit	5	0.01%
			Family Party	85	0.25%
			Jim Anderton's Progressive	274	0.79%
			Māori Party	356	1.03%
			New Zealand First Party	1,029	2.97%
			RAM - Residents Action Movement	5	0.01%
			The Bill and Ben Party	213	0.61%
			The Republic of New Zealand Party	2	0.01%
			Workers Party	15	0.04%
Candidate Informals	277		Party Informals	123	
Total Electorate Candidate Votes Cast	34,333		Total Party Votes Cast	34,759	

Quick Guide to Candidate Rules

Topic	Candidates can	Candidates can't
Radio and television election advertising	<p>Promote their own election in the period from writ day to the day before polling day.</p> <p>Identify the party they represent and its policies in order to promote their own election.</p>	<p>Broadcast outside the period from writ day to the day before polling day.</p> <p>Broadcast on polling day.</p> <p>Attack other candidates or parties.</p> <p>Broadcast without including the name and street address of the person authorising the advertisement.</p>
Election advertising (other than television and radio)	<p>Promote their own election.</p> <p>Attack the policies of other candidates or parties.</p> <p>Display on polling day fixed signs that do not refer to the election on party or campaign headquarters.</p> <p>Operate a website on polling day.</p>	<p>Publish without including the name and street address of the person authorising the advertisement.</p> <p>Publish on polling day.</p> <p>Display in view of a public place on polling day.</p> <p>Display on vehicles (including bumper stickers) in view of a public place on polling day.</p> <p>Display on polling day signs that refer to the election on party or campaign headquarters.</p> <p>Put new material on a website on polling day</p> <p>Advertise a website on polling day.</p> <p>Use systems on polling day that make website advertising available to persons who haven't voluntarily accessed the website.</p>

Topic	Candidates can	Candidates can't
Election expenses (promoting the candidate)	<p>Spend without limit on printed advertising to promote their election up until three months before polling day.</p> <p>Spend up to \$40,000 (incl GST) on printed and broadcast advertising and publicity in the three months before polling day.</p>	<p>Spend more than \$40,000 (incl GST) on printed and broadcast advertising in the three months before polling day.</p> <p>File their return of election expenses and donations later than 70 working days after polling day.</p>
Party lapel badges (a badge or rosette designed to be worn on the lapel) on polling day	<p>Feature the party name, emblem, slogan or logo on a party lapel badge.</p> <p>Wear the lapel badge themselves.</p> <p>Have scrutineers, party officials, or supporters wear them.</p>	<p>Display party lapel badges on vehicles or in other places.</p> <p>Feature their name on a badge.</p> <p>Permit clothing to be worn on polling day promoting the candidate or party.</p>
Streamers, rosettes, ribbons and similar items on polling day	<p>Display these in party colours.</p> <p>Have candidates, scrutineers, party officials or supporters wear them.</p> <p>Display them on vehicles.</p>	<p>Feature the party name, emblem, slogan or logo on the streamers etc.</p> <p>Display them on anything other than people or vehicles.</p>

Mana By-Election - Questions and Answers

Enrolment

1. Who can enrol to vote in the Mana by-election?

To enrol to vote in the Mana by-election people must:

- ✓ be 18 years or over;
- ✓ be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident who has lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months; and
- ✓ have been living in the Mana electorate for one month or more.

2. What are the enrolment deadlines?

Everyone enrolled by Wednesday 20 October 2010 will get an EasyVote pack which includes an EasyVote card in the mail.

People who enrol after this but before the final deadline of Friday 19 November 2010 will need to cast a Special Declaration Vote.

3. Can people enrolled on the Māori electoral roll living in Mana vote?

No. The by-election is to select the Member of Parliament for the General Electorate of Mana. Only those people on the Mana electoral roll are eligible to vote.

4. Are people enrolled to vote in the Mana electorate but living overseas eligible to vote?

Those aged 18 or older and who are either: a New Zealand citizen who has been in New Zealand in the past three years, or a New Zealand permanent resident who has been in New Zealand in the past 12 months, and the Mana electorate is where they last lived for a month or more in New Zealand are eligible to enroll and to vote in the by-election.

5. How do people enrol?

Enrolment forms are available

- ✓ from the elections website www.elections.org.nz
- ✓ by free texting your name and address to 3676
- ✓ from any PostShop or by calling 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)

People can also check their details and enrol online at www.elections.org.nz.

Voting

1. Who can vote in the Mana by-election?

Only people enrolled in the Mana electorate can vote in the by-election. They must be enrolled to vote by Friday 19 November, the day before election day.

2. Where can people vote?

On election day people can vote at one of the polling places within the Mana electorate boundaries. Where possible the polling places for the 2008 General Election will be used.

There will be no polling places outside the Mana electorate on election day.

People who can't vote in the electorate on election day can vote in advance at an advance voting place in the electorate or at any Registrar of Electors office around the country.

People overseas can vote in person at:

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| - London, England | New Zealand High Commission |
| - Apia, Samoa | New Zealand High Commission |
| - Rarotonga, Cook Islands | New Zealand High Commission |
| - Canberra, Australia | New Zealand High Commission |
| - Sydney, Australia
(confirmed) | NSW Electoral Commission (to be confirmed) |

3. When can people vote?

Polling places in the Mana electorate are open from 9.00am to 7.00pm on election day – Saturday 20 November 2010.

People who need to vote in advance, those going overseas or those overseas already can vote from Wednesday 3 November 2010.

4. Where will the polling places be?

The number of polling places inside the Mana electorate and their locations are being finalised now. Where possible the polling place locations used in Mana for the 2008 General Election will be used for the 20 November by-election.

The polling places will be in locations such as schools and community halls.

5. How many polling places will there be?

We expect there will be around 44 polling places in the electorate.

6. Will there be an EasyVote pack?

Yes. Voter information packs will be sent during the week before election day to everyone who was enrolled by 20 October. These packs will include

- the candidates for the Mana by-election
- advance voting places and
- the polling places for the Mana electorate.

The packs will also include a personalised *EasyVote* card. This will have

- the person's name,
- their address, and
- the page and line number where they appear on the Mana electoral roll.

7. What if a person doesn't get an EasyVote card, can they still vote?

Yes, but they must be enrolled for their vote to count. The EasyVote card has been designed to make the voting process easier, but people can vote without it.

8. Will there be a party vote and an electorate vote?

The by-election is to elect a new Member of Parliament for the Mana electorate.

There is only one vote in the by-election, the vote for the electorate candidate.

9. Where do voters find out information about where, when and how to vote?

Information on where, when and how to vote is contained in the EasyVote pack.

Information is also available from www.elections.org.nz or 0800 36 76 56. Copies of brochures are also available by calling the 0800 number or emailing vote@elections.org.nz.(check).

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10. What do people do if they are not in the Mana electorate on Saturday 20 November?

People can vote in advance from Wednesday 3 November either in the electorate, or at any Registrar of Electors office around the country.

11. Will people be able to vote outside their electorate on election day?

No. Voting facilities will only be available in the electorate on election day. If someone is going to be outside their electorate on Saturday 20 November they will have to vote in advance.

12. What do people do if they are overseas on Saturday 20 November?

There are four ways people going overseas can vote:

1. make an advance vote before leaving New Zealand from Wednesday 3 November can download voting papers from the internet: www.elections.org.nz
2. apply for postal voting papers
3. vote in person at an overseas post. People overseas can vote in person at:

- London, England	New Zealand High Commission
- Apia, Samoa	New Zealand High Commission
- Rarotonga, Cook Islands	New Zealand High Commission
- Canberra, Australia	New Zealand High Commission
- Sydney, Australia	NSW Electoral Commission (to be confirmed)

Voting papers need to be posted or faxed back, NOT e-mailed.

13. What if a person can't get to a polling place on 20 November?

Options include:

- voting in advance
- applying for a postal vote
- arranging for another person to collect the voting papers from a polling place or advance voting place.

14. What options are available for a person in a rest home?

If a person is in a rest home in the Mana electorate, the Mana Returning Officer will send someone to take their vote.

If a person can't get to a polling place because they are sick, infirm or have a disability, help may be available by contacting the Mana Returning Officer.

15. What are the boundaries of the Mana electorate?

The Mana electorate covers Porirua City, Paekakariki and Raumati. Maps of the electorate can be viewed on <http://www.elections.org.nz/mapping/>

Candidates

1. Who can be a candidate in the Mana by-election?

To be a candidate, you must be enrolled in any electorate, be a New Zealand citizen and not be disqualified from enrolling.

2. What is the nomination process?

Two people enrolled in the Mana electorate must nominate the candidate by lodging an individual nomination paper with the Mana Returning Officer by noon on nomination day Wednesday 27 October 2010.

3. What are the election expense rules ?

Detailed information is contained in the Chief Electoral Office's *"Information for Parliamentary Candidates - By-elections"* guide and the Electoral Act 1993.

Election expenses are primarily advertising and other publicity costs within three months of election day that:

- Encourage or appear to encourage voters to vote for the candidate: or
- Discourage or appear to discourage voters from voting for another candidate.

Rules include:

- The amount candidates can incur in election expenses in the three months before the by-election day is limited to \$40,000 (inc GST).
- Candidates (or their agent) must give written authorisation before any advertisement promoting their election can be published.
- The advertisement must state the name and business or residential address of the person directing it to be published.
- Campaigning is forbidden on the day of the by-election.

4. What are the rules relating to donations?

Candidate donations and contributions to donations of more than \$1,000 must be declared. Candidates are not allowed to keep anonymous or overseas donations of more than \$1,000.

5. Are there limits on how much can be spent on campaigning?

Yes. A maximum of \$40,000 (including gst).

6. Are there broadcasting allocations?

There are no broadcasting allocations. These only apply to party campaigning.

7. Are candidate's required to appoint a financial agent?

No. This is no longer a requirement.

8. What rules will apply to the by-election if candidate returns are due after the Electoral (Finance & Advance Voting) Amendment Bill is passed?

The current rules in the Electoral Act will apply.