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Thank you for your official information request dated 30 September 2025 regarding the locations of voting bins.

At the commencement of the voting period, we installed orange voting bins at the following sites:

- **Scandi Superette** – Norsewood
- **Pongaroa General Store and Café** – Pongaroa
- **Eketāhuna Service Centre and Library** – Eketāhuna
- **Pahiatua Service Centre** – Pahiatua
- **Woodville Service Centre and Library** – Woodville
- **Dannevirke Service Centre and Library** – Dannevirke

Voting bins are required at Service Centres as these locations facilitate special voting for residents that haven't received voting papers by mail.

To enhance accessibility across the district—particularly toward the end of the voting period when postal delivery may no longer be viable—we placed additional bins in Norsewood and Pongaroa.

Instructions for returning completed voting papers are printed on the inside front cover of the Information Booklet included with all voting documents. Voters may return papers by post using any NZ Post or DX Mail postbox, or by depositing them in an orange voting bin.

In response to recent public feedback, we have added bins at the following seven-day-a-week locations:

- **Dannevirke New World**
- **Pahiatua New World**
- **Four Square Eketāhuna**

We are currently finalizing the location for an additional bin in Woodville, with a focus on convenience for local residents. Once confirmed, our Communications team will announce all four new bin locations through our usual channels.

While we are keen to expand the number of bins further, logistical constraints around bin availability and secure collection of voting papers limit our capacity. For future elections, we plan to invest in additional orange voting bins so we can have these available at more locations throughout the district.

Ngā mihi



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I am just asking for more information on the voting bins. Is there any particular reason why they only reside in council buildings? Having them there means only accessing them during business hours. Can we have them at petrol stations, marae, schools, and local supermarkets? Also, I have had people tell me that the bins are going to be in DVK New World. Is this correct? If so, can the rest of the district have bins at supermarkets?