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Kia ora,

LGOIMA 2024-72 re Citizenship dates for 2025

Regarding your request submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) dated 13 December 2024 for information:

"I would like to request the dates for all Citizenship Ceremonies across North Island City Councils from December 2024 to December 2025".

In response to your request, we would like to provide the following information:

1. 2025 Citizenship dates

Central Hawke's Bay District Council has not yet finalised our dates for the 2025 citizenship ceremonies. However, tentative placeholders have been arranged for the following dates:

- **Wednesday, 5 March 2025 at 6pm or Wednesday, 2 April 2025 at 6pm; and**
- **Wednesday, 8 October 2025.**

Please note that these are provisional dates and have not yet been confirmed by the Mayor.

As of 15 November 2024, there are 7 candidates on the waiting list for citizenship ceremonies in Central Hawke's Bay. In general, ceremonies are held twice a year, depending on the number of approved applications received from the DIA.

2. Attending Citizenship Ceremonies at a Location Other than Your Usual Place of Residence

The council is responsible only for the ceremonies held within Central Hawke's Bay and does not manage or allocate candidates to ceremonies hosted by other councils. To request attendance at a ceremony in a different location, you will need to contact the DIA. They will assess the request and check if the participating council can accommodate it.

Please note that candidates are invited to their respective citizenship ceremonies directly by the DIA. For any enquiries related to specific upcoming ceremonies, please contact them directly at:

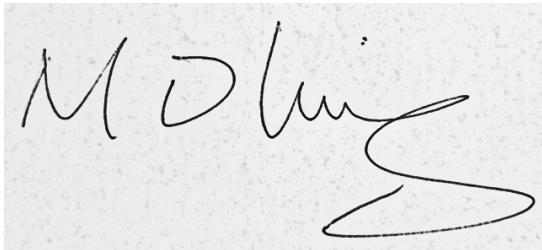
citizenshipceremonies@dia.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

Please note: Our LGOIMA responses may be proactively published on the Central Hawke's Bay District Council website after they have been responded to, with requesters' personal details withheld. If you have any concerns about this, please contact the Council on governance@chbdc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature appears to be 'M Kinvig' with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mark Kinvig

Acting Chief Executive