

## 1853-1978 HUTT VALLEY ELECTORAL ROLL INFORMATION

The first New Zealand Election took place in 1853. Qualification to vote changed along with legislation and details are listed below. The Chief Electoral Office is located at Level 3 Vogel Centre 19 Aitken Street Wellington but was previously situated at Levin House Lower Hutt.

### European Rolls

1853 = First election males over 21 years with minimal property

1879 = Maximum life of Parliament reduced from five years to three years

1879 = Franchise qualification extended to include all male 21 and over who either owned property or had lived in New Zealand for at least one year and in the electorate for at least six months

1893 = Women given vote

1893 = Voting age 21 years (male and female)

1927 = Compulsory European registration

### Maori Rolls

1867 = Maori seats created

1949 = First published Maori roll. No published rolls prior to this

1956 = Compulsory registration of Maori

### Change in voting age

1893 = 21 years (male and female)

1969 = 20 years

1974 = 18 years

The New Zealand Electoral rolls including the Hutt Valley district can be found on microfiche and later rolls in published books at Heritage centre Petone Library and National Library of New Zealand Wellington.

The New Zealand Electoral districts and boundaries change through the years and the Hutt Valley district changes are listed below. Some of the information below is extracted from the maps published in New Zealand Electoral Atlas (Map) by Alan McRobie, GP Books c1989.

### Hutt Valley Electorates from 1853 onwards

<u>Year</u>	<u>Electoral district</u>
1853 – 1896	Hutt
1893 – 1902	Suburbs of Wellington
1896 – 1902	Otaki
1902 – 1975	Hutt
1911 – 1919	Wellington Suburbs & Country district
1919 – 1938	Otaki
1928 – 1943	Wairarapa
1938 – 1943	Wellington Suburbs
1946 – 1951	Onslow
1946 – 1951	Otaki
1946 – 1975	Petone
1954 -	Heretaunga
1963 – 1966	Porirua
1969 -	Western Hutt
1978 -	Eastern Hutt
1978 -	Pencarrow

<u>Geographical Area</u>	<u>years</u>	<u>Electoral district</u>
Lower Hutt	1938 - 1943	Hutt - Wellington Suburbs
	1946 – 1951	Hutt – Petone – Onslow
	1954	Heretaunga – Hutt – Petone
	1957 – 1960	Heretaunga – Hutt – Onslow – Petone
	1963 – 1966	Heretaunga – Hutt – Petone – Porirua
	1969 – 1975	Hutt – Petone – Western Hutt
Petone	1978 -	Eastern Hutt – Western Hutt
	1938 – 1943	Hutt – Wellington Suburbs
	1946 – 1966	Petone
	1969 – 1975	Petone – Western Hutt
Stokes Valley	1978 -	Western Hutt – Pencarrow
	1938 – 1943	Wellington Suburbs
	1946 – 1951	Otaki
	1955 – 1966	Heretaunga
	1969	Heretaunga – Western Hutt
Upper Hutt	1972 – 1975	Western Hutt
	1978 -	Eastern Hutt
	1938 – 1943	Wairarapa
	1946 - 1951	Otaki
Wainuiomata	1954 -	Heretaunga
		Rimutaka
	1938 – 1943	Wellington Suburbs
	1946 – 1975	Petone
	1978 -	Pencarrow

For additional updated information regarding New Zealand Electoral Rolls for the Hutt Valley please refer to the New Zealand Electoral Office or Government website.

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Additional miscellaneous information located  
**PETONE and NGAHAURANGA**

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 26 August 1911

Peeps into the Past - 1874 Directory – Petone’s growth.

On 02 April 1911 the population of Petone was 6640. In 1874 the Wellington Almanac and Directory records the fact that there were then 17 families resident in that settlement. Not a wonderful number when it is recollected that the pioneer settlers landed in that locality some 32 years previously. The names and occupations in the 74 Directory are recorded below. (From Petone to the present railway bridge there were 250 families of whom 16 resided in the Gorge and Stokes Valley.) Ngahauranga boasted of only four settlers

*(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 26 August 1911 page 4)*

BASSETT	1874	Bassett shoemaker 1874 Petone Directory
BUICK W	1874	W Buick senior and junior farmers 1874 Petone Directory
CHAPMAN	1874	Chapman gardener 1874 Petone Directory
COLLETT E & H	1874	E and H Collett wheelwrights 1874 Petone Directory
CLIFFORD Major	1874	Major Clifford 1874 Petone Directory
COOPER G	1874	G Cooper labourer 1874 Petone Directory
KING G	1874	G King fisherman 1874 Petone Directory

MUDGWAY S	1874	S Mudgway farmer 1874 Petone Directory
MAIDMENT	1874	Maidment carter 1874 Petone Directory
PERCY J	1874	J Percy miller 1874 Petone Directory
JACKSON	1874	Jackson banker 1874 Petone Directory
RIDLER W	1874	W Ridler farmer 1874 Petone Directory
WOODLAND	1874	Woodland miller 1874 Petone Directory
PERCY Madam	1874	Madam Percy settler 1874 Petone Directory
SCHOLES Madam	1874	Madam Scholes settler 1874 Petone Directory
CLAPHAM W	1874	W Clapham Ngahauranga Inn 1874 Ngahauranga Directory
FUTTER J	1874	J Futter Wallace Inn 1874 Ngahauranga Directory
TYER H	1874	H Tyer fellmongers 1874 Ngahauranga Directory
WALTON H	1874	H Walton fellmongers 1874 Ngahauranga Directory

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