



City of Busselton

Ordinary Election

16 October 2021



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Electoral Commission



Eligibility

- 18 or over
- Enrolled as an elector of the district
- Cannot be a nominee of body corporate
- Must have completed the mandatory course *Induction for Prospective Candidates*
www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/council-elections/local-government-candidate-induction
- Is not a candidate in another election for councillor



Disqualifications

- A member of parliament
- An insolvent under administration
- Convicted of a crime and is in prison serving a sentence for that crime
- Convicted in the preceding 5 years of a serious local government offence
- Have been convicted of an offence for which the penalty was imprisonment for more than 5 years
- An elected member of another local government
- Misapplication of funds or property



Candidate Information USB

- Information for candidates and scrutineers
- Relevant forms
- Ballot paper Formality Guide



An effective nomination

- Completed and signed nomination form
(including providing reference number & date of completion of the on-line candidate induction)
- Candidate profile
- Deposit \$80 cash
- Received by Returning Officer before closing of nominations



Online WAEC nomination builder

- Online nomination builder available from www.elections.wa.gov.au
- You can prepare the nomination form, profile and upload photograph online
- You **can not** nominate online
- Provide reference number at RO interview when submitting nomination



Nominating for Election

Online WAEC nomination builder



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Election Management System

Candidate Nomination

Create a new nomination, or retrieve and edit a nomination that you created previously.

Create New Nomination

Retrieve Existing Nomination

Nomination Builder



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Profile

- Written in English and not more than 800 characters including spaces
- Biographical information about the candidate
- Statement of candidate's policies or beliefs
- Not to be false or misleading
- Passport size recent photograph, head or head and shoulders (optional)
- Profile will be placed on the Council's website as well as included in the postal package



Electoral Rolls

Free to candidates for campaigning purposes

- 1 Residents Roll
- 1 Owners and Occupiers Roll
- (for the ward or district they are contesting)



Postal Voting

Mail-out of packages

- Election packages to be lodged with Australia Post from Monday 20 September 2021
- Last weekend for effective campaigning
2 – 3 October 2021



Postal Voting

Return of Voting Packages

- Packages can be posted to the Returning Officer or hand-delivered to the local government office
- Australia Post returned numbers posted on the Commission's website daily
- Typically about 50% of packages are returning within the first 5 business days



Postal voting

Candidate Rules

- You cannot assist the elector to mark their ballot paper
- You or a representative cannot take custody of an envelope in which there is a postal vote
- Penalties apply



Issue of Replacement Voting Packages

Local Government staff can issue replacement voting papers – the original election package will need to be cancelled first



Election Day – Close of Poll 6.00pm

- Count process – first past the post; electronic count (CountWA)
- Scrutineers
- The Returning Officer declares the results on the night
- Results are posted onto the Commission’s election website www.elections.wa.gov.au



Post-Election Procedures

Refund of deposits

Deposits are refunded to:

- Any candidates elected
- Any non-elected candidates who receive at least 5% of the total number votes included in the count



Electoral Material

- No specific commencement date for electoral advertising – rules apply at any time
- Handbills, pamphlets, notices, letters and other printed articles – must have NAME and ADDRESS of person authorising and the NAME and ADDRESS of printer
- The address must NOT be a post office box
- Newspaper advertising only requires the NAME and ADDRESS of the person authorising the advertisement



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Scrutineers

- Appointment Form
 - Must be appointed by a candidate
- Refer to *Information for Scrutineers* for rights and obligations



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