



SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET

COMMUNITY PUBLIC NOTICE – PN036

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2019

The community is advised that the 2019 Shire of Mount Magnet ordinary election will be held on Saturday 19th of October 2019. There are three vacancies to be filled, each for a term of four years. This year the Shire of Mount Magnet elections will be conducted as an 'in person' election.

Eligibility to Enrol and Vote

You are eligible to enrol if you are:

- 18 years of age or older;
- An Australian Citizen;
- Correctly enrolled on a State or Commonwealth electoral roll; and
- A resident or a non-resident owner of rateable property or land within the Shire of Mount Magnet.

Close of Enrolments Information

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 19th of October 2019 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Mount Magnet.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00 PM Friday 30th of August 2019. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete the State Electoral enrolment form. To enrol to vote, to update your details or to check your enrolment or for any questions about the elections, please contact the WA Electoral Commission: www.waec.wa.gov.au or phone 13 63 06.

Enrolment Forms

Electoral enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Mount Magnet, all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission offices or the Western Australian Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer in Western Australia by 5:00 PM Friday, 30 August 2019.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Mount Magnet and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are **not** on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Magnet you may still be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last Electoral Roll for the Shire of Mount Magnet prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact the Shire for further details. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government Roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Mount Magnet to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

Owners and Occupiers enrolment forms can be obtained from the Shire of Mount Magnet and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00 PM Friday, 30 August 2019. Owner and Occupiers will also need to ensure the Shire of Mount Magnet has their current postal address. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Mount Magnet.

Prospective Candidates – Shire of Mount Magnet Information Session

The Shire of Mount Magnet will hold an information session on Tuesday **3 September 2019** at 5.00pm in the Shire Council Chambers for prospective candidates.

Under the Local Government Act 1995, to be eligible to nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must be an elector of the district (residential or owner/occupier) and over 18 years of age.

Nominations open on **Thursday 5 September** and close at 4pm on **Thursday 12 September 2019**. There are certain requirements regarding nomination requirements and prospective candidates should familiarise themselves with these requirements by contacting the Shire of Mount Magnet.

The State Government has introduced training requirements this election for prospective candidates. Prior to nominating, an elector **must have** completed the online Local Government Candidate Induction course which is available on the Department of Local Government's official website (Local Government Candidate Induction - Dept. Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries). A candidate may obtain a free copy of the Owners and Occupiers Roll and the Residents Roll for the district of Mount Magnet from the Chief Executive Officer/Returning Officer.

Voting 'In Person' Elections

Should an election be required (where more candidate nominations are received for available vacancies) the designated Polling Booth for voting will be the Shire Council Chambers located in Naughton Street Mount Magnet. The Polling Booth will be open from 0800 hours to 1800 hours on Saturday 19th of October 2019 and counting of votes will occur as soon as possible following the close of voting.

Further Public Notices and Election Fact Sheets will be provided during the period leading up to the election on 19th of October 2019

Should any community member have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Councils administration office on 9963 3000.

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