

2019 Ordinary Election

Frequently Asked Questions – Potential Candidates

When is the next Local Government Election?

The next City of Mandurah 2019 Ordinary Election will be held on **Saturday 19 October 2019**.

Vacancies

Position	Number of Vacancies
COASTAL WARD	2
EAST WARD	1
NORTH WARD	2
TOWN WARD	1

Important Dates



What is the role and time commitment of an Elected Member?

The role of a councillor is set out under s.2.10 of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

- Represents the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents;
- Provides leadership and guidance to the community;
- Facilitates communication between the community and the Council;
- Participates in the Local Government's decision-making processes at Council and Committee meetings; and
- Performs such other functions as are given to a Councillor by the Act.

Nominating to become a Councillor at the City of Mandurah is an important and personal decision. You must consider your own circumstances and decide whether you are able to make the commitment required.

The role is rewarding and challenging, and can often be time consuming, demanding and complex. Being a Councillor gives an opportunity to contribute to the community and influence decisions that shape the future of the City.

On average, Elected Members will allocate 15 hours per week for meeting attendance, pre-reading, events and engagement with electors, ratepayers and residents.

Refer to the [Introduction to the Role of an Elected Member](#) for further information.

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How much do Elected Members get paid?

Councillors are paid an annual fee for attendance at meetings, and are also entitled to claim a number of other allowances associated with carrying out official duties and responsibilities.

Councillor Attendance Fee: \$30,094 (current 2019/20 financial year)

Allowances for the following:

- Mayoral Allowance
- Deputy Mayoral Allowance
- Mileage
- Mayoral Attendance Fee
- Telecommunications
- Conferences & training

iPad or laptop supplied by the City.

How do I nominate to become an Elected Member?

The 2019 Ordinary Election is being facilitated by the Western Australian Electoral Commission. A Returning Officer is appointed by the WAEC and will be available to candidates to arrange nominations and discuss the election process.

2019 Returning Officer Contact Information:

Mr Ian Frame

Contact Phone Number: 0403 020 637

Email: LGro_mand@elections.wa.gov.au

Available from 9am to 9.30pm 7 days a week during the election period.

Nomination Period:

OPEN: Thursday, 5 September 2019

CLOSE: Thursday, 12 September 2019, 4pm

Who can nominate

In order to nominate, a person must be registered as a voter for the district in which they are standing as a candidate. They do not need to be an elector of the particular ward for which they are standing.

How to nominate

Nominations can only be made to the Returning Officer during the designated nomination period. The Returning Officer is available to assist with the nomination process and queries from candidates or the public.

For further information view the [WAEC Election 2019 – Summary Information for Candidates Manual](#).

Prior to nominating, prospective candidates must complete a Local Government Candidate Induction through the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries. Please visit www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au to complete the induction.

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Are candidates and donors required to disclose Electoral Gifts?

Yes, both candidates and donors are required to disclose information about any electoral related gifts that are given or promised within the disclosure period, if:

- the value of the gift is \$200 or more; or
- the value of the gift is less than \$200, but the gift is one of two or more gifts, with a total value of \$200 or more made by one person at any time.

The disclosure period for a candidate for the 2019 Local Government Election commenced on 19 April 2019.

There are strict timeframes for both candidates and donors. For further information, including the process for submitting the Disclosure of Gifts Form view the [City's website](#) and [Governance Factsheet - Disclosure of Electoral Gifts](#).

Contact Governance Services on 9550 3777.

Do I need permission to place signage on City property?

Yes. In order to erect or place election advertising on City of Mandurah property a permit must be first obtained from the City of Mandurah.

This is to ensure candidates are compliant with the City of Mandurah *Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2016*.

For further information review the [Governance Factsheet – Election Signage](#) contact the Ranger Services on 9550 3777.

Who do I contact for further information?

Western Australian Electoral Commission Returning Officer

Mr Ian Frame

Contact: 0403 020 637

Email: LGro_mand@elections.wa.gov.au

Western Australian Electoral Commission

Website: <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/>

Contact: 13 63 06

Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries

Website: <http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au>

Contact: 6552 7300

City of Mandurah

Governance Services

www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/elections

Contact: 9550 3777