

City of Mandurah 2026 Extraordinary Election – Town Ward

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the 2026 Extraordinary Election?

The 2026 Extraordinary Election will be held on 24 September 2026.

Why is there an Extraordinary Election?

There is one vacancy for a councillor position in the Town Ward, as a result of former Cr Peter Rogers' resignation from Council.

How long is the term of this councillor position?

The term of this position is until 16 October 2027.

When do candidate nominations open for the 2026 Extraordinary Election?

Nominations open on 4 August 2026 and will remain open for 8 days, closing at 4pm on 11 August 2026.

Who is the Returning Officer for the 2026 Extraordinary Election?

To be appointed by Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC).

Who can vote in the 2026 Extraordinary Election?

Electors within the Town Ward may vote in the 2026 Extraordinary Election.

Ward maps are available for your information on [City of Mandurah website](#) and the boundaries of each ward within the Mandurah District.

Residents can check their enrolment details on the [WAEC website](#).

Owners and non-resident occupiers can check their enrolment by contacting City of Mandurah's Governance Services on 9550 3777 or emailing elections@mandurah.wa.gov.au.

When do enrolments close to vote in the 2026 Extraordinary Election?

Enrolments close at 5pm on 29 July 2026.

Who can nominate as a candidate?

To stand for election as a council member you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be an elector of the district;
- Complete a [free online induction course](#).

You do not need to be an elector within the ward for which you are standing.

How do I nominate to become an Elected Member?

A nomination form needs to be completed and accompanied by a candidate profile, and a deposit of \$100.00. If the deposit is not paid at the time of lodgement of the nomination

form, it must be paid before nominations close. If the candidate is being nominated by an agent, the nomination form must also include written authorisation from the candidate.

Nominations can only be made to the Western Australian Electoral Commission Returning Officer during the designated nomination period; 4 August – 4pm 11 August. The Returning Officer will be available to assist with the nomination process and queries from candidates or the public at the City of Mandurah at designated times.

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

What is Optional Preferential Voting?

Please visit the [Optional Preferential Voting page](#) of the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety website.

How do you vote using the Optional Preferential Voting?

It is really easy and it is all about choices - your choices.

So just imagine there are 3 candidates

You can:

1. Vote for just 1 candidate — just put a number 1 next to the name of that candidate.
2. Vote for some — just put a 1 next to the name of the candidate you like best and a 2 next to your second choice.
3. Vote for all — put a 1 in the box for the candidate you like best and then a 2 for your second choice and a 3 for your third choice. If there are more candidates, you just keep numbering if you want to.

For more information, please visit the [Optional Preferential Voting page](#) of the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety website.

Who am I voting for?

Councillors represent each of the four wards of Mandurah. At the 2026 Extraordinary Election, you will be voting for a nominated candidate from the Town Ward.

Ward maps are available for your information on the City of Mandurah website and the boundaries of each ward within the Mandurah District.

How do I vote?

The 2026 Extraordinary Election will be held Thursday 24 September 2026.

Voting packs will be distributed by the Western Australian Electoral Commission approximately two to three weeks prior to the election. Your completed vote can be either:

- **Posted:** votes must be mailed in and reach the WAEC before the election to ensure they are counted.

- **Hand delivered:** drop it into the secure ballot box at the City's Administration Building, 3 Peel Street, Mandurah before 4.00pm on election day – 24 September 2026;
- **Election Day:** Electors can drop off their completed voting package at the Civic Centre Tuckey Rooms, 83 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

Misplaced or lost packages can also be reissued prior to the Election at the Administration Building between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm in the lead up to the election and on Election Day at the Civic Centre Tuckey Rooms, 83 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah. Voting closes at 6pm.

For reference the next Ordinary Local Government Election will be held on Saturday 16 October 2027.

Can my voting pack be reissued?

If you do not receive a voting package or if you have misplaced it you may:

1. Visit the City's Administration Building between 8.30am and 4.30pm and we will reissue your voting package; or
2. Vote in person on Election Day at the Civic Centre Tuckey Rooms, 83 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

Can I vote for the Mayor?

The 2026 Extraordinary Election is only for one Councillor vacancy in the Town Ward.

What if I have changed address?

If your address is in Mandurah, contact the WAEC to update your enrolment details prior to 5pm 29 July.

[Update your enrolment details](#)

If you are eligible to be on the Owner and Occupiers Roll, please contact City of Mandurah's Governance Services on 9550 3777, or email elections@mandurah.wa.gov.au to ensure that your eligibility can be considered.

If I own more than one property within the Town Ward am I entitled to more votes?

You are only able to vote once in each ward.

If I live outside the City, but own or occupy a property within the City of Mandurah Town Ward, can I vote?

Yes, provided you enrol with the City of Mandurah by submitting an enrolment eligibility claim form prior to 5pm 29 July.

[Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Owner or Co-Owner Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Occupier or Co-Occupier](#)

Are Directors of a company that owns property in Mandurah eligible to vote on the company's behalf?

Yes, provided the company nominates up to two Directors and/or other persons to vote on its behalf.

[Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Nomination by Body Corporate](#)

[Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Owner or Co-Owner](#)

How long is my enrolment on the Council's Owners and Occupiers Roll valid?

If you enrol as an owner of rateable property (this includes nominees of a body corporate which owns property) then your enrolment remains valid for as long as you continue to own the property.

If you enrol as an occupier of rateable property then your enrolment remains valid for two ordinary elections. If your enrolment was lodged too late for an election, then it remains valid for a period which covers three elections, although you may not vote in the first election.

Is voting compulsory?

No, voting is not compulsory; however, electors are encouraged to make their vote count by participating in the election of their preferred local representative.

Who can vote?

All residents in a local government district who are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll for a property in the City of Mandurah Town Ward are automatically enrolled on the corresponding local government roll.

Electors are encouraged to check their enrolment on the State electoral roll prior to the enrolment closure date at [Online Enrolment System](#).

People who own or occupy property within a local government district, can apply to their local government to be included on the roll as an owner/occupier, as long as they are [eligible electors](#). A body corporate may apply to have up to two eligible electors to be included on the owner/occupier roll.

Are you a non-resident occupier?

You are a non-resident occupier if:

- You live outside of the Ward of a rateable property;
- Have had continuous occupation of that property (for at least 12 months and have the right to occupy for at least the next three months (you will be required to provide a copy of your full lease, tenancy agreement etc. to evidence this) within Mandurah; and
- Appear on the State or Commonwealth Roll for an address outside of the Ward.

Can corporations nominate to vote?

If a corporation owns or occupies rateable property within the City of Mandurah, then they may nominate two persons to represent the body corporate. If the corporation owns properties in more than one ward, then the same representatives must be nominated for all properties.

To nominate representatives to enrol, please complete all sections of the following:

- Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Nomination by Body Corporate form, and
- Each nominee must then complete an Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Owner or Co-Owner or Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Occupier or Co-Occupier form.

The forms can be submitted together to the City of Mandurah at elections@mandurah.wa.gov.au for consideration and approval prior to the “Owner and Occupier Roll” deadline.

[Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Nomination by Body Corporate form](#)

[Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Owner or Co-Owner](#)

[Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Occupier or Co-Occupier](#)