

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a By-election?

A by-election is held when an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly vacates their seat for any reason (e.g. resignation) which is not due to the expiration or dissolution of Parliament. The affected electorate then votes to elect a new member.

When is the election?

The North West Central By-Election will be held on Saturday 17 September 2022. You can vote between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Electors will not be allowed to enter a polling place after 6 pm

How many electors are in North West Central?

There are 11,189 electors in North West Central.

Where can I vote on polling day?

Polling place information is available on our website.

There will be a full-page advertisement in the West Australian Newspaper on Polling Day Saturday 17 September 2022.

Is voting compulsory in a By-election?

Yes, once enrolled voting is compulsory.

Who is the Returning Officer?

For each election we conduct, a Returning Officer (RO) is appointed to run the election. The RO for this By-election is Brian Robartson.

Email: ro_northwestcentral@elections.wa.gov.au

Ph: 0458 808 031

How do I check my enrolment?

You can check your enrolment [here](#). You have until the roll closes at 6 pm on Wednesday 17 August 2022 to make sure your enrolment is up to date.

How can I enrol to vote?

You will need to complete and submit an enrolment form.

Enrolment forms can be completed online or downloaded from www.aec.gov.au

A hard copy form can also be obtained from the offices of the Australian Electoral Commission and Western Australian Electoral Commission office.

Forms need to be signed and you need to provide proof of identity.

How can I cast an early vote?

Early voting centres run from Wednesday 31 August – Friday 16 September.

Early voting centre locations will be available on our website

You can also apply for a Postal Vote. You will need to complete an application form and submit it to the WAEC as soon as you can. Forms are available from 9 August 2022 [here](#). Postal vote applications close on Wednesday 14 September.

How do I vote if I live in a remote community?

From the 31 August 2022 - 16 September 2022, a team will be visiting remote communities to collect votes. The exact date and time for these visits will be published on this website when they are confirmed.

Who are the candidates?

The list of candidates will be made available on our website following the close of nomination period on Friday 26 August.

Where is the place of declaration of nominations?

The place of declaration of nominations for this election is:

Carnarvon Shire Offices - 3 Francis Street, Carnarvon.

The Returning Officer will be present here from 11am to 12 noon on Friday, 26 August 2022 to accept final nominations.

At 12 noon on Friday 26 August 2022 the Returning Officer will then produce all nomination forms, declare the names, occupations and residences of all nominated candidates, and conduct the draw of the position of candidates' names on the ballot papers.

What are the boundaries of a polling area?

In accordance with section 193(1) of the *Electoral Act*, the Electoral Commissioner has declared that the boundaries of the polling area for each polling place are within a 100-metre radius from each entrance to the polling place.

What are the guidelines for electoral advertising material?

All election material must be authorised with a person's name and street address. This means that anyone can contact that person if they believe the material is untrue or misleading. It is an offence in Western Australia to mislead electors in the casting of their vote.