

15 June 2026

Local Government Extraordinary Elections postal vote deadline fast approaching

The Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) is reminding voters enrolled in the local governments holding elections (listed below) on 25 June to act quickly to ensure their vote is counted.

Voters must ensure their completed postal vote is received by 6.00pm on election day to be included in the count and are reminded to:

- carefully follow the instructions on their ballot paper
- sign the elector's certificate
- check Australia Post delivery times to ensure their vote arrives before the deadline.

The WAEC is encouraging voters to return their completed postal votes in the mail by **Wednesday 17 June** to ensure they are received by the Returning Officer in time. After this date, it's recommended that voters hand-deliver their completed postal vote to their Local Government office. Votes received after the 6.00pm deadline on election day cannot be included in the count.

Electoral Commissioner Dennis O'Reilly said voting in local government elections plays a vital role in shaping local communities.

"Voting gives community members a direct say in who represents them and the decisions that shape their local area. By returning your postal vote on time, you can make sure your voice is heard," Commissioner O'Reilly said.

Visit the following link to check if your Local Government is holding an Extraordinary Election: [2026 June Local Government Extraordinary Elections | Western Australian Electoral Commission](#)

Need help? Call the WAEC helpline on 13 63 06 or visit our website elections.wa.gov.au

More information

The Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) is conducting Local Government Extraordinary Elections by post on Thursday 25 June 2026 for the following Local Governments:

[Shire of Brookton](#)

[Shire of Chittering](#)

[Shire of Coolgardie](#)

[Shire of Upper Gascoyne](#)

[Shire of Dowerin](#) – not proceeding to election

[Shire of Merredin](#) – not proceeding to election

Local Government Extraordinary Elections in Western Australia are elections held outside the normal two-year cycle to fill a vacancy that occurs mid-term. This happens when a councillor, mayor, or president passes away, resigns, or is disqualified during their term.

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