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Mail Postal Votes this Week for the 2026 December Local Government Extraordinary Elections

The WA Electoral Commission (WAEC) is reminding voters to post their postal packs back this week for the local government districts holding extraordinary elections this December located in the Shire of Carnarvon, Shire of Coolgardie and Shire of Esperance.

Postal votes must be received by 6pm on Thursday 3 December to be counted in this election. With the deadline approaching, the WAEC encourages voters to post their postal package in the reply-paid envelope by the end of this week.

“This time of year can be busy for postal deliveries as we approach the Christmas holiday period, so it may take longer for your vote to reach us than usual. To ensure your vote is counted, we encourage voters to mail their postal packs by the end of this week,” said Dennis O’Reilly, WA Electoral Commissioner.

“Local governments make decisions that affect the communities they represent, from services around parking to playgrounds and green spaces. If you need a little more time to consider your vote or have missed the postal delivery deadline, remember you can return it in person to your local government office inside the reply-paid envelope.”

December Local Government Extraordinary Elections are being held on Thursday 3 December for the following shires:

- Shire of Carnarvon - Shire President, Town Ward, Gascoyne/Minilya Ward
- Shire of Coolgardie
- Shire of Esperance - Town Ward

Extraordinary elections are conducted to fill vacancies that arise outside of ordinary election cycles such as when a councillor resigns or is no longer eligible to serve.

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