

HAVE YOUR SAY

Local Government Ordinary Election
16 OCTOBER 2021

Who can vote in local government elections?

To be able to vote in the City of Greater Geraldton local government election, an elector will come from one of three groups of people eligible for enrolment:

1. Residents of the City of Greater Geraldton district who are:

- ✓ Enrolled on the State electoral roll for a residence in the City of Greater Geraldton.

A resident enrolled on the State roll will automatically be included on the electoral roll supplied to the City of Greater Geraldton by the West Australian Electoral Commission.

2. Non-Resident Owners or Occupiers of rateable property within the City of Greater Geraldton district who are:

- ✓ On the State or Commonwealth Government electoral roll for a residence **outside** of the City of Greater Geraldton District.

Non-resident owners or occupiers must apply for enrolment, they are not automatically enrolled.

3. Non-Resident Owners or Occupiers of rateable property within the City of Greater Geraldton district who are

- ✓ **Not** on the State or Commonwealth Government electoral roll (**not Australian citizens**) but who:
- ✓ Were enrolled on the last owners and occupiers roll for owners and occupiers prior to the introduction of the Local Government Act 1995; and have owned or occupied rateable property within the district continuously since the roll was prepared.

What is the closing date for enrolments?

The closing date for the electoral roll for this election is 5.00pm on 27 August 2021

How do I Enrol?

If you are **not** on the State electoral roll and meet the eligibility criteria to enrol please visit the enrolment page of the Western Australian Electoral Commission website. From this site you can download an enrolment form or enrol online.

Non-resident Owners

Non-resident owners of rateable property in the City of Greater Geraldton district may make an application for enrolment on the Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Form 2. If the application is successful the enrolment will continue for as long as they own the relevant property.



Non-resident Occupiers

Non-resident occupiers of rateable property, may make an application for enrolment on the *Enrolment Eligibility claim - Form 2*.

If the application is successful the enrolment will only operate for two ordinary elections before a new application needs to be made. Occupants will have six months after the second ordinary election to re-apply.

To be a non-resident occupier, a person must have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument. The right of continuous occupation must extend for a period of at least three months from the time the person claims enrolment.

More than two Non- Resident Owners/ Occupiers or Body Corporate

If property is owned or occupied by two or more people, two of the owners or occupiers may enrol (with the written agreement of a majority of the owners/ occupiers were there are three or more owners/ co-occupiers).

If the owner or occupier is a **body corporate**, one or two people can be nominated to enrol.

Individuals or corporate bodies may only be represented on the roll in one capacity that is as an owner or an occupier. If both capacities are available to an individual or a body corporate, the owner category would normally be chosen because of the longer term on the roll.

Application for Enrolment – Enrolment Eligibility Form 2

Applications for inclusion on the local government roll as an owner/ occupier are to be made on an Enrolment Eligibility Claim - Form 2 which is available on the City of Greater Geraldton website

www.cgg.wa.gov.au/your-council/news/forms.aspx

Forms are to be completed and to be lodged with the

City's Rates Revenue Team:

In Person: 63 Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton

Mail: City of Greater Geraldton, PO Box 101, Geraldton WA 6531

Email: council@cgg.wa.gov.au

To be able to vote at the election the application form 2 must reach and be accepted by the CEO no later than 50 days prior to the election.

If the application is rejected the applicant will be advised in writing.

What happens if I have more than one Property in the Electorate?

An individual may only appear once on the City of Greater Geraldton roll, regardless of the number of properties which they own or occupy.

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