



Shire of Leonora

Our Vision: *"That the Shire of Leonora is a proactive, sustainable, safe, friendly, and prosperous place to be."*

Local Government Elections – 2025

Local Government Elections are held every two years on the third Saturday in October with half the Council seats becoming vacant on a biennial rotation. The 2025 Shire of Leonora elections are to be conducted by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) on Saturday 18 October 2025.

To be eligible to vote in an upcoming election individuals need to ensure that they are on the electoral roll. For local government elections, rolls close at 5.00 pm, 50 days prior to polling day – Friday 22 August 2025. All electors should check their enrolment details are up to date before rolls close. The Shire of Leonora encourages everyone that is eligible to make their vote count by participating in the election.

If the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies, the candidate is elected unopposed. If there are more candidates than vacancies, then the election will proceed. For more detailed information visit: <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/elections/local>

A timeline of the 2025 Election is available [HERE](#).

Appointment of Returning Officer

The WAEC will appoint the Returning Officer, expected to be in August 2025, who is then responsible for the local government election once the nomination period opens. Contact details for the Returning Officer will be available via this page and on our website once the appointment has been made.

Prospective Candidates - Nominating for Council

Under the [Local Government Act 1995](#), to be eligible to nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must be:

- an elector of the district (residential or owner/occupier) and
- over 18 years of age.
- Not disqualified by anything below.

A person cannot nominate to be a candidate nor remain a Councillor if they:

- are a member of State or Federal Parliament
- are a member of the council of another local government
- are an insolvent under administration
- are in prison serving a sentence for a crime
- have been convicted of a serious local government offence within the last five years (unless the court waived the disqualification)

- have been convicted on indictment of an offence for which the indictable penalty was, or included:
 - imprisonment for life, or
 - imprisonment for more than five years
- are subject to a court order disqualifying them from being a member of a council because they have misapplied local government funds or property
- are a nominee of a body corporate
- propose standing for two positions on council (unless standing for mayor or president as well as Councillor)
- are currently disqualified by the State Administrative Tribunal from holding office as a member of a council.

Before nominating, all candidates must complete an online induction via the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety. Further information on what is involved in nominating and serving on Council is available via the Department's website [local government elections](#).

How to nominate

To nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must submit an application to the Returning Officer **BEFORE** the close of nominations consisting of:

- **a completed nomination form.**
- **a candidate profile** which must:
 - be in English
 - be no more than 1000 characters (including spaces)
 - not contain false, defamatory or misleading information
 - fit on an A4 page
 - include the candidate's full name and contact information
 - a photograph, no larger than passport-sized and taken in the last six months (optional).
- **a deposit of \$100**

Candidates may also provide a written statement in English, of up to 2,000 characters (including spaces) with their nomination paper (optional).

All nomination applications must be signed by the candidate in front of a witness.

The nomination application must be submitted to the Returning Officer during the nomination period.

As the Returning Officer may ask candidates to amend their nomination, it is recommended that candidates ensure they have allowed sufficient time to finalise any required changes before the close of nominations.

Code of Conduct: Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates

Once you have nominated for Council you are bound by [Code of Conduct - Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates](#) .