

SHIRE OF GOOMALLING

2021 Local Government Elections



Voting process for upcoming Council Elections

The Shire of Goomalling is having a Council Election for the second consecutive election. This article will explain the process from here on and explain how to vote in our election.

The poll is to elect three Councillors and we have four nominations for these positions. Council has elected to hold a voting in person election and this means that you will have to vote at the Shire Office. The election day is Saturday 16th October 2021, however electors can cast an early vote during normal office hours up until 4.00pm 15th October 2021.

To cast an early vote all you need to do is to ask at the front counter to do so. You will be asked for your name and address and be crossed off the roll. You can only vote once so if you vote early you will not be able to vote again on the 16th.

You will need to **place a tick** against the **three** candidates that you wish to vote for and no more. Don't number them or place letters in the boxes, just a tick against the four candidates you wish to vote for and no more. If more than three boxes are marked it is highly likely that your vote will be invalid.

After you have filled in your ballot paper just place it in the ballot box and you are done. It's a pretty simple process. Voting on the election day is pretty much the same and should only take a couple of minutes from start to finish. Always feel free to ask any questions about the process, however electoral officers can't handle your ballot paper or advise you regarding candidates or who to vote for.

On election day the office will be open from 8.00am until 6.00pm and counting will take place after the doors are closed. Candidates will be advised by text on the night of the result.

Voting in Council elections is not compulsory however it is your opportunity to ensure that the Candidates who best represent your interests are elected, so I encourage you all to vote.

The four candidates you will be able to vote for are (in order of the ballot paper):

CHESTER, Julie
CHESTER, Graham
BARRATT, Christine
ASHTON, Mark

Each of the two current Councillors who are re-nominating as well as the two new candidates, were required to supply a **Candidate Profile** to provide information to electors about their views and beliefs so that electors can make an informed choice when voting. These profiles are available on our website on

<https://www.goomalling.wa.gov.au/your-council/lq-elections.aspx> and are also displayed on the notice board at the front of the Shire Office.

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