

Council Election 2024

Candidate Information Request Register

Enquiry	Information Provided	Date information provided
Cut off date for nominations for the Council Election?	<p>As per the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) timeline, nominations open on Monday 9 September 2024 and close at 12 noon, Tuesday 17 September 2024. There are a number of requirements required to register for a candidate including Mandatory Training.</p> <p>We strongly recommend people considering becoming a candidate stay updated on the VEC website for updates and enquire with the Electoral Office at the earliest point.</p>	01 August 2024
Will preferential voting apply in the Council election?	The Victorian Electoral Commission has stated that preferential counts are used for single vacancy wards. Most preferential counts will be counted manually but some that have high enrolment and a high number of candidates may use a computer count. Preferential counts will be conducted only until an absolute majority has been reached.	01 August 2024
Can people only vote for candidates in the Ward they are voting in?	The 2024 local government elections will be conducted entirely by post, with all voters automatically receiving their ballot packs to their registered postal address. Their ballot will only allow them to vote for the candidates that have nominated in the Ward the voter is enrolled in.	01 August 2024
What happens if only one person nominates for a Ward?	The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) manages the election and declaring successful candidates. The VEC has indicated that a candidate will be declared elected if they receive an absolute	01 August 2024

	majority of votes. Given the voting is compulsory, it would be likely that if there was one nominee for a Ward they would receive an absolute majority.	
Why is it postal this year?	This is the second time a Local Government Election has occurred where the voting is undertaken entirely by post with the first being in 2020. To understand why this is the case, perhaps contact the Victorian Electoral Commission directly.	01 August 2024
Is there a maximum number of people who can nominate for a Ward?	We are not aware of any maximum number of nominees per Ward. Only one nominee can be successfully declared a Councillor based on the recently determined Single-Councillor Ward electoral system for Mildura Rual City Council.	04 August 2024
Is there a way of seeing who has nominated for particular wards before nominating to run there yourself?	Throughout the nomination period (9 September – 17 September), the Victorian Electoral Commission will record and publish updates to their website and display within the Electoral Office twice daily to advise the nominations received for each Ward.	07 August 2024
What happens if no-one nominates for a Ward?	The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has indicated that if no-one nominates for a Ward, this will result in a By-Election for that Ward. Further to this, the VEC has indicated that a By-Election would not occur until sometime in 2025.	02 September 2024