



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Shire of Merredin**

An Extraordinary Postal Election will be held on Friday, 15 March 2024 in the Shire of Merredin to fill the following vacancy:

District

1 Councillor

1 year term

Nominations Open on Wednesday, 24 January 2024

Nominations Close at 4.00pm Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer:

- at any time during the above period by arrangement; or
- between 2.00pm and 4.00pm Wednesday, 31 January 2024 (close of nominations) at the Shire of Merredin.

Nominations Requirements

Candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- a completed nomination in the prescribed form, signed and witnessed. This form is available from the Returning Officer or the Western Australian Electoral Commission (<http://www.elections.wa.gov.au/>),
- a single A4 page profile of not more than 1,000 characters (including spaces) containing information about the candidate;
- a nomination deposit of \$100 (cash, EFT, bank cheque or postal order);
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional);
- every candidate must have completed the online course titled *Local Government Candidate Induction*, available at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au, prior to nominating; and
- (optional) in addition to your A4 profile, you may provide additional information that you consider to be relevant to your candidature. This written statement must be not more than 2,000 characters (including spaces), must be in the English language and is for publication on the local government's official website.

The Commission has developed an online system called Nomination Builder to assist candidates to complete their nomination form which includes the candidate profile. This is the preferred method of completing the nomination form and profile for elections conducted by the Commission. Candidates complete their nomination details and profile, print the completed form which has a reference number allocated and lodge it with the Returning Officer. The nomination builder can be accessed via www.elections.wa.gov.au.

You cannot use Nomination Builder to prepare the additional information.

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate.

The documents may be hand delivered or posted to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations.

Information

Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, **Wendy PORTER** on 0461 398 778 or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.

ROBERT KENNEDY
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

