

2025 Local Government Elections

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the timing of Local Government Elections?

The next City of Belmont Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 18 October 2025. Local Government Elections are held every two years on the third Saturday in October.

The Mayor for the City of Belmont is elected every **four years** for a four-year term and was last elected in October 2023.

There are 8 Councillors in the City of Belmont and half are elected every two years to serve a term of four years.

Key Dates

City of Belmont Candidate Information Session	Tuesday 5 August 2025
WALGA (in conjunction with the Department of Local Government and WA Electoral Commission)	Monday 18 August 2025
Close of Electoral Roll	22 August 2025
Nominations Open	28 August 2025
Nominations Close	4 September 2025
Polling Day (Election Day)	18 October 2025

Candidates in the 2025 October Election

On 18 October 2025, the City of Belmont will hold elections for all wards. There will be one position available in each of Central, East and West wards and two positions in South Ward. For the South Ward election, one vacancy will be for a four year term and one for a two year term. This is to bring the ward in line with other wards so that there will not be a double vacancy at an election ensuring continuity.

Current Elected Members whose term expires in 2025.

The following elected members' terms expire in 2025, and they are eligible for re-election:

Vacant (South)–

Cr Jenny Davis (South)

Cr Deborah Sessions (West)

Cr George Sekulla (Central)

Cr Bernie Ryan (East)

When do nominations for candidates open and close?

Nominations for candidates open 51 days prior to the election day and remain open for a period of 7 days.

Who can be a candidate?

Anyone who;

1. is on the City of Belmont Electoral Roll as a resident or
2. is a non-resident owner or occupier of a rateable property within the City can be a candidate.

Nominees of a corporate body cannot stand for council. Further detail on who is qualified to be a candidate is outlined in section 2.19 to 2.24 of the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)* and on the Department of Local Government, Sporting and Cultural Industries [website](#).

Enrolment

Who is entitled to vote?

Residents are entitled to vote provided that they are on the State electoral Roll for the City of Belmont. People outside the City who have a valid eligibility claim for a rateable property within the district or ward can also vote.

The roll for the election consists of:

- Individuals who live in the City of Belmont district and who are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll for that residential address within the City of Belmont (the Resident's Roll)
- Non-resident owners (residential and commercial) and occupiers (commercial) of rateable property in the City of Belmont who have an approved current application for the City of Belmont Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Roll (Owners and Occupiers Roll)

What is the Residents' Roll.

Those residents who live in the City of Belmont and are enrolled at that City of Belmont address on the State Electoral Roll are automatically enrolled on the Resident's Roll for local government elections.

What is the Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Roll?

Owners, occupiers or corporate bodies who own or occupy rateable property within the City may apply or nominate people (corporate bodies) to be on the Non-Residents Owners and Occupiers Roll, providing that they are on the State or Federal electoral roll for a residence

outside the City of Belmont and meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*. To be eligible to vote they must apply to the City and be accepted by the City as eligible.

What is Non-resident Owner?

A non-resident owner is a person who owns rateable property within the City of Belmont or a ward but lives at and is enrolled on the State or Federal Electoral Roll at another address outside the City of Belmont or outside that ward. For example, you may live and be enrolled on the State roll at an address in South Ward but own property in East Ward. You are eligible to apply to be on the roll as a non-resident owner for East Ward.

What is a Non-resident Occupier?

A non-resident occupier is a person or a nominee of a body corporate that leases or occupies rateable commercial property within the ward or district and satisfies the requirements of the Act. To be eligible to be on the roll as a non-resident occupier (person or body corporate nominee) the following must be satisfied:

- A) The person or corporate nominee is on the State or Federal Electoral roll outside the ward/district for which they are claiming a right to vote for; and
- B) The lease must have been in place for a period of 12 months prior to the application and continue for a period of three months after; and
- C) A minimum square metre area has been leased; and
- D) A minimum rent has been paid for the premises; and
- E) The premises must be able to be secured and be for exclusive use .

Further information on what is a body corporate is available on the Department of Local Government website (www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au) and the [Owner and Occupiers Operational Guideline](#).

When is the last day that people can enrol to vote in the election?

ROLL CLOSE 5pm Friday 22/8/2025

People must be enrolled on the State Electoral Roll at their residential address within the City of Belmont by 5pm on the day on which the rolls close for the local government election. This date will be set closer to the date of election but is usually mid to late August. Enrolments and changes to enrolments can be made via the Western Australian Electoral Commission website (www.elections.wa.gov.au) or phone 13 63 06.

Individuals and body corporates that own property or occupy commercial premises may enrol or nominees on behalf of companies may enrol on the owners and occupiers roll until 5pm on the close of enrolments day.

Enrolment Forms

Enrolment forms may be obtained from the Department of Local Government Sporting And Cultural Industries.

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/departments/publications/publication/owners-and-occupiers-roll>

The following forms are required dependant on situation

Owners require:

People:	1-2 owners	Form 2A must be completed
	2 or more owners	Form 2A and Form 2C must be completed

Body Corporate

1-2 Owners	Nominees must each complete form 2A and Company complete Form 2D
3 or more	Forms 2A, Form 2C and Form 2D to be completed

For Occupiers of commercial property

People:	1-2 owners	Form 2B must be completed
	2 or more owners	Form 2B and Form 2C must be completed

Body Corporate

1-2 Owners	Nominees must each complete form 2B and body corporate complete Form 2D
3 or more	Forms 2B, Form 2C and Form 2D to be completed

What is the voting entitlement per person or property?

A person may only have their name on the roll once for each ward regardless of the number of properties owned or occupied.

For the Mayoral election, a person is only entitled to vote once regardless if they are on the roll for the multiple wards. This is because the Mayoral election is for the whole of the district.

The Election

Who conducts the election?

Historically the City of Belmont decides to conduct the election as a postal vote and appoint the WA Electoral Commissioner to run the election.

Is voting compulsory

No

Is early or absent or electronic voting available

No. If you are going to be away and wish to vote you need to arrange for your postal ball papers to be forwarded to you from your enrolled address.

When must ballot papers be returned

To be counted in the election all ballot papers must be received by 6pm on the day of the election (18 October 2025). If posting you must allow time for the ballot to be received by the Electoral Commission by the Friday before. IF less than a week to election day it is recommended that you hand deliver your ballot paper to the City of Belmont Administration Centre. A ballot box is available at the front counter.

What if I have not received, lost or damaged my ballot papers

Election packages are posted to all electors approximately 3 weeks prior to the election day. If you have not received your election papers or if you have lost or damaged you may attend the City of Belmont Administration Office where a WAEC representative can assist. You must attend in person