

Make Your Mark

Tasmanian Local

Government Elections 2022



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VOTE LOCAL

2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

About this paper



This paper is written in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



Some words are written in **blue**.
We explain what these words mean.



This paper is about voting in Local Council
Elections in October 2022.

Your right to vote



People with disability can vote in any federal, state or local government election.

You must vote in local government elections



There have been changes to the **Local Government Act 1993**

the **Local Government Act** is a law

The changes mean voting is now **compulsory**
compulsory is when you have to do something.

You **must** vote if

- You are 18 years or older
- You are an Australian citizen



If you usually vote in elections your name is already on a list called the Electoral Roll.

So, your name will now go on the Local Government list for the area where you live.



The electoral roll is now closed

If you are not on the electoral roll already, you **do not** vote in this election.



To check if you are on the electoral roll, go online

<https://check.aec.gov.au/>



or

ring 132326

Who represents you?

Tasmania has 29 councils across the state.



Each council holds elections for

- Councillors
- Mayor and
- Deputy Mayor



A council has between 7 and 12 councillors.
This includes the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.



They are all elected for four years.



Use this link to see who represents you in the local government area where you live

<https://www.tec.tas.gov.au/Services/MyReps/Index.php>

Voting is by postal vote



The election is by **postal vote** only

postal vote means you get the **ballot papers** in the mail



ballot papers are the forms you fill out to vote.

You fill out the ballot papers and post them back.

When do you vote?



Voting opens on Monday 3 October.



You get a **ballot pack** in the mail.

It comes between the **3 and 7 October**

The **ballot pack** is an envelope with everything you need to vote.

What to do when the postal ballot pack arrives



- Open the envelope

Inside the envelope is

- 3 ballot papers
- a ballot paper envelope
- a **reply paid** envelope
reply paid means you do not need a stamp

- a booklet with information from each **candidate**
candidate is a person standing for Council.



You can ask someone to help you read this.
A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

How to return your vote



- Fill out the ballot papers
- Put them in the ballot paper envelope
- Put the ballot paper envelope in the reply paid envelope
- Post it before **2pm on Tuesday 25 October.**



This is when voting closes.

Where to go if you need help



If you need help to fill out the ballot papers, contact the Tasmanian Electoral Commission

03 6208 8700 or

1800 801 701 or



email ballot.box@tec.tas.gov.au

You can also get help from

- Your local Neighbourhood Centre
- Library
- 26TEN

For more information on elections

Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC)

www.tec.tas.gov.au/

Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)

www.aec.gov.au

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