



August 2023

SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS

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YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



From the Shire President: Pauline Bantock



Council is pleased to see the adoption of the 23-24 budget via a unanimous decision at the July Council Meeting. A large amount of work has been put into the budget preparations, giving Council a clear position and vision for the road ahead.

I look forward to joining the Shire's Management Team to showcase our budget plans via our community budget presentations. I really encourage you to come along to a presentation event.

Council has approved a large capital works program totalling \$8,879,057, a 24% increase from the 22/23 budget to address program slippage.

\$7,200,780 in Road Construction

\$227,000 Land and Buildings

\$978,274 Plant and Equipment

\$47,000 Furniture and Equipment

\$426,003 Other Infrastructure

The shire has been extremely proactive in seeking grant funding to reduce the burden on the rate base, this includes.

\$3,714,216 Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network

\$1,020,991 plus \$556,974 in Aglime Route funding

\$285,320 Blackspot Funding

\$381,412 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Ph 4

\$220,007 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Ph 4B

\$624,422 Roads to Recovery (includes carry over funding)

\$615,943 Regional Road Group (RRG)

\$230,785 E-waste grant

\$89,667 Piawaning Desalination Project

In the lead up to the new Budget, Council also undertook a review of our rating strategy. The Shire has now implemented differential rating for Mining. The objective of the strategy is to generate revenue to support the large investment made in roads and road drainage infrastructure to service mining activities and reflects the extra maintenance required to ensure a minimum level of serviceability above that normally required.

Our Shire Staff are proud to release the rate guide and package. You will find more information about the budget in your package, along with handy guides on bushfire safety and an updated business and community directory.

I would like to thank our community for guiding Council through the budget process. It's your input into the Shire's community strategic plan which helps direct our priorities and future vision.

Kind Regards,

Cr. Pauline Bantock
Shire President

From the Chief Executive Officer: Sean Fletcher



In my last article, I mentioned the local government elections for the Shire, which, all being well, will be held on Saturday 21, October 2023. Further to what the Shire has advertised so far regarding the election, I can provide some further information:

OPTIONAL PREFERENTIAL VOTING

How to vote under the optional preferential voting system

It is really easy and it is all about choices – your choices. Just imagine there are three candidates. You can:

- 1 Vote for just one candidate**
Just put a number 1 next to the name of that candidate.
 SMITH, John
 1 DOE, Jane
 CITIZEN, Neville
- 2 Vote for some**
Just put a 1 next to the name of the candidate you like best and a 2 next to your second choice.
 SMITH, John
 1 DOE, Jane
 2 CITIZEN, Neville
- 3 Vote for all**
Put a 1 in the box for the candidate you like best and then a 2 for your second choice and a 3 for your third choice. If there are more candidates you just keep numbering if you want.
 3 SMITH, John
 1 DOE, Jane
 2 CITIZEN, Neville

Optional preferential voting means you are not required to provide all preferences in casting your vote.

Benefits

Optional preferential voting means that to be elected you need to either achieve a majority of votes in the count for a single vacancy or a quota of votes where there is more than one vacancy to be filled. As a result, the candidates elected are more representative of the majority of voters.

Under the current first-past-the-post voting system candidates have been elected with as little as 4.71% of the vote.

Councils will be more representative of the majority of voters with greater opportunities for a diversity of representation and views on council.

Election process impacts

The process of the election will remain the same, the key difference being how you complete your vote on your ballot paper, instead of ticking a box or boxes, you will number a box or boxes.

Multiple vacancy elections under optional preferential voting will require additional steps where preferences need to be distributed.

The Shire for this election is using the CountWA computer system as the Western Australian Electoral Commission is conducting our election.

How-to-vote cards

As with current state and federal elections, it's the candidate's decision to issue a how-to-vote card as part of their election campaign.

Swapping of preferences

There will be no 'group voting tickets' in this voting system.

A candidate could suggest preferences for another candidate on their campaign material. However, it is ultimately you as the voter who decide where, if anywhere, you want your preferences to go.

Continued on from the Chief Executive Officer: Sean Fletcher

Single vacancy elections

Under the optional preferential voting system, a candidate will need the support of a majority of voters to be elected. In order to achieve this, if no candidate has a majority of the first preferences, the lowest placed candidate would be eliminated and their preferences would be distributed to the voter's next most preferred candidate. This is the same allocation of preferences that occurs in elections for the Legislative Assembly and House of Representatives.

As a result, the elected candidate is the most preferred candidate of a majority of voters.

Multiple vacancy elections

Where the election is for a two or more councillors, under the optional preferential voting system, the councillors elected will be representative of a proportion of the vote by achieving a quota of vote. This is the same as elections for the Legislative Council and Senate. Where a candidate has more votes than this quota, their excess votes will be distributed at a reduced value according to their voter preferences, if any. Likewise, if no candidate has met the quota, the lowest placed candidate is eliminated and their voter preferences are then given to the next most preferred candidate, if any.

For example, where four councillors need to be elected, the quota for election is 20%+1 of the vote. This means that the councillors that are elected will be representative of 80% of voters preferences.

As a result, councils will be more representative of a wider range of community views.

SOME MATTERS TO NOTE RE THE ELECTION PROCESS

Returning Officer

As the Shire is using the WA Electoral Commission, a returning officer has been appointed to run the election. I would expect the returning officer to be available for candidates and to provide other information towards the end of August.

Caretaker Policy

The Shire has in place a caretaker policy. From next year, a caretaker period will be applicable to all local governments throughout WA. For the Shire, the caretaker period commences from the close of candidate nominations, which is Thursday 7 September 2023.

During this time, significant decisions cannot be made. Some examples include:

- Engaging in matters regarding the CEO;
- Committing to undertake significant expenditure or actions, that in the CEO's opinion are significant to the Shire's operations, strategic objectives or have a significant impact on the community. Significant expenditure means expenditure that exceeds the Shire's Budget material variances which are 10% or \$10,000;
- Adopting or significantly changing a policy, service or service level;
- Planning matters;
- Matters regarding an emergency are exempt.

Candidate Information Session

A candidate information webinar is being held on Monday, 14 August 2023 at 6PM. A link for registration to attend the webinar can be found on the Shire's website election's page.

Kind Regards,

Sean Fletcher

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Victoria Plains

From the Deputy Chief Executive Officer: Colin Ashe



It has been a year since I joined the Shire of Victoria Plains and whilst there has been some challenges, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time thus far. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team for the support and 'can do' attitude. We had a team meeting recently and this was a time of reflection on what they have achieved

in a relatively short time (over 70 task outcomes), some could argue were relatively easy to complete, others required significant effort. Two aspects I reinforced;

- The small stuff may seem trivial but very important to re-establish trust and community engagement.
- This all culminates into the strategic direction council and management are trying to achieve meaning everything we do has a strategic implication.

I would also like to thank the management team in particular the CEO – he has been very supportive and together with the Works and Services Manager and Principal Building Surveyor, not only do we get on pretty well, but I think we make a formidable team.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The shire finished in a healthy position financially given we started off with a budget deficit of (\$192,160), this is not unusual for local governments though we always strive for a balanced or smaller surplus or deficit. The preliminary actual financial statements figures indicate a small deficit but will not be finalised until we complete all the accounting adjustments, have the statements audited which has commenced and auditors planned on site visit in Oct 23. A snapshot of the capital works we did complete / expend included:

Activity	Cost (\$)	Status
Plant Replacement Program	686,485	Complete
Gillingarra - New Norcia Road - Reseal	61,835	Complete
Glentromie - Yerecoin Road - Reseal	95,823	Complete
Old Plains Road Vegetation Control Project	179,402	Complete
Piawaning Waddington Road Vegetation Control Project	52,774	Complete
Calingiri Landfill Rear Fence	48,080	Complete
Mogumber Tip Fencing	40,820	Complete
Yerecoin Sewerage Inspection Hatch x 2	52,750	Complete
Bolgart Caravan Park Toilet Block	187,854	Incomplete C/F 23-24
Oval Renovation	20,136	Complete

ADMINISTRATION:

As per the budget 23-24, rate notices were issued on the 01 Aug 23 for payment date (in full or instalment on the 05 Sep 23). Please contact the shire if you experience hardship in making payment. The shire has a hardship policy which includes full confidentiality and we will be able to work out a payment plan if required.

Department of Transport licencing is in full swing again and the first audit / health check was undertaken on Friday 4 Aug 23. There are some administrative matters we may need to address upon receiving the report but there were no showstoppers to be aware of. So far we have had a steady increase in transactions and I thank you for your patience when visiting. Whilst the team is still learning, ultimately there is still only one terminal to conduct transactions and often the connection seems to be slow – this is being looked into.

Some internal promotions has triggered the employment of a new Customer Service Officer – watch this space for the coming player profile!

Continued on from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer: Colin Ashe

BUDGET ADOPTION:

This time last year (well actually a month later) the budget 22-23 was adopted and the shire embarked on an ambitious capital project plan which in hindsight, was too ambitious but did have some mitigation factors such as significant cost escalation of up to 50% which the shire simply could not afford. Some of the reasons for this was just coming out of COVID so demand was high, limited resources of contractors and general inflation factors which we have all experienced. The 23-24 is a little more measured as management now has a year under its belt of corporate knowledge and what can realistically be achieved.

There are still some unknown factors which may prevent a full achievement of strategic outcomes but we would rather plan in a positive and optimistic light rather than the opposite.

A snapshot of some of the capital activities include:

Activity	Budget (\$)
Land and Buildings incl. Mogumber Hall Roof	227,000
Plant Replacement \$978,274 Including:	
Oval Pump System	65,000
13T 6 Wheel Tip Truck	270,000
Bobcat / Forest Mulcher	187,274
Animal Pound / Shelter	35,000
Road Construction \$7,200,780 including:	
Mogumber-Yarawindah	
Calingiri - New Norcia Road Intersection	
Toodyay - Bindi Bindi Rd	
Wongan, Calingiri- Carami East Road	
Other Infrastructure including:	
E-Waste Transfer Station	246,260
Piawaning Desalination Bore / Plant	128,095

A community budget presentation has been planned and will be advertised shortly where additional details will be provided.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

As part of my role, I'm hoping to take half a step backward in the finance aspects since whilst there is still some work to be done, my team are more confident and have always been very capable of starting to drive some of these operational outcomes. Consequently the CEO has tasked me to engage on more strategic areas such as the Recreational Management including Gym aspects and some Community Development activities (and Grants) to align with the Strategic Community Plan. I look forward to the community and stakeholder engagement during 23-24 which will provide a launching pad to implement for 24-25.

Last but not least (well kinda least or last!) I was very disappointed North Melbourne didn't get up against the WCE. A big game for battle of the wooden spoon, we may still get the No1 draft pick yet though!

Kind Regards,

Colin Ashe

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

From the Community Development Officers: Kim Stripe and Katrina Humphries



The Art Trail Project is underway and together with our neighboring Shire of Goomalling we hope to have a brochure for a self-drive Art Experience ready for the whole of September.

On the events front, thanks to Jo Drayton, Jordyn Drayton and Jessica Daniels from Holyoake Suicide Prevention Project, The Calingiri Netball Club had 65 seniors to feed a hearty "Christmas in July" hot dinner.

Holyoake provided the Funding for the event and presented Entertainment and great tips.

The fantastic food was cooked and served by the Calingiri Netball Club who also decorated the Pavilion and chose the prizes. It was appreciated by all, there was nothing but positive feedback.



Kind Regards,
Kim Stripe and Katrina Humphries
Community Development Officer

From the Manager—Works and Services: Silvio Brenzi



The Works team have been busy working on completing external works at the Bolgart Caravan Park ablution block completing concrete paths and installing the shelter back over the BBQ. The Parks guys have also been installing new irrigation ready for instant turf to follow in the coming weeks.

The Calingiri Tip has had its external fence completed and staff have done a pick up of the external rubbish to clean up wind blown debris. It is unfortunate that on two occasions, someone has cut the new fence to gain access. This has required us to place cameras to determine who the culprit is if this occurs again.

Similar issues at Mogumber outside the tip has resulted in additional work and contamination of the environment outside the new fence.



Capital work has also commenced at Carani East/ Wongan Hills Rd to re-align the intersection through Blackspot funding. This will include some further works on vegetation on the Wongan Rd to increase visibility of oncoming traffic from the east. This will be in conjunction with Main Roads WA, as this is a road managed by the State.

Other works include grading of Yenart, Old Plains and Gouge Roads and various locations have had signage repairs and replacements.

Kind regards,

Silvio Brenzi

Manager - Works and Services



Hon. Roger Cook MLA
Premier



Hon. Dr. Tony Buti MLA
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs



Hon. John Quigley MLA
Attorney General

Laws overturned: Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation replaced

- Cook Government listens to community feedback and reverses decision
- Original *Aboriginal Heritage Act of 1972* to be restored, with simple amendments
- The new legislation went too far, was too prescriptive and complicated
- Common sense to drive Aboriginal cultural heritage protection
- All additional obligations placed on landowners in 2021 Act to be removed

After serious consideration and consultation, the Cook Government will repeal Aboriginal cultural heritage laws and restore the original *Aboriginal Heritage Act of 1972*, with simple and effective amendments to help prevent another Juukan Gorge incident.

Following public workshops, education sessions, and consultation with key stakeholders and the implementation group, important amendments to the original *Aboriginal Heritage Act* will be introduced to Parliament, to strike the right balance and end confusion.

The decision to revert to the original laws – which had been in place for 50 years – draws on legal advice from the Solicitor-General, with the addition of vital amendments to deliver a common sense approach and help prevent another incident like Juukan Gorge.

The *Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023* will provide confidence to all WA property owners that they can continue to operate on their property, just like they have for the past 50 years, without any fear of committing an offence by unknowingly disrupting cultural heritage.

The exemptions which were introduced as part of the 2021 laws will no longer be required under the restored 1972 legislation, as every landowner is equal, and the changes announced impose no new burden on landowners before undertaking activities on their land.

The critical amendments to the restored legislation from 1972 include:

- The newly formed Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Council will take on the role of the Committee established under the 1972 Act to make recommendations to the Minister;
- Proponents and Native Title parties will have the same right of review for Section 18 decisions, with clear timelines and an ability for the Premier to call-in a decision of 'State significance', to act in the interests of all Western Australians; and
- When a Section 18 has been approved, making it a requirement for the owner to notify the Minister of any new information about an Aboriginal site – an important reform to help prevent another Juukan Gorge.

There will be no requirement on everyday landowners to conduct their own heritage survey.

The State Government will commence a long-term plan over the next ten years to undertake heritage surveys of unsurveyed areas in high priority areas of the State, with the consent of

landowners. Surveys will be centrally held and published by Government, and available to view by all land users.

The cost recovery model introduced for proponents who need to submit a management plan to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Council, will also be replaced with a fairer and simpler model, to be established with industry in coming weeks.

The concept of Local Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services will not continue, instead support will be provided to existing relevant Native Title groups, including the relevant prescribed body corporate, registered claimants or native title representative bodies, to improve capacity.

The work of the implementation group – consisting of representatives from industries such as mining, property, farming and agriculture, as well as local government, Aboriginal corporations and the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Council – will continue to ensure a smooth transition back to the renewed 1972 legislation.

Comments attributed to Premier Roger Cook:

“The Juukan Gorge tragedy was a global embarrassment, but our response was wrong, we took it too far, unintentionally causing stress, confusion and division in our community.

“I’ve been the Premier for eight weeks now, and it’s obvious that we need to make changes, restore confidence in our cultural heritage system and get the balance right.

“The complicated regulations, the burden on landowners and the poor rollout of the new laws have been unworkable for all members of our community – and for that, I am sorry.

“The original intent of the legislative change nearly two years ago, was to prevent another Juukan Gorge – and my Government will deliver on that commitment.

“As Premier, I will always lead a Government that listens, and governs in the interests of all Western Australians – we are here to help and to deliver responsible government.

“WA is home to some of the world’s oldest known Aboriginal cultural heritage, we want to preserve this into the future, and ensure Western Australians can continue to live their lives and reach their full potential.

“We got the balance wrong, what we did hasn’t worked – it’s vital we manage cultural heritage in a common sense manner, so we can move forward together as a community.”

Comments attributed to Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tony Buti:

“We’ve listened to the concerns raised and taken the time to assess its impact and find a way forward that is fair, reasonable and responsible.

“The Juukan Gorge tragedy occurred because new information about the caves was not disclosed and with our important amendments to the 1972 legislation, we will ensure it can never happen again.

“The Section 18 process will be strengthened – with these changes mainly impacting miners and Government, whose work most impacts cultural heritage.

“As Aboriginal Affairs Minister, it is pleasing that our amendments to Section 18 provide Traditional Owners with the same rights of appeal as those afforded to proponents.

“Also, our amendments to the 1972 Act, will expressly make it clear that ‘gag orders’ which constrain Traditional Owners will be unlawful.

“Australian Aboriginal culture is one of the world’s oldest continuing cultures dating back at least 60,000 years – cultural heritage is central to the health and vitality of Aboriginal communities – and these amendments to our existing laws will protect it forever.”

Comments attributed to Attorney General John Quigley:

“For more than fifty years the *Aboriginal Heritage Act of 1972* performed an important role to protect cultural heritage and with some simple amendments, we can be sure that heritage will be protected into the future and provide clarity and certainty for the whole community.

“By repealing the 2021 legislation it means all the extra burdens and obligations placed on landowners have now been removed.

“This means that all landowners, be they freehold, leasehold, licensee, invitee or citizen, at large have one simple obligation: that is to not knowingly damage an Aboriginal cultural heritage site, which has been the law since 1972.

“For the first time ever, Traditional Owners will have a right of appeal under Aboriginal cultural heritage laws in Western Australia.”

Media contact: David Cooper 0448 324 980

St John the Baptist Anglican Church Calingiri

Welcome ALL to attend the last service.

Sunday 29th October 2023 11 am

Held by Reverend Rae

The Church Building will be Deconsecrated on 19th November 2023

There will be an afternoon tea held at 2 pm





WHAT'S ON AT CPS

Term 3 is underway at Calingiri Primary School. Here are some of the fun things we have been up to.

We have welcomed Miss Rachel Johnson to our school as the new senior room teacher. We are so excited to have you with us



Cross Country

Reminder: School Council Annual Public Meeting, 6th September, 6pm in the school Library

KINDY ENROLMENTS

Kindy enrolments are open for 2024. If your child will be 4 years old by 30 June 2024, enrol them with our school now.

Call into the school office for more information



Music Fest 2023

We are looking for a Gardener - Handyperson

Level 2, \$1,094.80 - \$1,112.60 (pro-rata) per week (GS (Misc.) GA 2023)
Advertised Vacancy Number: SS/SS829424

This is a sixteen (16) month fixed term, part-time (0.5FTE) position commencing Term 3, 2023 with possible extension and/or permanency.

Applications are completed online via Jobs WA - search for jobs in Calingiri.

For further information, please contact Jonelle at the school office on 96288 500 or via email - calingiri.ps@education.wa.edu.au





Yerecoin Primary School

Our School Captain (Aaron) and Vice Captain (Austin) attended the National Young Leaders' Day at the Perth Convention Centre. They learnt a variety of leadership skills, heard keynote speakers and met students from other schools.



VPSSA Cross Country

KINDY ENROLMENTS

Kindy enrolments are open for 2024. If your child will be 4 years old by 30th June 2024, enrol them with our school now. For more information, please call Admin on 9653 2300.



Visiting musicians: "Taking Shape".



BOLGART PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS



EAGLES CUP

Our first outing for the annual Eagles Cup Competition was held on Friday 16th June. We piled into Mrs Edgar's and Miss King's vehicles and headed up the road to Calingiri. Being first to arrive we spent some time flexing our muscles by doing chin-up's on the football field dug out. Levi was the absolute champion of this. His motocross riding has helped him to develop lots of upper body strength!

Finally the other schools arrived and we got into the business of the day. The football students conducted themselves well and were confident in using the skills Jarrod had taught them throughout the term. The games were competitively played and the winners at the end of the round were well pleased with their efforts.

The netball competition was also a fiercely fought competition. Students played in various positions during the tournament thus gaining a good feel for the game. Although the weather was inclement this didn't dampen the enthusiasm displayed by the competitors at all.

Well done everyone, you should be very pleased and proud of your achievements. You represented our school with pride and displays of great sportsmanship!

Miss King



LOST MEDAL



A WWI RETURN SOLDIERS MEDAL WAS FOUND AT A SALT LAKE NEAR LAKE WANNAMAL MOGUMBER, THE PERSON WHO FOUND THE MEDAL IS SEEKING INFORMATION ON WHO MAY HAVE MISPLACED IT. IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEA ON WHO WAS POSSIBLY FARMING IN THE AREA AT THAT TIME CAN YOU PLEASE CALL MARIE ON (08) 9628 7004. IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEA ON WHO WAS POSSIBLY FARMING IN THE AREA AT THAT TIME CAN YOU PLEASE CALL MARIE ON (08) 9628 7004.

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Bolgart Primary School P&C Association—C10324137

Mogumber Outback Club—C10671492

Gillingarra Sport & Recreation Club—C10291910



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2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CANDIDATE WEBINAR - 14 AUGUST

Are you passionate about your local community?

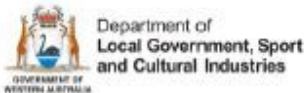
Learn more about the role and responsibilities of a Local Government Councillor in this free, practical forum for potential candidates.

The WA Local Government Association will host a free online Webinar for people interested in standing to be a Councillor in the October 2023 Local Government elections.

When: 14 August 2023
Time: Commencing 6pm

What: a motivating and informative interactive chat, to encourage people from all walks of life to stand for their local Council.

Once you have registered you will receive information on how to join the webinar on 14 August.



[Register here](#)



ANNUAL WONGAN HILLS RAM SALE

(AT WONGAN HILLS SPORTSGROUND)

THURSDAY 14th September, 2023

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SALE COMMENCES 1.00 PM SHARP

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Shires of Victoria Plains and Goomalling



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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION
CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS
Shire of Victoria Plains
ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023**

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 21 October 2023 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Victoria Plains.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Enrolment Forms

You can enrol or update your details online, or download an enrolment form, via the Western Australian Electoral Commission website (www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol). Forms are also available from the Australian Electoral Commission (www.aec.gov.au). Enrolments and updates must be completed and received by 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Victoria Plains and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are not on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Victoria Plains you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Victoria Plains prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact your local government for details. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Victoria Plains to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only

Enrolment forms can be obtained from local governments and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00 PM Friday, 25 August 2023. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Victoria Plains.

ROBERT KENNEDY
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
13 63 06



**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
Electoral Commission**

AUGUST 2023

Important Dates:

23rd August – Ordinary Council Meeting

25th August – Newsletter Submission Cutoff

Ordinary Council Meeting
23rd August 2023
Commencing at 2:00pm in the Calingiri Council Chambers

Shire Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday 9am-4:00pm
Alternate Wednesday 10am-4:00pm

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Department of Transport

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Alternate Wednesday
10am-3:00pm



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