

# Towong Shire Council postal election

Your council, your vote



## You must be enrolled to vote

A general election will be held for Towong Shire Council in October 2020. To be able to vote in the election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**. Two categories of voters can be enrolled to vote in the Towong Shire Council election: State-enrolled voters and Council-enrolled voters.

### State-enrolled voters

#### Am I enrolled to vote?

You are automatically enrolled for this election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- you live in Towong Shire **AND**
- you are on the State electoral roll for your current address.

#### You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- you live in Towong Shire and you are not on the State electoral roll **OR**
- you have lived at your current residential address within Towong Shire for at least a month and have not yet updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

#### How do I enrol?

You can enrol online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

You can also download an enrolment form from the website.

All enrolment applications must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**.

#### How can I check my State enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) at any time, or call 1300 805 478.

### Council-enrolled voters

#### Am I enrolled to vote?

To be a Council-enrolled voter, you must be:

- 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- not a State-enrolled voter within Towong Shire.

You are automatically enrolled for this election if you were enrolled as a non-resident owner at the most recent election for your local area. This includes any by-elections held since the last general election.

If your circumstances have changed since the most recent election and you are no longer a non-resident owner of that property, you will not be automatically enrolled for this election. Depending on your circumstances, you may still be eligible to apply to be enrolled as a Council-enrolled voter.

#### Who else can enrol & vote?

You may also apply to enrol if:

- you have purchased a rateable property in Towong Shire since the last election or by-election and you are not automatically enrolled **OR**
- you are not an Australian citizen and you live in, and pay rates for, a property within Towong Shire **OR**
- you pay rates on a property you occupy in Towong Shire, for example you are a shop tenant and pay rates to the Council for the tenancy, and you have no other voting entitlement within Towong Shire **OR**
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates to Towong Shire Council and you have no other voting entitlement within Towong Shire.

### How do I apply to be a Council-enrolled voter?

If you meet any of the mentioned criteria and wish to enrol, contact Towong Shire Council on (02) 6071 5100 for a council enrolment form. Council enrolment forms must be received by the Council by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**.

### How can I check if I am Council-enrolled?

You can check your enrolment details by contacting the Council on (02) 6071 5100.

### Thinking about standing for election?

Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate for Towong Shire Council, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Towong Shire Council **AND**
- be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected **AND**
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

For further information, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

## Enrolment closes

# 4 pm Friday 28 August

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

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