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Check mailbox for your local government voting package

Western Australians are urged to check their letterboxes for local government voting packages which are being sent out from this week.

“Local government election ballots are being sent out from this week,” said Electoral Commissioner Robert Kennedy. “So check your mailbox for your voting package and make your vote count. Remember, your ballot must be mailed in by 6pm on 21 October.

“If your local government is doing an in-person election, you can vote in person on Saturday 21 October, vote early or apply to your local government for a postal vote.”

With the Federal Voice Referendum being held around the same time, Mr Kennedy urged people to keep materials separate for the two elections.

“When you’re voting by post in local government elections, make sure you don’t put any Voice Referendum materials in the envelope. Keep voting materials separate to make sure your vote is counted.”

[Learn more about the 2023 local government elections.](#)

Fast facts

- WA Electoral Commission is conducting in-person elections for the following local governments: Shire of Broome, Town of Cambridge, Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Shire of Cranbrook, Shire of Derby/West Kimberley, Shire of East Pilbara, Shire of Menzies, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.
- This year local government elections in WA will move from first-past-the-post to optional preferential voting.
- Under the optional preferential voting system, number candidates in the order of your preference (1,2,3 etc). You don’t have to number all the boxes if you don’t want to.

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