# South Gippsland Shire Council postal election

Your council, your vote



# You must be enrolled to vote

A general election will be held for South Gippsland Shire Council in October 2021. To be able to vote in the election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at 4 pm on Friday 27 August 2021. Two categories of voters can be enrolled to vote in the South Gippsland 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 23 October 2021 AND
- you live in South Gippsland 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 23 October 2021 **AND**
- you live in South Gippsland Shire and you are not on the State electoral roll OR
- you have lived at your current residential address within South Gippsland 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

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 27 August 2021.

# How can I check my State enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at **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 23 October 2021 AND
- not a State-enrolled voter within South Gippsland 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.

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 South Gippsland 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 South Gippsland Shire OR
- you pay rates on a property you occupy in South Gippsland 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 South Gippsland Shire OR
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates to South Gippsland Shire Council and you have no other voting entitlement within South Gippsland Shire.

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

If you meet any of the mentioned criteria and wish to enrol, contact South Gippsland Shire Council on (03) 5662 9200 for a council enrolment form. Council enrolment forms must be received by the Council by the close of roll at **4 pm** on **Friday 27 August 2021**.

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

You can check your enrolment details by contacting the Council on (03) 5662 9200.

# Thinking about standing for election?

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

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for South Gippsland 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

# Enrolment closes 4 pm Friday 27 August

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at **vec.vic.gov.au** 

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