Vote by post this October

Voting
Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the Surf Coast Shire Council election from Tuesday 6 October 2020. Return your completed ballot material by mail ASAP or hand-deliver it to the Election Manager by the close of voting at 6 pm on Friday 23 October 2020.

If you will be away
If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday 28 August 2020, you can request for your ballot pack to be redirected by writing to:

Election Manager
Surf Coast Shire Council election
c/- Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
Alternatively, you can email your request to:
redirections@vec.vic.gov.au
Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign their request.
Requests for redirection must be received by Thursday 17 September 2020.

Large print and braille ballot papers
Large print or braille ballot papers are available for voters who are blind or have low vision—please register by Tuesday 15 September 2020. To register, call (03) 8620 1222 during business hours.

Request an early postal vote
To apply for an early postal vote, contact the Election Manager from Wednesday 23 September 2020 on 1300 140 714 and make an application. You must provide a valid reason.

How to nominate as a candidate
Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate, you must:
• be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters’ roll for Surf Coast 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.
To nominate, complete the nomination form and lodge it with the Election Manager together with the $250 nomination fee. Nomination forms can be lodged by appointment during business hours from Thursday 17 September 2020 until 12 noon on Tuesday 22 September 2020 at:
40 Baines Crescent, Torquay
Visit vec.vic.gov.au for more information and to pre-complete your nomination form using the online Candidate Helper. The online Candidate Helper will be available from Thursday 3 September 2020.

Nominations close
12 noon Tuesday 22 September
State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au