



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION
CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS
Shire of Dowerin
ROLL CLOSE: 5.00 pm Thursday 16 February 2017**

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government extraordinary election on Friday, 7 April 2017 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Rural South Ward in the Shire of Dowerin.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5.00 pm on Thursday, 16 February 2017. 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

Electoral enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Dowerin, all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission offices or the Western Australian Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer in Western Australia by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 16 February 2017.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Rural South Ward in the Shire of Dowerin, 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 Rural South Ward in the Shire of Dowerin you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Dowerin 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 Dowerin 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 on Thursday, 16 February 2017. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Dowerin.

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