



SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND PUBLIC NOTICE

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 21 OCTOBER 2017 ENROLLING TO VOTE

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the following in-person Local Government elections on 21 October 2017 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the district of the Shire of Christmas Island.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll of Lingiari as at 5.00pm on 1 September 2017. If you are not already on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll but meet the eligibility criteria for this Roll, a claim for enrolment can be made to any Divisional Returning Officer of the Australian Electoral Commission (Darwin Northern Territory office). Forms are available from the Post Office or the Australian Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer by 5.00pm Friday 1 September 2017.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Christmas Island and are on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote and should make an enrolment application to the Shire of Christmas Island. If you are not on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Christmas Island district, you may still be eligible to enrol to vote if you were on the Local Government's last electoral roll prior to May 1996. Please contact the Shire of Christmas Island for details. Owners of land who were on the last roll of the Shire of Christmas Island 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 Christmas Island 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 3 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 the 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 the Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms

Enrolment claim forms can be obtained from the Shire of Christmas Island or Australian Electoral Commission offices and should be lodged with the particular Chief Executive Officer by 5.00pm Friday 1 September 2017. If you registered for the 2015 elections or since that time you do not need to register.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the undersigned at PO Box 863, Christmas Island 6798 or telephone number 91 64 8300 ext 235 or mobile 0429 210 640.

David Price

Chief Executive Officer/Returning Officer