

News Release **Minister Geoff Brock**

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Council elections countdown

The first critical date for this year's South Australian council elections is about to arrive, with enrolment to vote closing this Friday.

Most eligible voters already on the State Electoral roll will be able to vote in November's local council elections, and will receive their ballot papers through the mail.

Those not on the roll but wanting to vote – such as landlords, business lessees, or residents who've not yet taken out Australian citizenship – must enrol to vote by 5.00pm on Friday.

People who've moved house since the last Council elections should also update their enrolment details. Enrolment forms are available at all Councils.

Local Government Minister Geoff Brock said Council elections give people the chance to have a say about the future of their local communities.

“Many of the services and facilities available in your local community are provided by the Council, so casting a vote at the local government elections in November gives you the opportunity to help shape those services,” he said.

The Minister also encouraged community members to think about running for Council.

“Being a Council member is one of the most direct ways you can influence the quality of life in your local area,” he said.

“Councillors have a wide range of responsibilities, including representing the interests of electors, making decisions about Council assets such as playgrounds, parks and roads, and managing the Council's resources.

“So if you have some great ideas and plenty of energy, why not think about standing as a candidate in November?”

Nominations for candidates open on Tuesday September 2, 2014, and close on Tuesday September 16, 2014.

Local Councils will soon hold information sessions for people interested in standing as candidates. Information about these sessions will be advertised in local newspapers and on council websites.