

2021 Local Government Elections

Candidate Information Session

23 August 2021



THE CITY OF Vincent Profile

The City of Vincent is an inner-city municipality incorporating some of Perth's most vibrant, inviting town centres and suburbs. The City is located about 3 kilometres north of the Perth CBD.



Growth:

the City's population forecast for 2020 is 39,621 and it is estimated to increase to 44,443 by 2026.

Age:

the largest age group in the City is the 25 to 29 year group (4,380 persons, equivalent to 13% of the City's total residents). The 30 to 34 year and 35 to 39 year demographic groups account for 12.6% and 9% of the City's total residents respectively.

Dwellings:

48% of residents live in a separate house, 29% in medium density and 22% in high-density dwellings. 38% of residents are renting.

Place of origin:

in 2016, 34.5% of residents were born overseas (the majority of these residents were originally from the United Kingdom, Italy or New Zealand) and 21.7% of the population spoke a language other than English at home.

Employment:

in the 2020 March quarter, the unemployment rate in the City was 4.8%. This is significantly lower than at same time in March 2019 being 5.8% and lower than greater Perth unemployment rate of 5.8% and Western Australia 5.4%.

Education:

compared to greater Perth, there is a significantly higher proportion of people in the City with a formal qualification (Bachelor or higher degree) and a lower proportion of people with no formal qualifications.

Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA):

the City has a SEIFA index score of 1069.0 compared to a score of 1026.0 for greater Perth, 1015 for Western Australia and 1001.9 for Australia. A higher score on the index means a lower level of disadvantage.





STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS FOR 2021/22

- Implement waste service changes including three-bin Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) domestic service to 16,500 households, ending commercial waste service and trialling on-demand Verge Valet bulk waste collection.
- Continue to deliver projects within the Reconciliation Action Plan to support one another in achieving greater equality and opportunities for all members of our society.
- Beatty Park 2062 develop a long-term approach to preserve and protect the history and heritage
 of the 1962 grandstand and other major elements of the site.
- Improving our long term, financially sustainable strategic approach to City Assets, increasing renewal
 of our Parks, Reserves, Buildings and Roads.
- Implementing new Community Engagement Framework.
- Planning for Public Open Spaces in Robertson Park, Axford Park, Woodville Reserve and Banks Reserve.
- Development of Britannia Reserve North West and the Haynes Street Reserve.
- Planning and implementation of Precinct Parking Management, Electric Vehicle Parking Bays, Wayfinding strategy as elements of our Accessible City Strategy.
- Enhancing our customer service and support.
- Developing an agile organisation with an enabling culture of service delivery.
- Developing our project management capability to deliver a large increase in our capital works program.
- · Remaining open, transparent and accountable in our operations and decision making.



Priority	SCP Category	Title of Works	Description of Works
1	Enhanced Environment	Three Bin Food Organics Garden Organics Collection System	Delivery of a three-bin FOGO collection service to approximately 16,500 households.
2	Connected Community	Reconciliation Action Plan	Successfully deliver the plan with support of key stakeholders.
3	Innovative & Accountable	Beatty Park 2062	Develop a long-term approach to preserve and protect the history and heritage of the 1962 grandstand and other major elements of the site.
4	Enhanced Environment	Asset Management and Sustainability Strategy	Develop a financially sustainable strategic approach to City Assets increasing renewal of our Parks, Reserves, Buildings and Roads.
5	Innovative & Accountable	Community Engagement Framework	Implement the Community Engagement Framework, including developing tools, templates and processes. Includes regular reporting to Council on progress.
6	Public Open Space Strategy		
6.1	Enhanced Environment	Public Open Space Strategy	Plan and deliver Birdwood Square basketball with skate elements.
6.2	Thriving Places	Britannia Reserve Development Plan	Enhance one of our City's largest sporting reserves so that more utilisation from clubs and the local community can be achieved.
6.3	Thriving Places	Robertson Park Development Plan	Prepare and implement the plan to guide future use, management and development of Robertson Park.
6.4	Thriving Places	Axford Park Upgrade	Design and deliver the first phase of the Axford Park Upgrade.
6.5	Enhanced Environment	Woodville Reserve Landscape Plan	Development and Implementation a landscape plan to enhance Woodville Reserve.
7	Accessible City Strategy		
7.1	Accessible City	Accessible City Strategy Implementation	Prepare an Accessible City Strategy to guide future movement within the City.
7.2	Accessible City	Wayfinding Strategy	Develop a wayfinding strategy that will improve the way people move around the City of Vincent by foot, bike and public transport.



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Councillors represent
- Council governs
- Administration actions



STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- Induction
- Gifts Must declare from 16 April 2021
- Once elected, annual returns
- Training modules within first 12 months
- Candidates must comply with Code of Conduct

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Financial

Proximity

Impartiality





MEETINGS

- 11x Workshop + 6x Budget Workshop
- 11x Briefing Session
- 11x Ordinary Council Meeting
- 1-2x Special Council Meeting
- 1x Annual General Meeting of Electors
- 2-6x Committee + Advisory Groups



BENEFITS

- Involvement in important decisions
- Growing a deep connection with local community
- Feeling of satisfaction and pride
- Sitting fees Attendance fees (\$23,230), ICT (\$2,500) = \$25,730, Allowances, Training and education (\$7,000 per four years)

CHALLENGES

- Time commitment
- Interruptions
- Managing feedback
- Publicity

WHAT NEXT

- Enrolment (now 27 Aug)
- Induction (now 9 Sep)
- Nomination (2 9 Sep)
- Campaigning (now 16 Oct)
- Election (22 Sep 16 Oct)
- Swearing in (19 Oct)
- Training in house + external



Eligibility

- 18 or over
- Enrolled as an elector of the district
- Cannot be a nominee of body corporate
- Must have completed the mandatory course Induction for Prospective Candidates
 www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/councilelections/local-government-candidate-induction
- Is not a candidate in another election for councillor





Disqualifications

- A member of parliament
- An insolvent under administration
- Convicted of a crime and is in prison serving a sentence for that crime
- Convicted in the preceding 5 years of a serious local government offence
- Have been convicted of an offence for which the penalty was imprisonment for more than 5 years
- An elected member of another local government

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Misapplication of funds or property



Candidate Information USB

- Information for candidates and scrutineers
- Relevant forms
- Ballot paper Formality Guide





An Effective Nomination

- Completed and signed nomination form (including providing reference number & date of completion of the on-line candidate induction)
- Candidate profile
- Deposit \$80 cash
- Received by Returning Officer before closing of nominations





Online WAEC Nomination Builder

- Online nomination builder available from <u>www.elections.wa.gov.au</u>
- You can prepare the nomination form, profile and upload photograph online
- You cannot nominate online
- Provide reference number at RO interview when submitting nomination





Nominating for Election Online WAEC nomination builder





- Electoral Commission



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission

Profile

- Written in English and not more than 800 characters including spaces
- Biographical information about the candidate
- Statement of candidate's policies or beliefs
- Not to be false or misleading
- Passport size recent photograph, head or head and shoulders (optional)
- Profile will be placed on the Council's website as well as included in the postal package



Electoral Rolls

Free to candidates for campaigning purposes

- 1 Residents Roll
- 1 Owners and Occupiers Roll
- (for the ward or district they are contesting)





Electoral Material

- No specific commencement date for electoral advertising – rules apply at any time
- Handbills, pamphlets, notices, letters and other printed articles – must have NAME and ADDRESS of person authorising and the NAME and ADDRESS of printer
- The address must NOT be a post office box
- Newspaper advertising only requires the NAME and ADDRESS of the person authorising the advertisement



Electoral Offences

- Bribery and undue influence
- Printing and publishing of unauthorised electoral material
- Print, publish or distribute misleading or deceptive material
- Canvassing in or near polling places
- Offences relating to postal votes
- Interference with electors and infringement of secrecy





Scrutineers

- Appointment Form
 - Must be appointed by a candidate
- Refer to *Information for Scrutineers* for rights and obligations





Postal Voting Mail-out of packages

- Election packages to be lodged with Australia
 Post from Wednesday 22 September 2021
- Last weekend for effective campaigning
 - 2 3 October 2021





Postal Voting Return of Voting Packages

- Packages can be posted to the Returning Officer or hand-delivered to the local government office
- Australia Post returned numbers posted on the Commission's website daily
- Typically about 50% of packages are returning within the first 5 business days





Postal Voting Candidate Rules

- You cannot assist the elector to mark their ballot paper
- You or a representative cannot take custody of an envelope in which there is a postal vote
- Penalties apply





Issue of Replacement Voting Packages

Local Government staff can issue replacement voting papers – the original election package will need to be cancelled first





Election Day – Close of Poll 6.00pm

- Count process first past the post; manual count
- Scrutineers
- The Returning Officer declares the results on the night
- Results are posted onto the Commission's election website <u>www.elections.wa.gov.au</u>





Post-Election Procedures Refund of deposits

Deposits are refunded to:

- Any candidates elected
- Any non-elected candidates who receive at least 5% of the total number votes included in the count





The Returning Officer will be available at the City of Vincent Administration Centre, 244 Vincent Street, Leederville, at the following times during the nomination period:

- Thursday 2 September 1pm 4pm
- Thursday 9 September 1pm 4.30pm

and by appointment - please call or email Jennifer van den Hoek to arrange an appointment:

Mobile: 0458 802 349

Email: LGro_vin@elections.wa.gov.au

City of Vincent: governance@vincent.wa.gov.au

Website: https://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/elections/



CR. DAN LODEN

- North ward Council Member Elected 2015 2019
- Re-Elected 2019 2023
- Chair of the Sustainability and Transport Advisory Group
- Chair of the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group
- Member of the Metro West Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP)
- Representative on the City of Vincent Audit Committee

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CR. SUSAN GONTASZEWSKI

- South Ward Council Member Elected: 2015 2019
- Re-Elected: 2019 2023
- Deputy Mayor: 2017 2019 and 2019 2023
- Representative on the City of Vincent Audit Committee
- Member of the CEO Performance Review Panel
- Alternate Member on the City on the Metro-West Joint Development Assessment Panel (has been a representative since its inception)

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