

# Thinking of Becoming a Councillor?

Walgett Shire Council is inviting any potential candidates who are interesting in running at the upcoming local government election in September to attend a free information session to learn more about the role and responsibilities of a Councillor.

There will be two sessions to choose from, which will be run by a facilitator who has a lengthy experience in local government and in vocational training. Sessions will take place on 12th & 13th July 2021 in Walgett and Lightning Ridge. See full event details below.

Potential candidates will be provided with the information they need to make an informed decision prior to nominating, including the key requirements of becoming a Councillor, rules and processes for registering as a candidate, the role of the elected Council and key elements of council meetings.

Walgett Council General Manager Michael Urquhart said Councillors have an extremely important role to play in making decisions now and for the future of the local government area and the Candidate Information Sessions would be extremely helpful for prospective Councillors to find out what will be expected of them.

“The local government election is fast approaching and if you’re passionate about what happens in our community, becoming a Councillor is a great opportunity to make a difference and to represent the interests of our residents,” Mr Urquhart said.

“The role of a Councillor is rewarding and challenging and these sessions are designed so that you are fully briefed on the expectations placed on our Councillors should you be elected, so that you’re able to make an informed decision before putting yourself forward as a candidate,” he said.

“The next term of Council is for three years and I encourage anyone who has the drive to make a difference in our community to attend one of these sessions prior to nominating” he said.

The deadline to nominate as a candidate for this year’s local government election is fast approaching, 4th August 2021 and residents are asked to consider taking the opportunity to represent their Shire at the upcoming Local Government Elections.

Contact Walgett Shire Council to register your interest in attending the Candidate Information Session on (02) 6828 6100 or [admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au)

## WALGETT SESSION

**Monday 12 July: 6pm - 8pm**

Council Chambers  
77 Fox Street  
Walgett

## LIGHTNING RIDGE SESSION

**Tuesday 13 July: 6pm - 8pm**

Lightning Ridge Bowling Club  
John Murray Room  
1 Agate Street  
Lightning Ridge