

Supplement to:

Tasmanian Local Government Elections 2018 - Information for Candidates booklet (Election Edition)

George Town Council By-elections

Election timetable

Nominations open.....	Monday 17 June 2019
Enrolment closes	6pm Thursday 20 June 2019
Nominations close	12 noon Thursday 27 June 2019
Nominations announced.....	12 noon Friday 28 June 2019
Ballot material delivered to electors by post.....	2 July – 5 July 2019
Polling period.....	2 July – 23 July 2019
Close of poll.....	10am Tuesday 23 July 2019

Changes since publication of this booklet

Please note the following changes to the information in this booklet, due to amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* in December 2018.

- **Page 3 – Nomination as a councillor** (section 270)

Section 270(1)(c) of the Act sets out a number of sections under which a person may be barred from nominating as a candidate by a court. This section has been amended to include being barred under section 223A, in addition to the other sections already listed.

- **Page 4 – Members of Parliament** (schedule 5)

The office of a councillor becomes vacant if, on the day on which he or she begins to hold that office, he or she is a member of **any Parliament in Australia** and remains such a member for 30 days continuously during his or her term of office as a councillor.

The office of a councillor also becomes vacant if he or she becomes a member of **any Parliament in Australia** after commencing to hold the office of councillor.

(These provisions used to apply only to being or becoming a member of the Parliament of Tasmania.)

‘Prescribed’ and ‘relevant’ periods

Below is a summary only of some of the periods relating to restrictions on candidates at local government elections. The time periods shown below are for the 2019 George Town by-elections.

Section/ regulation	Subject	Period
s.3, s.278, s.279 reg 22A	Limit on ‘electoral advertising’ expenditure Prohibition on use of candidate name, photograph or likeness of a candidate or intending candidate without consent. Reporting of ‘electoral advertising’ expenditure	‘relevant period’ – starts on the 30th day before the notice of election and finishes at the end of the polling period. 16 May - 10 am 23 July 2019
s.311	Authorisation of electoral ‘articles’ Electoral ‘article’ includes any advertisement, direct mail item, sign, circular, pamphlet, handbill, poster, sticker, dodger and report	‘prescribed period’ – means the period commencing on the day on which the notice of election is advertised and ending on the closing day. 15 June – 23 July 2019
s.314(3)	The supply of food, drink or entertainment with a view to influencing the vote of an elector during the period opposite.	‘relevant period’ – starts on the 30th day before the notice of election and finishes at the end of the polling period. 16 May - 10 am 23 July 2019
s.314(4) & (5)	Gifts or donations to clubs associations or bodies (regular donations may be excepted)	‘relevant period’ – starts on the 30th day before the notice of election and finishes at the end of the polling period. 16 May - 10 am 23 July 2019