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2015 Local Government Election - Nominate to run for Council!

The City of Albany is encouraging interested and committed members of the community to actively represent their community by nominating for Council in the upcoming local government election.

City of Albany CEO Andrew Sharpe said the role of a Councillor was diverse and rewarding.

“Councillors play a vital role in the community by making decisions that affect the strategic direction of the City of Albany,” he said. “I would encourage anyone who has an interest and passion for making a positive difference in their community to consider nominating for Council.”

Among other things, the role of a Councillor involves:

- Attending monthly Ordinary Council Meetings (and Special Meetings where required)
- Standing on various committees of Council
- Participating in strategic workshops
- Attending community forums
- Setting priorities for the City of Albany Annual Budget
- Setting strategic direction for the future sustainability of the City
- Providing good governance and community leadership
- Listening to community concerns and representing community interests

Councillors receive an annual fee in accordance with recommendations of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.

The City of Albany will be conducting a Candidate Information Session on Thursday 3 September at 6pm at the City of Albany Civic Rooms. Mr Sharpe said this session would be a great opportunity to for those interested in becoming a Councillor to learn more about local government and the roles and duties of Councillors.

The City of Albany Council is made up of two Councillors per ward, plus a Mayor, for a total of 13. There are seven vacancies in this election.

WARD	VACANCY	TERM
District	One Mayor	Four years
West	One Councillor	Four years
Yakamia	One Councillor	Four years
Breaksea	One Councillor	Four years
Vancouver	One Councillor	Four years
Frederickstown	One Councillor	Four years
Kalgan	One Councillor	Four years

To vote, you must make sure you are enrolled by 28 August, 2015. Nominations to run for Council open 3 September.

Important dates:

- 28 August: Deadline for enrolling to vote.
- 3 September: Nominations to run for Council open.
- 10 September: Nominations close (4pm).
- 17 October: Election day.

More information is available from WALGA, the Department of Local Government and Communities, and the City of Albany.

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