

Polling and Postal Voting Notice
2026 TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DIVISION 1 COUNCILLOR BY-ELECTION
SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026



The Townsville City Council Division 1 councillor by-election will be held on Saturday, 19 September 2026.

The by-election will be conducted as a full postal ballot under section 45 of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*. **Voting is compulsory.**

Candidates

Candidate nominations for the Townsville City Council Division 1 councillor by-election have now closed and the election will be held on Saturday, 19 September 2026.

The names of all candidates properly nominated for election in ballot paper order are:

- HOBSON, Michelle
- CLARE, Steven
- PUGH, Michael
- BLACKLOCK, Shayne
- KEUNE, Joanne

Full postal ballot

Postal ballots will be sent automatically to electors in Townsville City Council.

Once you receive your postal ballot materials, you are required to vote on or before **6pm on election day, Saturday, 19 September 2026**.

Follow the simple steps below to make sure your vote is counted:

- Read and follow the instructions on your declaration envelope and ballot paper.
- You can vote as soon as you receive your ballot material, however you must make sure to vote before polling closes at 6pm Saturday, 19 September 2026.
- Your completed ballot paper **must be sealed inside the declaration envelope** in the presence of an adult, and have the adult sign the envelope as a witness.
- You must then either:
 - place the declaration envelope in the reply-paid envelope, seal and post it back, or
 - hand-deliver the declaration envelope to the Returning Officer at Notch Community Room - Shop 0, Deeragun Village (Coles), Bruce Highway, Deeragun.

For Returning Officer office details and opening hours, please see the ECQ website or phone 1300 881 665.

If you do not receive your postal ballot materials, or require a replacement, please contact the ECQ on 1300 881 665.

This notice is issued under sections 35, 45, 67(2) and 72 of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, on Friday, 21 August 2026.

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