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# PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF THE WESTERN ROCK LOBSTER COUNCIL (WRL) 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OPEN

The WRL Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to be held in The Bridge Room, Fremantle Sailing Club, 151 Marine Terrace Fremantle WA 6160

Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 1.00 p.m.

Nominations for the election of Directors for 2025 are now open.

## The WRL Board consists of:

- Four Northern Zone Directors
- Four Southern Zone Directors

## At this 2025 AGM, the following positions will be declared vacant:

- **2 Northern Zone Directors** (both 2-year terms)
- **2 Southern Zone Directors** (both 2-year terms)

The current Directors in the positions to be declared vacant are:

- Northern Zone Justin Pirottino AND Jared Groom
- Southern Zone Mat Thompson AND Stephen Minutillo

All vacating Directors are eligible to re-nominate.

### Western Rock Lobster (WRL) now invites:

- 2 or more eligible nominations for Northern Zone
- 2 or more eligible nominations for Southern Zone

# **GUIDELINE FOR NOMINATIONS & VOTING**

### 1. <u>Nomination Information</u>

### 1.1. Associate Members

If you are an Associate Member and would like to nominate for a position on the WRL Board, you are required to be nominated by an Ordinary Member holding a MFL with Units of usual entitlement in the relevant Zone for which you wish to nominate.

# **1.2.** Ordinary Members

- Ordinary Members may only be nominated for a position on the WRL Board by:
  - another Ordinary Member holding a MFL with Units of usual entitlement in the Zone in which the Member is nominating for election as a Zone Representative on the Board;
  - themselves (in his or her individual capacity as an Ordinary Member holding a MFL with units of usual entitlement in the relevant zone);
  - themselves (if he or she is the nominated representative of a body corporate who is an Ordinary Member holding a MFL with units of usual entitlement in the relevant Zone).
- Except for appointees under rule 9.1(e) or 9.2(i)(1) and (2), a person is not eligible for election to membership of the Board unless an Ordinary Member has nominated him or her for election in accordance with the directions for making nominations notified by the Board to Members.

# **1.3.** Nominee Statement

Nominees are to notify the Board of their willingness to be nominated and to provide any biographical statements and statements of policies they wish to be distributed to Members with the voting papers.

# 1.4. Nomination Process

If you would like to nominate:

**STEP 1**: Print and complete the nomination form as follows:

Please use **ONE** of the below forms that is most relevant to you:

- If you are **an individual** (sole proprietor/partnership/discretionary family trust) and hold a MFL with usual entitlement in a particular zone, and would like to nominate yourself, please use this form by <u>clicking here</u>
- If you are a **body corporate** (Pty Ltd company or Limited Company or Incorporated body) and would like to nominate an authorised representative, please use this form by <u>clicking here</u> and a letter of authorisation by <u>clicking here</u>

**STEP 2**: Each valid nomination for a Director position will be listed on the ballot forms. Each nominee may include on the nomination form a short statement of 200 words or less supporting their nomination which will then be included with the voting papers.

<u>STEP 3</u>: Return the completed nomination form AND the supporting 200-word statement <u>before Midnight</u>, <u>Tuesday August 5 2025</u> via email to <u>joy@westernrocklobster.org</u>

If you are unsure of the nomination process, please feel free to contact us at 9432 7722.

# 2. Voting Information

# Special Notice for Voting in 2025 Elections

Please be aware that to accommodate the change in season to financial years, Elections are being held earlier than in the past, in September. Voting will close on 5 September 2025. Licencees must have completed their licence renewal before the vote closes in order to vote in the election.

## 2.1. Ordinary Members voting entitlement

Only Ordinary Members may vote in the election of Directors.

## 2.2. Ordinary Member to vote for relevant zone

An Ordinary Member may vote to elect a Director only in relation to the Zone in which the Ordinary Member holds Units of usual entitlement.

## 2.3. Ordinary Member holding usual entitlement in more than one Zone

An Ordinary Member who holds units of usual entitlement on one MFL for more than one Zone may only vote for a Zone Representative for the Zone in which the Member holds the most Units of usual entitlement.

## 3. <u>Election Process</u>

## 3.1. Postal Ballots

The WRL Rules of Association allow for election by ballot to be conducted prior to the AGM with the election results to be announced at, and take effective from, the AGM. Therefore, the election will be via postal ballot with voting slips sent by conventional mail.

### **3.2.** Election Scrutineer

Following the close of voting, WRL's independent Auditor and Returning Officer will open all reply-paid envelopes. The Auditor will then validate each ballot paper before scrutineering the recording of every vote by the WRL Executive. The election will be decided by the number of votes received by close of voting.

### **3.3.** Declaration of new Directors

The declaration of the new Directors will be made at the 2025 AGM to be held on 9 September 2025 and will also be posted on the Western Rock Lobster Council website as soon as possible after the conclusion of the AGM.

### **3.4.** Election Timeline

Please refer to the following table for the election timeline:

2025 Election of Directors	
Tuesday, 22 July 2025	Nominations for election of Directors open
Tuesday, 5 August 2025	Nominations close before Midnight
Tuesday, 12 August 2025	Ballot election voting open
Friday, 5 September 2025	Ballot election voting close by 4 p.m.
Tuesday, 9 September 2025	Declaration of Directors, WRL AGM Day

# 4. Further information

If you require any further information, please contact Matt Taylor on 0438 855 863 or email <u>matt@westernrocklobster.org</u>

Completed nominations must be forwarded to WRL

before Midnight, Tuesday, 5 August 2025.