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# MEDIA RELEASE

## WILLAGEE BY-ELECTION – ASSISTANCE FOR ELECTORS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Polling places with wheelchair access and a drive-in polling place head the list of measures established by the WA Electoral Commission to assist seniors and electors with special needs in the District of Willagee to have their say in the by-election on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Polling places with wheelchair access will be located at:

- Anglican Church of the Holy Cross Hall – 56 McLean Street
- Coolbellup Community School – 15 Waverley Road
- East Hamilton Hill Primary School – 27 Bradbury Road
- Southern Districts Senior Centre – cnr North Lake Road and Archibald Street

The drive-in polling place for electors who are mobility impaired will be located at Southern Districts Senior Centre, corner North Lake Road and Archibald Street.

For those electors who are hospitalised or in special care, mobile polling teams will visit hospitals and special institutions in the District from 15<sup>th</sup> November to enable them to cast their vote.

It is also open to all electors with special needs, the seriously ill or infirm, and their carers, who can't easily attend a polling place on polling day to apply for an early postal vote.

Those electors contemplating this should apply quickly, because the last date for applications is 6.00pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and it may take up to two weeks for the application forms and ballot papers to go back and forth in the post.

Special equipment available at polling places on the day will include hand-held magnifying sheets and special pencils and of course, on request, polling place staff can assist electors to vote.

Electors, especially those with special needs, with any queries regarding the by-election can call the WA Electoral Commission information line on (08) 9214 7240.

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