

Election signage and activities

for the Victorian State Election: 28 November 2026



Yarra Ranges Council supports the right of all candidates to conduct election campaigns fairly and equitably. However, these rights must be balanced with Council's responsibility to manage public safety, amenity and compliance with local laws.

These guidelines apply to Council, State and Federal election periods, and have been updated for the 2026 Victorian State Election.

Key Dates

Requirement	Date
Earliest date election signage may be displayed	28 August 2026
Election day	28 November 2026
Latest date signage must be removed	12 December 2026

Candidate and election signage may only be displayed for a maximum of three months. All signage must be removed no later than 14 days after election day.

Election signage that does not comply with Council requirements may be impounded and may result in fines or enforcement action.

Candidate Signs on Private Property

A permit is **not required** for an election sign displayed on private land where all of the following conditions apply:

- You have consent from the owner or occupier of the land.
- Only **one sign** is displayed on the property.
- The sign is no larger than **5 square metres**.
- The sign is not animated or internally lit.
- The sign includes information about **one candidate only**.
- The sign is displayed on private land, not on a nature strip or other public land.

There is **no limit** to how many individual private properties may display election signage, provided each property complies with the requirements listed above. Any sign not in accordance with the above requires a planning permit as a promotion sign.

Private Property Compliance

Where Council is notified of non-compliant signage on private land, Council officers will attempt to contact the advertised candidate and seek rectification within 48 hours.

If the issue is not resolved within that timeframe, the matter may be referred to Council's planning compliance team for enforcement with the landowner.

Candidate Signs on Public Land

A **permit is required** to place electoral signage on public land under Council's **Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2020**. Public land includes roadside, reserves, nature strips and other Council-managed public spaces.

Public Land Permit Requirements

Permits will only be granted for Council's pre-approved election signage locations. A list of approved locations is available on Council's website. Each candidate may apply for one sign at each location up to a maximum of 10 across the municipality. Locations are provided in each Council ward and State electoral district.

Application is via online forms on Council's website, with permits issued upon payment of fees and proof of Public Liability Insurance. A sticker will be provided with the permit number and must be displayed on the rear of the sign.

Public Land Compliance

Signs placed on public land without a permit, or in breach of permit conditions, may be confiscated, impounded and incur release fees and penalties under Council's **Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2020**.

Type of sign	Public Land (managed by Council)	
A-frames, promotional stalls, merchandise, furniture	✓	Permit required: Must comply with Council's Footpath Trading Policy, Roadside and Public Place Trading Policy and associated guidelines
Trailers and/or vehicles	✓	Portable or moveable election signs that are attached to a vehicle, trailer or similar are permitted to be displayed on a road provided that: (a) The sign does not unreasonably restrict the use of the road, or endanger the safety of members of the public; and (b) the relevant parking restrictions and requirements are observed.
Signs attached to structures/trees	✗	Prohibited on Council owned structures, signposts, trees
Bill posting (e.g. loose flyers on car windscreens)	✗	Prohibited: These are considered littering and will be dealt with under the provisions of the <i>Environment Protection Act 2017</i>
Arterial roads		Management of arterial roads and highways is split between Council and Transport Victoria. Where Council is not the land manager, electoral signage placed within the road reserve of an arterial road or freeway requires the prior written consent from the Head of Transport for Victoria.

Election Day and Voting Centre Requirements

The **Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC)** has separate rules governing signage and campaign activities near voting centres during pre-poll voting and on election day.

Candidates should visit the VEC website for more information on these requirements.

Disclaimer

This fact sheet is intended as a general guide only. It does not replace the requirements of the Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme, Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2020, Victorian Electoral Commission regulations or any other applicable legislation. Candidates are responsible for ensuring compliance with all relevant requirements.

Visit Council's website or contact us on [1300 368 333](tel:1300368333) or [9294 6905](tel:92946905) for full requirements before installing signage.

For more information or to apply for an electoral signage permit, visit
<https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Electionsignage>