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Your official guide to the Eden-Monaro by-election including COVID-19 safety measures SATURDAY 4 JULY 2020



EDEN-MONARO BY-ELECTION 2020

This guide is only relevant to people who are enrolled to vote in the federal electoral Division of Eden-Monaro in New South Wales.

VOTING IS COMPULSORY
FOR AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS
AGED 18 YEARS OR OVER



Message from the Electoral Commissioner

The AEC is committed to providing the highest standard of electoral services during the Eden-Monaro by-election. During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic this includes being at the forefront of protecting the health of voters, AEC staff and other participants.

Your wellbeing and that of the Eden-Monaro community is important to the AEC. That is why at this by-election we have introduced a range of protective measures at polling places, including social distancing and other hygiene practices. These, and the other actions outlined in this guide, are based on advice from health authorities and comply with specific restrictions and rules in place.

While these measures are designed to protect the community, it does mean they will also slow the voting and counting processes at this by-election. It may take longer for you to cast your vote at the polling place, and you may have to queue under social distancing rules. Please help us protect your wellbeing and that of your community by following the advice on the signs at the polling place and by listening to the directions of AEC staff. We are all practised in following such rules in recent times, and it is important to maintain this when voting.

I ask and appreciate both your patience and cooperation with the measures.

The AEC is also mindful of the impact that bushfires have had on the Eden-Monaro community, including those who are living away from their usual residential address, so we have additional advertising and outreach activities in place to support voters.

I trust the information provided in this guide will help you confidently plan ahead for your vote at this by-election. It details the protective actions we have taken and the range of voting options available to meet your personal circumstances, including postal voting, more early voting centres, and of course a large number of polling places in the electorate on by-election day.

Tom Rogers
Electoral Commissioner



Stop and consider Check the source this by-election

During electoral events there is a large amount of information being distributed which is seeking to influence your vote.

It's important that you consider what you see, hear or read. Take the time to consider whether the information is from a reliable or recognisable source, current and safe (not a scam). If you have doubts about information there are questions you can ask to help you form your own opinion and make a decision. To find out more visit www.aec.gov.au/stopandconsider

Information in this guide reflects circumstances at the time of printing. The AEC will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and follow the advice from federal and state health authorities. This may result in changes to measures put in place.

The Eden-Monaro by-election will be held on Saturday 4 July 2020. Polling places open at 8am and close at 6pm sharp.

Why?

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electoral Division of Eden-Monaro in the House of Representatives. This by-election is being held following the resignation of the member for Eden-Monaro.

Who has to vote?

If you are enrolled in the federal electoral Division of Eden-Monaro you are required to vote in the by-election. If you are not sure whether you are enrolled in the Division of Eden-Monaro, you should check your enrolment information at www.aec.gov.au/check or call **13 23 26** if you need help.

What if I can't make it?

If you can't make it to a polling place on by-election day, you may be entitled to vote early.

By post

Postal voting is an important voting option available to eligible voters at this by-election.

You can apply for a postal vote online at www.aec.gov.au/pva

Please call **13 23 26** if you don't have online access and want to apply for a postal vote.

The AEC must receive your application as soon as possible and no later than 6pm local time Wednesday 1 July 2020.

In person

If you are entitled to vote early, you can vote at an early voting centre (below) from Monday 15 June 2020.

Changes may occur to the information below. Visit www.aec.gov.au/eden-monaro to see the final list of early voting centres and to check opening dates and hours.

BEGA

Bega Showground Hall
Upper Street

BELCONNEN

Belconnen Community Centre
26 Chandler Street

CANBERRA CITY

Pilgrim House
69 Northbourne Avenue

COOMA

Cooma Multi Function Centre
10 Boundary Street

GREENWAY

Centrepoint
Unit 8, 175 Anketell Street

JERRABOMBERRA

Community Centre
25/31 Jerrabomberra Parkway

JINDABYNE

Jindabyne Sport and
Recreation Centre
207 Barry Way

MERIMBULA

Merimbula RSL Club
52-54 Main Street

NAROOMA

Country Women's Association
Rooms
96 Campbell Street

QUEANBEYAN

116 Monaro Street

QPRC Indoor Sports
1a Yass Road

TUMUT

Country Women's Association
Rooms
148 Wynyard Street

YASS

St Clements Church Hall
17 Church Street

For further information about early voting options and eligibility visit www.aec.gov.au/eden-monaro or call **13 23 26**.

Plan ahead before you vote

- While voting is often a social activity, for this by-election please limit attendance at polling places to eligible voters only, and avoid socialising.
- Do your research on candidates and preferences before you go to vote. During the nomination process the AEC requested candidate website addresses. Websites provided have been included with candidates' details on the AEC website. See www.aec.gov.au/eden-monaro
- Single-use pencils will be given out at the polling place, but if you prefer you can bring your own pen or pencil to vote.
- If you are feeling unwell or have any cold or flu symptoms in the lead-up to by-election day, don't attend a polling place. Postal voting is available. Apply online at www.aec.gov.au/pva
- Download the **COVIDSafe** app.



What happens at the polling place, including new COVID-19 safety measures

Due to COVID-19, health and safety measures at early voting centres and polling places will include:

- The number of voters in a polling place at any one time will be managed.
- If on arrival you are not able to enter the polling place immediately you may be required to queue outside, keeping an appropriate distance from others.
- Once inside, hand sanitiser will be available for use.
- You will need to keep your distance from others when waiting to receive your ballot paper, with floor markers in place to guide you.
- When you reach the ballot paper issuing point, a polling official will ask for your full name and address, and if you have voted before in the 2020 Eden-Monaro by-election. Your name will be marked off the electoral roll.
- You will be given your green ballot paper for the House of Representatives.
- If you haven't got your own pen or pencil, you will be given a single-use pencil.
- Voting booths will be separated and regularly cleaned.
- Read the instructions on your ballot paper carefully.
- Complete your ballot paper. You must number every box to make your vote count.
- Take your pen or pencil with you – don't leave it in the booth.
- Once you have completed your ballot paper, fold it and place it in the ballot box provided.

Remember, if you need help, you can ask a polling official.



Stay at home if you are unwell



Sanitise your hands



Cover your coughs and sneezes



Stand 1.5 metres apart

Where?

You can vote at any polling place in the federal electoral Division of Eden-Monaro on by-election day.

Please note that polling place locations may have changed since you last voted. At the time of printing this publication, the locations of some polling places were yet to be confirmed. Final locations are available at www.aec.gov.au/where

The final list of polling places, along with a list of candidates, will be published in the *Bega District News* on Friday 3 July, the *Merimbula News Weekly* on Wednesday 1 July, the *Monaro Post* on Wednesday 1 July, the *Tumut and Adelong Times* on Friday 3 July, *The Rural* on Thursday 2 July, and the *Western Magazine* on Friday 3 July.

For accessible voting options and information, visit www.aec.gov.au/eden-monaro or call **13 23 26**.

ADAMINABY

Adaminaby Memorial Hall

ADELONG

Adelong Services and Citizens Club

ARALUEN

Araluen Federal Hall

BATLOW

Batlow Technology School

BEGA

Bega Showground Hall

Bega High School

Bega Public School

BEMBOKA

Bemboka Memorial Hall

BERMAGUI

Bermagui Community Centre

BERRIDALE

Berridale Community Hall

BINALONG

Binalong Public School

BODALLA
Bodalla Public School

BOMBALA
Bombala High School

BOWNING
Bowning Community Hall

BRAIDWOOD
Braidwood Regional Arts Centre
Braidwood Central School

BREDBO
Bredbo Public School

BROGO
Brogo Public Hall

BUNGENDORE
Bungendore Public School
St Mary's Hall

CANDELO
Candelo Town Hall

CAPTAINS FLAT
Captains Flat Community Hall

CENTRAL TILBA
Central Tilba School of Arts

COBARGO
Cobargo School of Arts

COOMA
Cooma Public School

COOMA NORTH
Cooma North Public School

CRESTWOOD
Queanbeyan High School
Queanbeyan West Public School

DALMENY
Dalmeny Community Hall

DELEGATE
Delegate Public School

EDEN
Eden Marine High School
Eden Public School

GOOGONG
The Anglican School

GUNDAROO
Gundaroo Public School

JERRABOMBERRA
Jerrabomberra Public School

JINDABYNE
Jindabyne Memorial Hall

KARABAR
Queanbeyan South Public School

KHANCOBAN
Khancoban Visitor Centre

MAJORS CREEK
Majors Creek Recreation Hall

MERIMBULA
Merimbula RSL Club
Merimbula Public School

MICHELAGO
Michelago Public School

MURRUMBATEMAN
Recreation Grounds Hall

NAROOMA
Narooma Sport and Leisure Centre

NIMMITABEL
Nimmitabel Public School

PAMBULA
Pambula Public School

PERISHER VALLEY
National Parks and Wildlife Offices

QUAAMA
Quaama Public School

QUEANBEYAN
116 Monaro Street
Masonic Centre
Presbyterian Church Hall
Queanbeyan Public School
QPRC Indoor Sports

QUEANBEYAN EAST
Queanbeyan East Public School

ROSEWOOD
Rosewood Public School

SUTTON
Sutton Public School

TALBINGO
Talbingo Public School

TANJA
Tanja Public Hall

TATHRA
Tathra Public School

THREDBO VILLAGE
Thredbo Village Community Centre

TOWAMBA
Towamba Public School

TUMBARUMBA
Tumbarumba High School

TUMUT
Tumut High School
Tumut Public School

TURA BEACH
Tura Murrang Library

WAMBOIN
Wamboin Community Association Hall

WOLUMLA
Wolumla Memorial Hall

WYNDHAM
Wyndham Public School

YASS
Yass High School
Yass Memorial Hall
St Clements Church Hall



You can check the accessibility rating and details of polling places at www.aec.gov.au/eden-monaro. For blind and low vision voting options call **13 23 26**.

How to make your vote count

For the Eden-Monaro by-election you will be given a green ballot paper.

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electoral Division of Eden-Monaro in the House of Representatives.

Number every box in the order of your choice.

Don't worry if you make a mistake. You can ask for another ballot paper and start again.

You can practise voting at www.aec.gov.au/practise

House of Representatives
Ballot Paper

State
Electoral Division of Division Name

Number the boxes from 1 to 8 in the order of your choice

2 SURNAME, Given Names
INDEPENDENT

3 SURNAME, Given Names
PARTY

7 SURNAME, Given Names
PARTY

4 SURNAME, Given Names
PARTY

1 SURNAME, Given Names
PARTY

5 SURNAME, Given Names
PARTY

6 SURNAME, Given Names
PARTY

8 SURNAME, Given Names
PARTY

Remember... number every box to make your vote count

SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper

Alternative versions of this guide

You can download alternative formats of this guide, such as audio and large print, from www.aec.gov.au/eden-monaro. Braille is also available on request by calling **13 23 26**.

People who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment can contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS):

- TTY users phone 13 36 77 and quote 13 23 26.
- Speak and Listen users phone 1300 555 727 and quote 13 23 26.
- Internet relay users connect to the NRS then ask for 13 23 26.

For information about voting and elections in other languages call the number listed next to your preferred language.

العربية	Arabic	1300 720 132
廣東話	Cantonese	1300 720 135
Hrvatski	Croatian	1300 720 136
Ελληνικά	Greek	1300 720 137
Italiano	Italian	1300 720 138
ខ្មែរ	Khmer	1300 720 134
한국어	Korean	1300 720 468
Македонски	Macedonian	1300 720 139
普通话	Mandarin	1300 720 142
Język polski	Polish	1300 720 143
Português	Portuguese	1300 720 145
Русский язык	Russian	1300 720 146
Српски	Serbian	1300 720 147
Español	Spanish	1300 720 148
Türkçe	Turkish	1300 720 149
Tiếng Việt	Vietnamese	1300 720 152
Other languages		1300 720 153

Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years or over. If you don't vote, you may be prosecuted.

If you vote more than once it is a criminal offence.