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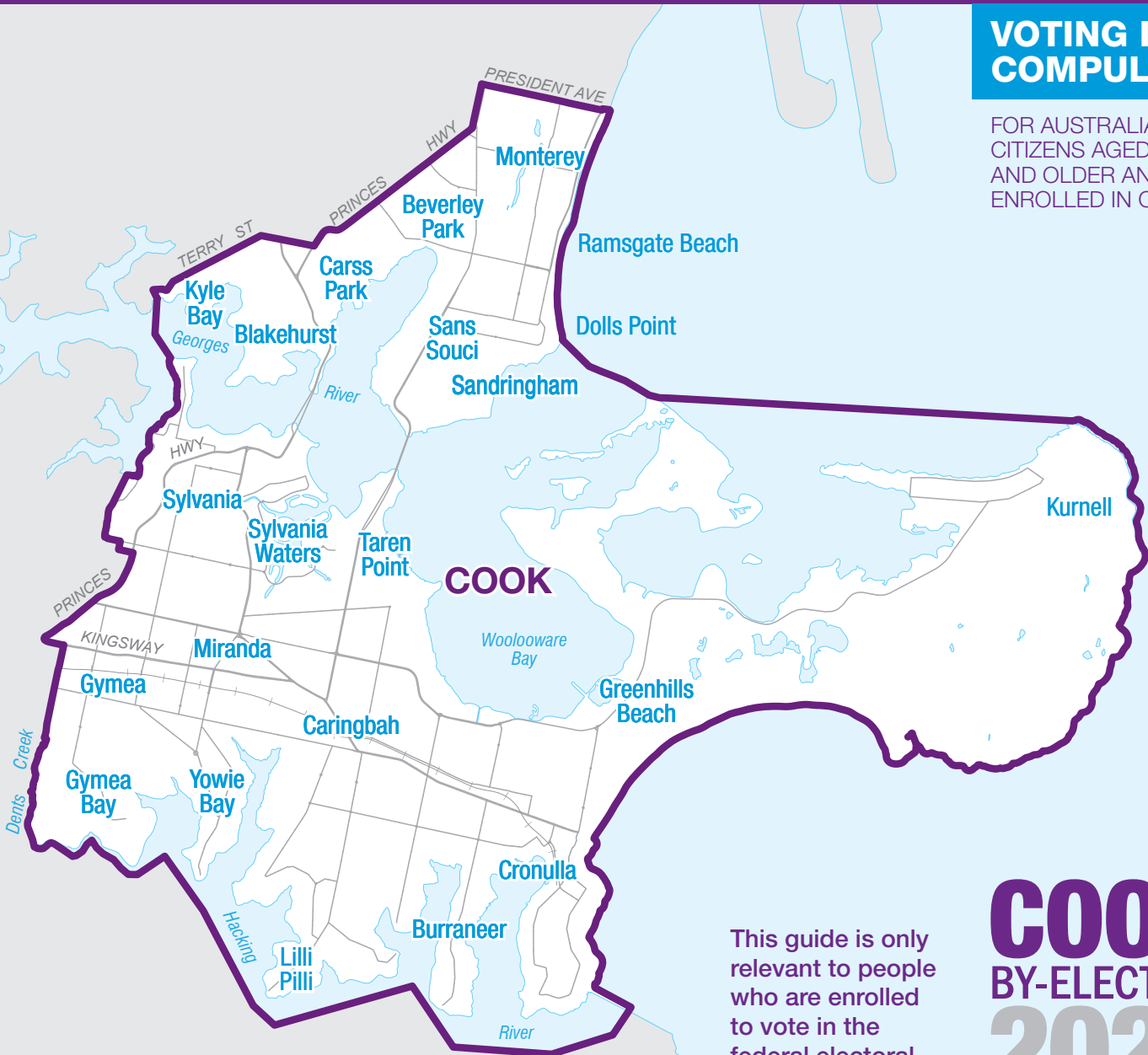
Australian Electoral Commission

# Your official guide to the Cook by-election

**SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024**

**VOTING IS COMPULSORY**

FOR AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS AGED 18 YEARS AND OLDER AND ENROLLED IN COOK



**COOK**

This guide is only relevant to people who are enrolled to vote in the federal electoral division of Cook in New South Wales.

**COOK**  
**BY-ELECTION**  
**2024**  
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# The Cook by-election will be held on **Saturday 13 April 2024**.

## Polling places open at 8am and close at 6pm sharp.

### Why?

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electoral division of Cook in the House of Representatives. This by-election is being held following the resignation of the Member for Cook.

### Who has to vote?

If you are enrolled in the federal electoral division of Cook you are required to vote in the by-election. If you are not sure whether you are enrolled in the division of Cook, check your enrolment information at [aec.gov.au/check](https://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 election day, you may be eligible to vote early.

#### Voting early by post

To check if you are eligible to vote early by post, visit [aec.gov.au/pva](https://aec.gov.au/pva) or scan the QR code.



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 AEST Wednesday 10 April 2024.**

#### Voting early in person

To check if you are eligible to vote early in person visit [aec.gov.au/cook/voting.htm](https://aec.gov.au/cook/voting.htm) or scan the QR code.



If you are eligible, you can vote at an early voting centre (below) from Tuesday 2 April 2024 to Friday 12 April 2024.

Changes may occur to the information below. Visit [aec.gov.au/cook](https://aec.gov.au/cook) to see the list of early voting centres and to check opening dates and hours.

#### CARINGBAH

St Phil's Anglican Church Hall

#### CRONULLA

Cronulla Central Community Centre

#### MIRANDA

Bellingara Netball Stadium

#### RAMSGATE

Ramsgate Scout Hall

For further information about early voting options and eligibility visit [aec.gov.au/cook](https://aec.gov.au/cook) or call **13 23 26**.

### Plan ahead before you vote

Do your research on candidates and preferences before you go to vote. A list of the candidates is available at [aec.gov.au/cook](https://aec.gov.au/cook)

You can use an AEC pencil, or you can bring your own pencil or pen.

### What happens at the polling place?

When you reach the ballot paper issuing point, a polling official will ask for your full name and address, and whether you have voted before in the 2024 Cook by-election. Your name will be marked off the electoral roll.

- You will be given your green ballot paper for the House of Representatives.
- Read the instructions on your ballot paper carefully.
- Complete your ballot paper. You must number every box to make your vote count.
- Once you have completed your ballot paper, fold it and place it in the ballot box provided.
- If you have used an AEC pencil, deposit it in the box on the way out.

Practice of hygiene measures is encouraged. Please keep appropriate physical distancing, and use the provided hand sanitiser.

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

**The AEC takes the safety of our voters and election workers seriously and implements appropriate hygiene measures. Information in this guide reflects circumstances at the time of printing.**

## Where?

You can vote at any polling place in the federal electoral division of Cook on 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 [aec.gov.au/cook](https://aec.gov.au/cook)

The final list of polling places, along with a list of candidates, will be published in the *St George & Sutherland Leader* on Wednesday 10 April 2024 and in *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sydney Morning Herald* on Friday 12 April 2024.

For accessible voting options and information, visit [aec.gov.au/cook](https://aec.gov.au/cook) or call **13 23 26**.

### BLAKEHURST

Bald Face Public School

### BURRANEER

Burraneer Bay Public School

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College

### CARINGBAH

Caringbah High School

Caringbah Public School

Laguna Street Public School

St Phil's Anglican Church Hall

### CARLTON

Carlton South Public School

### CARSS PARK

Blakehurst Public School

### CONNELLS POINT

Connells Point Public School

### CRONULLA

Cronulla Public School

Cronulla South Public School

St Aloysius Catholic Primary School

Cronulla

### GREENHILLS BEACH

Cronulla High School

### GYMEA

Gymea Anglican Church

Gymea Community Centre

Gymea North Public School

### GYMEA BAY

Gymea Peoples Church

### KOGARAH

St George School

### KOGARAH BAY

Congregational Church Hall

### KURNELL

Kurnell Public School

### LILLI PILLI

Lilli Pilli Public School

### MIRANDA

Miranda Community Centre

Miranda North Public School

Miranda Public School

Port Hacking High School

### MONTEREY

Brighton-Le-Sands Public School

### RAMSGATE

Sans Souci Literary Institute

### RAMSGATE BEACH

Ramsgate Public School

### SANDRINGHAM

Sans Souci Community Pre-school

### SANS SOUCI

Sans Souci Public School

### SYLVANIA

Sylvania Anglican Church

Sylvania Heights Public School

Sylvania High School

Sylvania Public School

### TAREN POINT

Taren Point Public School

### WOOLLOOWARE

Woollooware High School

Woollooware Public School

### YOWIE BAY

Yowie Bay Public School



You can check the accessibility rating and details of polling places at [aec.gov.au/cook](https://aec.gov.au/cook). For blind and low vision voting options call **13 23 26**.

# 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 you consider if what you see, hear or read is reliable, from a recognisable source, and is 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 [aec.gov.au/stopandconsider](https://aec.gov.au/stopandconsider)



# How to make your vote count

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

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electoral division of Cook 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.**

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

8 SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

1 SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

5 SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

6 SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

4 SURNAME, Given Names  
PARTY

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

You can practise voting at [aec.gov.au/practise](http://aec.gov.au/practise)



Sample ballot paper

**Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years and older. If you don't vote, you may be prosecuted. Voting more than once is a criminal offence.**

## Alternative versions of this guide

### Information in accessible formats

You can download alternative formats of this guide, such as audio, e-text and large print from [aec.gov.au/cook](http://aec.gov.au/cook). 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.

Translated versions of this guide are available in Greek, Cantonese and Mandarin from [aec.gov.au/cook](http://aec.gov.au/cook)

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

العربية	Arabic	1300 720 132
မြန်မာ	Burmese	1300 290 617
廣東話	Cantonese	1300 720 135
Hrvatski	Croatian	1300 720 136
دری	Dari	1300 290 618
فارسی	Farsi (Persian)	1300 290 619
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
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