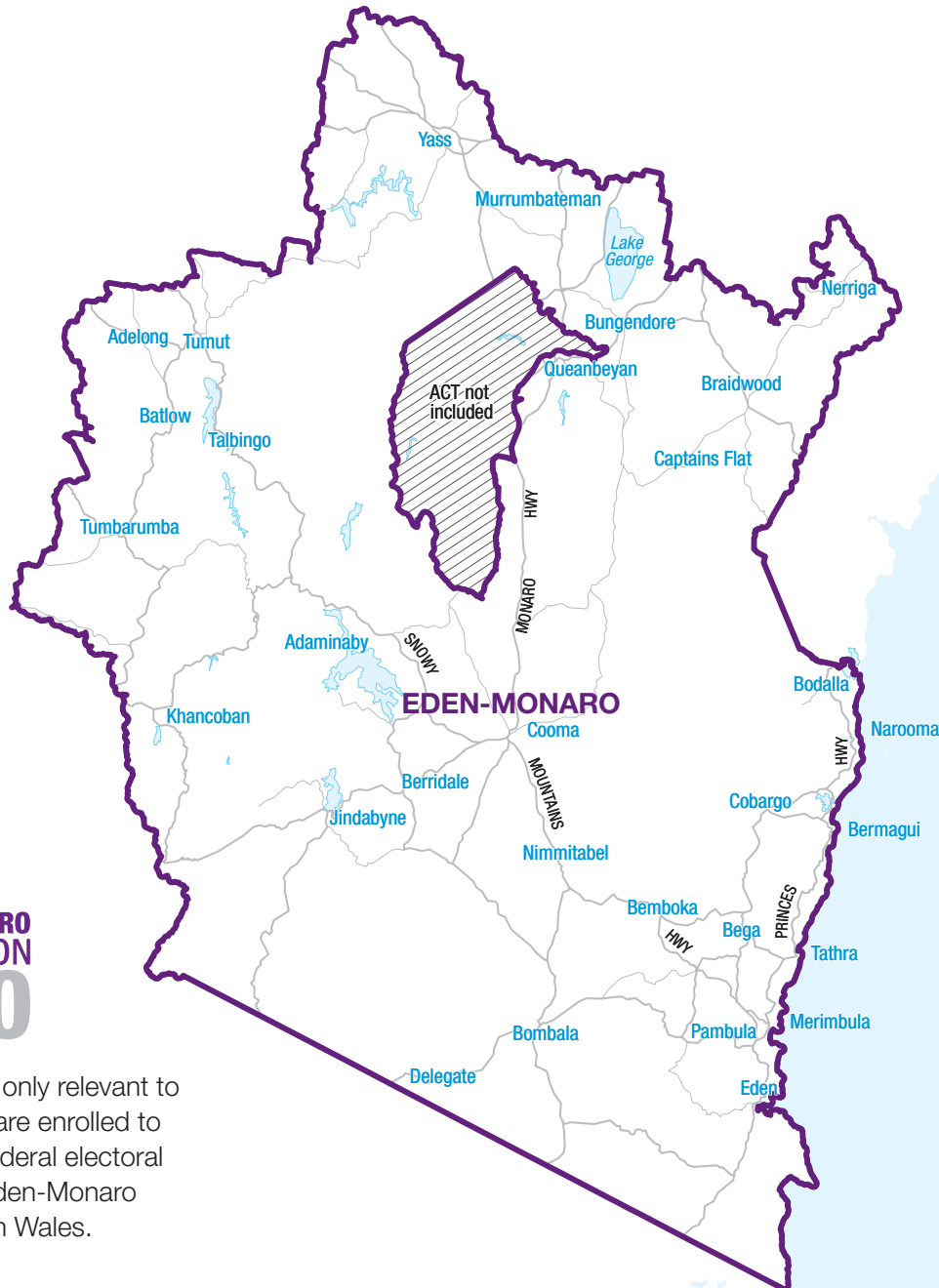




**AEC**

Australian Electoral Commission

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**