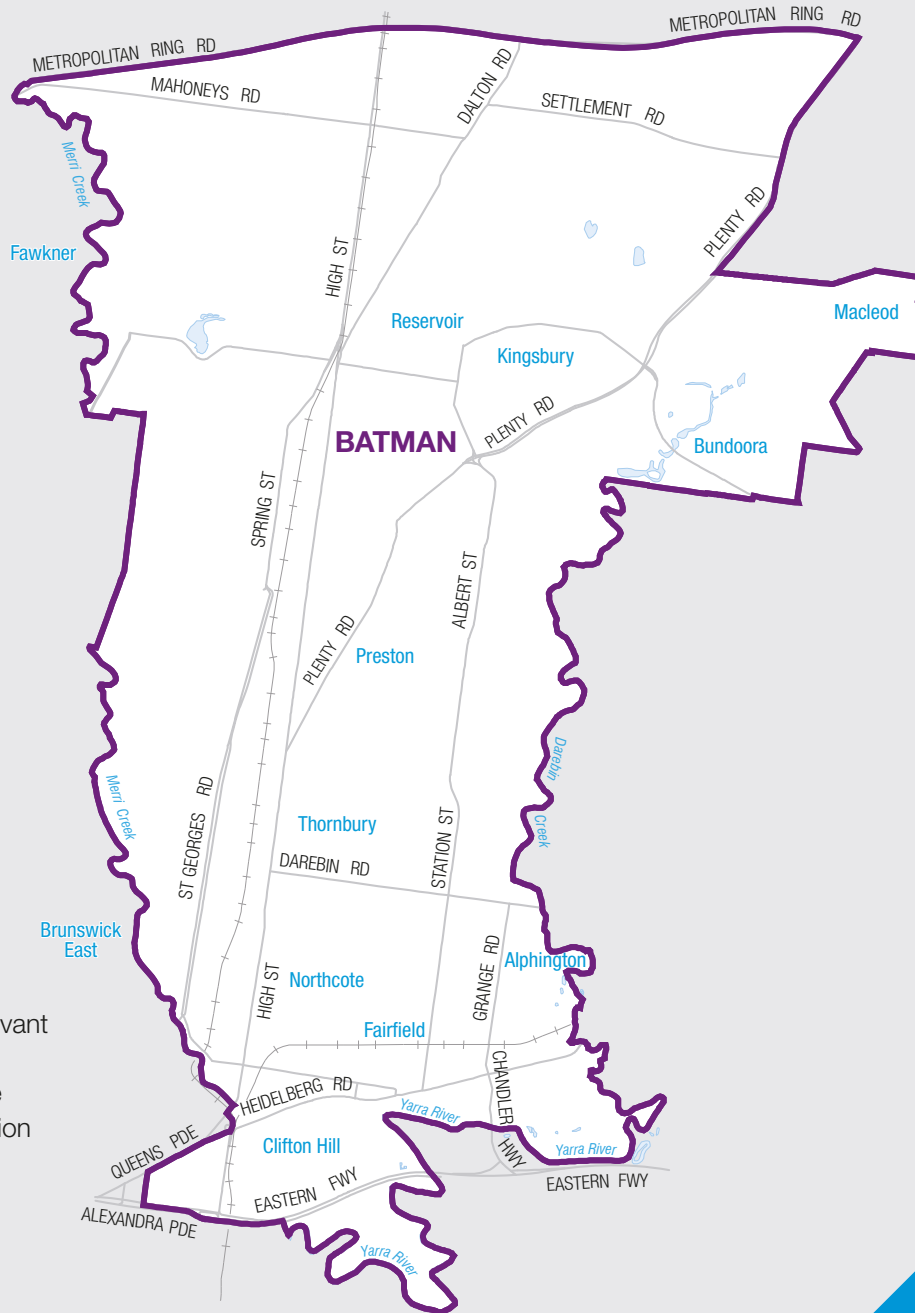




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# Your official guide to the 2018 Batman by-election SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018



**BATMAN  
BY-ELECTION  
2018**

This guide is only relevant to people who are enrolled to vote in the federal electoral Division of Batman in Victoria.

**VOTING IS COMPULSORY**  
FOR AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS  
AGED 18 YEARS AND OVER

The Batman by-election will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018. Polling places open at 8am and close at 6pm sharp.

## Why?

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

## Who has to vote?

If you are enrolled in the federal electoral Division of Batman you are required to vote in the by-election. If you are not sure if you are enrolled in the Division of Batman, 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.

The electoral boundaries for the Batman by-election are the same as the boundaries at the 2016 federal election.

## What if I can't make it?

If you can't make it to a polling place in the federal electoral Division of Batman on by-election day, you may be entitled to vote early. For more information visit [www.aec.gov.au/batman](http://www.aec.gov.au/batman) or call 13 23 26.

### By post

You can apply for a postal vote online at [www.aec.gov.au/pva](http://www.aec.gov.au/pva). Application forms are also available from AEC offices. The AEC must receive your application as soon as possible and no later than 6pm AEDT Wednesday 14 March 2018.

### In person

If you are entitled to vote early, you can vote at an early voting centre (below) or AEC office from Tuesday 27 February to Friday 16 March 2018.

Visit [www.aec.gov.au/batman](http://www.aec.gov.au/batman) to check the opening dates and hours of each early voting centre.

#### BUNDOORA

7/2 Enterprise Drive

#### HEIDELBERG

69 Burgundy Street

#### MELBOURNE

27–29 Little Lonsdale Street

#### THORNBURY

625 High Street

704 High Street

## What happens at the polling place on by-election day?

- 1 In the polling place an official will ask you your full name and address, and if you have voted before in the 2018 Batman by-election. Your name will be marked off the electoral roll.



- 2 You will be given your green ballot paper for the House of Representatives. You should read the instructions on the ballot paper carefully.



- 3 Complete your ballot paper. You must number **every box** to make your vote count.



- 4 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.**



## Where?

You can vote at any polling place in the federal electoral Division of Batman on by-election day. The final list of polling places, along with a list of candidates, will be published in the *Preston Leader* on Tuesday 13 March, and the *Northcote Leader* on Wednesday 14 March 2018.

At the time of printing this publication, the locations of some polling places were yet to be confirmed. Final locations are published and available at [www.aec.gov.au/batman](http://www.aec.gov.au/batman).



### ALPHINGTON

Alphington Primary School

### BUNDOORA

Bundoora Secondary College  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Norris Bank Primary School

### CLIFTON HILL

Clifton Hill Primary School  
Spensley Street Primary School

### COBURG

Newlands Senior Citizens Centre

### COBURG NORTH

Newlands Primary School

### FAIRFIELD

Fairfield Primary School  
Perry Street Child Care Centre

### KINGSBURY

Kingsbury Primary School

### NORTHCOTE

Anglican Church All Saints  
Parish Hall  
Batman Park Hall  
Northcote High School  
Northcote North Baptist  
Church Hall  
Town Hall  
Westgarth Primary School

### PRESTON

Bell Primary School  
Preston North East Primary School  
Preston Primary School  
Preston South Primary School  
Preston West Primary School  
Sacred Heart Catholic School  
St Raphael's Primary School  
The Pavilion School

### RESERVOIR

Jubilee Hall Holy Name Parish  
Northern School for Autism  
Reservoir East Primary School  
Reservoir Primary School  
Reservoir Senior Citizens Centre  
Reservoir Views Primary School  
Reservoir West Primary School  
St Gabriel's School  
St Joseph the Worker  
Primary School  
St Mark's Hall  
William Ruthven Secondary College

### THORNBURY

Penders Grove Primary School  
Thornbury Primary School  
Wales Street Primary School



You can check the accessibility rating and details of polling places at [www.aec.gov.au/batman](http://www.aec.gov.au/batman).

For blind and low vision voting options call **13 23 26**.

# How to make your vote count

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

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electoral Division of Batman 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-voting](http://www.aec.gov.au/practise-voting).

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

To request this guide in an alternative format call **13 23 26** or download from [www.aec.gov.au/batman](http://www.aec.gov.au/batman).

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

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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
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普通话	Mandarin	1300 720 142
Język polski	Polish	1300 720 143
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Español	Spanish	1300 720 148
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Other languages		1300 720 153

**Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years and over.**

If you don't vote, you may be prosecuted.

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

[www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) 13 23 26

