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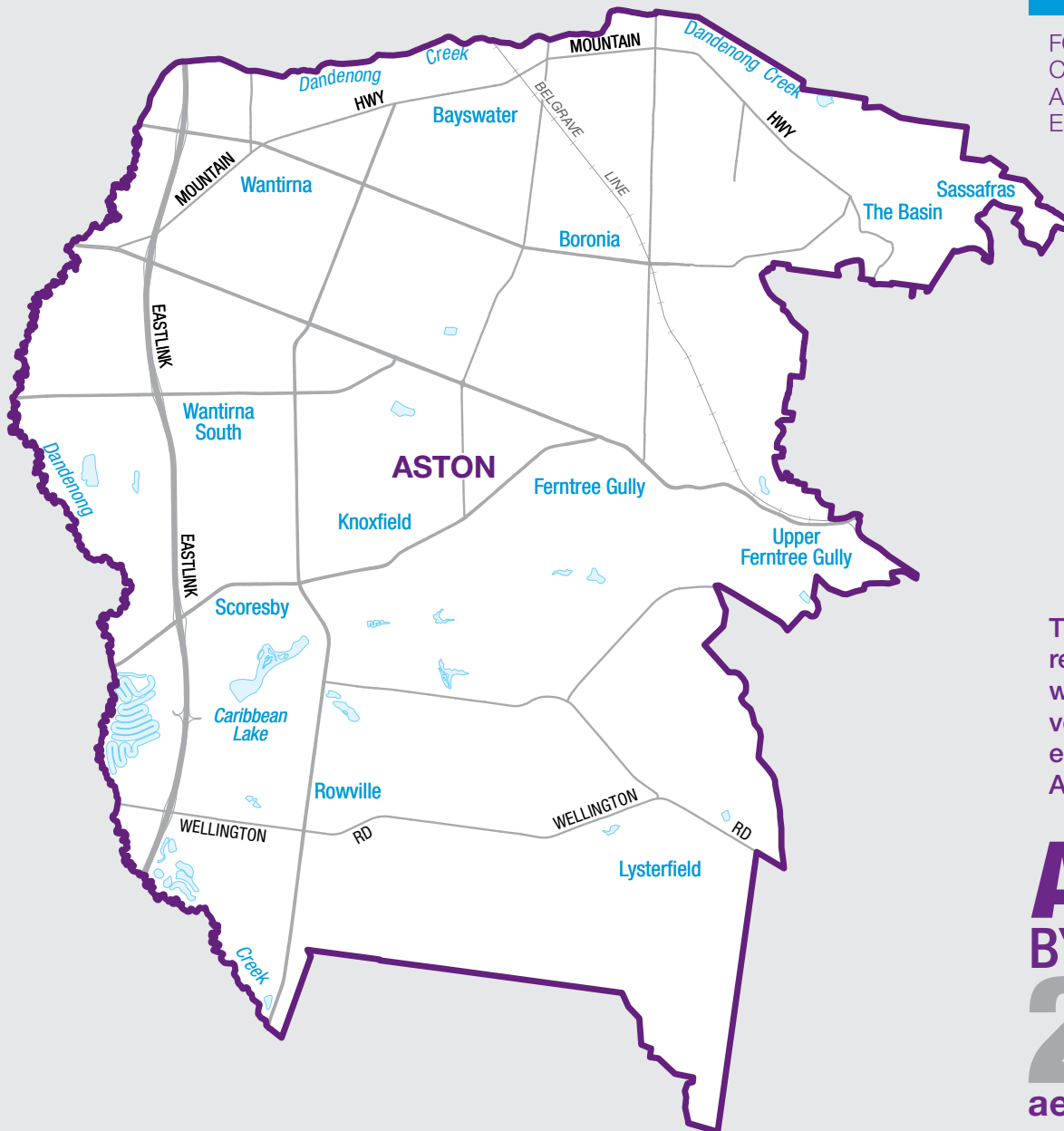
Australian Electoral Commission

# Your official guide to the Aston by-election

SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023

**VOTING IS  
COMPULSORY**

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



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

**ASTON  
BY-ELECTION  
2023**  
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# The Aston by-election will be held on **Saturday 1 April 2023**. Polling places open at 8am and close at 6pm sharp.

## Why?

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

## Who has to vote?

If you are enrolled in the federal electoral division of Aston you are required to vote in the by-election. If you are not sure whether you are enrolled in the division of Aston, you should 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 voting day, you may be entitled to vote early.

To check if you are eligible to vote early at either an early voting centre or by post visit [aec.gov.au/aston](https://aec.gov.au/aston)

### Voting early by post

If you are entitled to vote early you can apply for a postal vote online at [aec.gov.au/aston/pva.htm](https://aec.gov.au/aston/pva.htm) or by scanning 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 local time Wednesday 29 March 2023.**



### Voting early in person

If you are entitled to vote early, you can vote at an early voting centre (below) from Monday 20 March 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023.

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

#### ROWVILLE

1350 Ferntree Gully Road

#### SCORESBY

St Jude's Parish Centre,  
51 George Street

#### BORONIA

Boronia Community Church of Christ,  
59 Boronia Road

For further information about early voting options and eligibility visit [aec.gov.au/aston](https://aec.gov.au/aston) 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/aston](https://aec.gov.au/aston)

You can take measures to keep yourself and others safe while voting. Visit [aec.gov.au/aston](https://aec.gov.au/aston) for the latest updates and advice.

## What happens at the polling place?

Hand sanitiser will be available, and you are encouraged to bring and wear your face mask and maintain physical distance. You can use a clean AEC pencil, or you can bring your own pencil or pen.

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 2023 Aston 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.
- Deposit your AEC pencil in the box on the way out. There will be hand sanitiser available near the exit.

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

The AEC takes the safety of our voters and election workers seriously with appropriate COVID-19 measures. The AEC continues to monitor the COVID-19 environment and follows advice from relevant health authorities. Information in this guide reflects circumstances at the time of printing. This may result in changes to the measures put in place.

## Where?

You can vote at any polling place in the federal electoral division of Aston on voting 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/aston](http://aec.gov.au/aston)

The final list of polling places, along with a list of candidates, will be published in the *Ferntree Gully Belgrave Star Mail* on Tuesday 28 March, *The Herald Sun* on Friday 31 March, and the *The Age* on Friday 31 March.

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



### BAYSWATER

Bayswater Primary School  
Bayswater South Primary School  
Bayswater West Primary School

### BORONIA

Boronia Heights Primary School  
Boronia K-12 College  
Boronia West Primary School  
Knox Central Primary School

### FERNTREE GULLY

Fairhills Primary School  
Ferntree Gully North Primary School  
Kent Park Primary School  
Mountain Gate Primary School  
St John the Baptist Primary School  
Wattlevue Primary School

### KNOXFIELD

Carrington Primary School  
Knox Park Primary School

### LYSTERFIELD

Lysterfield Primary School

### ROWVILLE

Heany Park Primary School  
Karoo Primary School  
Park Ridge Primary School  
Rowville Community Centre  
Rowville Primary School  
St. Simon The Apostle Primary School

### SCORESBY

1350 Ferntree Gully Road  
St Jude's Parish Centre

### THE BASIN

St Bernadette's Primary School

### UPPER FERNTREE GULLY

Upper Ferntree Gully Primary School

### WANTIRNA

Templeton Primary School  
Wantirna College  
Wantirna Primary School

### WANTIRNA SOUTH

Knox Gardens Primary School  
The Knox School  
Wantirna South Primary School



You can check the accessibility rating and details of polling places at [aec.gov.au/aston](http://aec.gov.au/aston). 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 that you consider what you see, hear or read. Take the time to consider whether the information is from a reliable or 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](http://aec.gov.au/stopandconsider)



# How to make your vote count

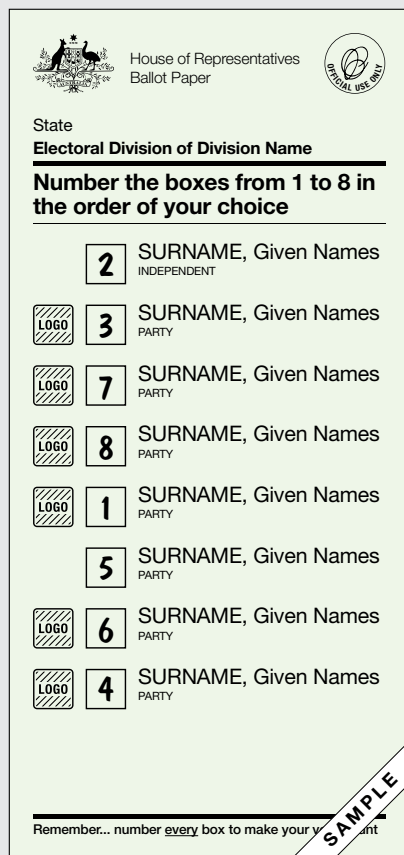
For the Aston by-election you will be given a green ballot paper.

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electoral division of Aston 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 [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. If you vote more than once it is a criminal offence.**

## Alternative versions of this guide

### Information in accessible formats

You can download alternative formats of this guide, such as audio and large print, from [aec.gov.au/aston](http://aec.gov.au/aston). 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 Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional) and Vietnamese from [aec.gov.au/aston](http://aec.gov.au/aston).

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
درى	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
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