

# Your official guide to the Dunkley by-election

## Part 1: Introduction

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

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

The Dunkley by-election will be held on Saturday 2 March 2024. Polling places open at 8am and close at 6pm sharp.

If you are blind or have low vision, you may be able to vote by telephone. There is more information on telephone voting in **Part 6** of this guide.

## Why is there a by-election?

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

## Who has to vote?

If you are enrolled in the federal electoral division of Dunkley you are required to vote in the by-election. If you are not sure whether you are enrolled in the division of Dunkley, 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.

## Part 2: What if I can't make it on by-election day?

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

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

## **Voting early in person**

If you are eligible, you can vote at an early voting centre (below) from Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 1 March 2024.

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

### **CARRUM DOWNS**

Lyrebird Community Centre

### **FRANKSTON**

Functions By The Bay

### **MOUNT ELIZA**

1st Ranelagh Scout Group

## **Voting early by post**

If you are eligible to vote early 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 AEDT Wednesday 28 February 2024.**

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

## Telephone voting

If you are blind or have low vision, you may be eligible to vote by phone. More information is available in **Part 6** of this guide.

## 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 [www.aec.gov.au/dunkley](http://www.aec.gov.au/dunkley)

You can take measures to keep yourself and others safe while voting. For the latest health and safety updates and advice visit [www.aec.gov.au/dunkley](http://www.aec.gov.au/dunkley)

## Part 3: What happens at the polling place?

Hand sanitiser will be available, and you are encouraged to engage in general hygiene measures such as maintaining physical distance. You can use an 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 2024 Dunkley 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.

**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 can I vote on by-election day?**

You can vote at any polling place in the federal electoral division of Dunkley on election day.

Please note that the following polling place locations may have changed since you last voted.

### **CARRUM DOWNS**

1st Carrum Downs Scout Hall  
Banyan Fields Primary School  
Carrum Downs Secondary College  
Lyrebird Community Centre  
Rowellyn Park Primary School

## **FRANKSTON**

Chisholm Institute (Frankston Campus)

Frankston East Primary School

Frankston Heights Primary School

Frankston Primary School

John Paul College

Karingal Heights Primary School

Kingsley Park Primary School

McClelland Secondary College

Mount Erin Secondary College

Overport Primary School

## **FRANKSTON NORTH**

Aldercourt Primary School

## **FRANKSTON SOUTH**

Baden Powell Scout Hall

Derinya Primary School

## **LANGWARRIN**

Elisabeth Murdoch College

Langwarrin Public Hall

Langwarrin Park Primary School  
Woodlands Primary School

## **MOUNT ELIZA**

Kunyang Primary School  
Mount Eliza Fifty Five Plus Club  
Mount Eliza North Primary School  
Mount Eliza Primary School  
Mount Eliza Secondary College

## **SEAFORD**

Belvedere Park Primary School  
Kananook Primary School  
Seaford North Primary School  
Seaford Primary School

## **SKYE**

Skye Primary School

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

The final list of polling places, along with a list of candidates, will be published in the *Frankston Times* on



Tuesday 27 February, *Herald Sun* and *The Age* on Friday 1 March.

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

## **Part 4: How to make your vote count**

### **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](http://aec.gov.au/stopandconsider)

## How to make your vote count

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

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electoral division of Dunkley 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)

## Part 5: 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 [www.aec.gov.au/dunkley](http://www.aec.gov.au/dunkley). 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.

- **Arabic** 1300 720 132
- **Burmese** 1300 290 617
- **Cantonese** 1300 720 135
- **Croatian** 1300 720 136
- **Dari** 1300 290 618
- **Farsi (Persian)** 1300 290 619
- **Greek** 1300 720 137
- **Italian** 1300 720 138
- **Khmer** 1300 720 134

- **Korean** 1300 720 468
- **Macedonian** 1300 720 139
- **Mandarin** 1300 720 142
- **Polish** 1300 720 143
- **Portuguese** 1300 720 145
- **Russian** 1300 720 146
- **Serbian** 1300 720 147
- **Spanish** 1300 720 148
- **Turkish** 1300 720 149
- **Vietnamese** 1300 720 152
- **Other languages** 1300 720 153

## **Part 6: Additional information for voters in Dunkley who are blind or have low vision**

This additional information is for people who are blind or have low vision and are enrolled to vote in the federal electoral division of Dunkley in Victoria.

## Telephone voting option

If you are blind or have low vision, in addition to postal voting or voting at a polling place, you have the option to cast your vote by telephone.

Voters who are blind or have low vision can cast a vote by telephone from any location by calling **1800 913 993**.

Telephone voting is a simple two-step process and AEC voting assistants are available to assist you through the process.

### Step 1: Call to register

If you wish to vote by telephone, you must first register by calling **1800 913 993**.

Registration is available on weekdays between 8.30am and 5.30pm AEDT from Monday 19 February until Friday 1 March 2024. Registration is also available on by-election Saturday 2 March 2024, from 8am to 12 midday AEDT.

You will be asked questions to check your details on the electoral roll and will be asked to choose a six-digit PIN number.

You will then receive an eight-digit telephone voting registration number by your choice of an email, SMS, or phone call.

## **Step 2: Call to vote**

Once you have received your registration number and chosen your PIN, you will need to call again to cast your vote.

Telephone voting will commence from Monday 19 February 2024.

Voting will be available on weekdays between 8.30am and 5.30pm AEDT. Voting will also be available from 8am to 6pm AEDT on by-election Saturday 2 March 2024.

To cast your vote, call **1800 913 993**.

When you call, do not give your name or any information that could identify you.

Please have your telephone voting registration number and chosen PIN number ready.

With these numbers you can vote anonymously without giving your name, and these will be used to mark you off the electoral roll.

An AEC voting assistant will record your vote. A second voting assistant will ensure your vote is recorded as you intended.

Your vote remains secret because the AEC voting assistant will not know your name or address.

Once your vote is complete, the voting assistant will place the ballot paper into an envelope that is sealed and then deposited into a secure ballot box.

Remember, you have until 12 midday AEDT on by-election Saturday 2 March 2024 to register, and until 6pm AEDT to cast your vote.

## Accessible information

### List of candidates

The list of candidates contesting the Dunkley by-election is now available.

You can listen to the list of candidates at [www.aec.gov.au/dunkley](http://www.aec.gov.au/dunkley) by using the Read Speaker application on the AEC's website to read the content aloud.

You can also save content from the AEC's website, including the list of candidates, as an MP3 file by using the Read Speaker application.

The list of candidates is also available in accessible file formats as e-text, large print, and audio MP3 at [www.aec.gov.au/assistance](http://www.aec.gov.au/assistance)

Alternatively, you can request a copy of the list of candidates to be sent to you in e-text, large print, audio, or braille by calling the AEC on **13 23 26**.



## Accessible formats of this guide

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