



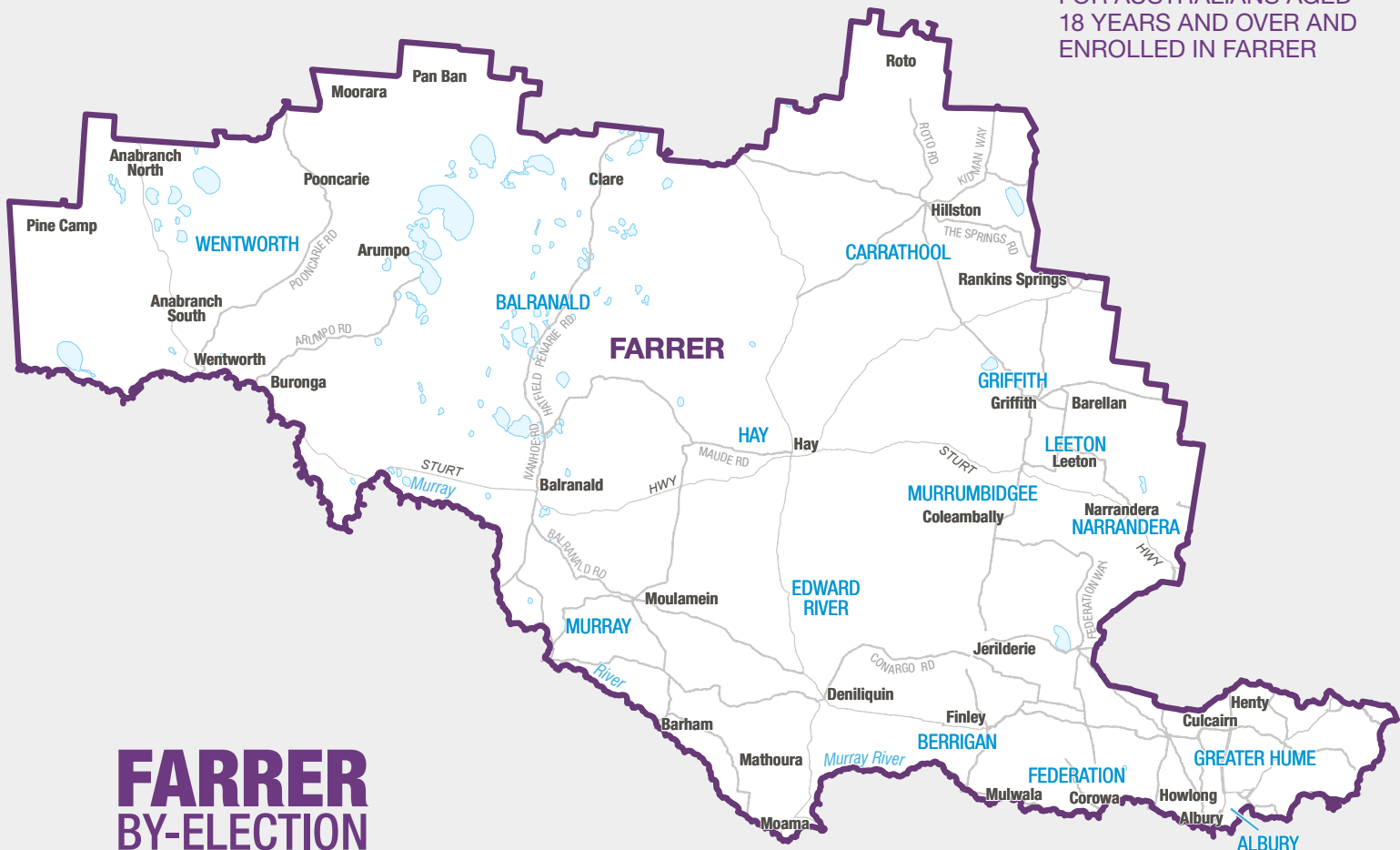
# Your official guide to the Farrer by-election

SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026



**VOTING IS  
COMPULSORY**

FOR AUSTRALIANS AGED  
18 YEARS AND OVER AND  
ENROLLED IN FARRER



**FARRER  
BY-ELECTION  
2026**

[aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au)

For people who are enrolled to vote in the federal electorate of Farrer in NSW.

# The Farrer by-election is on **Saturday 9 May 2026**. Polling places open at 8am and close at 6pm sharp.

## Why?

This by-election is being held following the resignation of the Member for Farrer. You will vote for a representative for the federal electorate of Farrer in the House of Representatives.

## Who has to vote?

If you are enrolled in Farrer, you are required to vote in the by-election. You can check your electorate details at [aec.gov.au/check](https://aec.gov.au/check) or call **13 23 26** if you need help.

## Voting on election day

You can vote at any polling place in the federal electorate of Farrer on election day.



Locations may have changed since you last voted. Check where to vote at [aec.gov.au/where](https://aec.gov.au/where)

The final list of candidates and polling places will be published in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Border Mail*, *The Daily Advertiser* (Wagga Wagga) and *Sunraysia Daily* on Friday 8 May 2026.

Candidates and polling places will also be advertised in some regional newspapers and can be found at [aec.gov.au/farrer](https://aec.gov.au/farrer)

### TIP

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



## What if I can't make it on election day?

If you can't make it on the day, you may be eligible to vote early in person or by post.



To check if you are eligible to vote early in person, visit [aec.gov.au/early](https://aec.gov.au/early)

If you are eligible you can vote at any early voting centre from **Tuesday 28 April 2026**.

If you live in a remote area or are in residential aged care, health care, or a similar setting, check for remote or mobile voting options at [aec.gov.au/farrer](https://aec.gov.au/farrer) or call **13 23 26**.



To check if you are eligible and to apply for a postal vote, visit [aec.gov.au/postal](https://aec.gov.au/postal)

**Postal vote applications must be received by the AEC no later than 6pm AEST Wednesday 6 May 2026.**

For the latest details, including locations, opening dates and times, visit [aec.gov.au/farrer](https://aec.gov.au/farrer) or call **13 23 26**.

### TIP

If you need help, you can **ask a polling official**.



## 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/farrer](https://aec.gov.au/farrer)

## What happens at the polling place?

- A polling official will ask for your full name and address, and whether you have voted before in this 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.
- You can use an AEC pencil, or you can bring your own pencil or pen.
- You must number every box to make your vote count.
- Once you have completed your ballot paper, place it in the ballot box provided.

**The AEC encourages and expects respectful behaviour at polling places.**

Information in this guide reflects circumstances at the time of printing.

# How to make your vote count



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

You will be voting for a representative for the federal electorate of Farrer in the House of Representatives.

A reminder that voting in a federal by-election is different from voting in a NSW state election or by-election. This federal by-election uses full preferential voting.



Who you vote for is your decision.



For your vote to be counted it is important you **number every box** in the order of your choice.




If you make a mistake you can ask for another ballot paper and start again.


## TIP

Preferential voting means you **rank candidates** in the order of your choice.

Learn more at [aec.gov.au/preferential](http://aec.gov.au/preferential)



 House of Representatives  
Ballot Paper











State  
**Electoral Division of Division Name**

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**Number the boxes from 1 to 8 in the order of your choice**

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**EXAMPLE ONLY**

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

Sample ballot paper

Want to practise voting?  
[aec.gov.au/practise](http://aec.gov.au/practise)



# Stop and consider

During a by-election you will see a lot of information designed to influence your vote.

Information from different sources is a vital part of the democratic process. It gives candidates, political parties and others a way to communicate their policies and beliefs with voters.

However, some information may be false or misleading. It's important you carefully consider what you see, hear or read about the Farrer by-election process.

## Take the time to consider:

- **Where** did the information come from? Is it from a trustworthy media outlet or an official social media account?
- **When** was it published? Old information that is no longer accurate can be shared to make it appear like new information.
- **Check** if you're not sure. Artificial intelligence technology makes it easier to create false information about the voting process.

If you see something about the Farrer by-election process that you're unsure of, ask the AEC, especially information you may see on social media and online.

➔ Visit [aec.gov.au/stopandconsider](https://aec.gov.au/stopandconsider) for more information and short videos with helpful tips.



## Accessible information

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

This official guide is available in audio, large print and e-text at [aec.gov.au/guide](https://aec.gov.au/guide)

Request these formats or Braille by calling **13 23 26**.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS). Use your call channel and provide the NRS with our number **13 23 26**.

Auslan interpreting services are also available. For more information visit [aec.gov.au/assistance](https://aec.gov.au/assistance)

## Translated information

This official guide has been translated into Italian and Nepali and is available at [aec.gov.au/guide](https://aec.gov.au/guide)

Telephone interpreter services are also available. For information, call the number listed next to your language below.

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
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 and older and enrolled in Farrer. If you don't vote, you may be prosecuted. Voting more than once is a criminal offence.

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

