Your official election guide from the ACT Electoral Commission

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ACT Legislative Assembly

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Election Guide
The ACT election at a glance

When is the election?
The election for 25 Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly is being held on Saturday 15 October 2016. Polling places will be open from 8 am until 6 pm.

Do you have to vote?
Voting in this election is compulsory if you’re on the electoral roll for an ACT address and you are 18 or over. If you don’t vote you may be fined.

Why is voting important?
The Legislative Assembly has the power to make laws and form a government for the ACT. By voting in this election you have an opportunity to choose who will represent you in the Assembly. When you vote, it is your chance to have your voice heard.

How to fill in your ballot paper
To record a valid vote, write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and so on, in the squares on your ballot paper in order of your choice. No ticks or crosses, and don’t use the same number twice.

Electronic voting
Electronic voting will be available at 6 polling places in the major town centres.

How the votes are counted
The votes are counted using the Hare–Clark proportional representation system which was chosen by ACT voters at a referendum in 1992.

No how-to-vote cards at polling places
Political canvassing, including handing out how-to-vote cards, is banned within 100 metres of a polling place at ACT elections.

Where to go to vote
Your local polling place may have changed. There is a complete list of polling places and addresses on pages 7-11.

Which electorate are you in?
There are 5 electorates — Brindabella, Ginninderra, Kurrajong, Murrumbidgee and Yerrabi – each electing 5 members.

Electorate boundaries have changed. There are maps showing the electorate boundaries on pages 7-11 of this booklet.
Voting on polling day

The easiest way to vote is to go to your nearest polling place (see the lists on pages 7-11 of this booklet). All polling places are open from 8 am to 6 pm. You don’t have to go to a polling place in your own electorate.

Assistance with voting

Polling officials are there to help you. If you have any difficulty with voting, or if you need help to fill in your ballot paper, just ask. If you prefer, you can ask a friend, relative or a candidate’s scrutineer to help you. If you make a mistake on your ballot paper, just take it back to the polling official who gave it to you and ask for another.

Polling places with suitable access for people with a disability are marked with the symbol ( & ) in the lists on pages 7-11 of this booklet. Polling place staff will be happy to provide any assistance you need.

Write numbers to make your vote count

Don’t use the same number twice!

Number at least five boxes from 1 to 5.

Then show as many preferences as you wish using numbers in other boxes.
About your ballot paper

A feature of the ACT electoral system is the Robson rotation method of rotating the positions of candidates within each column on the ballot paper.

Candidates’ names are printed in different positions within a column on each ballot paper. The order of the names on your ballot paper may be different from the order on the ballot paper given to the voter next to you. This means that no candidate has the advantage of appearing in the top position on every ballot paper.

By combining Robson rotation with the ban on canvassing within 100 metres of a polling place, the ACT electoral system places in your hands the opportunity to consider each candidate and vote for candidates by name in the order of your choice.

This illustration demonstrates the Robson rotation method of printing candidate names in different orders.

How to fill in your ballot paper

To record a valid vote, write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and so on, in the candidate squares in the order of your choice. Don’t use the same number twice.

Remember, use numbers only! One of the most common mistakes is for people to use ticks and crosses on their ballot papers. This means that their vote cannot be counted.

You should fill in at least 5 squares as there are 5 vacancies in each electorate.

If you don’t fill in this many squares, your vote will still be counted even if you vote for only one candidate. However, to make the most of your vote, you can continue to fill in the squares until all your preferences are recorded. You may fill in every square if you wish.

If you don’t vote for any candidates, your vote will be informal.

If you make a mistake on your ballot paper, just return it to a polling official and ask for another.
Electronic voting

Electors at certain polling places will have the option of voting electronically. Electronic voting will be available on polling day at the following 6 polling places:

**Belconnen**
- Belconnen Community Centre, Swanson Court

**Canberra City**
- Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Avenue
- Eclipse House, 197 London Circuit

**Gungahlin**
- Gungahlin Library, Hibberson St

**Tuggeranong**
- Salvation Army Hall, Corner Anketell St and Reed St North

**Woden/Phillip**
- Callam Offices, 58 Easty St

At polling places where electronic voting is available it will also be possible to vote using a traditional paper ballot if you prefer. Just ask for a paper ballot. Votes cast electronically will be stored securely and combined with the results from paper ballots.

Key steps in the electronic voting process

If you vote electronically you will be issued with a barcode instead of a ballot paper. This barcode will give you secure access to an easy-to-use voting screen.

When you scan your barcode you will see a ballot paper for your electorate on the screen.

By using direction keys on a key pad you can move to any candidate.

As you SELECT the candidates you wish to vote for, preference numbers will be automatically listed for you, starting with your first preference.

When you have completed your selection and pressed the FINISH key, you will be able to see a list of the candidates you have chosen in the order you have ranked them.

If you wish to change your selection you can simply go back and correct it.

If you are happy with your selection, scan your barcode a second time and your vote will be securely recorded.

The barcode must be deposited in the ballot box as you leave the polling place. Each barcode can be used only once.

Special audio facilities will be available to enable electors who are blind or vision impaired to vote electronically in secret and in private. Electronic voting instructions will also be available in a number of community languages.

Further information about electronic voting is available at [www.elections.act.gov.au](http://www.elections.act.gov.au)
**How the votes are counted**

Your vote is counted according to the preferences you indicate on your ballot paper. First preference (number 1) votes are counted first then your later preferences (numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and so on) are counted as described below.

To be certain of election under the Hare–Clark system, a candidate must obtain a set proportion (or quota) of the votes for his or her electorate. Any candidate whose votes equal or exceed a quota is elected.

A quota is calculated using the following formula:

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\text{quota} = \frac{\text{total number of valid votes}}{\text{number of vacancies} + 1} + 1
\]

The quota in each 5 Member electorate is one sixth plus one, or roughly 16.67% of the valid votes.

A candidate may reach the quota simply by receiving first preference (number 1) votes, or by receiving a combination of first preference votes and votes transferred from other candidates who have been elected or excluded.

If a candidate has more votes than the quota and not all vacancies have been filled, the surplus votes of that candidate are distributed to other candidates according to the preferences indicated on those ballot papers.

If, after all the surplus votes have been distributed, vacancies remain to be filled, the candidate with the fewest total votes is “excluded” and his or her ballot papers are distributed to continuing candidates according to the preferences shown by voters.

After ballot papers are distributed from an excluded candidate, the total votes for each continuing candidate are recalculated to determine whether any candidate has now received votes equal to or greater than the quota. The process of distributing surplus votes from elected candidates and excluding the candidate with the fewest votes continues until all vacancies are filled.

**No how-to-vote cards at polling places**

Remember that political canvassing, including distributing how–to–vote cards, is banned within 100 metres of a polling place.

This means that you need to plan in advance how you want to vote.

**What your ballot paper will look like**

Sample ballot papers are shown on pages 7-11. While the party columns won’t change, remember, under Robson rotation candidates’ names can appear in different positions within each column.

Please read the instructions on the ballot paper carefully. Write numbers in the squares – no ticks or crosses – and don’t repeat any number.
Brindabella polling places
Open 8am to 6pm

Your local polling place may have changed. Check this list carefully.

- **BONYTHON**  Bonython Primary School, Hurtle Ave
- **CALWELL**  Calwell High School, Casey Cres
- **CHISHOLM**  Caroline Chisholm School (primary campus), Hambidge Cres
- **CONDER**  Charles Conder Primary School, Tom Roberts Ave
- **FADDEN**  Fadden Primary School, Hanlon Cres
- **GILMORE**  Gilmore Primary School, Heagney Cres
- **GORDON**  Gordon Primary School, Knoke Ave
- **GOWRIE**  Gowrie Primary School, Jeffries St
- **ISABELLA PLAINS**  Isabella Plains Early Childhood School, Ellerston Ave
- **MONASH**  Monash Primary School, Corlette Cres
- **RICHARDSON**  Richardson Primary School, May Gibbs C
- **THARWA**  Tharwa Public Hall, North St
- **THEODORE**  Theodore Primary School, Lawrence Wackett Cres
- **TUGGERANONG**  Salvation Army Hall, Cnr Anketell St & Reed St North, Greenway
- **WANNIASSA**  Wanniassa School (senior campus), Wheeler Cres
- **WANNIASSA**  Wanniassa Hills Primary School, Langdon Ave

Electorate of Brindabella

You may then show as many further preferences as you wish by writing numbers from 6 onwards in other boxes

Remember, number at least five boxes from 1 to 5 in the order of your choice.
Ginninderra polling places

Open 8am to 6pm.

Your local polling place may have changed. Check this list carefully.

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<td>Belconnen Community Centre, Swanson Court</td>
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<td>BRUCE</td>
<td>Australian Institute of Sport, Leverrier Cres</td>
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<td>BRUCE</td>
<td>Calvary Hospital, Haydon Drive</td>
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<td>CHARNWOOD</td>
<td>Charnwood-Dunlop School, Bettington Cct</td>
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<td>CHARNWOOD</td>
<td>St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, Lhotsky St</td>
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<td>FLOREY</td>
<td>St Francis Xavier College, Barnard Cct</td>
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<td>Fraser Primary School, Tillyard Dr</td>
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<td>HOLT</td>
<td>Kingsford Smith School, Starke St</td>
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<td>Latham Primary School, O’Loghlen St</td>
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<td>SCULLIN</td>
<td>Southern Cross Early Childhood School, Wirraway Cres</td>
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<td>WEETANGERA</td>
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**Sample:**

**Electorate of Ginninderra**

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### Kurrajong polling places

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<td>Telopea Park School, New South Wales Cres</td>
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<td>BRADDON</td>
<td>Ainslie School, Donaldson St</td>
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<td>CAMPBELL</td>
<td>Campbell Primary School, Chauvel St</td>
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<td>CANBERRA CITY</td>
<td>Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Ave</td>
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<tr>
<td>DEAKIN</td>
<td>Canberra Girls Grammar School (junior school), Grey St</td>
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<td>DICKSON</td>
<td>Northside Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place</td>
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<td>DOWNER</td>
<td>Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place</td>
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<td>LYNEHAM</td>
<td>Lyneham Primary School, Brigalow St</td>
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<td>NARRABUNDAH</td>
<td>Narrabundah Early Childhood School, Brigalow St</td>
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<td>OAKS ESTATE</td>
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<td>RED HILL</td>
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<td>TURNER</td>
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<td>WATSON</td>
<td>Majura Primary School, Knox St</td>
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<td>YARRALUMLA</td>
<td>Yarralumla Primary School, 24 Loftus St</td>
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Murrumbidgee polling places

Open 8am to 6pm.

Your local polling place may have changed. Check this list carefully.

- **CHAPMAN** Chapman Primary School, Perry Dr
- **COOMBS** Charles Weston School, 80 Woodberry Ave
- **CURTIN** Curtin Primary School, Theodore St
- **DUFFY** Duffy Primary School, Burinjuck Cres
- **FARRE** Farrer Primary School, Lambrigg St
- **GARRAN** Garran Primary School, Gilmore Cres
- **HOLDER** St Judes Primary School, Mulley St
- **HUGHES** Hughes Primary School, Groom St
- **KAMBAH** Narradgi School, O’Halloran Crt
- **KAMBAH** St Thomas the Apostle Primary School, Boddington Cres
- **KAMBAH** Taylor Primary School, Marconi Cres
- **LYONS** Lyons Early Childhood School, Tarraleah Cres
- **MAWSON** Mawson Primary School, Ainsworth St
- **PEARCE** Melrose High School, Marr St
- **WARAMANGA** Arawang Primary School, Nemarang Cres
- **WESTON** Weston Creek Community Centre, Parkinson St
- **WODEN** Callam Offices, 58 Easty St

Electorate of Murrumbidgee

You may then show as many further preferences as you wish by writing numbers from 6 onwards in other boxes.

**SAMPLE**

Remember, number at least five boxes from 1 to 5 in the order of your choice.
Yerrabi polling places
Open 8am to 6pm.

Your local polling place may have changed. Check this list carefully.

- **AMAROO**  Amaroo School, Katherine Ave
- **BONNER**  Neville Bonner Primary School, 7 Mabo Boulevard
- **EVATT**  Evatt Primary School, Heydon Cres
- **EVATT**  Miles Franklin Primary School, Alderman St
- **FORDE**  Burgmann Anglican School, Cnr Francis Forde Blvd & Hurrell St
- **FRANKLIN**  Franklin Early Childhood School, Oodgeroo Ave
- **GIRALANG**  Giralang Primary School, Atalumba Cl
- **GUNGAHLIN**  Gungahlin Library, Hibberson St
- **HALL**  Hall Primary School Museum, Victoria St
- **HARRISON**  Harrison School, Wimmera St
- **KALEEN**  Kaleen Primary School, Ashburton St
- **KALEEN**  Maribyrnong Primary School, Alberga St
- **NGUNNAWAL**  Ngunnawal Primary School, Unaipon Ave
- **NICHOLLS**  Gold Creek School (primary campus), Kelleway Ave
- **PALMERSTON**  Palmerston District Primary School, Kosciusko Ave
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CHINESE 如果你需要传译员的帮助，请打电话：[number]
CROATIAN Ako trebate pomoć tumača? TELEFONIŠTE: [number]
GREEK Εάν χρειάζεστε διερμηνεία τηλεφωνήστε το: [number]
ITALIAN Se avete bisogno di un interprete, telefonate al numero: [number]
MALTESE Jekk ghandek bżorn l-interpretu żappajt: [number]
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Your polling place may have changed!

If you live in or near one of these suburbs, your local polling place may have changed since you last voted.

- Bonner
- Bruce
- Charnwood
- Coombs
- Dickson
- Downer
- Evatt
- Franklin
- Hall
- Kambah
- Ngunnawal
- O’Connor
- Reid
- Scullin
- Stirling
- Woden
- Yarralumla

To find your nearest polling place, see pages 7-11.

Electorate boundaries have also changed!

Electorate boundaries have changed since the 2012 election. See the electorate boundaries maps on pages 7-11.