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Did you know a by-election is being held in the Stafford electorate?

If you're enrolled to vote in Stafford, you'll need to choose a new Member of Parliament on 16 May 2026.

The ECQ will communicate with you before voting opens.

You'll receive a Voter Information Card in the mail – the big maroon card you may recall having received from us before. You can bring it with you when you come to vote for easy roll mark-off.

You may also receive a digital version via email if you've included your email address on the electoral roll. The ECQ will also send you an SMS to remind you to vote if you've added your mobile number to the electoral roll.

You can vote early if it's more convenient for you.

Vote on weekdays from Tuesday 5 May to Friday 15 May 2026 between 8am and 6pm at:

- Cherside Kedron Community Church, Cnr Rode and Gympie Roads, Kedron
- Wilston Grange Australian Football Club, Hickey Park, Babarra Street, Stafford.

On **election day**, Saturday 16 May 2026, you can vote between 8am and 6pm at one of 12 polling places across the electorate. Check locations and their accessibility on the ECQ's [Find My Polling Booth](#) website or by visiting ecq.qld.gov.au/StaffordVoting.

Can't vote in person? You can request a postal vote.

Postal votes can be requested at ecq.qld.gov.au/postalvoting until **7pm on Monday 4 May 2026**. All postal votes must be received by the ECQ by 6pm on 26 May 2026 to ensure they are included in the count.

Eligible voters can also vote by telephone. For instructions and to check your eligibility, please see the [Fact sheet on telephone voting](#). Registration opens at 9am on Tuesday, 5 May 2026.

To vote in the Stafford by-election, you need to number all the boxes on the ballot paper in your preferred order. Start with the number 1 for the candidate you most prefer.

Visit ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford to learn more about the by-election, including who is running and to stay up to date with the results after the polls close.



Social media

Help us get the word out to your community by:

- sharing a post from the ECQ's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts
- creating your own post with our suggested text and social media tiles below, which can also be downloaded from our [Stafford by-election page](#) on [ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford](#).





Don't forget to tag us when you share:

FB: @electoralcommissionqld | Instagram: @electoralcommissionqld

Suggested posts

1. Live in the Stafford electorate?

Get ready to vote in the by-election for a new Member of Parliament.



-  **Postal vote:** Request a postal vote on the ECQ website by 4 May
-  **Vote early in Stafford or Kedron:** Weekdays 5-15 May (8am-6pm)
-  **Vote on election day:** Sat 16 May (8am-6pm) at 12 polling places
-  **Number every box** on your ballot paper to make your vote count!

Find voting locations, accessibility details and more:

 [ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford](#)

2. Do you live in the Stafford electorate?

You must vote in the by-election on Saturday 16 May to choose a new MP.



-  Voting information is available in **25 languages**
-  If your language is not in the guide, staff can help you use a **free phone interpreter**

Learn more about voting in other languages:

 [ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford](#)

3. First time voting? 🙌




If you live in the Stafford electorate, you'll need to vote on 16 May.

-  Voting is compulsory if you're 18+
-  Get reminders by text or email

More info  [ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford](#)

4. How can we help you vote?

There are several voting options available for the Stafford by-election.

-  Choose how you vote: **early, on election day Saturday 16 May or by post**
-  **Check accessibility** at voting locations before you go
-  Request a **postal vote** by 4 May

Plan your vote and get more information:

 [ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford](#)



Stafford State by-election

Saturday, 16 May 2026



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Social media tiles

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Posters

Promote the by-election by displaying one of our posters at your organisation (e.g. reception area, front window, or public notice board).

You can download our A4 and A3 posters from our [Stafford by-election page](https://ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford) on ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford or collect a poster closer to the by-election from our Returning Officer at Unit 4, 77 Araluen Street, Kedron.

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Early voting is on weekdays from 8am to 6pm from Tuesday 5 May to Friday 15 May.
Find an early voting centre at ecq.qld.gov.au/StaffordEarlyVoting

Vote on election day
12 polling booths will be open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday 16 May.
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Looking for more information?
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Frequently asked questions

Am I enrolled to vote?

- Visit aec.gov.au to enrol to vote or to check your details are up to date.
- Add your email address and mobile number to be notified about elections in your area.

What if I recently changed address?

- You will need to update your details on the electoral roll at aec.gov.au to ensure you are voting in the correct electorate.

Is voting compulsory?

- Voting is compulsory for all Australian citizens aged 18 years or older.
- If you do not vote, you may receive a fine.

Why do I need to vote in this by-election?

- Voting for your Member of Parliament helps determine the future of Queensland.
- The Queensland Government is responsible for education, health, the environment, transport, sport and recreation, public works, police services and more.
- Every time you go to a hospital or visit a public school, the State Government is at work.
- Don't miss out on having a say on how it works for you.

Why is voting important?

- Governments make decisions about services, laws and protections that impact on every part of life.
- By voting, you are part of this decision-making and making a choice about how Queensland is run.
- If you don't vote, you are relying on someone else to choose your representative for you.
- One of the best ways to make sure you are involved in decisions about your community is to vote.

How do I vote?

- You can find voting information on the Electoral Commission of Queensland's website at ecq.qld.gov.au/Stafford.

How will I know who the new Member for Stafford is?

- The Electoral Commission of Queensland will publish the details of the declared candidate on its website and also post about it on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

