

# Voting in your first election

Voting essentials for upcoming elections



Tasmanian  
Electoral Commission

# Voting essentials

- » All Tasmanian citizens over the age of 18 are required to **enrol and vote** in Tasmanian and national elections.
- » You can enrol at **aec.gov.au** – enrolment is managed by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) for all Tasmanian and national elections.
- » If you're 16 or 17, **you can enrol to vote now!** You won't be able to vote yet, but it means that as soon as you turn 18, you're ready to go.
- » If you do not vote, and you don't have a valid reason for not voting, you will receive a \$41 fine.

# Upcoming election in Rosevears

**On Saturday 2 May 2026**, voters who live in the Legislative Council division of Rosevears will elect their representative in the upper house of Tasmania's parliament.

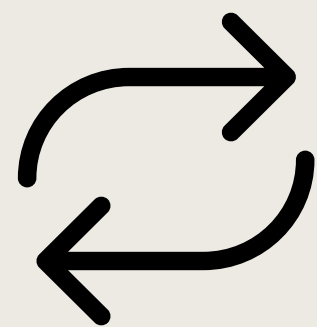
Any Australian citizen who lives in Rosevears, and is 18+ (or turning 18 before 2 May), **must be enrolled to vote by Monday 30 March**.

The division of Rosevears includes Exeter, Beaconsfield, West Launceston, Riverside, Trevallyn and most of Prospect.



# The role of the Legislative Council

The upper house of Tasmania's parliament



There are 15 Legislative Council divisions, each is represented by 1 member for a 6-year term.



Together with the House of Assembly (the lower house), members review and shape laws that affect all Tasmanians.



Members also participate in parliamentary committees that conduct inquiries on matters of public importance.

# Upcoming local government elections



Tasmania is divided into **29 local government areas** that are governed by local councils, each lead by a mayor.

Local councils manage and make decisions on community services like rates, rubbish and recycling, sports grounds and dog parks.

All 29 of Tasmania's local councils will go to election in **October 2026**, with electors voting for their mayor, deputy mayor and councillors.

These elections will take place **by post**. Your ballot papers will be sent to you and you can return them in the mail.

# Find out more about elections

Learn more about  
how enrolment works



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