

# Information kit

## Mornington by-election, 15 June 2024

Dear community member

People in Mornington Shire Council will head back to the polls on Saturday 15 June to elect a new councillor, following the resignation of Tali Tabuai on 17 April 2024.

Around 780 community members will be eligible to vote in the by-election.

While voting is compulsory, it's also an important right and responsibility in our democracy. Voting in the by-election is about ensuring you have a say about the councillor you want to represent you.

### ***Can you help?***

We'd appreciate your support in sharing the [resources](#) in this kit with your community.

In this kit, you'll find:

- a sample article for community newsletters
- social media posts to share on your accounts
- a link to a voting options video message from our First Nations Engagement Officer
- posters for your community noticeboards.

Please like and follow our social media accounts to stay up-to-date with the latest information about the by-election.

If you have any enquiries, please email us at [communication@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:communication@ecq.qld.gov.au). You can also contact ECQ's First Nations Engagement Officer Quentin Barba on 0436 396 222.

Thank you for your support.

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# Newsletter article

## Whichway? Get ready to vote on 15 June 2024

It will be time to vote soon in the by-election that's happening in Mornington Shire. When you vote at the election you'll be voting for a new councillor.

With just one councillor to be elected, you'll need to mark one box on your ballot paper for your vote to count.

Remember, voting is compulsory.

### Going away?

No worries! You can apply for a postal vote by 7pm on Monday 3 June on the [ECQ website](#) or by calling 1300 881 665.

### Enrolling to vote

Are your enrolment details up-to-date? If you're not on the electoral roll, you can't have your say. Visit [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au) to enrol to vote or update your details.

### Voting early

You can vote before election day at the PCYC on Lardil Street, Gununa at the following times:

- Thursday 13 June from 8am to 6pm
- Friday 14 June from 8am to 6pm

### Voting on election day

You can vote on election day, Saturday 15 June from 8am to 6pm at the PCYC on Lardil Street, Gununa.




### More information

The ECQ website is the best place to find information. Visit us to learn about ways to vote, how voting systems and counting works, voting times and places and more at the [ECQ website](#).



## Help spread the word in your community

### Social media

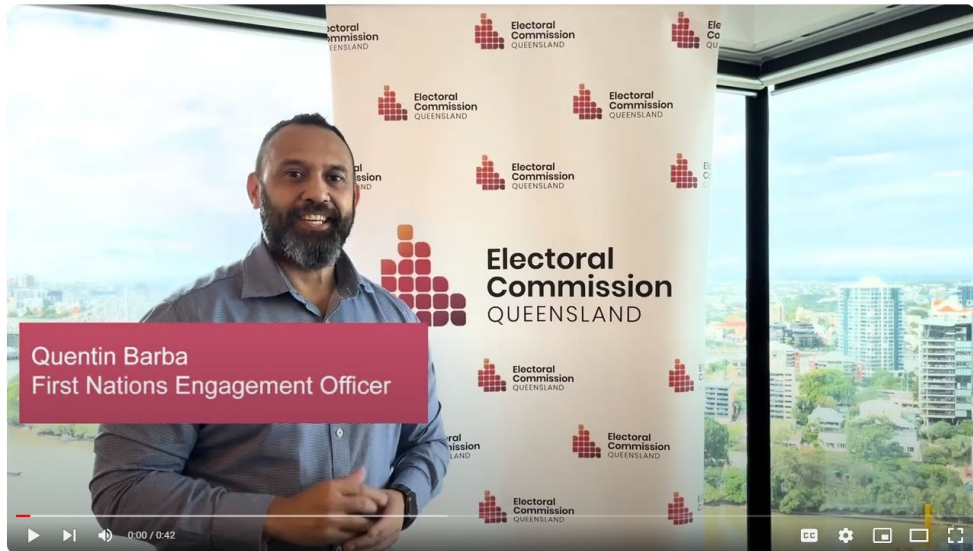
Social media post	Social media tile*
<p><b>Want to be a local leader?</b></p> <p>There's a vacancy on the Mornington Shire Council and nominations are now open. Learn how to nominate here: <a href="https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/election-events/mornington-shire-council-by-election">https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/election-events/mornington-shire-council-by-election</a></p> <p>Nominations close at 12 noon on Monday 27 May 2024.</p> <p>Read more about the by-election <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">#MorningtonByElection</a> <a href="#">#ElectionsQld</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Download</a></p>  <p>The tile features the Electoral Commission Queensland logo at the top right. The main text 'Nominate as a candidate now.' is centered in a large, bold, white font on a dark red background. At the bottom, there are five circular icons representing different council wards. Below the icons, the text 'Mornington Shire Council by-election' and the website 'ecq.qld.gov.au' are displayed.</p>
<p><b>Early voting is opening!</b></p> <p>Head to the PCYC on Lardil Street, Gununa between 8am and 6pm on Thursday 13 June or Friday 14 June to vote for a new councillor on the Mornington Shire Council.</p> <p>You need to mark one box on your ballot paper for your vote to count.</p> <p>Read more about the by-election <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">#MorningtonByElection</a> <a href="#">#ElectionsQld</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Download</a></p>  <p>The tile features the Electoral Commission Queensland logo at the top right. The main text 'Early voting opening.' is centered in a large, bold, white font on a dark red background. At the bottom, there are five circular icons representing different council wards. Below the icons, the text 'Mornington Shire Council by-election' and the website 'ecq.qld.gov.au' are displayed.</p>
<p><b>It's election day!</b></p> <p>If you live in the Mornington Shire Council area, you'll need to vote in the by-election by 6pm today.</p> <p>One councillor is being elected, so you need to mark one box on your ballot paper for your vote to count.</p> <p>Head to the voting centre at the PCYC on Lardil Street, Gununa to vote. It's open from 8am to 6pm today. Read more about the by-election <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">#MorningtonByElection</a> <a href="#">#ElectionsQld</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Download</a></p>  <p>The tile features the Electoral Commission Queensland logo at the top right. The main text 'Today is election day.' is centered in a large, bold, white font on a dark red background. At the bottom, there are five circular icons representing different council wards. Below the icons, the text 'Mornington Shire Council by-election' and the website 'ecq.qld.gov.au' are displayed.</p>



## Video

You can download this video message from our First Nations Engagement Officer Quentin Barba about ways to vote in the by-election:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5y2HbeKx-Nw>



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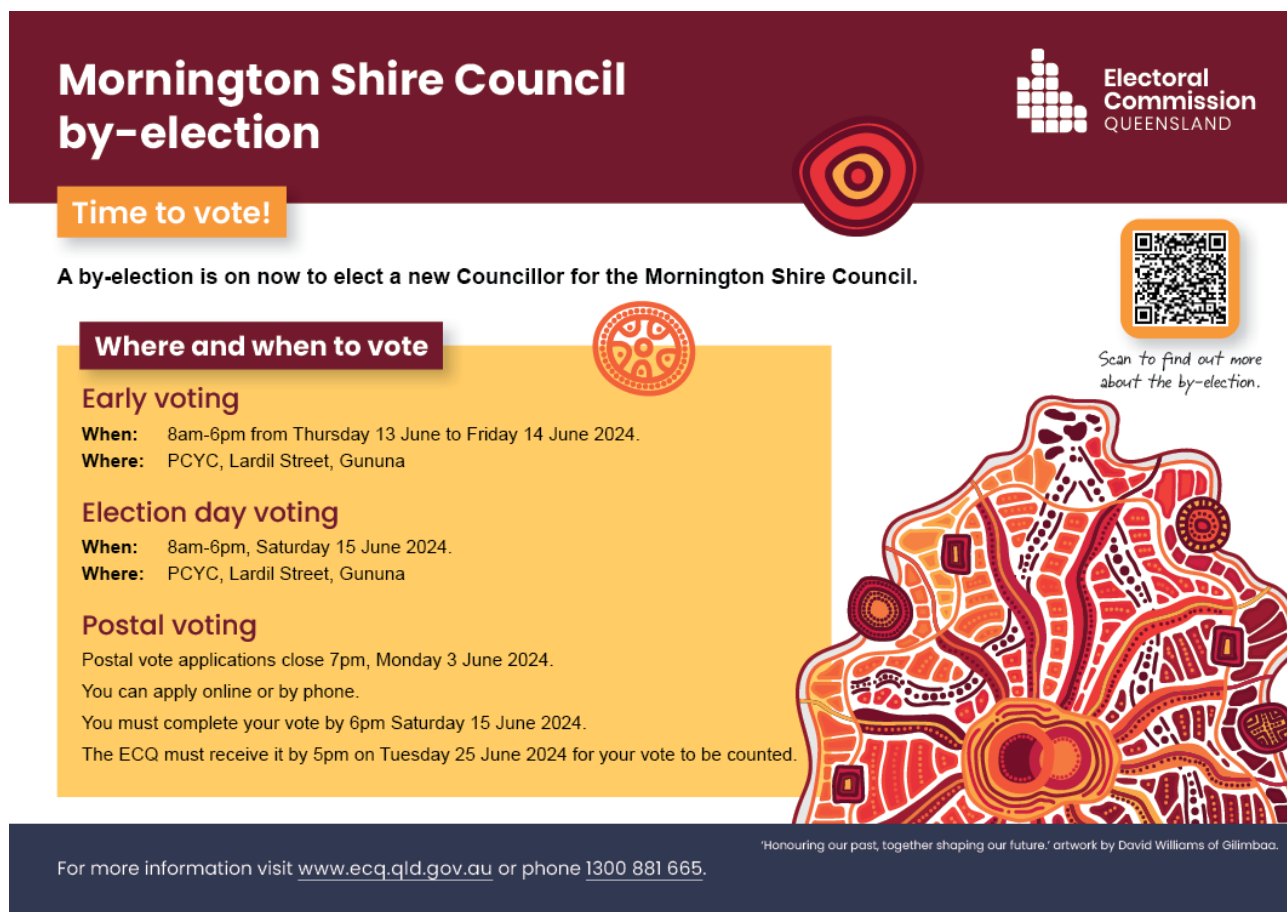


# Poster

Download a copy for your community noticeboards from the [ECQ website](#) or below.

[Download A4](#)

[Download A3](#)



**Morningsong Shire Council  
by-election**

**Time to vote!**

A by-election is on now to elect a new Councillor for the Morningsong Shire Council.

**Where and when to vote**

**Early voting**  
**When:** 8am-6pm from Thursday 13 June to Friday 14 June 2024.  
**Where:** PCYC, Lardil Street, Gununa

**Election day voting**  
**When:** 8am-6pm, Saturday 15 June 2024.  
**Where:** PCYC, Lardil Street, Gununa

**Postal voting**  
Postal vote applications close 7pm, Monday 3 June 2024.  
You can apply online or by phone.  
You must complete your vote by 6pm Saturday 15 June 2024.  
The ECQ must receive it by 5pm on Tuesday 25 June 2024 for your vote to be counted.

Scan to find out more about the by-election.

For more information visit [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au) or phone [1300 881 665](tel:1300881665).

'Honouring our past, together shaping our future.' artwork by David Williams of Giliimbaa.

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## Frequently asked questions

### 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.

### Are you enrolled to vote?

Visit [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au) to enrol to vote or to check your details are up to date.

### Have you changed address?

If you've changed address since the last election, you'll need to update your details on the electoral roll to ensure you are voting in the correct council area. Update your details at [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au).

### What is local government?

Local government is also known as your local council.

### Why do I need to vote in council elections?

When you vote for the mayor and councillors who will represent you in your community, you're having a say about the decision-makers who will shape the local community where you live. Council services include cultural and sporting facilities, town planning, local roads, waste management, land and coast care programs, pet registration and more.

### Why is voting important?

Governments make decisions about services, laws and protections that impact on every part of our lives. By voting, you are part of this decision-making and making a choice about how your community is run.

If you don't vote, you are relying on someone else to choose your representatives for you. The best way to make sure you are involved in decisions about your community, is to vote.

### Is there help for people with accessibility needs?

The Mornington Shire Council by-election will be held at the PCYC in Lardil Street, Gununa. If you have mobility issues you can vote from your car. Call the phone number of the booth supervisor, which can be found on a sign out the front of the voting centre, and an election official will help. For more information about the accessibility of the polling booth, please contact Returning Officer, Faye Gates on 0447 807 820.

### I need help to fill out my ballot paper.

If you need help when voting, another person can assist you in the polling booth. This person may act as an interpreter, read, and explain the ballot paper instructions, complete the ballot paper according to your instructions and place the ballot paper in the ballot box.

### I heard something about the election that doesn't sound right.

The ECQ is Queensland's team of electoral experts, so if you hear or see something you're not sure about, visiting our [Election Facts webpage](#) will help ensure you have the facts about elections.

