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# THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY 1st May** 

BINGO from 6pm

FRIDAY 2nd May **MEAT RAFFLES** MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1900

**SUNDAY 4th May** 

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Wednesday 30th April 2025

# Dawn Service on Anzac Day.

Welcome home to our local boys Sub Lieutenant CSM RAN Mitch Austin and Seaman Aviation Technician Mackenzie Austin you do us very proud. Seen here with Bill Crowley 1970 7 RAR Vietnam.

(Thank you to Deborah Mullins for this photo)

# STREET STALL

Barraba Catholic Women's Organisation will hold a street stall next Friday 2nd May, commencing at 9a.m. With home baked goods, plants, books, a raffle and bargains galore! We hope to see you there.







(Thank you to Terry Threlfall for these photos)



# BARRABA ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2025 – Friday 25 April

A large crowd assembled in perfect weather to remember those men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. A large group, led by Australian Navy Sub Lieutenant Mitch Austin, of Veterans and their family representatives, of other community service groups, and many children from all our schools, marched along Queen Street to the Memorial Clock, where the formal Remembrance Ceremony took place.

Veteran Bill Crowley, from our local RSL Sub-Branch, chaired the proceedings. After wreaths had been laid, and the formal remembrance ceremony had taken place (the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were played by Barraba Band stalwart Phil Hodges), the formal Address was given by Sub Lieutenant Mitch Austin. Mitch, based in Western Australia with the Australian Navy, returned to his childhood home for Friday's ceremony. He spoke of his gratitude of being invited to be part of today's proceedings, of his memories of the Anzac Day gatherings when he was a child, and urged those present to continue to honour those men and women who gave their lives in the quest of peace and justice.

# **ANZAC DAY STATEMENT**

ANZAC Day message from Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England and Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs:

Firstly, on behalf of a grateful nation, I thank those individuals who have signed on the dotted line to offer their lives for the protection of our country.

To the families, who also pay the price of the dislocation and loneliness that happens when another member of their family makes a sacrifice attached to our nation's service, we thank you.

To those families whose forbears have served and made the sacrifice, we thank you.

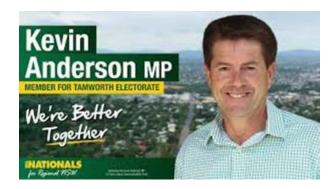
Today, I am at the Australian War Memorial for the official National Service, which is an incredible honour but has taken me away from the participation of services in the New England and the Upper Hunter.

I would sincerely like to thank all of you who attended services; your actions show that the service and sacrifice of others were not in vain and are not forgotten.

Lest We Forget.







# **COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIALS FUND OPEN**

Local not-for-profit organisations and councils can now apply for funding to refresh and renew community war memorials, with the NSW Government's Community War Memorials Fund open.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said ANZAC Day is a special reminder of the importance of war memorials throughout the region. "Anzac Day is a solemn day on which we gather alongside memorials right across the region to commemorate the service of those who fought to protect our way of life," Mr Anderson said. "War memorials are at the centre of our remembrance and serve as a permanent reminder of the sacrifice of generations of Australians. That's why it's so important that funds are made available to the community groups who care for and maintain our community memorials, because without them, we lose touch with a significant part of our nation's story."

Grants are available to cover projects like conservation assessments, honour roll repair, environmental advice, cleaning, and repairs to war memorial halls.

A range of organisations including not-for-profits and local councils can apply. "I'm inviting organisations responsible for the upkeep of these memorials to apply for up to \$15,000 in funding to ensure that we are able to continue the tradition of commemorating Anzac Day for generations," Mr Anderson added. "Previous rounds of funding have seen memorials in Manilla, Gunnedah, Werris Creek, Tamworth, Barraba and Attunga preserved and I want to see more funding dedicated to preserving our local war memorials."

For more information on the NSW Government's Community War Memorials Fund, and to review the funding guidelines, visit:

https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/community-war-memorials-fund/



# History Notes

This week has been busy with visitors looking for family history as well as visitors to the museum collection. The Corcoran, Natty, Connors family took up most of one morning with lots of photos and memories shared.

While looking for a topic for this week's notes I have found myself noting the families of the same names living in the Black Springs area in the 1860s and 1870s. Probably the first family to settle in Black Springs were the Orchard family who had arrived in Sydney in February, 1855. They were Jonathon and Martha Orchard nee Collett, with probably 5 or 6 of their children. Their last child, David, was born at Muswellbrook in 1855/6.

Staying in England was daughter Rebecca who had married Henry Currell in 1853, and was expecting her first child, Charles. He was born after her parents had arrived in Sydney. She went on to have seven children although only five grew to adulthood. Sadly, Henry Currell died in early February 1870 leaving Rebecca to rear the family alone.

Thomas Johnson lived at Little Horwood and had lost his wife in 1869 leaving him with ten children. Thomas and Rebecca married in 1871 and sailed for Australia with 5 Currell and 5 Johnson children. They arrived in Brisbane in 1873 with 11 children - Stephen Abbott Ramsay Johnson was born at the Cape of Good Hope early in 1873.

On arrival in Brisbane the 4 Currell boys explored Queensland before joining the blended families at Black Springs. Thus, there were Orchards, Currells and Johnsons all living around Black Springs in the 1870s and 1880s.

The younger Orchard daughters married - Louisa married John Madden at Tamworth in 1868 and later John Johnson in 1876. Martha Ann married Charles Byrnes in 1861 and then Frank Collins. Mary Ann Currell married Francis Clark.

The original Orchard parents died in 1875 (Martha) and in 1881 (Jonathon). Both are buried at Black Springs. Their eldest son, Samuel Orchard, also died at Black Springs in 1886 at the age of 55 years. He had a mysterious disease which the 2 or 3 doctors who saw him could not name. The youngest Orchard child - David - grew up to live most of his life at Black Springs. He married Mary Lang/Barnes at Bingara and died at Barraba in 1947 at the age of 91 years. He is buried in Barraba.

The Johnson children all married, in fact Thomas married three times -to Susannah McNeil, then Sarah McGregor and then Annie Jessup. Emily Johnson married Francis Bush, Joseph married Theresa McNeil, Eliza Sarah married Thomas Hayes and Rose married Alfred Godfrey Haydon. The Hayes family fell on hard times -there are records of the children missing school to help their father. The Haydon family ran the public house on the way to Manilla.

Old Jo Johnson, son of Thomas Johnson and Eliza Gibbs lived at Cobbadah for many years becoming well known for his vegetable garden and orchard in his retirement in the village. He managed/worked on several local properties in the Cobbadah area.

# **Ecological Burn Notice**

Please be advised that Whitehaven Coal will be undertaking burn preparation and cool season Ecological Burns on the following Biodiversity Properties "Neranghi North", "Bimbooria", "Long Gully", "Greenwood" and "Nindethana" between 7<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025. For further information, please contact Whitehaven Biodiversity on 0488 407 000.



# Get ready Barraba! Muddy MAYhem is HERE!

Muddy MAYhem kicks off this Friday for two full days of action as pre 1980 cars & full custom creations take to the wet flat track. Lots of very unique cars to see in action and check out up close. This event is loads of fun for both the drivers and the spectators. Track will be where the action is from 9 to 5 both Friday & Saturday. On both Friday & Saturday afternoon when the track closes there is a love band on stage and \$1 table raffles. The goods up for grabs for the raffles are phenomenal with items ranging from tools, firepits, custom pinstriped goods to garage decor and more. Major raffles on Saturday night include big ticket items including a set of rims donated by Cool Az Hotrods. We will draw the winner of the Zac & George signed Fender acoustic guitar on Saturday at the event (if you want tickets Phil Denyer Mechanical and Rural Traders have some left)

**ENTRY:** General Entry is \$25 over 16 years old (under 16 FREE) and gets you access for the entire event. This is a ticketed event, tickets available from Phil Denyer Mechanical Repairs or at the gate.

**FOOD:** Food and drinks are permitted from outside the grounds. NO GLASS. Rotary will be on site from lunch time on Friday through to Saturday night with food.

Thank you to the community for the support shown towards this new event we can't wait to see you there!





Photo Credit. Daniel Jeffery of Speed and Chrome



# DNCO Visitor Experience Forum – Tamworth – 6-7 May 2025

Destination Country and Outback is pleased to be delivering the third annual Visitor Experience Forum, to be held in Tamworth on 6-7 May 2025.

The 2025 DNCO Visitor Experiences Summit theme is shaping places – 24 hours in and around Tamworth. Starting on Tuesday, 6 May at 2pm in the Tamworth Regional Gallery and finishing at 2pm on Wednesday, 7 May. The Summit will feature thought leaders, industry experts, and tourism colleagues sharing their ideas and tips to help businesses identify their experiences and grow and prosper into the future.

The Summit will explore trends, data, and projections via keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops. Expect an action-packed and inspiring 24 hours in Tamworth, MC'd by the skilled and engaging Nigel Collin. Your ticket includes networking drinks on Tuesday evening at The Press (this event is free to attend for those who purchase a ticket). For more information and to register or email <a href="mailto:idm@dnconsw.com.au">idm@dnconsw.com.au</a>

# DNSW Aboriginal Experience Development Pathway

Destination NSW has launched a new initiative to support Aboriginal tourism businesses in regional areas, with data showing record numbers of visitors are seeking Aboriginal experiences in NSW.

This program is open to:

- Aspiring or existing Aboriginal-owned or led tourism businesses, including accommodation providers, tour operators, activity providers, and visitor attractions such as museums, galleries, wineries, breweries, and farm gates.
- Non-Aboriginal tourism businesses that offer an Aboriginal-led experience.

The Pathway includes the following for each participating business:

- Introduction session led by Destination NSW and NATOC
- A one-on-one meeting at their business or on Country

Invitation to take part in an Aboriginal experience familiarisation with an existing NSW Aboriginal experience

provider. Familiarisations must take place before 30 June 2025. Participation in the program is free. **Applications close at 5pm AEST on Friday 2 May 2025** 

# Update Tamworth Council Meeting on Thursday 24 April, 2025

Two reports were presented at tonight's Extraordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council, with one considered in the open part of the meeting. Here is an overview of the outcome:

Councillors have voted in support of approving an application for the development of shops and specialised retail premises (bulky goods), and releasing a restriction on the use of land at 408 Goonoo Goonoo Road, Hillvue. The site is located on the eastern side of Goonoo Goonoo Road opposite Craigends Lane and is zoned E3 Productivity Support under the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010 (TRLEP).

Under Clause 7.4 of the TRLEP, the gross floor area (GFA) of shops within the E3 zone is limited to 2,500 square metres; however, a combined GFA of 3,636 square metres was requested by the applicant. The application was supported by a written request from the Applicant under Clause 4.6 of the TRLEP to vary the development standard relating to the GFA of the proposed shops.

A detailed report noted that Council had previously approved an amendment to the TRLEP that proposes to increase the development standard in Clause 7.4 from 2,500 square metres to 3,500 square metres. "Once this increase is gazetted, the current Clause 4.6 request would only involve a minor variation to the maximum GFA of 3,500 square metres," the report said.

The report explained that the proposed development is affected by a State Government-imposed, two-year transition period relating to the 2023 employment zone reforms, which expires on 26 April 2025. The Government's employment zone reforms will mean that the proposed shop uses are prohibited after 26 April 2025. This is why an Extraordinary Meeting of Council was needed.

The report said that the proposed development has been assessed to be compliant with relevant planning legislation and the Tamworth Regional Development Control Plan, and therefore recommended for approval be granted subject to a range of conditions.

➤ A report to request the transfer of the lease of Hopscotch Café and Restaurant was dealt with in the closed part of the meeting. Councillors voted in support of the transfer of the lease.



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# **BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES**

Service Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10.45am

Please note change of time for next four months.

All welcome

# ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am
Woodsreef service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in each month 11.30

# **CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES**

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# RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- the publication of the world's first crossword puzzle book, by Simon & Schuster (1924)
- the death of Albert Einstein (1955)
- Advance Australia Fair being proclaimed as Australia's national anthem, and green and gold becoming the national colours (1984)
- Marie and Pierre Curie isolating the radioactive compound radium chloride (1902)
- the first video being uploaded to YouTube (2005)
- the deaths of Shakespeare (1616), William Wordsworth (1850) and Boris Yeltsin (2007)
- the world's first malaria vaccine being piloted in Malawi by the WHO (2019)
- Microsoft becoming the third public company in the US to reach a valuation of \$1 trillion, following Apple and Amazon (2019)
- the Chernobyl nuclear disaster (1986)
- the Australian Labor Party under Prime Minister
   Chris Watson becoming the first labour movement-aligned government in the world (1904)
- RC Duncan patenting the disposable nappy (1965)
- The Port Arthur Massacre (1996)
- Captain James Cook landing at Botany Bay (1770)
- the mutiny on HMS Bounty against William Bligh (1789)

# North West Beef Producers Forum



Date 15 May 2025

Time 9 am - 3:30 pm

Location Tangaratta Vineyards 340 Old Winton Road, Winton NSW 2340

For more information, contact Naomi Hobson

# North West Beef Producers Forum.

# 15 May @ 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Free

Beef producers are warmly invited to once again join North West Local Land Services for our 8th annual North West Beef Producers Forum, this year being held at the Tangaratta Vineyards.

We are excited to bring you a stellar line up of speakers, including:

- soil moisture outlook Dr Sean Murphy, DPIRD
- feedlot bound beef Caitlin Herbert, Gundamain
   Feedlot
- local producer's perspective Lucy and Gerard Gallagher
- live demo Pete McGilchrist, Southern Multibreed MSA
- international perspectives on carbon farming –
   Pippa Jones, Local Land Services, SQNNSW
   Innovation Hub, 2024 Nuffield Scholar
- processor's perspective Ethan Mooney, TEYS
- grazing tech recap North West Local Land Services

Don't miss your chance to network with the best in the beef business!

Register for this event to secure your place.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

For more information, contact Naomi Hobson, Team Leader Land Services Sustainable Agriculture, North West Local Land Services.

E: naomi.hobson@lls.nsw.gov.au

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# See It Live & See It Local

# Are You Lonesome Tonight. 8th May at Town Hall

Tamworth is known for country music, but have you ever wondered what would happen if you blend opera with country? *Are You Lonesome Tonight* presented by Opera Queensland is a celebration of the two genres featuring songs by composers such as Puccini, Verdi, Slim Dusty and Dolly Parton.

The show is stopping in at Tamworth as part of an ambitious regional tour. It features a cast of young Australian singers including Grabrielle Diaz, Marcus Corowa and Jonathan Hickey.

# Legally Blonde. 9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May. Capitol Theatre

Get ready to "bend and snap" as Tamworth Musical Society takes on the much-loved musical *Legally Blonde*.

This dazzling show is based on the beloved 2001 film and features catchy songs like *Omigod You Guys, What You Want* and *Legally Blonde.* The musical brings Elle Wood's infectious spirit and determination to life, blending pop, rock, and Broadway styles into an electrifying score.

Whether you're a long-time fan or new to Elle's world, this 'Made in Tamworth' production by Tamworth Musical Society will leave you laughing, singing, and embracing a very powerful message.

# Feedem Fighters. 23<sup>rd</sup> May Community Event Centre

The next In The Raw Play Reading series will be *Feedem Fighters*, presented by You'll Miss The Tide Productions.

This comedy by Dorian Mode is about our image obsessed society. Character Daryl Lucas is a fat, happily married soft-drink salesman living on the NSW Central Coast until he walks in on his cougar wife and her young Pilates instructor. She arranges for Daryl to be kidnapped by the 'Feedem Fighters' and kept captive to lose weight.

In The Raw play readings are staged at the Community Centre in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Swingin' to the Moon and Beyond. 1**<sup>st</sup> **June. Capitol Theatre** This local performance will take you on a journey to the moon. The lunar themed score will transport you as you travel into space.

The band's resident vocalists Kate Armstrong and Brad Gill will lead a lineup of talented local performers in this Made in Tamworth production.

With its lineup of saxophones, trombones, trumpets and a red-hot rhythm section, the 2340 Big Band will certainly take you *Swingin'* to the *Moon and Beyond*.

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# **Spanish Pork with Green Olives**

From the Free Range Butcher



This pork recipe comes from The Greengrocer's Diet Book by Judy Davie.

# Ingredients:

- 1 Pork Neck, diced
- 2-4 tbsp plain flour
- 2-4 tbsp smoked paprika
- pinch of salt and crack of pepper
- olive oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 green capsicums, deseeded and sliced into stripes
- 250g mushrooms, sliced
- 2 x 400g can diced tomatoes or 800g passata
- 20 stuffed pimiento green olives

# Method:

- In a bowl combine flour, smoked paprika, salt & pepper. Toss through pork to coat.
- Heat 1 tbsp of oil in a large oven proof dish. Add a small handful of pork and brown for 3-4 minutes, turning regularly. Remove to a plate.
- Repeat with remaining pork, cooking in small batches.
- Add oil to saute onion and garlic for 2 minutes. Add in capsicums and mushrooms and stir for 5 minutes.
- Return pork to pan with remaining ingredients (except olives).
- Cover the dish and place in oven at 140 degrees for 2-3 hours.
- Remove from oven when you are ready to eat and stir through olives.
- Serve with your choice of rice, mashed potato or zucchini noodles.

# Federal Election 2025 New England Electorate Candidate profiles



**Barnaby Joyce** 

# Sitting Member, National Party of Australia - NSW

In a recent Press Release, Member for New England Barnaby Joyce has pledged \$27.2 million in partnership funding to local councils across New

England under a revitalised Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, empowering communities to prioritise better roads and essential facilities, if the Coalition is re-elected to government.

Standing alongside Tamworth Regional Council Deputy Mayor Jeff Budd, Joyce said the revitalised program will put power back in the hands of local councils, creating jobs, boosting safety, and building stronger, more resilient communities.

"This is money that's delivered to councils that give them the capacity to invest in infrastructure like you see here," Joyce said, referring to the skatepark in Tamworth's Viaduct Park, "social infrastructure such as recreation grounds and roads".

The proposal would see millions delivered to each council in the electorate.



Wendy Wales

# The Greens, NSW

Wendy Wales is a retired science teacher and campaigner for the environment. She studied Biology, in WA and Education and a Master of Environmental Education in NSW. She

spent most of her teaching career at Muswellbrook HS. Wendy has worked in hospitality, adult education, as an interpretive biologist and in ecotourism. She has sailed some of the worlds' oceans and seas.

She has co-founded bush walking groups at Hawks Nest and the Upper Hunter, social networks, including "Green Drinks", Denman Aberdeen/Muswellbrook Scone Healthy Environment Group Inc, writes submissions opposing the new and expanded coal and gas projects and facilitates community action for the environment.

This is the first time Wendy has been a candidate.



Natasha Ledger
Independent

"I hope to be elected to lead in a progressive, transformative effort to

create a sustainable, thriving, healthy and abundant region. To build democracy, education, and collaboration. Stop corruption and promote transparency."

Born in March of 76, exacting 23yrs of Sydney, exacting 23 years of country, lends way to a balanced perspective of the political. Grateful for a perfect upbringing nestled in the hills of old Bathurst road, overlooking city lights, now presently in perfect view of Guyra Mountain directly, unending scenery west, planted in rural Uralla.

Ledger is a business owner and former local councillor, and sits on multiple boards.

She has 28 policy priorities listed on her website, including expanding the region's water supply and water security, building the Bradfield scheme, establishing an ICAC, aligning skills training with local business, among others.



# **Laura Hughes**

# **Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)**

Proud Mum | Full-time Teacher |
Qualified Counsellor
Tamworth ALP Branch President
Committed to education, families &
community.

Barnaby Joyce is claiming credit for the \$9 million funding for the Tamworth Northern Inland Aquatic Centre. In reality, this funding was delivered by the Albanese Labor Government—as part of a nearly \$80 million investment to strengthen NSW regional communities.

The funding supports 16 vital projects across the state, building the kind of community infrastructure—like sports centres and cultural hubs—that bring people together and boost local economies.

As the Labor candidate for New England, I will always fight for more resources and funding for the New England electorate and support councils to do provide important services to our communities.

Labor is not just making announcements. We're delivering.



Holly Masters
Family First Party Australia

Holly Masters is a wife, mother of two young children, and a dedicated speech pathologist. Since moving to regional NSW, she has embraced the opportunity to raise her family while

working part-time in her profession. Holly is passionate about safeguarding the future for children and preserving the family unit. She is concerned about the indoctrination of radical gender and sexuality ideologies in schools and advocates for the protection of female-only spaces for girls and women. Holly is a long-standing advocate for better maternity and postnatal healthcare, particularly in regional areas.

Holly champions freedom of religion, speech, and debate. She believes that cancel culture is stifling important conversations and that a free society must allow for discussion of differing viewpoints in order to learn and grow. Understanding the financial pressures facing families, Holly supports income-splitting taxation policies to give families greater flexibility in balancing work and raising their children. She believes families should have the freedom to choose how they structure their lives without being penalized by an unfair tax system.

As a candidate for Family First, Holly is committed to standing for families and defending the freedoms that underpin Australian society.



Todd Charles Juchau

Trumpet of Patriots

A proud descendant of First Fleet settlers and the great-grandson of Murrurundi's first mayor, Charles Francis Juchau, Todd brings deep local roots and a lifetime of service to his

community.

Todd Jachau's career spans over three decades in national defence and security. From his service in the Royal Australian Navy to high-level roles in armed security Todd has consistently demonstrated commitment, discipline and leadership. Now residing in Murrurundi, he is dedicated to restoring prosperity and pride to the region he calls home.

The New England electorate faces significant challenges: rising poverty, housing stress, limited access to healthcare and mental health services. A surge in economic disadvantage sees more residents struggling to afford

essentials and secure stable housing, along with a lack of investment in regional development.

Mr Jachau says "Australians deserve better. We need leaders with the courage to stand up for common sense solutions and put our country back on track."

"It's time for Australia to restore prosperity through practical, results-driven leadership," he said.

As a Trumpet of Patriots' party member, Todd is committed to ensuring that Australians have the opportunities and security to thrive. His platform seeks to restore prosperity through common-sense policies that put the needs of New England residents first. With a steadfast dedication to his community and a clear plan for action, Todd Juchau stands ready to lead New England toward a brighter future.



Brent Larkham

Pauline Hanson's One
Nation

Brent Larkham is a proud

patriot and lifelong advocate for Australian values. As a resident of New England, Brent is deeply committed to representing the interests of his community and standing up for the everyday Australians who have been left behind by major parties.

"I believe in the strength of Australia and its people. We need leaders who will fight to protect our way of life and ensure that our children inherit a country they can be proud of," Brent says.

Brent understands the challenges facing rural and regional Australians, including the rising cost of living, the need for more local jobs, and the importance of supporting farmers and small businesses. He is committed to advocating for policies that revitalise New England's industries, from agriculture to manufacturing, and ensuring access to reliable and affordable energy to power the region's growth.

Brent is also passionate about strengthening community safety and providing opportunities for young Australians through expanded apprenticeships and vocational training programs. By addressing the root causes of issues like youth unemployment, Brent believes New England can thrive and prosper.

As a One Nation candidate, Brent is dedicated to restoring accountability in government and putting Australians first. He is ready to stand up for the people of New England and ensure their voices are heard in Parliament.

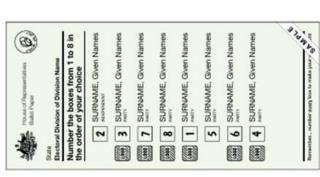
# How to make your vote count

On election day you will receive two ballot papers: a green one for the House of Representatives and a white one for the Senate.

# House of Representatives

On the green ballot paper, you need to put a '1' in the box beside the candidate who is your first choice, '2' in the box beside your second choice and so on, until you have numbered every box.

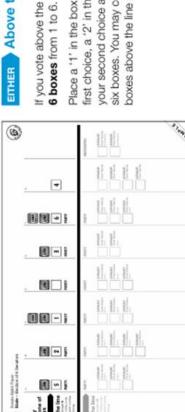
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Sample ballot paper

# Senate

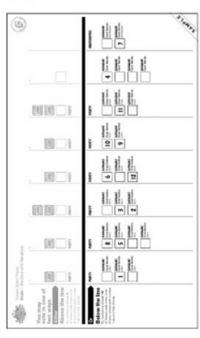
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# ETHER Above the line

If you vote above the line, you must number at least

six boxes. You may continue to place numbers in as many first choice, a '2' in the box for the party or group that is your second choice and so on until you number at least Place a '1' in the box for the party or group that is your boxes above the line as you like.



Sample ballot papers

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If you vote below the line, you must number at least 12 boxes from 1 to 12.

on until you number at least 12 boxes. You may continue to place numbers in as many boxes below the line as you like. Place a '1' in the box beside the candidate that is your first choice, a '2' in the box beside your second choice and so

# Don't worry if you make a mistake.

You can ask for another ballot paper and start again.

Federal Election - How to vote guide

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