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Early Polling to Open for Secret Harbour By-election

Early polling for the Secret Harbour By-election will open from 8am on Monday 17 August, giving voters enrolled in the district more flexibility to cast their ballot ahead of polling day.

Voting in the Secret Harbour By-election is compulsory for all eligible voters.

Early polling will be available at the following locations:

*7 Sunlight Drive, **Port Kennedy** - Monday to Saturday, 17 - 28 August from 8am - 6pm
(closed Sunday 23 August)*

*Level 2, 66 St Georges Terrace, **Perth** (WA Electoral Commission) - Monday to Friday, 17 - 28 August
from 8:30am – 4:30pm (closed Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August)*

WA Electoral Commissioner Dennis O'Reilly said he encourages voters to explore the many options available to participate in the by-election. To confirm if they're in for this by-election, voters can check their address on the interactive map available on the [WAEC website](#).

"Early polling, postal voting, and voting on polling day are all available for the Secret Harbour By-election, and we have seen over 5,000 postal vote applications already," Commissioner O'Reilly said.

"We know people have work, family and other commitments that may make it difficult to vote on polling day. Early polling and postal voting are open to all enrolled voters in the district, with no special reason needed. As voting is compulsory, I encourage Secret Harbour voters to plan ahead and choose the voting option that best suits their circumstances."

Voting options

- **Vote early in person** from Monday 17 August to Friday 28 August at an early polling place.
- **Vote on polling day** on Saturday 29 August at a polling place in the district.
- **Apply for a postal vote** online or by calling the WA Electoral Commission. Postal vote applications close at 6pm on Wednesday 26 August 2026.

Postal votes must be posted back in the reply-paid envelope by 6pm on Saturday 29 August and received by the WA Electoral Commission by 9am on Thursday 3 September 2026 to be included in the count.

Secret Harbour district quick facts

- 36,407 voters enrolled at close of rolls
- 16 candidates nominated for the Secret Harbour district
- 5,756 postal votes issued (as of 13 August 2026)

Ends

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