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Australia Votes: ABC Election Night Coverage

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The ABC will deliver the most comprehensive multi-platform election coverage in its history when Australia votes on July 2, with an unrivalled team of experts headlining uninterrupted live coverage through the day and night on television, radio, mobile, social and online.

Providing all the essential news, commentary and analysis are the biggest names in political journalism: Leigh Sales, Chris Uhlmann, Barrie Cassidy, Sabra Lane, Fran Kelly, Marius Benson, Louise Yaxley, Greg Jennett, Annabel Crabb, Michael Rowland, Virginia Trioli, Julia Baird, Patricia Karvelas and more. ABC Election Analyst Antony Green will add his unequalled insight to what is his tenth Federal Election.

Election night guests will include Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison and Senator Penny Wong.

Coverage will include up-to-the-minute results, updates on key marginal seats and crosses to candidates and key political figures around Australia, with the latest news able to be delivered direct to your phone. The geo-block will be lifted so international viewers can live-stream ABC News 24's continuous coverage worldwide all day at abc.net.au/news24.

SATURDAY JULY 2

ONLINE & MOBILE

ABC News Digital will deliver live coverage of election day and right throughout the night at abc.net.au/news as well as on the ABC app, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, WhatsApp, Instagram, Vine and in email updates. As well as all the latest election news, reporters from all states and regional areas will contribute to the live blog coverage with updates from polling stations and key electorates.

As the votes are counted ABC News Digital delivers live results straight to your [mobile](#) and online at the [ABC News website](#). Keep up-to-the-minute with how the leaders are tracking, the latest numbers for each electorate and the overall House and Senate counts.

The [ABC Newsbot](#) will also tell you the latest results. Just tweet your question to @ABCNewsBot on Twitter or search for "ABC News" in Facebook Messenger. Subscribe to breaking election news alerts via the ABC app (download [here](#)).

ABC News reporters will be providing news updates on Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, as well as behind the scenes photos and video.

During the day Snapchat reporters from around the country will take users through interesting electorates in their respective states, and you'll also get a sneak peek behind the scenes at the ABC's Election Centre.

There will be Facebook Live broadcasts throughout the day from journalists on the road, as well as on the night with National Affairs Correspondent Greg Jennett, breaking down the key developments after the result is announced.

For all the latest election news online go to abc.net.au/australiavotes and on Twitter follow [@abcnews](https://twitter.com/abcnews).

TELEVISION

ABC News Breakfast Special

6.00-10.00am on ABC, ABC News 24 (AEST) & iview

In an election day *News Breakfast* special, Michael Rowland and Virginia Trioli follow all the colour and movement as Australia heads to the ballot box. Catch the final word from politicians and pundits.

ABC News 24

Throughout the day *ABC News 24* will bring you continuous live coverage and the latest election news from around the country. For our international viewers, the geo-block will be lifted from 6am to after midnight AEST so you can live-stream ABC News 24's non-stop broadcast, worldwide all day at abc.net.au/news24.

Australia Votes: News Special

4.00pm on ABC, ABC News 24 (AEST) & iview

With only two hours until polls close in the eastern states, Jeremy Fernandez presents the latest news and updates from polling stations around the country.

ABC News

5.00pm on ABC, ABC News 24 (AEST) & iview

Jeremy Fernandez hosts a special election news edition covering the final developments on the campaign trail as well as the rest of the day's national and international news.

Australia Votes: Election Special

5:30pm (AEST) on ABC, ABC News 24, ABC News Digital & iview

Tune into the ABC on election night to get the results first. Leading ABC TV's live and continuous coverage will be 7.30 host Leigh Sales and Political Editor Chris Uhlmann.

ABC Election Analyst Antony Green and top ABC political minds Annabel Crabb, Barrie Cassidy and Michael Rowland will provide expert analysis and commentary as the numbers come in, with regular crosses to the Coalition and Labor Party headquarters with ABC News National Affairs Correspondent Greg Jennett and 7.30 Political Correspondent Sabra Lane.

The guest political panellists are Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Penny Wong.

Our uninterrupted coverage will feature up-to-the-minute results, regular updates on key marginal seats and crosses to candidates and key political figures around Australia.

The Drum: Election After Party

On ABC, ABC News 24 & iview

Join us immediately after the *Australia Votes: Election Special* for *The Drum: Election After Party*. Live from Sydney, host Julia Baird will dissect the night's events with a special election panel including journalist Paul Bongiorno, media commentator Sue Cato, Advertising Creative Director Dee Madigan and Tom Harley from the Menzies Research Centre. Coverage will also include the latest updates on results from Western Australia.

RADIO

The ABC will deliver extensive radio coverage on election night on [ABC NewsRadio](#), Regional Local Radio and on the [ABC Radio app](#).

ABC NewsRadio & ABC Local Radio regional stations

6.00pm (AEST)

Broadcasting live from 6.00pm (AEST) on ABC NewsRadio and ABC Local Radio regional stations across the country, *RN Breakfast* host Fran Kelly and *NewsRadio's* Political Editor Marius Benson will lead the radio election night coverage. Joining them will be election analyst William Bowe.

The political guests for the evening are Senator Scott Ryan, the Minister for Vocational Education and Skills and Deputy Manager of Government Business in the Senate, and Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator for NSW and the former Labor National President.

ABC Radio Current Affairs Political Correspondent Louise Yaxley will have updates and analysis and our election team will be crossing to politicians, candidates and reporters throughout the night, in the seats that matter.

You can live-stream [ABC Local Radio](#) and [ABC NewsRadio](#) online and on your [mobile](#).

ABC Local Radio

For sport lovers, your capitalcity ABC Local Radio will broadcast AFL and NRL games as usual, with election updates in the scheduled breaks. For broadcast details in your state click [here](#). You can live-stream [ABC Local Radio](#) online and on your [mobile](#). After the footy join us for a late night post-election show, "Dom's Party" on ABC Local Radio presenter with Dom Knight.

RN

Saturday Extra with Andrew West from 7:30am includes an election night preview with ABC Political Editor Chris Uhlmann.

triple j

6.00pm (AEST)

Drive hosts Veronica and Lewis will present the *triple j* Election House Party from 6pm-9pm (AEST), crossing to election parties across Australia.

ABC Classic FM

Classic FM is your election-free zone. Join us from 7.00pm for a Saturday evening of relaxing classical sounds. Or follow the count at [ABC News Digital](#) and turn up the Classic FM soundtrack.

Pop-Up Election Night Broadcast with Jon Faine

6.00pm (AEST) on digital radio via 774 ABC Melbourne and ABC Digital Extra, as well as online via 774 ABC Melbourne's web stream

Join our *Pop-Up Election Night Broadcast* as Jon Faine and friends celebrate the 2016 Federal Election in a frenzy of fun. Broadcasting nationally, our alternative pop-up election show will give you the basic information - but not the earnestness and electoral minutiae. Comedians, musicians, subversives and skeptics will join the audience at the City of Melbourne Bowls Club from 6.00pm for a moderately-informative rave that will last until democracy triumphs.

INTERNATIONAL

Audiences in Asia and the Pacific can stay up-to-date on July 2, with live election coverage on [Australia Plus Television](#) and [Radio Australia](#).

Election coverage on Australia Plus Television will commence at 6.00am AEST on Saturday. After an afternoon AFL game, there will be continuous election coverage from 4.30pm AEST with the ABC's live broadcast.

For information on how to watch Australia Plus TV in your country go to: <http://tv.australiaplus.com/tuning>.

You can also watch the live [ABC News 24](#) stream online, which will be made available worldwide for the election coverage from 6.00am AEST on July 2.

Listen to the ABC Radio election coverage live via the NewsRadio stream on the Australia Plus Expats app. Download the Expats app for free here: <http://ausp.lu/s-ExpatsAppiOS>
<http://ausp.lu/s-ExpatsAppGPlay>

Fran Kelly and Marius Benson will be co-hosting the radio election coverage which starts at 6.00pm AEST. For lovers of AFL and NRL, [ABC Grandstand](#) will provide commentary on the key games scheduled on July 2.

Radio Australia will bring you news updates and special analysis throughout the day, commencing at 7.05am AEST with Saturday AM.

SUNDAY JULY 3**TELEVISION*****Weekend Breakfast***

6.00am on ABC, ABC News 24 (AEST) & iview

Join hosts Miriam Corowa and Andrew Geoghegan for a special earlier edition of *Weekend Breakfast* as they deliver a wrap of the election results and latest news.

Insiders: The Verdict

9.00am on ABC, ABC News 24 (AEST), ABC NewsRadio (AEST) & iview

A must-watch 90-minute special edition of Australia's most popular political and morning television program.

Host Barrie Cassidy will make sense of the events of last night and look back on all the highlights – and lowlights – of Election 2016 with a panel of Australia's top

political journalists, including the *AFR*'s Laura Tingle, *The Australian*'s Niki Savva and *The Courier Mail*'s Dennis Atkins.

Mike Bowers will talk pictures with *The Daily Telegraph*'s cartoonist Warren Brown.

****Offsiders will be at 10.30am on ABC TV.**

The Drum: Election Special

6.00pm on ABC & iview / 6.30pm on ABC News 24 & iview

Host Julia Baird and a panel of expert guests will examine the fallout from Saturday night's election results and dissect the political spin from the parties.

ABC News Sunday

7pm on ABC & iview

An extended one-hour national news program co-hosted by Political Editor Chris Uhlmann. This post-election ABC News special will deliver an election wrap with a focus on the results in your state, with live crosses to key seats around the country. Antony Green will provide the latest on where the numbers landed, with interviews and analysis from Greg Jennett, Barrie Cassidy and Sabra Lane giving us insights on what we can expect in a new political landscape. This special program will also have the latest local, national and international news of the day.

RADIO

AM Election Special

8.00am (AEST) on RN & ABC Local Radio

Michael Brissenden hosts a special edition of *AM* with expert commentary, analysis and special guests, including Labor's Senator Kim Carr and the Liberal Party's Senator Scott Ryan.

Sunday Extra with Jonathan Green

7.30am on RN

The day after the election, *Sunday Extra* with Jonathan Green will host a post election special, including a wrap of the marginal seat outcomes, and analysis from *RN Drive* presenter Patricia Karvelas.

On Monday July 4, there will be a special post election [Party Room podcast](#) from Fran Kelly and Patricia Karvelas.

OTHER TELEVISION & IVIEW HIGHLIGHTS DURING ELECTION WEEK

SUNDAY JUNE 26

Compass: Election Special – Values in the House

6.00pm on ABC & iview

In this one-hour *Compass* special, Geraldine Doogue goes beyond the political point scoring and engages with five politicians - one from each of the parties and an independent - about their core values and beliefs. Featuring Josh Frydenberg, Fiona Nash, Andrew Leigh, Jacqui Lambie and Scott Ludlum.

MONDAY JUNE 27

Four Corners: The Leaders

8.30pm on ABC & iview

Gold Walkley and Logie Award-winning reporter Sarah Ferguson interviews the two men vying to lead Australia. With the election only days away, Sarah Ferguson sits down to talk with Malcolm Turnbull and Bill Shorten as they make their final pitches to the voters.

What will she ask?

Q&A

At the later time of 9.45pm on ABC, plus simulcast live at 9.45pm (AEST) on iview, ABC NewsRadio & on ABC News 24 (SA, NT, WA only)

For the final Q&A before Election Day a hard-hitting panel to sum up the longest election campaign in half a century.

Joining host Tony Jones on the Q&A panel will be: Deputy Opposition Leader Tanya Plibersek; broadcaster Alan Jones; Professor of Indigenous Studies Marcia Langton and leading economic analyst Chris Richardson.

Lateline

Monday to Friday at 9.30pm (AEST) on ABC News 24 & iview and later on ABC Lateline, hosted by Emma Alberici and Tony Jones will feature interviews with key political figures in the countdown to Election Day.

TUESDAY JUNE 28

National Press Club: Leader of the Opposition Bill Shorten

12.30pm on ABC, ABC News 24 (AEST) & iview
Live from Canberra.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

Kitchen Cabinet: Opposition Leader Bill Shorten

8pm on ABC & iview

Annabel Crabb joins Opposition Leader Bill Shorten for a campaign pit stop in his electorate.

Shaun Micallef's Mad As Hell

8.30pm on ABC & iview

Shaun Micallef gives voice to a nation's rage in his 6th season of the award-winning, *Mad As Hell*. Cast: Shaun Micallef, Roz Hammond, Francis Greenslade, Emily Taheny, Stephen Hall and Tosh Greenslade.

The Chaser Election Desk

9.00pm on ABC & iview

A long election campaign needs a long desk. The Chaser offers a desk long enough to cover this year's explosive marathon with truly explosive explosiveness. The longest desk. The most explosive desk. *The Chaser's Election Desk*.

THURSDAY JUNE 30

National Press Club: Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

12.30pm on ABC, ABC News 24 (AEST) & iview
Live from Canberra.

Kitchen Cabinet: Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

8pm on ABC & iview

Annabel Crabb has lunch with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to find out how he's faring on the home stretch on the campaign trail.

FRIDAY JULY 1

Rookie Reporter

Airs 11.30am and 7.00pm on ABC3

Follow the journey of 12 year old Maya as she joins seasoned ABC journalists as a political journalist covering the 2016 Australian Federal Election for ABC3's *Behind the News*.

AVAILABLE ON IVIEW

Sammy J's Playground Politics

Available on iview

Tony Jones and Leigh Sales do fabulous work, but comedian Sammy J thinks ABC's election coverage has long suffered from a lack of songs and craft activities. Welcome to *Sammy J's Playground Politics*. There's never been a more exciting time to be a small fabric doll that strongly resembles Malcolm Turnbull.

Story Hunters

Available on iview

Story Hunters is an exciting new video journalist concept, showcasing original stories powered by the audience. Housed on the ABC's iview service, *Story Hunters* is a growing collection of distinctive fact based journalism, opinion pieces and satirical content. Don't miss election themed stories including #Twitchike, in which Dan Ilic hitchhikes around Australia to find out what's really on Australia's mind this election. Then find out how Canberra really works in *What's Going On? Journey to Canberra*. Jamila Rizvi and Rosie Waterland journey to the heart of Australian democracy to answer all the questions you're thinking but not asking.

#StoryHunters

AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Party Room

Weekly podcast

Throughout the election campaign *RN Breakfast's* Fran Kelly and *RN Drive's* Patricia Karvelas have been giving us weekly updates on what's been happening with *The Party Room* podcast. Listen to the series [here](#). The last episode will be released on Thursday. Subscribe now via the ABC Radio App, on iTunes, or wherever you listen to your favourite podcasts.

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