

Voters who are blind or have low vision still have time to cast a secret vote in the 2010 federal election

Telephone voting, available in 126 locations across Australia, has meant that Australian voters who are blind or have low vision are able to cast a secret vote in the 2010 federal election right up until and on election day.

This service has been operating since 4 August and will continue to be available up until and including election day, Saturday 21 August, in AEC divisional offices and other selected loca-

tions listed at www.aec.gov.au (<http://www.aec.gov.au/election/bvi.htm>)

Voters using this service will have their name marked off and then will cast their vote in private with the AEC call centre where a trained voting assistant will take their vote. It will take around 11 minutes, on average, to make a secret telephone vote.

To find out more details about how

this voting will work, including opening hours and the closest location offering telephone voting, visit www.aec.gov.au

(<http://www.aec.gov.au/election/bvi.htm>) or call the AEC on 13 23 26.

When having your vote, AEC officials and call centre voting assistants won't be able to provide any background information about the candidates or political parties so voters will need to make sure that they have all

the information they think they will need to make their vote beforehand.

Essential election information, including the 'Your Official Guide to the 2010 Federal Election' delivered to households across Australia, is also available in a range of accessible formats, including large print, e-text and audio at www.aec.gov.au, and in braille and other formats by calling 13 23 26.

Updated figures on Australians enrolled to vote for 2010 election

As a result of the recent High Court Decision (6 August) to extend the period for enrolling to vote in the federal election to 8pm 26 July 2010, the revised total number enrolled to vote is 14,088,260.

Table: Total enrolled to vote for Federal Election 2010 by State/Territory and by Age

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
18	62,029	49,524	37,919	18,392	15,064	5,265	4,055	1,225	193,473
19	69,066	54,249	40,950	20,503	16,116	5,744	4,275	1,363	212,266
20-24	356,268	284,157	218,037	112,455	84,474	27,503	23,390	10,968	1,117,252
25-29	358,261	288,397	225,325	112,511	83,080	25,285	25,061	13,652	1,131,572
30-34	363,307	289,141	216,283	108,393	79,338	24,341	23,278	13,167	1,117,248
35-39	420,094	330,158	251,216	122,459	91,632	29,235	24,749	14,129	1,283,672
40-44	406,201	328,524	246,312	125,273	96,035	30,679	23,138	13,439	1,269,601
45-49	438,875	336,452	261,319	132,619	104,514	34,337	23,314	12,811	1,344,241
50-54	425,607	324,798	252,242	130,176	103,850	34,840	22,347	11,740	1,305,600
55-59	391,501	296,746	234,038	120,401	97,437	33,011	20,117	10,151	1,203,402
60-64	368,465	277,418	222,503	109,416	92,902	31,664	18,188	7,710	1,128,266
65-69	282,388	208,264	166,716	79,037	69,268	24,081	11,834	4,645	846,233
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Total	4,611,228	3,562,802	2,719,746	1,362,177	1,105,076	358,567	247,659	121,005	14,088,260

Feng shui expert says Julia can smile next week

JULIA Gillard can thank her lucky stars, Chinese face reader and feng shui master David Chan says. The Mortdale-based feng shui master is trained in the ancient Chinese technique of reading people's faces. And as the candidates face off for the final week of the campaign, Mr Chan believes Ms Gillard has more reason to smile than does Mr Abbott. Mr Chan, who correctly predicted the outcome of the 2007 election, said face reading was not subjective but was based on the traditional Chinese way of analysing things using the movement of the planets and statistics that had been compiled by various Chinese dynasties. Using this data, he studies candidates' faces and then compares their birth dates to come up with his conclusions.

"Tony is a bold and daring human being," Mr Chan said. "He has a very daring character, revolutionary. Julia is more traditional. She is a very practical woman. She studied economics. Both are very intelligent. According to the date of birth Julia [1961] has five lucky stars in the solar system this year. Tony [1957] has two lucky stars, but they are lucky stars for making money. If Tony went to the election two years go, he would have won. But this is the Year of the Tiger, which is more favourable

to Julia.

"Of her five lucky stars, one is the sun, which is the relationship with others the warmth you have every day.

"According to her nose, she comes to the peak of her power this year.

"Between the ages of 51 and 55, he is not so strong.

"Tony was born in the Year of the Chicken, as was Kevin Rudd. The Year of the Tiger is not favourable to the Year of the Chicken's health. Kevin Rudd went to hospital. I predict Tony will have some health problems this year.

"This year there is a 60 per cent chance the female will win. I can say very definitely, this year she will win, according to the day of birth.

"But she must get married this year. If she doesn't register her marriage this year her luck will rely on the power of subordinates to survive.

"Unlike John Howard, she doesn't have the servant line down the side of her mouth, meaning she must depend on subordinates, such as The Greens party.

"The final word is [that] the conditions of the election must be honest and perfect."

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Reading between the lines: David Chan is happy to take the candidates at face value. Picture: Jane Dyson



CAN'T DECIDE WHO TO VOTE FOR THIS WEEKEND? NOMINATING AN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR MIGHT BE EASIER

Australian of the Year Award nominations close Tuesday 31 August 2010

As Australians struggle with the decision of who to vote for this coming Saturday, it may be easier to decide on who to nominate as Australian of the Year 2011.

National Australia Day Council Chairman Adam Gilchrist said Australians may have a better idea of who they want to be Australian of the Year than who they want to be Prime Minister.

"It seems there's generally still some indecision around about who to vote for this weekend, but there's always plenty of people who know who they want to be Australian of the Year for 2011," said Gilchrist.

"As the deadline for nominations approaches, we've received more than 1300 nominations from people around the country who have a very clear idea of the people they admire and want to be considered for the Australian of the Year Awards 2011.

"Given we'll all have our say on who we want to govern our nation by voting this Saturday, why not take the same opportunity to have a say on who you want to be Australian of the Year by submitting a nomination before it's too late."

The National Australia Day Council relies solely on nominations submitted by the public in its annual search for award recipients.

Nominations for Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero 2011 will close at midnight on Tuesday 31 August 2010.

Nominations can be made online at www.australianoftheyear.org.au or call 1300 655 193 for more information. or by completing a form available at any branch of the program's major sponsor the Commonwealth Bank