

Talking Democracy

A civic education kit about
elections in Victoria



Overview

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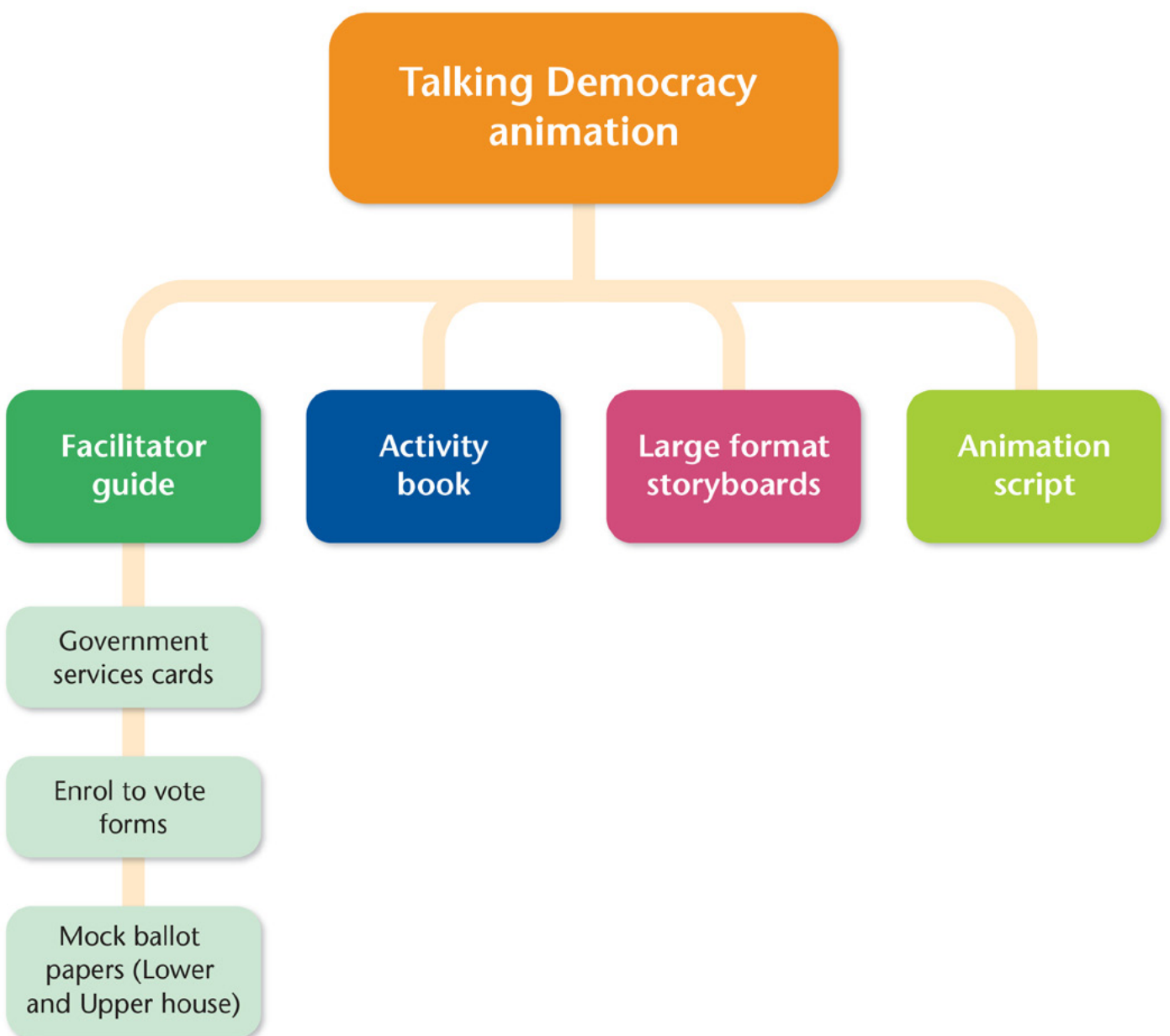
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Introduction

Talking Democracy is a civic education kit for people studying English as an Additional Language or other courses in TAFE, school or community settings.

The kit is based around two video animations outlining key words and concepts about the Australian government and how to vote correctly. This is supported by facilitation guides and other resources. All resources can be accessed free from vec.vic.gov.au/talkingdemocracy. You can also contact us (see details overleaf) for a hard copy.



About this kit

This kit was produced by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). The VEC is responsible for running Victorian parliamentary (State) and council elections, looking after the electoral roll and promoting public awareness of elections in Victoria.

The VEC would like to thank project partner, Carringbush Adult Education for its contribution to the development of this kit.

Contact us

Contact the VEC by phone: 131 832 or email education@vec.vic.gov.au if you would like to:

- order a hard copy of this resource
- book a free VEC electoral information session in English or community languages or
- provide feedback on our resources.

You can also:

- keep in touch with us through *BeHeard*, our community email alert bit.ly/BeHeardsignup
- learn more about the Parliament of Victoria by booking a free tour parliament.vic.gov.au/visit
- assist the VEC by promoting this resource kit to your networks.

How to use this resource

Watch the animations provided at vec.vic.gov.au/talkingdemocracy and use the resources below to suit your students' needs:

Part 1	Overview (this document)
Part 2	Animation script: Includes key words and glossary. Can be used by students to support their learning.
Part 3	Facilitator guide: For use in a range of educational settings to help facilitate discussion and learning activities.
Part 4	Activity book: A set of assessment activities for use in classrooms. It is flexible and can be adapted to suit teaching and learning needs in a variety of education settings.

Additional resources

Storyboards: There are eight large-format storyboards with a picture on one side and an explanation of the key concepts and terms on the reverse side. They are useful if access to internet or audio visual facilities is limited. Some of the storyboards include interactive activities and can be used with the government services cards and ballot papers.

Government services cards: Picture cards featuring services provided by the three levels of government. Students can use these to identify and match services to each level. This is a good opportunity for students to make the connection between democracy, elections, voting and their local community.

Mock ballot papers: These are to be used in the Community Learning Guide *How do I vote?* activity. There are two types of ballot papers:

- **Legislative Assembly** or Lower House (smaller ballot paper)
- **Legislative Council** or Upper House (bigger ballot paper)

Enrol to vote forms: To be completed by students who are eligible to vote.

Intended learning outcomes

By using this kit with your class, students will have the opportunity to learn:

- keywords and concepts associated with the electoral process
- about the three levels of government in Australia
- that all Australian citizens aged 18 and over must enrol and vote
- that electors must update their details every time they move address or change their name
- how to vote correctly in Victorian elections.

Equipment required

- access to the internet (if playing the animation video)
- a computer and projector
- this resource kit
- enrolment forms
- ballot papers
- pens

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