

20 August 2021

Post-election report

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation

QNMU Branch

Scheduled election

E2020/122

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Election(s) Covered in this Report

Organisation: ANMF - Queensland Branch

Election: Scheduled

Election Decision No/s: E2020/122

Rules

Rules used for the election: [145V: Incorporates alterations of 22 June 2020 R2020/54]
(replaces rulebook dated 27 May 2020 [R2020/30])

Rules difficult to apply/interpret:

Yes

'49.2.7 With all convenient speed but not later than fourteen (14) days before the ballot is to be held, send to each member the following papers by prepaid post in a sealed envelope...'

The words "before the ballot is held" are ambiguous due to this being a postal ballot as opposed to an attendance ballot, with no mention in the rules regarding the ballot opening. Additionally, the 14 day time frame infers that this is not part of the ballot period and could therefore substantially impact the ballot results if ballots received during this period are not included in the count.

The rules do refer to the closing of the ballot being:

'49.2.4 (ca) fix a date and time for the closing of the ballot that is no less than 28 days and no more than 49 days after the date upon which the ballot papers are distributed under rule 49.2.7.'

Model Rule reference (if any):

16.2 Issue of ballot material

16.2.1 On or before the opening day of the ballot the returning officer shall forward ballot material in a sealed envelope by prepaid post to each person on the roll of voters at the address shown on the roll of voters.

For more details see the Model Rules on the AEC website: www.aec.gov.au/ieb/

Other Matters

Returning Officer actions required (Section 193): Yes

Details:

- Rules regarding the timetable of the election were set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic may impact on the ability for stakeholders to fully participate in the election. A timetable for the conduct of the ballot which varied from the rules was set when the AEC was satisfied that stakeholders would be able to fully participate.
- Rules requiring an in-person ballot were set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic would impact on the ability for all stakeholders to attend. Instead the ballot was conducted via post.
- As there is no rule pertaining to the method in which nominations must be lodged, the Returning Officer applied subparagraph 193(1) (b)(ii) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisation) Act 2009 to only accept nominations via email or portal and not by hand or post, due to the ongoing COVID-19 risk.

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Attachments

- A. Declaration of results for Contested Offices – Stage 1
- B. Declaration of Results for Contested Offices – Stage 2

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
QNMU Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/122 - Stage 2
Contested Offices

Scheduled Election

The results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and the rules of the organisation are:

Branch Council

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	26
Number of voters issued with voting material	26
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	2
Total number of voting material packs issued	28
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	23
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	0
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	0
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	23
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	0
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	5
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	88 %

Branch Executive Member (4)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
COOKE, Karen	17
JOHNSON, Chris	9
TAYLOR, Janelle	15
COCKS, Christine	18
MITCHELL, Simon	17
HOPKINS, Sharyn	6
Total ballot papers admitted for this office	23
Formal Ballot papers	23
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the following elected:

- COCKS, Christine
- COOKE, Karen
- MITCHELL, Simon
- TAYLOR, Janelle

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Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
Queensland Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/122 - Stage 1
Contested Offices

Scheduled Election

The results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and the rules of the organisation are:

QNMU Branch

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	63,767
Number of voters issued with voting material	63,767
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	38
Total number of voting material packs issued	63,805
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	6,578
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	59
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	63
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	6,456
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	1,070
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	56,157
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	10 %

Branch President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
JONES, Sally-Anne	2,019
LAWSON, Damien	4,123

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	6,230
Formal Ballot papers	6,142
Informal Ballot papers	88

I declare the following elected:

- LAWSON, Damien

Branch Vice President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
ROSE, Cathy	1,610
COPLEY, Tammy	1,934
MASKELL, Lucynda	2,590

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	6,230
Formal Ballot papers	6,134
Informal Ballot papers	96

I declare the following elected:

- MASKELL, Lucynda

Branch Secretary (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
MOHLE, Beth	4,825
ZAHOS, Helen	1,291

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	6,230
Formal Ballot papers	6,116
Informal Ballot papers	114

I declare the following elected:

- MOHLE, Beth

Branch Assistant Secretary (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
VEACH, Kate	2,812
HOPKINS, Sharyn	1,475
JOHNSON, Chris	1,846

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	6,230
Formal Ballot papers	6,133
Informal Ballot papers	97

I declare the following elected:

- VEACH, Kate

Branch Councillor (22)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
COPLEY, Tammy	3,581
COCKS, Christine (Chris)	3,232
COOKE, Karen	3,180
KONINGS, Juanita (Jo)	2,605
SEARLES, Donna	2,589

MINNIS, Ben	1,965
SUNDERLAND, Michelle	2,924
CAMERON, Madonna	3,228
HOW, Raquel	2,624
HALL, Michael	3,494
WOODHOUSE, Samantha	3,121
ROSE, Cathy	3,104
MITCHELL, Simon	3,474
MONK, Fiona	2,910
FRANKISH, Wendy	2,750
LEWIS, David	3,338
LAWSON, Damien	3,393
SULLIVAN, Ashleigh	3,420
O'BRIEN, Deb	2,885
PITMAN, Sue	3,615
CORBETT, Dianne	2,665
STYLES, Stacey	2,658
ZAHOS, Helen	1,725
SHEPHERD, Karen	2,420
MURPHY, Emma	3,681
VOLP, Kym	3,008
TAGGART, Katy	2,628
KAIN, Angela	2,784
TAYLOR, Janelle	3,203
MCLEAN, Pat	2,503
BURGESS, Julie	3,072
EMBLEM, Nikki	2,928
HOPKINS, Sharyn	2,964
SHAILER, Angela	2,128
JOHNSON, Chris	3,642
Total ballot papers admitted for this office	6,317
Formal Ballot papers	6,205
Informal Ballot papers	112

I declare the following elected:

- MURPHY, Emma
- JOHNSON, Chris
- PITMAN, Sue
- COPLEY, Tammy
- HALL, Michael
- MITCHELL, Simon
- SULLIVAN, Ashleigh
- LAWSON, Damien
- LEWIS, David
- COCKS, Christine (Chris)
- CAMERON, Madonna

- TAYLOR, Janelle
- COOKE, Karen
- WOODHOUSE, Samantha
- ROSE, Cathy
- BURGESS, Julie
- VOLP, Kym
- HOPKINS, Sharyn
- EMBLEN, Nikki
- SUNDERLAND, Michelle
- MONK, Fiona
- O'BRIEN, Deb

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DECISION

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009
s.189—Arrangement for conduct of an election

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
(E2020/122)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 13 JULY 2020

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 1 June 2020 the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation – QNMU Branch lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

Branch President	(1)
Branch Vice President	(1)
Branch Secretary	(1)
Branch Assistant Secretary	(1)
Branch Councillor	(22)
Branch Executive Member	(4)

[2] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed offices is required to be held under the rules of the organisation and, under subsection 189(3) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.



DELEGATE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and Regulation 138 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009

I, Elizabeth Mohle being the Branch Secretary of the QNMU Branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for the QNMU Branch, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation.
2. The following information is lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).
3. The elections that are required are set out in the table in Annexure A.
4. This statement **IS** lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the elections in Annexure A.

Signed: 

Elizabeth Mohle, Branch Secretary

QNMU Branch, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation

Dated: 

NOTE: This statement should be lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission at least 2 months prior to nominations opening. It can be submitted to regorgs@roc.gov.au.

Annexure A

- Elections that are required

Branch	Name of Office	Number required	Voting System <i>Direct voting system; Collegiate electoral system</i>	Reason for Election <i>Scheduled; Casual vacancy; New office created; Insufficient nominations</i>	Electorate
QNMU Branch	Branch President	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Financial members of the branch (rule 85 of the Rules of the ANMF)
QNMU Branch	Branch Vice-President	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Financial members of the branch (rule 85 of the Rules of the ANMF)
QNMU Branch	Branch Secretary	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Financial members of the branch (rule 85 of the Rules of the ANMF)
QNMU Branch	Branch Assistant Secretary	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Financial members of the branch (rule 85 of the Rules of the ANMF)
QNMU Branch	Branch Councillor	22	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Financial members of the branch (rule 85 of the Rules of the ANMF)
QNMU Branch	Branch Executive Member	4	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	Members of the Branch Council (rule 85A of the Rules of the ANMF)

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN	<p>The Returning Officer may call nominations prior to the first of September in the year of elections (Rule 85 of the Rules of the ANMF).</p> <p>To be determined by the returning officer Preference: 18 August 2020</p>	<p>The Returning Officer shall call for nominations from among eligible members of the Electoral College by written notice to each such member. Nominations shall be in writing, signed by the candidate and seconded by another member of the Electoral College and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer prior to the commencement of the first meeting of the Queensland Branch Council next following the election of members of the Electoral College (rule 85A of the Rules of the ANMF)</p> <p>To be determined by the returning officer. Preference: The first meeting of the newly elected Branch Council is scheduled for 27 November 2020. Our preference for the opening of nominations is 27 November 2020.</p>
Nominations CLOSE	<p>Elections shall be conducted between the 1st day of September and the 30th day of October provided that the Returning Officer may call for nominations prior to the first of September in the year of elections (Rule 85 of the Rules of the ANMF).</p> <p>To be determined by the returning officer Preference: 8 September 2020</p>	<p>Nominations must be delivered to the Returning Officer prior to the commencement of the first meeting of the Branch Council next following the election of members of the Electoral College</p> <p>Preference: The first meeting of the newly elected Branch Council is scheduled for 4 December 2020. Our preference for the closing of nominations is before the opening of the meeting on 4 December 2020.</p>
Roll of Voters cut off date	<p>7 days before the day on which nominations are open (Rule 85 of the Rules of the ANMF)</p>	<p>The Electoral College is formed from members of the Branch Council on the date the members are declared elected.</p>

NOTES: For insufficient nominations and casual vacancies, the date nominations open and close, unless specified in the rules, should be listed as 'To be determined by the returning officer'. This also applies where rules are silent as to the nominated dates.

If the nomination dates are 'To be Determined by the Returning Officer', but your organisation has a *preference*, please state 'To be Determined by Returning Officer' and clearly indicate that your nominated date is a preference.

If the P.I. includes a position that is not an office, please refer to our template [Prescribed information for the election of officer and non-officer positions](#)