Post-election report

Police Federation of Australia

PFA - Victoria Police Branch Scheduled election E2020/32



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Election(s) Covered in this Report

Organisation: PFA - Victoria Police Branch

Election: Scheduled

Election Decision No/s: E2020/32

Rules

Rules used for the election: N/A

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: N/A

Model Rule reference (if any): N/A

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

Roll of Voters

Based on an analysis of the register of members the Returning Officer has formed the opinion that the:

Total number of voters on the Roll: 17,760

Number of apparent workplace addresses: 628

Number of non-current addresses: 0

Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters: None

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 specifying the method of lodgement of nominations including by facsimile were set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic would impact on the ability for potential candidates to nominate. Instead nominations were received electronically, via email and AEC's portal.

Signed

Amit Kumar Returning Officer

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DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/32

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:

Victoria Police Branch Members

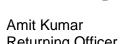
VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED		
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	17,760	
Number of voters issued with voting material	17,760	
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	2	
Total number of voting material packs issued	17,762	
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED		
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	4,122	
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)		
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)		
COUNT		
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	4,094	
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL		
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	44	
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	13,594	
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	23 %	

Branch Executive Member (4)

Candidates	First Preference Votes	Final Votes
AMOS, Mark	304	Excluded
PORTER, Geraldine (Geri)	272	2,049
LAIRD, John	1,262	2,074
REYNOLDS, David	182	Excluded
MCLAUGHLIN, James	93	2,084
GRIFFITHS, Peter 'Griffo'	386	Excluded
POLWARTH, Justin	1,291	1,955

Total ballot papers admitted for this office Formal Ballot papers 3,790 Informal Ballot papers 304

I declare the following elected:	Order Elected
• LAIRD, John	1
PORTER, Geraldine (Geri)	2
POLWARTH, Justin	3
MCLAUGHLIN, James	4



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DECISION

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

Police Federation of Australia

(E2020/32)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 26 MARCH 2020

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 20 February 2020 the Victoria Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

Branch Executive Members (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, JOHN CAMPBELL LAIRD, being the PRESIDENT of the POLICE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA POLICE BRANCH, make the following statement:

- I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for POLICE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA POLICE BRANCH,
- 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. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.

5.	This statement IS	lodged at	least 2 months	before nominations	open for the	e election below.

Signed: President

Dated: 20/2/20

[PLEASE 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 Direct voting system; Collegiate electoral system	Reason for Election Scheduled; Casual vacancy; New office created; Insufficient nominations	Electorate
Victoria Police	Branch Executive Member	4	Direct voting	Scheduled	Victoria Police Branch Members (rule 52CF)

· Important dates:

	Direct Voting System
Nominations OPEN	By no later than 31 May 2020 (rule 52CF(1))
Nominations CLOSE	12 noon Friday 19 June 2020 (rule 52CF(2))
Roll of Voters cut off date	7 days prior to nominations opening (rule 52CF(5))

<u>Please note:</u> that 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'. Casual vacancies must be accompanied by proof of resignation and attached to this statement.

