

25 March 2021

Post-election report

Australian Education Union

Northern Territory Branch

Scheduled election

E2020/86

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Election(s) Covered in this Report

Organisation: AEU - Northern Territory Branch
Election: Scheduled
Election Decision No/s: E2020/86

Rules

Rules used for the election: 284V: Incorporates alterations of 29 October 2020 [R2020/148]
Rules difficult to apply/interpret: Nil
Model Rule reference (if any): Nil
For more details see the Model Rules on the AEC website:
(https://www.aec.gov.au/About_AEC/AEC_Services/Industrial_Elections)

Roll of Voters

Total number of voters on the Roll: 2,019
Number of apparent workplace addresses: 1,800
Number of non-current addresses: 105
Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters:

Irregularities

Details of written allegations of irregularities, and action taken by AEC:

A candidate for the office of Branch President requested that the Returning Officer review election material being circulated to members by a second candidate, to determine whether this material complied with the AEU NT Branch Rules, or could result in an irregularity. The Returning Officer reviewed the material and advised that there were no actions required.

Other irregularities identified, and action taken:

As a consequence of the COVID pandemic, and the impact on mail delivery to the Northern Territory and to regional and remote locations within the Northern Territory, ballot material posted for this election was delayed in reaching voters, a significant proportion of who list their school address as their address for receiving mail from the AEU NT Branch. So as to avoid the potential for an irregularity, the ballot period was extended beyond the Northern Territory school holiday period and closed on 1 March 2021.

Other Matters

Returning Officer actions required (Section 193): Yes

Details:

1. The original timetable for this election was modified to allow the election to be completed prior to the completion of the 2020 school year in the Northern Territory as a consequence of the COVID Pandemic and the deferral of Industrial Elections by the AEC.
2. Nominations were only accepted via the AEC portal or via email.
3. A nomination withdrawal period was included which was the date and time of the close of nominations.
4. The scrutiny was conducted at the AEC Victorian State Office.

Signed



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25 March 2021

Australian Education Union
Northern Territory Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/86
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:

AEU - NT - Branch

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	2,019
Number of voters issued with voting material	2,019
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	10
Total number of voting material packs issued	2,029
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	340
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	6
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	0
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	328
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	105
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	1,584
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	17 %

Branch President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
PEARSON, Michael	58	58
RYAN, Jarvis	224	224
HOLTZE, Delean	42	42

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	328
Formal Ballot papers	324
Informal Ballot papers	4

I declare the following elected:

- RYAN, Jarvis

Treasurer (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
HOLTZE, Delean	Elected to Higher Office	
DANVERS, Julie	185	185
NIMMO, Stephen	135	135
Exhausted	2	

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	328
Formal Ballot papers	322
Informal Ballot papers	6

I declare the following elected:

- DANVERS, Julie

General Division

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	1,996
Number of voters issued with voting material	1,996
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	10
Total number of voting material packs issued	2,006
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	335
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	6
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	0
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	323
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	105
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	1556
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	17 %

Vice-President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
PEARSON, Michael	177	177
STIMPSON, Michael	142	142

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	323
Formal Ballot papers	319
Informal Ballot papers	4

I declare the following elected:

- PEARSON, Michael

TAFE Division

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	22
Number of voters issued with voting material	22
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	0
Total number of voting material packs issued	22
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	5
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	5
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	17
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	23 %

Vice-President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
KOPPULA, Dr Raj	2	2
BRITTON, Ian	1	
HOLTZE, Delean	2	3

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	5
Formal Ballot papers	5
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the following elected:

- HOLTZE, Delean

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02/03/2021

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Northern Territory Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/86
Uncontested 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:

AEU - NT - Branch

Women's Officer (1)

Candidates

HOLTZE Delean

Elected to Higher Office

Executive Councillor representing Indigenous teachers and Indigenous education workers in schools and educational institutions (1)

Candidates

HOLTZE Delean

Elected to Higher Office

The candidate for the above positions was elected to a higher office.

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DECISION

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

Australian Education Union
(E2020/86)

MR COYLE

MELBOURNE, 1 JULY 2020

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 15 May and 11 June 2020 the Australian Education Union Northern Territory Branch, lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

Branch President
Vice-President (General Division)
Vice-President (TAFE Division)
Treasurer
Women's Officer
Executive Councillor representing Indigenous teachers and Indigenous education workers in schools and educational institutions

[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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11 June 2020

Dear Ms O'Halloran,

RE: Amended Prescribed Information for the Election of Offices

The rules of the Australian Education Union Northern Territory Branch indicate that elections for the following offices within the branch are due to commence shortly:

- Branch President
- Vice-President (General)
- Vice-President (TAFE)
- Treasurer
- Women's Officer
- Executive Councillor representing Indigenous teachers and Indigenous education workers in schools and educational institutions.

Nominations for the election for the above-named offices open no later than 22 July 2019 (Branch Rule 109).

Please find attached a Prescribed Information statement in relation to these elections.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Lampe
Branch Secretary

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, Adam Lampe, being the Branch Secretary of the Australian Education Union Northern Territory Branch, make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information on behalf of the NT of the Australian Education Union.
2. The following information is lodged under subsection 189 (1) and (2) of the Fair Work (registered Organisations) Act 20019 (the RO Act).
3. The elections that are required are set out in the table in Annexure A.

Dated: this 11th of June 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Lampe', written in a cursive style.

Adam Lampe
Branch Secretary

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
Northern Territory	Branch President	1	DVS	Scheduled	All financial members of the Branch (Branch Rule 108)
Northern Territory	Vice-President (General)	1	DVS	Scheduled	Financial members in the General division of the Branch (Branch Rule 108)
Northern Territory	Vice-President (TAFE)	1	DVS	Scheduled	Financial members in the TAFE division of the Branch (Branch Rule 108)
Northern Territory	Treasurer	1	DVS	Scheduled	All financial members of the Branch (Branch Rule 108)
Northern Territory	Women's Officer	1	DVS	Scheduled	All financial members of the Branch (Branch Rule 108)
Northern Territory	Executive Councillor representing Indigenous teachers and Indigenous education workers in schools and educational institutions	1	DVS	Scheduled	All financial members of the Branch (Branch Rule 108)

	Direct Voting System
Nominations OPEN	<i>As per Branch rule 109</i>
Nominations CLOSE	<i>As per Branch rule 109</i>
Roll of Voters cut off date	<i>As per Branch rule 105</i>

