

18 February 2022

# Post-election report

**Australian Nursing and Midwifery  
Federation**

ANMF - Victorian Branch

Scheduled election

E2021/109

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# Election(s) Covered in this Report

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Organisation: ANMF - Victorian Branch  
Election: Scheduled  
Election Decision No/s: E2021/109

## Rules

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Rules used for the election: 145V: Incorporates alterations of 04 June 2021 [R2021/14]  
(replaces rulebook dated 22 June 2020 [R2020/54])

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/](http://www.aec.gov.au/ieb/)

## Other Matters

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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.

## Signed

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18 February 2022

## Attachments

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A. Declaration of results for Uncontested Offices

B. Declaration of Results for Contested Offices

**Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation**  
**ANMF - Victorian Branch**  
**DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2021/109**  
**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:

**Victorian Branch**

<b>VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED</b>	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	88,750
Number of voters issued with voting material	88,750
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	36
<b>Total number of voting material packs issued</b>	<b>88,786</b>
<b>VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED</b>	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	13,327
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	61
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	13
<b>COUNT</b>	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	13,253
<b>LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL</b>	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	1,184
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	74,218
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	15 %

**Branch Executive Member (4)**

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
REID, Kate	8,422
PAREL, Jimmy	6,356
CARRON, Mel	6,709
JONES, Marie	8,426
McKENZIE, Stephen	7,796

<b>Total ballot papers admitted for this office</b>	<b>13,253</b>
Formal Ballot papers	12,476
Informal Ballot papers	777

I declare the following elected:

	Order Elected
• JONES, Marie	1
• REID, Kate	2
• McKENZIE, Stephen	3
• CARRON, Mel	4

### Branch Councillor (14)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
CONNAN, Melinda	6,817
O'CONNOR, Ruth	6,754
PENTREATH, Kim	7,053
BERNIARD, Natalie	7,965
MORALES, Catherine	6,907
INGLETON, Roxane	6,791
SOMERVILLE, Kylie	6,717
MASON, Kate	7,345
PAREL, Jimmy	6,523
WILLIAMS, Catherine	7,475
JEFFERY, Lara	7,406
CRESWELL, Fiona	6,196
DONALDSON, Ross	7,439
KENNY, Anna	6,579
STERRITT, Erin	6,485
SWAYN, Natasha	6,729

<b>Total ballot papers admitted for this office</b>	<b>13,253</b>
Formal Ballot papers	12,499
Informal Ballot papers	754

I declare the following elected:

	Order Elected
• BERNIARD, Natalie	1
• WILLIAMS, Catherine	2
• DONALDSON, Ross	3
• JEFFERY, Lara	4
• MASON, Kate	5
• PENTREATH, Kim	6
• MORALES, Catherine	7
• CONNAN, Melinda	8
• INGLETON, Roxane	9
• O'CONNOR, Ruth	10
• SWAYN, Natasha	11
• SOMERVILLE, Kylie	12
• KENNY, Anna	13
• PAREL, Jimmy	14

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**Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation**  
**ANMF - Victorian Branch**  
**DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2021/109**  
**Uncontested Offices**

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**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:

**Victorian Branch**

**Branch Secretary (1)**

Candidates

FITZPATRICK Lisa

**Branch Assistant Secretary (2)**

Candidates

GILBERT Paul

HARRADENCE Maddy

**Branch President (1)**

Candidates

BURGESS Maree

**Branch Vice President (1)**

Candidates

MORGAN Andrew

As the number of nominations accepted did not exceed the number of positions to be filled, I declare the above candidates elected.



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## DECISION

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

**Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation**  
(E2021/109)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 10 JUNE 2021

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

[1] On 25 May 2021 the Victorian Branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

Branch Secretary	(1)
Branch Assistant Secretary	(2)
Branch President	(1)
Branch Vice President	(1)
Branch Executive Member	(4)
Branch Councillor	(14)

[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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Dear Commissioner

I am an officer of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victorian Branch) authorised to sign the information contained herein. This information is being lodged pursuant to subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

In accordance with Chapter 10 - Standard Branch Rules - Rule 85.1.1 of the Rules of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009, I am writing to request that you make arrangements with the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct an election for the following offices of the Victorian Branch of the ANMF:

Branch Secretary – One (1)  
Branch Assistant Secretaries – Two (2)  
Branch President - One (1)  
Branch Vice-President - One (1)  
Branch Executive Members - Four (4)  
Branch Councillors - Fourteen (14)

The reason for the election is that the term of office for the above positions will expire in the normal course of events on 30 November 2021.

With respect to ANMF Rule 65.2.3, the number of Branch Councillors was determined to be fourteen (14) at a meeting of the Branch Council on 11 May 2012. Please find below extract of the minutes of that meeting confirming this:

9.5.1 Resolution for ANMF Vic Branch Council elections

As an election for the positions of Branch Councillors at ANMF Vic Branch will take place this year, the following resolution was passed by Branch Council:

Motion: moved S McKenzie, M Carron

"That it be determined that, pursuant to Rule 65.2.3 of the Rules of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation, the number of Branch Councillors on the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victorian Branch) Council be fourteen (14) and, further, that in accordance with Rule 85.1.1 of the Rules, the Registered Organisations Commission be requested to make arrangements with the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct an election for the following offices of the Victorian Branch of the ANMF:

- Branch Secretary – One (1)
- Branch Assistant Secretaries – Two (2)
- Branch President - One (1)
- Branch Vice President- One (1)
- Executive Members - Four (4)
- Branch Councillors - Fourteen (14).

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With regard to the electorate, the election will be by and from the financial members of the Victorian Branch of the ANMF.

Concerning the date and time of the beginning and end of the period in which nominations of candidates will be called for it is stated in Rule 85.1.1:

*"Elections for the office of Branch President, Branch Vice President, Branch Executive member and Branch Councillor in Branches other than the Queensland Branch shall be conducted between the first day of September and the 30th day of October in each alternate year, provided that the Returning Officer may call for nominations prior to the first of September in the year of elections".*

It is also stated in Rule 85.2:

*"The election for the position of Branch Secretary and Assistant Branch Secretary (if any) shall be conducted between the first day of September and the 30th day of October every fourth year, provided that the Returning Officer may call for nominations prior to the first of September in the year of such election."*

Pursuant to ANMF Rule 85.4.1 the roll of voters is to be closed seven days before the day on which nominations are open.

The voting system to be used in the conduct of the election is the direct voting system.

If there are any matters you wish to discuss, could you please contact in the first instance, Will Betson, Support Services Manager via email [wbetson@anmfvic.asn.au](mailto:wbetson@anmfvic.asn.au)

Yours sincerely



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**Secretary**  
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