

26 November 2021

Post-election report

Police Federation of Australia

PFA - Western Australia Police Branch

Scheduled election

E2021/97

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Election(s) Covered in this Report

Organisation: Police Federation of Australia - Western Australia Police Branch
Election: Scheduled
Election Decision No/s: E2021/97

Rules

Rules used for the election: 200V: Incorporates alterations of 13 July 2021 [R2021/31]
(replaces rulebook dated 21 June 2021 [R2021/35])

Rules difficult to apply/interpret:

Rule 52AO 14 (e)(i) caused confusion about how to cast a formal vote with electors for Stage 1 Branch Executive, which resulted in above average number of informal ballot papers being cast. I recommend that in place of '*a cross (X) or tick opposite the name of the candidate for whom they vote*' that a single mark on ballot paper is the preferred method.

Model Rule reference (if any):

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 are set aside as the AEC hold 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 is 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 are set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic would impact on the ability for potential candidates to nominate. Instead nominations will be received electronically, via email/the AEC's portal.
- Rules regarding the Stage 2 timetable of the election are set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic may impact on the ability for stakeholders to fully participate in the election. Therefore, the AEC decided to conduct Stage 2 (elections for Branch Office Bearers and Federal Council Delegates) as a postal ballot instead of an attendance. A shortened ballot period was applied of 2 weeks and subsequently a change of timetable occurring 2 days prior to the initial agreed upon ballot choose date. This was agreed upon by the AEC and PFA – WA and the scrutiny was conducted on 24/11/2021 instead of 26/11/2021.

Signed

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Attachments

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

Police Federation of Australia
PFA - Western Australia Police Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2021/97 - 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 Executive

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	15
Number of voters issued with voting material	15
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	0
Total number of voting material packs issued	15
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	15
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	15
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	0
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	100 %

Branch President/Federal Council Delegate (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
KELLY, Mick	7
BIRD, Brad	6
GARRATT, Lindsay	2

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	15
Formal Ballot papers	15
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the following elected:

- KELLY, Mick

Branch Senior Vice President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
CASHMORE, Anntoinette	2
**ADAMSON, Ward	6
*KELLY, Mick	
JOHNSON, Mark	1
**GALE, Paul	6

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	15
Formal Ballot papers	15
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the following elected:

- GALE, Paul

* KELLY, Mick excluded from count as he was elected to a higher office.

**Drawn by lot was conducted for GALE and ADAMSON, GALE, Paul was elected.

Branch Vice President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
FLAHERTY, Dave	10
FREY, Christine	1
MACEY, Graeme	3
JOHNSON, Mark	1

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	15
Formal Ballot papers	15
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the following elected:

- FLAHERTY, Dave

Branch Treasurer (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
ADAMSON, Ward	5
VOYEZ, Martin James	10

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	15
Formal Ballot papers	15
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the following elected:

- VOYEZ, Martin James

Federal Council Delegate (3)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
GALE, Paul	12
*FREY, Christine	11
*VOYEZ, Martin James	11
*ADAMSON, Ward	11
Total ballot papers admitted for this office	15
Formal Ballot papers	15
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the following elected:

- GALE, Paul
- ADAMSON, Ward
- FREY, Christine

* Draw by lot was conducted for FREY, VOYEZ and ADAMSON. ADAMSON and FREY were elected.

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24/11/2021



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Western Australia Police Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2021/97 - 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:

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	6,939
Number of voters issued with voting material	6,939
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	10
Total number of voting material packs issued	6,949
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	1,709
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	3
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	7
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	1,699
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	5,230
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	24.62 %

Metropolitan - Branch Executive Members (11)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
BIRD, Brad	1,081	1,081
FREY, Christine	977	977
SULLEY, Scott	1,023	1,023
LEWIS, Gary	873	873
GRZINIC, Dorry	540	540
TILBURY, George	800	800
ADAMSON, Ward	918	918
KELLY, Mick	1,024	1,024
RUSSELL, Harry	785	785
ROBINSON, Todd	843	843
WHALLEY, Clint	710	710
JOHNSON, Mark	916	916
MACEY, Graeme	935	935
GIFF, Ben	730	730
GARRATT, Lindsay	1,001	1,001
GALE, Paul	982	982

Total ballot papers admitted for this office

1,699

Formal Ballot papers	1,537
Informal Ballot papers	162

I declare the following elected:	Order Elected
• BIRD, Brad	1
• KELLY, Mick	2
• SULLEY, Scott	3
• GARRATT, Lindsay	4
• GALE, Paul	5
• FREY, Christine	6
• MACEY, Graeme	7
• ADAMSON, Ward	8
• JOHNSON, Mark	9
• LEWIS, Gary	10
• ROBINSON, Todd	11

Northern (Kimberley/Pilbara) - Branch Executive Members (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
GENTILI, Jason	710	710
CASHMORE, Anntoinette	738	738

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	1,699
Formal Ballot papers	1,448
Informal Ballot papers	251

I declare the following elected:

- CASHMORE, Anntoinette

Central (Mid West-Gascoyne/Wheatbelt) - Branch Executive Members (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
GILL, Mick	404	404
HENDRY, Jake	243	243
FLAHERTY, Dave	477	477
MEATYARD, Phil	318	318

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	1,699
Formal Ballot papers	1,442
Informal Ballot papers	257

I declare the following elected:

- FLAHERTY, Dave

Southern (Southwest/Great Southern) - Branch Executive Members (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
VOYEZ, Martin	889	889
ARNOTT, Harry	544	544

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	1,699
Formal Ballot papers	1,443
Informal Ballot papers	256

I declare the following elected:

- VOYEZ, Martin

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04/11/2021



Police Federation of Australia
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DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2021/97 Stage 1
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:

Eastern (Goldfields/Esperance)

Branch Executive Members (1)

Candidates

HONEY Aaron

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

Police Federation of Australia
(E2021/97)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 7 JUNE 2021

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 19 May 2021 the Western Australia Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices for a new term of office:

Branch Executive Members from the following regions:

Metropolitan	(11)
Northern (Kimberley/Pilbara)	(1)
Central (Mid West-Gascoyne/Wheatbelt)	(1)
Eastern (Goldfields/Esperance)	(1)
Southern (Southwest/Great Southern)	(1)

Branch Office Bearers:

President (and ex officio Federal Council Delegate)	(1)
Senior Vice President	(1)
Vice President	(1)
Treasurer	(1)

(Additional) Federal Council Delegates (3)

[2] The rules of the organisation provide, at rule 52AP(4), that:

The office of President shall be ex officio a delegate to the Federal Council. Where the Branch is entitled to more than a single delegate, there shall be an election for such additional positions in accordance with this rule.

[3] On 4 June 2021 the Branch provided the Commission with confirmation of the number of members of the Branch as at 31 December 2020 – the relevant date for determining the total number of Delegates to Federal Council from the Branch, in accordance with rules 14(b) and 14(d) of the organisation’s rules.

[4] 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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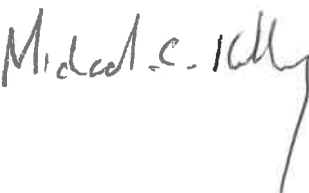
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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and Regulation 138 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*

I, Michael Kelly, being the Acting President of the Police Federation of Australia Western Australia Police Branch, make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for Police Federation of Australia Western Australia Police Branch.
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. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.
5. This statement **IS** lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election below.

Signed: 

Dated: **19 May 2021**

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
WA Police Branch	Executive Member - Northern (Kimberley/Pilbara) Region	1	DVS	Scheduled	
	Executive Member - Central (Mid West-Gascoyne/Wheatbelt) Region	1	DVS	Scheduled	
	Executive Member - Eastern (Goldfields/Esperance) Region	1	DVS	Scheduled	
	Executive Member - Southern (South West/Great Southern) Region	1	DVS	Scheduled	
	Executive Member - Metropolitan Region	11	DVS	Scheduled	
	President	1	Collegiate	Scheduled	Executive Elect
	Senior Vice President	1	Collegiate	Scheduled	Executive Elect
	Vice President	1	Collegiate	Scheduled	Executive Elect
	Treasurer	1	Collegiate	Scheduled	Executive Elect
	Federal Council Delegates	3	Collegiate	Scheduled	Executive Elect

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Declaration of Result – Executive Member Election	<i>15 October 2021 [Rule 52AA(3)]</i>	
Election of Branch Office Bearers and Federal Council Delegates		<i>Within 10 working days of Executive Member Election [Rule 52AP(1)]</i>