

10 March 2021

Post-election report

Police Federation of Australia

NSW Police Branch

Casual Vacancy election

E2019/153

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Election(s) Covered in this Report

Organisation: Police Federation of Australia - NSW Police Branch
Election: Casual Vacancy
Election Decision No/s: E2020/153

Rules

Rules used for the election:	200V: Incorporates alterations of 14 September 2020 [R2020/90]
Rules difficult to apply/interpret:	None

Roll of Voters

Total number of voters on the Roll:	1078
Number of apparent workplace addresses:	288
Number of non-current addresses:	1
Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters:	NIL

Irregularities

Details of written allegations of irregularities, and action taken by AEC:	None
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Other Matters

Returning Officer actions required (Section 193):

Details: Section 52 EG (xi)(b) of the branch rules specifies that candidates are to provide their full names on the ballot paper. The organisation may wish to alter the rules to allow for candidates to provide a preferred name on the ballot paper. This would allow candidates to be represented on the ballot paper by the name they are known by other members.

Returning Officer actions required (Section 193):

- COVID Impact
 - Any elections where the AEC was unable to follow the timetable due to COVID19 restrictions
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.
 - Nominations received via portal rather than what is stated in the organisation's rules.
Rules specifying the method of lodgement of nominations 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/the AEC's portal.

Signed



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Police Federation of Australia
PFA - New South Wales Police Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/153
Contested Offices

Casual Vacancy 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:

Non-Local Area Command Region (Area Three)

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	1,078
Number of voters issued with voting material	1,078
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	1
Total number of voting material packs issued	1,079
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	157
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	2
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	6
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	149
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	32
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	890
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	15 %

Ordinary Member of the Branch Executive (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
COOPER, Melissa	51
GURR, Peter	78
ABBOTT, Michael John	19
Total ballot papers admitted for this office	149
Formal Ballot papers	148
Informal Ballot papers	1

I declare the following elected:

- GURR, Peter

Andrew Reid
 Returning Officer
 10/02/2021



DECISION

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

Police Federation of Australia
(E2020/153)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 4 AUGUST 2020

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 21 July 2020 the New South Wales Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill a casual vacancy in the following office for the remainder of the term:

Ordinary Member of the Branch Executive from the Non-Local Area
Command Region (Area Three) (1)

[2] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed office 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, Anthony King, being the Branch President of the Police Federation of Australia New South Wales Police Branch make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for Police Federation of Australia New South Wales 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. The resignation letter or other supporting information is attached for each casual vacancy.
5. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.
6. This statement **IS** lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election(s) in Annexure A.
7. *If the number of elected representatives is calculated on a formula(s) defined in the rules]: N/A*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T King'.

Signed: Tony King, President

Dated: 21 July 2020

Annexure A

- Elections that are required [insert as many pages as 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
New South Wales Police Branch	Ordinary Branch Executive Member Non – LAC Area 3	1	Direct Voting System	Casual vacancy	<i>Financial members of the Non LAC Area 3 of the Police Federation of Australia, New South Wales Police Branch. – Rule 52EG(b)9i)(1)</i>

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN	To be determined by the Returning Officer – Rule 52EH(h)(ii)	To be determined by the Returning Officer – Rule 52EH(h)(ii)
Nominations CLOSE	To be determined by the Returning Officer Rule 52EH(h)(ii)	To be determined by the Returning Officer Rule 52EH(h)(ii)
Roll of Voters cut-off date	The electoral roll of members will close seven (7) days before the calling of nominations. Rule 52EH(h)(ii)(a)	The electoral roll of members will close seven (7) days before the calling of nominations. Rule 52EH(h)(ii)(a).

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](#).