

20 April 2021

Post-election report

Police Federation of Australia

PFA - South Australia Police Branch

Scheduled election

E2020/195

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Election(s) Covered in this Report

Organisation: PFA - South Australia Police Branch
Election: Scheduled
Election Decision No/s: E2020/195

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:	4,758
Number of apparent workplace addresses:	33
Number of non-current addresses:	9
Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters:	NIL

Irregularities

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

Two items of written correspondence were received on 17th and 31st March 2021 in relation to members not receiving ballot papers, members receiving duplicate papers and members receiving envelopes with no ballot papers.

- The AEC investigated these allegations and concluded no irregularity had occurred and therefore no action was required.

Other Matters

Details: Section 44B (f)(xvii)(b) of the branch rules specifies that candidates are to provide their full names on the ballot paper. The organisation may wish to consider altering 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):

- 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 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 - South Australia Police Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/195
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:

SA Branch Members

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	4,758
Number of voters issued with voting material	4,758
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	26
Total number of voting material packs issued	4,784
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	2,079
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	6
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	1
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	2,072
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	9
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	2,696
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	44 %

President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
CARROLL, Mark	1,111
MANNING, Michael	953

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	2,072
Formal Ballot papers	2,064
Informal Ballot papers	8

I declare the following elected:

- CARROLL, Mark

Deputy President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
GIBBONS, Brett Damien	594
MILNE, Trevor Lindsay	559
STRANGE, Samantha Jane	905

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	2,072
Formal Ballot papers	2,058
Informal Ballot papers	14

I declare the following elected:

- STRANGE, Samantha Jane

Vice President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
MUNDY, Daryl Wayne	743
WALKLEY, Christopher Scott	662
KENT, Michael Anthony	647

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	2,072
Formal Ballot papers	2,052
Informal Ballot papers	20

I declare the following elected:

- MUNDY, Daryl Wayne

Secretary (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
ZIMMERMANN, Bernadette Helen	1,034
COAD, Anthony Paul	1,031

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	2,072
Formal Ballot papers	2,065
Informal Ballot papers	7

I declare the following elected:

- ZIMMERMANN, Bernadette Helen

Ordinary Branch Committee Members (8)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
CASEY, Michael Patrick	674
GIBBONS, Brett Damien	1,290
GRIMALDI, Alex Sean	739
ALDERSON, Robert Ian	312
ECONOMOU, Pavlos	484
MILNE, Trevor Lindsay	871
HEADING, Mark	619
AGOSTINO, Samuel	676
MUNDY, Daryl Wayne	Elected to higher office
KENT, Michael Anthony	971
MEAD, Darren Scott	786
SNOWDEN, Julian Mark	1,023
SCHULZ, Leonie	932
SMITH, Melanie	640
STRANGE, Samantha Jane	Elected to higher office
SUSKIN, Heath	280
HAEBICH, Simon David	558
MILICH, Scott Anthony	689
ATTARD, Sam	804
WALKLEY, Christopher Scott	952
TOLLENAAR, Timothy John	611
Total ballot papers admitted for this office	2,072
Formal Ballot papers	2,027
Informal Ballot papers	45

I declare the following elected:

	Order Elected
• GIBBONS, Brett Damien	1
• SNOWDEN, Julian Mark	2
• KENT, Michael Anthony	3
• WALKLEY, Christopher Scott	4
• SCHULZ, Leonie	5
• MILNE, Trevor Lindsay	6
• ATTARD, Sam	7
• MEAD, Darren Scott	8



Andrew Reid
Returning Officer

30/03/2021



DECISION

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

Police Federation of Australia (E2020/195)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 30 OCTOBER 2020

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 19 October 2020 the South Australia Police Branch (the Branch) of the Police Federation of Australia lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission (the Commission) prescribed information for seeking an election to fill the following offices for the next term of office:

President	(1)
Deputy President	(1)
Vice President	(1)
Secretary	(1)
Ordinary Branch Committee Members	(8)

[2] I note that on 17 February 2020, the Branch lodged prescribed information for an election (**E2020/47**) to fill a casual vacancy for the office of one of the Ordinary Branch Committee Members.

[3] On 19 March 2020, I arranged for an election for that office in **E2020/47** (Decision [2020] ROCD 49). To date, election **E2020/47** has not been conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[4] That office is now part of the prescribed information lodged by the Branch on 19 October 2020, as the remainder of the term of office will shortly expire.

[5] There is therefore the potential for the two elections **E2020/47** (the casual vacancy) and **E2020/195** (a scheduled election for the new term of office) to occur simultaneously or in close temporal proximity to each other where the same office (one Ordinary Branch Committee Member) is required to be filled in both elections. The outcome of conducting both elections either simultaneously or close together would likely present difficulties for the Branch.

[6] Staff of the Commission have also engaged with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) about this matter and confirmed that there are mechanisms available for the AEC to further engage with the Branch to efficiently progress the matter.

[7] 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.

[8] I am also issuing an amendment to my 19 March 2020 decision in **E2020/47** dealing with the casual vacancy, in order to prevent potential duplication of elections.



DELEGATE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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19 October 2020

The General Manager
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Dear Sir

Re: Election for Offices

The term of our office bearers and committee members expires on 31 March 2021.

Attached is the notification pursuant to Section 18g of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, concerning the election of office bearers and committee members.

I look forward to progressing this matter in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Zimmermann'.

**BERNADETTE ZIMMERMANN
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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 *Fair Work (Registered Organisation) Act 2009* and Regulation 138 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*

I, BERNADETTE ZIMMERMANN, being the SECRETARY of the POLICE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE BRANCH, make the following statement:

1. I am authorized to sign this statement containing prescribed information for the POLICE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA, SOUTH 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 elections in Annexure A.

Signed: 
BERNADETTE ZIMMERMANN, SECRETARY

Date: 19 October 2020

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
SA	<i>President</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>DVS</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>	<i>All financial members of the Branch (Rule 44B(b)(i))</i>
SA	<i>Deputy President</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>DVS</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>	<i>All financial members of the Branch (Rule 44B(b)(i))</i>
SA	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>DVS</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>	<i>All financial members of the Branch (Rule 44B(b)(i))</i>
SA	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>DVS</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>	<i>All financial members of the Branch (Rule 44B(b)(i))</i>
SA	<i>Ordinary Branch Committee Members</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>DVS</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>	<i>All financial members of the Branch (Rule 44B(b)(i))</i>

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System
Nominations OPEN	<i>To be determined by the returning officer</i>
Nominations CLOSE	<i>To be determined by the returning officer</i>
Roll of Voters cut off date	<i>7 days prior to nominations opening (rule 44B(e)(i))</i>
Ballot OPEN	<i>To be determined by the returning officer</i>
Ballot CLOSE	<i>To be determined by the returning officer</i>