

Australian Electoral Commission /AEC

Workplace Relations Act 1996 – Schedule 1

RETURNING OFFICER - POST ELECTION REPORT

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ELECTIONS COVERED IN THIS REPORT

<u>Election Decision No/s:</u>	E2007/111
<u>Election:</u>	Queensland Branch Casual Vacancies
<u>Returning Officer:</u>	Glenn Rollo

RULES

<u>Rules used for elections Rule ID</u>	[259V: Incorporates alterations of 19/01/2006] [R2006/105]
<u>Rule/s re eligibility to vote</u>	27, 70(3), Schedule 3 (1)(c)
<u>Rules difficult to apply/interpret</u>	Nil
<u>Model Rule reference (if any)</u>	N/A
<u>Legal precedents considered</u>	None
<u>Action taken under section 193 of RAO Schedule</u>	The election notice was sent all workplaces by the Branch Secretary via fax stream on 14 March 2007, in lieu of publication in the Journal. The election notice was also published on the Union's web page.

ROLL OF VOTERS

<u>Total number of voters on the roll</u>	2316	
<u>Number of private addresses</u>	2272	98.1%
<u>Number of apparent workplace addresses</u>		
<u>Number of non-current addresses</u>	44	1.89%

OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO ROLL OF VOTERS

<u>Comments</u>	
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ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES RECEIVED

<u>Number of written complaints / allegations</u>	There were no written complaints or allegations of irregularities.
<u>Details of complaints / allegations</u>	Not applicable.
<u>Action taken by AEC</u>	Not applicable.

IRREGULARITIES IDENTIFIED

Irregularity	Details
None.	

ACTION TAKEN IN RELATION TO IRREGULARITIES

Not applicable.

OTHER MATTERS

None

ATTACHMENTS

A	E2007/111 Contested Declaration of 10 May 2007
B	
C	

Glenn Rollo
Returning Officer

10 May 2007

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DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR CONTESTED OFFICES

Results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and the rules of the organisation.

E2007/E111

Queensland Branch

Total number of persons on the roll of voters	2316
Ballot papers issued	2326
Duplicate ballot papers issued	0
TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED	2326
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	697
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	14
Adjusting Balance	0
TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ADMITTED TO SCRUTINY	683
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	29%
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	8
Ballot papers not returned	1621

Branch Junior Vice-President

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
MANTGARIS, Bill	62	0
WATTS, Ross	344	0
KILBURN, Steven	174	0
HAGGER, Paul Anthony	95	0
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	675	0
Formal ballot papers	675	675
Informal ballot papers	7	7

I declare Ross Watts elected.

Glenn Rollo
Returning Officer
Australian Electoral Commission

10 May 2007

Workplace Relations Act 1996
s.189 of Schedule 1 - arrangement for conduct of an election

United Firefighters' Union of Australia
(E2007/111)

T. NASSIOS
DEPUTY INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR

MELBOURNE, 21 FEBRUARY 2007

Arrangement for conduct of election.

DECISION

[1] On 25 January 2007 and 14 February 2007 the Queensland Branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged in the Industrial Registry prescribed information in relation to an election for the following office:

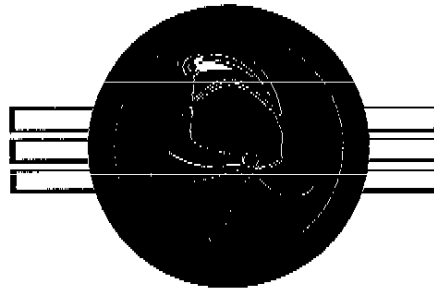
Queensland Branch

Junior Vice President

[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 Schedule 1 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.



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UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA
UNION OF EMPLOYEES QUEENSLAND

Our reference: ufuq77/mw

19 January 2007

The Industrial Registrar
Australian Industrial Registry
GPO Box 1994
Melbourne Vic 3001

Dear Sir

I refer to the elections conducted in 2006 for the United Firefighters Union of Australia, Queensland Branch.

I have received advice from Mr Robert Walker that he wishes to resign from office as Junior Vice President. I have attached a copy of the letter forwarded to me from Mr Walker.

I therefore request a subsequent election be called for the following position:

Junior Vice President

Prescribed information is attached.

It would be preferable if such election could be conducted at the earliest opportunity.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

MARK WALKER
Branch Secretary

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**WORKPLACE RELATIONS ACT 1996
AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**S189(1) of Schedule 1B of the WRA and
Regulation 138 of the Workplace Relation (Regulation and Accountability
of Organisations) Regulations 2003**

**LODGMET OF PRESCRIBED INFORMATION
UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND
BRANCH) ELECTIONS**

PART 1 – BRANCH OFFICES

A - OFFICES FOR WHICH AN ELECTION IS REQUIRED

Junior Vice President (1)

B – REASON FOR ELECTION

Subrule 70(1) provides that Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries where such positions exist, Trustees where such positions exist, and members of Branch Committee of Management shall be elected every three years. Schedule 3, 1(a) prescribes the position of Junior Vice President.

The above office was filled at the recently conducted election, however the person elected has advised of his desire to resign from office.

C – NUMBER OF OFFICES

Refer to A above

D – COMPOSITION OF ELECTORATE

Whole of Branch election.

**E – DATE AND TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION OF
NOMINATION PERIOD**

1. Rule 27(10) provides that:

(10) In a Branch election -

- (a) date for the opening of nominations shall be the first weekday occurring on or after 14th March;
- (b) the time on which nominations close shall be 5pm on the first weekday occurring on or after 31st March;
- (c) the time on which nominations may no longer be withdrawn shall be the first weekday occurring on or after 11th April;

- (d) the date for the posting of ballot papers shall be 21st April;
- (e) the time on which the ballot closes shall be 5pm on 7th May.

2. Rule 74(2) provides that a Branch Returning Officer shall call for nominations by notice, which shall be displayed in the registered office of a Branch and at work areas and be published in the Union journal and in other ways likely to come to the attention of the members of the Branch.
3. Rule 74 (1) provides that nominations for Branch positions must be delivered to the Branch Returning Officer or to the Registered office of the Branch addressed to the Branch Returning Officer by 31 March in each year in which there is a general election for these positions.

As this is a subsequent election, I respectfully request the Registrar to set appropriate dates.

F – VOTING SYSTEM TO BE EMPLOYED

The election of the position listed in Part A above is conducted by a direct voting system.

The above information is lodged pursuant to subsection 189(1) of Schedule 1B of the *Workplace Relations Act*.

I certify that I am the authorized officer to the United Firefighters Union of Australia, Queensland Branch to sign this application.

MARK WALKER
Branch Secretary