

# **Australian Electoral Commission / AEC**

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

## **POST ELECTION REPORT**

### **United Firefighter's Union of Australia**

### **Queensland Branch Election**

#### **ELECTION/S COVERED IN THIS REPORT**

Election Decision No/s: *E2009/ 10033*

#### **RULES**

Rules used for the election: *259V: Incorporates alterations of 30/07/2009  
– R2009/297*

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: *N/A*

Model Rule reference (if any): *N/A*

#### **ROLL OF VOTERS**

Total number of voters on the Roll: 2393

Number of apparent workplace addresses: Nil

Number of non-current addresses: 25

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Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters: Nil

#### **IRREGULARITIES**

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

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: *Nil.*

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1) Declaration of Results for Uncontested Offices Scheduled Election – 12 November 2009

Steve Gillespie  
Returning Officer  
13 November 2009

**United Firefighters' Union of Australia  
2009 Queensland Branch Election**

**DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR UNCONTESTED AND CONTESTED OFFICES**

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.

I now advise the results of the above election, for which the postal ballot closed at 5:00 pm on 9 November 2009.

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**Queensland Branch**

Total number of persons on the roll of voters	2393
Ballot papers issued	2393
Duplicate ballot papers issued	5
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED</b>	<b>2398</b>
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	1204
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	9
Adjusting Balance	0
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ADMITTED TO SCRUTINY</b>	<b>1190</b>
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	50%
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	19
Ballot papers not returned	1173

**Branch President**

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
LAWRENCE, Henry Pearson	556	556
BUNNEY, Steve	627	627
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	1183	1183
Formal ballot papers	1183	1183
Informal ballot papers	7	7

I declare Steve Bunney elected.

**Branch Senior Vice-President**

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
GALE, Mark	460	460
RYAN, Joseph	696	696
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	1156	1156
Formal ballot papers	1156	1156
Informal ballot papers	34	34

I declare Joseph Ryan elected.

**Branch Junior Vice-President**

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
WATTS, Ross Allen	455	591
RAVERTY, Ronald Paul	275	0
DANIEL, Chris	422	546
Exhausted Votes		15
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	1152	1152
Formal ballot papers	1152	1152
Informal ballot papers	38	38

I declare Ross Allen Watts elected.

**Branch Secretary**

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
WALKER, Mark	530	530
HAWKINS, Jamie	652	652
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	1182	1182
Formal ballot papers	1182	1182
Informal ballot papers	8	8

I declare Jamie Hawkins elected.

### Branch Assistant Secretary

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
CULLEN, Lawrence E	532	532
TAYLOR, Bryan	624	624
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	1156	1156
Formal ballot papers	1156	1156
Informal ballot papers	34	34

I declare Bryan Taylor elected.

### Branch Executive Member (3)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
CHALMERS, Peter	189	620
OLIVER, John	145	541
GALE, Mark	91	590
CULLEN, Lawrence E	141	547
BUNNEY, Steve	212	Excluded Schedule 3, 2(n) 0
RYAN, Joseph	153	Excluded Schedule 3, 2(n) 0
TAYLOR, Bryan	108	Excluded Schedule 3, 2(n) 0
MCBAIN, Eric Leslie	46	0
RAVERTY, Ronald Paul	62	0
Exhausted Votes		19
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	1147	2317
Formal ballot papers	1147	1147
Informal ballot papers	43	43

I declare Peter Chalmers, Lawrence E Cullen and Mark Gale elected.

### Far Northern Region

Total number of persons on the roll of voters	128
Ballot papers issued	128
Duplicate ballot papers issued	0
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED</b>	<b>128</b>
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	75
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	2
Adjusting Balance	1
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ADMITTED TO SCRUTINY</b>	<b>72</b>
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	58%
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	0
Ballot papers not returned	53

### Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
WILSON, Don	7	0
BULMER, Guy Bryan Robert	32	36
STRETTLES, Greg	32	34
Exhausted Votes		1
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	71	71
Formal ballot papers	71	71
Informal ballot papers	1	1

I declare Guy Bryan Robert Bulmer elected.

### Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
ANDERSON, Paul	34	34
MANTGARIS, Vasilios	33	33
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	67	67
Formal ballot papers	67	67
Informal ballot papers	5	5

I declare Paul Anderson elected.

### Northern Region

Total number of persons on the roll of voters	168
Ballot papers issued	168
Duplicate ballot papers issued	1
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED</b>	<b>169</b>
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	72
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	1
Adjusting Balance	0
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ADMITTED TO SCRUTINY</b>	<b>71</b>
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	42%
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	0
Ballot papers not returned	97

### Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
LOUDON, Ian Thomas	33	33
NEWTON, Wayne	37	37
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	70	70
Formal ballot papers	70	70
Informal ballot papers	1	1

I declare Wayne Newton elected.

### Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

Candidates  
No nomination was received  
No candidates elected.

## Central Region

### Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

Candidate

FENTON, Charles

I declare Charles Fenton elected.

### Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

Candidate

MANN, Trevor

I declare Trevor Mann elected.

## North Coast

### Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

Candidate

THOMPSON, Russell

I declare Russell Thompson elected.

### Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

Candidate

MCPHERSON, Bevan

I declare Bevan McPherson elected.

## Brisbane

Total number of persons on the roll of voters	912
Ballot papers issued	912
Duplicate ballot papers issued	1
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED</b>	<b>913</b>
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	485
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	4
Adjusting Balance	-9
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ADMITTED TO SCRUTINY</b>	<b>481</b>
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	54%
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	10
Ballot papers not returned	417

### Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate (2)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>		<u>Votes</u>
CULLEN, Lawrence E	159	Excluded Schedule 3, 2(n)	0
GALE, Mark	105	Excluded Schedule 3, 2(n)	0
TAYLOR, Bryan	143	Excluded Schedule 3, 2(n)	0
TAYLOR, Dennis	62		469
Exhausted Votes			0
Loss/Gain by Fraction			0
Total votes	469		469
Formal ballot papers	469		469
Informal ballot papers	3		3

I declare Dennis Taylor elected.  
No other nominations received.

**Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate (3)**

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
RAVERTY, Ronald Paul	138	239
FLYNN, Brian	152	233
ATKINS, Damien	34	139
GORRINGE, Ken	35	74
DRAPER, Peter	107	237
Exhausted Votes		16
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	466	938
Formal ballot papers	466	466
Informal ballot papers	6	6

I declare Peter Draper, Brian Flynn and Ronald Paul Raverty elected.

**South Eastern**

**Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate**

Candidate

ROBINSON, Chris

I declare Chris Robinson elected.

**Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate (2)**

Candidate

OLIVER, John

I declare John Oliver elected.  
No other nominations received.

**South Western**

**Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate**

Candidate

BURROWS, John

I declare John Burrows elected.

**Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate**

Candidate

No nomination was received

No candidates elected.

**Communication Centres**

**Branch Committee of Management - Communication Centres Delegate**

Candidate

FOWLER, Lauren

I declare Lauren Fowler elected.

**Senior Officers**

**Branch Committee of Management - Senior Officer Delegate**

Candidates

No nomination was received

No candidates elected.

## Auxiliary Firefighters - North

### Branch Committee of Management - Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate - North

#### Candidate

HOWEARTH, Alison

I declare Alison Howearth elected.

## Auxiliary Firefighters - South

Total number of persons on the roll of voters	189
Ballot papers issued	189
Duplicate ballot papers issued	1
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED</b>	<b>190</b>
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	57
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	0
Adjusting Balance	0
<b>TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ADMITTED TO SCRUTINY</b>	<b>57</b>
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	30%
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	3
Ballot papers not returned	130

### Branch Committee of Management - Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate - South

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
TAYLOR, Ian John	27	27
MASON, Peter	30	30
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	57	57
Formal ballot papers	57	57
Informal ballot papers	0	0

I declare Peter Mason elected.

Steve Gillespie  
Returning Officer  
Australian Electoral Commission  
12 November 2009



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Australia

## DECISION

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

**United Firefighters' Union of Australia**  
(E2009/10033)

T. NASSIOS

MELBOURNE, 20 AUGUST 2009

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

[1] On 14 August 2009 the Queensland Branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged with Fair Work Australia the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following offices:

Branch President  
Branch Senior Vice President  
Branch Junior Vice President  
Branch Secretary  
Branch Assistant Secretary  
Branch Executive Members (3)

Branch Committee of Management Officer Delegates (8) from the following regions:

Far Northern	(1)
Northern	(1)
Central	(1)
North Coast	(1)
Brisbane	(2)
South Eastern	(1)
South Western	(1)

Branch Committee of Management Firefighter Delegates (10) from the following regions:

Far Northern	(1)
Northern	(1)
Central	(1)
North Coast	(1)
Brisbane	(3)
South Eastern	(2)
South Western	(1)



Branch Committee of Management Communication Centres Delegate (1)

Branch Committee of Management Senior Officer Delegate (1)

Branch Committee of Management Auxiliary Firefighter Delegates (2) as follows:

Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate – North (1)

Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate – South (1)

[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 General Manager  
Fair Work Australia

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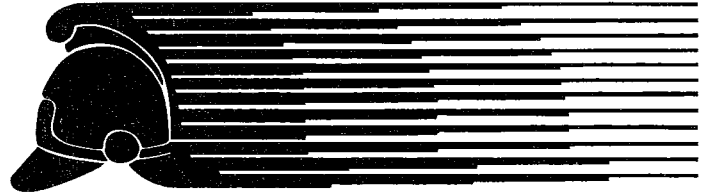
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United Firefighters Union of Australia

## NOTICE

I, Peter Marshall, being the National Secretary of the United Firefighters Union of Australia, make the following statement:

I am the National Secretary of the United Firefighters Union of Australia,

I am authorised to lodge the following prescribed information concerning forthcoming elections in the Queensland Branch of the United Firefighters Union of Australia, and

I confirm that the following information is being lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Marshall', written in a cursive style.

Dated: 12 August 2009

## STATEMENT OF PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR AN ELECTION

**Name and number of Offices/Positions:**

<b>A</b>	Branch President (1)
	Branch Senior Vice-President (1)
	Branch Junior Vice President (1)
	Branch Secretary (1)
	Branch Assistant Secretary (1)
	Branch Executive Members (previously called Branch Trustees) (3)
	Officer Delegates (8)
	Firefighter Delegates (10)
<b>B</b>	Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate – North (1)
	Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate – South (1)
	Senior Officer Delegate (1)
	Communication Centres Delegate (1)

**Reasons for election:**

- Election for offices and positions marked A is required as the terms of office are due to expire in the normal course of events under the rules of the organisation.
- Election for offices marked B is required because this is a new position that has been created under the rules.

**Elected by:**

- The electorate for the positions of Branch President, Branch Senior Vice President, Branch Junior Vice President, Branch Secretary, Branch Assistant Secretary and Branch Executive Members consists of the financial members of the Branch at the time when nominations for the elections close (Schedule 3 Rule 2(a)(i)-(vi)).
- The electorate for the positions of Officer Delegates and Firefighter Delegates consists of the financial members (whether that member is an Officer or a Firefighter) in the Region, in accordance with Schedule 3 Rule 2(b). The representation of each of the Regions as determined by the Queensland Branch Committee of Management is as follows:

Region	Officers	Officers Delegates	Firefighters	Firefighters Delegates
Far Northern	Less than 200	1	Less than 200	1

Northern	Less than 200	1	Less than 200	1
Central	Less than 200	1	Less than 200	1
North Coast	Less than 200	1	Less than 200	1
Brisbane	> 200 and < 400	2	>400 and < 600	3
South Eastern	Less than 200	1	> 200 and < 400	2
South Western	Less than 200	1	Less than 200	1

- The electorate for the position of Communication Centres Delegate consists of the financial membership of the Branch employed in communication centres, in accordance with Schedule 3 Rule 2(c).
- The electorate for the position of Senior Officer Delegate consists of Senior Officers who are financial members of the Branch, in accordance with Schedule 3 Rule 2(d).
- The representation of each of Communication Centres and Senior Officers delegates as determined by the Queensland Branch Committee of Management is determined as follows:

	Members	Delegates
Communications Centres	Less than 200	1
Senior Officers	Less than 200	1

- The electorate for the position of Auxiliary Firefighters Delegate - North consists of the financial Auxiliary Firefighter members in Far Northern, Northern and Central Regions, in accordance with Schedule 3 Rule 2(e).
- The electorate for the position of Auxiliary Firefighters Delegate - South consists of the financial Auxiliary Firefighter members in North Coast, Brisbane, South Eastern and South Western Regions, in accordance with Schedule 3 Rule 2(e).

**Nominations open:**

- Rule 27(a) applies (the first weekday occurring on or after 14th March). However, due to an application for a rule change made by the Branch around that time, this date is to be determined by the Returning Officer or is otherwise at the discretion of the Registrar.

**Nominations close:**

- Rule 27(b) applies (5pm on the first weekday occurring on or after 31st March). However, due to an application for a rule change made by the Branch around that time, this date is to be determined by the Returning Officer or is otherwise at the discretion of the Registrar.

**Cut off date for roll:**

- 7 days prior to the opening date for nominations.

**Voting system to be used:**

- The voting system to be used is the direct voting system.

**Non-office positions:**

- The non-office positions for which the election is required are as follows:

Officer Delegates (8)
Firefighter Delegates (10)
Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate – North (1)
Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate – South (1)
Senior Officer Delegate (1)
Communication Centres Delegate (1)