

Australian Electoral Commission / AEC

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

POST ELECTION REPORT

United Firefighters' Union of Australia Queensland Branch Election

ELECTION/S COVERED IN THIS REPORT

Election Decision No/s: **E2014/246**

RULES

Rules used for the election: *259V: Incorporates alterations of 01/09/2014*

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: *Nil*

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

ROLL OF VOTERS

Total number of voters on the Roll: 2312

Number of apparent workplace addresses: Nil

Number of non-current addresses: 1

Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters:

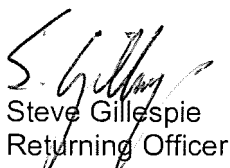
IRREGULARITIES

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

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: *Ballot papers were incorrectly sent to Communication Centre & Senior Officer staff in the Regions of Northern, Far Northern, North Coast & Central. The returned declaration votes were identified during the roll markback and the Regional ballot papers **only** from those declaration envelopes were rejected at scrutiny as those staff were not eligible to vote for the Officer and firefighter positions. There were 14 votes in total that this related to.*

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Declaration of Results for Contested and Uncontested Offices Scheduled Election – 12 May 2015


Steve Gillespie
Returning Officer
15 May 2015

United Firefighters' Union of Australia
UFUA - Scheduled Qld Branch Elections - E2014/246

Declaration of Results for Contested and Uncontested Offices

E2014/246

Below are 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.

Queensland Branch

Total number of names on the roll of voters	2312
Ballot papers issued	2312
Replacement ballot papers issued	2
Total Ballot Papers Issued	2314
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	661
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	5
Adjusting balance	0
Total Ballot Papers Admitted to Scrutiny	656
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	29
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	10
Ballot papers not returned	1643

Branch President

Candidates

DEARLOVE, Mark

I declare Mark Dearlove elected.

Branch Secretary

Candidates

OLIVER, John

I declare John Oliver elected.

Branch Senior Vice-President

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
MANTGARIS, Billy	66	0
GALE, Mark	158	0
DRAPER, Peter	187	309
CULLEN, Lawrence E	222	296
Exhausted Votes		28
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0

Total votes	633	605
Formal ballot papers	633	633
Informal ballot papers	10	10

I declare Peter Draper elected.

Branch Junior Vice-President

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
WOOD, Ryan	107	124
RAVERTY, Ron	159	175
CHALMERS, Peter	295	319
MANTGARIS, Billy	70	0
Exhausted Votes		13
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	631	631
Formal ballot papers	643	643
Informal ballot papers	12	12

I declare Peter Chalmers elected.

Branch Assistant Secretary

Candidates

MALLEY, Shane Matthew

I declare Shane Matthew Malley elected.

Branch Executive Member (3)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	
CULLEN, Lawrence E	168	
MANTGARIS, Billy	55	
GRAY, Paul	30	
RAVERTY, Ron	58	
LOUDON, Ian	51	
CHALMERS, Peter	110	Excluded Rule 27(13)(bb)
WULFF, Sean	61	
GALE, Mark	98	
Exhausted Votes		
Loss/Gain by Fraction		
Total votes	631	
Formal ballot papers	643	
Informal ballot papers	12	

After a distribution of preferences in accordance with Rule 27(13), I declare Lawrence E Cullen, Mark Gale and Ron Raverty elected.

Far Northern Region

Total number of names on the roll of voters	107
Ballot papers issued	107
Replacement ballot papers issued	0
Total Ballot Papers Issued	107
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	32
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	1
Adjusting balance	0
Total Ballot Papers Admitted to Scrutiny	31
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	31
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	1
Ballot papers not returned	74

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
GANFIELD, Craig	15	15
MANTGARIS, Billy	16	16
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	31	31
Formal ballot papers	31	31
Informal ballot papers	0	0

I declare Billy Mantgaris elected.

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

Candidates

BULMER, Guy Bryan Robert

I declare Guy Bryan Robert Bulmer elected.

Northern Region

Total number of names on the roll of voters	160
Ballot papers issued	160
Replacement ballot papers issued	0
Total Ballot Papers Issued	160
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	54
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	5
Adjusting balance	0
Total Ballot Papers Admitted to Scrutiny	49
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	34
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	1
Ballot papers not returned	105

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
RYDER, Jamie	25	25
LOUDON, Ian	22	22
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	47	47
Formal ballot papers	47	47
Informal ballot papers	2	2

I declare Jamie Ryder elected.

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
WILSON, Michael	27	27
HITCHCOCK, Bill	22	22
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	49	49
Formal ballot papers	49	49
Informal ballot papers	0	0

I declare Michael Wilson elected.

Central Region

Total number of names on the roll of voters	163
Ballot papers issued	163
Replacement ballot papers issued	0
Total Ballot Papers Issued	163
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	40
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	4
Adjusting balance	1
Total Ballot Papers Admitted to Scrutiny	35
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	24
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	0
Ballot papers not returned	124

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
FENTON, Charles	21	21
KNAUER, Ivan Chirstopher	12	12

Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	33	33
Formal ballot papers	33	33
Informal ballot papers	2	2

I declare Charles Fenton elected.

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

Candidates

HARRIS, Greg

I declare Greg Harris elected.

North Coast

Total number of names on the roll of voters		180
Ballot papers issued		180
Replacement ballot papers issued		0
Total Ballot Papers Issued		180
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny		67
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny		4
Adjusting balance		0
Total Ballot Papers Admitted to Scrutiny		63
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued		38
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail		1
Ballot papers not returned		112

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
PASTERFIELD, Shane	47	47
BLACKLEY, Jonathon	16	16

Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	63	63
Formal ballot papers	63	63
Informal ballot papers	0	0

I declare Shane Pasterfield elected.

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

Candidates

No nomination was received

No candidates elected.

Brisbane

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate (2)

Candidates

WOOD, Ryan

I declare Ryan Wood elected.
No other nominations received.

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate (4)

Candidates

DRAPER, Peter Excluded Rule 27(13)(bb)
MCLEAN, Wayne Robert
MCNULTY, Dean

I declare Wayne Robert McLean and Dean McNulty elected.
No other nominations received.

South Eastern

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

Candidates

CUMNER, Kerry

I declare Kerry Cumner elected.

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate (2)

Candidates

GRAY, Paul
WULFF, Sean

I declare Paul Gray and Sean Wulff elected.

South Western

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

Candidates

No nomination was received

No candidates elected.

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

Candidates

PRICE, Nathan

I declare Nathan Price elected.

Communication Centres

Branch Committee of Management - Communication Centres Delegate

Candidates

AMOS, Beryl

I declare Beryl Amos elected.

Senior Officers

Branch Committee of Management - Senior Officer Delegate

Candidates

ROWE, Ashley

I declare Ashley Rowe elected.

Auxiliary Firefighters - North

Branch Committee of Management - Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate - North

Candidates

HOWEARTH, Alison

I declare Alison Howearth elected.


Auxiliary Firefighters - South

Branch Committee of Management - Auxiliary Firefighter Delegate - South

Candidates

No nomination was received

No candidates elected.


Steve Gillespie
Returning Officer
Australian Electoral Commission

12 May 2015



DECISION

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

United Firefighters' Union of Australia-Queensland Branch (E2014/246)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 18 NOVEMBER 2014

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 6 November 2014 the United Firefighters' Union of Australia-Queensland Branch lodged with the Fair Work Commission the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following offices:

- Branch President
- Branch Vice-Presidents (2)
- Branch Secretary
- Branch Assistant Secretary
- Branch Executive Members (3)

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegates (number to be determined in accordance with the rules) and Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegates (number to be determined in accordance with the rules) from the following regions:

- Far Northern
- Northern
- Central
- South Western
- North Coast
- Brisbane
- South Eastern

Branch Committee of Management – Senior Officer Delegate (number to be determined in accordance with the rules)

Branch Committee of Management – Communication Officer Delegate (number to be determined in accordance with the rules)

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

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Notice and Statement of Prescribed Information for an Election

I, **John Oliver**, being the **Branch Secretary** of the **United Firefighters Union of Australia Queensland Branch**, make the following statement:

I am the **Branch Secretary** of the **United Firefighters Union of Australia Queensland Branch**,

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

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

Signed:

Dated: 28 November 2014

Offices/Positions

A	Branch President (Direct Voting System)
	Branch Vice-Presidents (2) (DVS)
	Branch Secretary (DVS)
	Branch Assistant Secretary (DVS)
	Branch Executive Members (3) (DVS)
B	Far Northern - Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate (1) Firefighter Delegate (1) (DVS)
	Northern – Branch Committee of Management -- Officer Delegate (1) Firefighter Delegate (1) (DVS)
	Central - Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate (1) Firefighter Delegate (1) (DVS)
	South Western – Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate (1) Firefighter Delegate (1) (DVS)
	North Coast - Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate (1) Firefighter Delegate (1) (DVS)
	Brisbane - Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate (2) Firefighter Delegate (4) (DVS)
	South Eastern - Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate (1) Firefighter Delegate (2) (DVS)
	Senior Officers – Branch Committee of Management – Senior Officer Delegate (1) (DVS)

	<p>Communication Officer – Branch Committee of Management – Communication Officer Delegate (1) (DVS)</p> <p>Auxiliary South - Branch Committee of Management – Auxiliary South Delegate (1) (DVS)</p> <p>Auxiliary North - Branch Committee of Management – Auxiliary North Delegate (1) (DVS)</p>
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Reasons for election:

- Election for offices and positions marked A and B respectively is required as the terms of office are due to expire in the normal course of events under the rules of the organisation.

Elected by:

- The electorate for the direct voting system for:

Branch Secretary, Branch President, Vice Presidents, Assistant State Secretary and Executive Members – Branch Committee of Management – is all Firefighters, Officers, Senior Officers, Communication Centres’ Officers and Auxiliary Firefighters

Far Northern, Northern, Central, South Western, North Coast, Brisbane and South Eastern – Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate and Officer Delegate is all Firefighters and Officers in **Far Northern, Northern, Central, South Western, North Coast, Brisbane and South Eastern** (excluding Auxiliary Firefighters, Senior Officers and Communications Centres’ officers).

Senior Officers – Branch Committee of Management – Senior Officer Delegate is all Senior Officer members in the Queensland Branch

Communication Officer – Branch Committee of Management – Communication Officer Delegate is all Communication Officer members in the Queensland Branch

Auxiliary North – Branch Committee of Management – Auxiliary North Delegate is all Auxiliary firefighters for Auxiliary North members in the Queensland Branch

Auxiliary South – Branch Committee of Management – Auxiliary South Delegate is all Auxiliary firefighters for Auxiliary South members in the Queensland Branch

Nominations open:

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.

Nominations close:

As per our rules

Cut off date for roll:

- As per our rules

Note:

The above sample Notice and Statement would satisfy each of the particulars required under s.189(1) and the relevant regulations.

Make sure the declaration is adjusted as appropriate to reflect the facts.

The Notice and Statement are required to be lodged at least 2 months before the first day of nominations as set out in the rules of the organisation – the General Manager of the Fair Work Commission may allow for a later day (see subsection 189(2) and regulations).

The requirement to lodge election information under s.189(2) is a civil penalty provision (see s.305).