

7 October 2021

# Post-Election Report

**Police Federation of Australia**

PFA - New South Wales Police Branch

Casual Vacancy election

E2021/104

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Organisation: PFA - New South Wales Police Branch  
Election: Casual Vacancy  
Election Decision No/s: E2021/104

## Rules

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Rules used for the election:

200V: Incorporates alterations of 13 July 2021 [R2021/31]  
(replaces rulebook dated 21 June 2021 [R2021/35])

Rules difficult to apply/interpret:

52EG.e.xi.b

The full names of candidates, for election for an office shall appear on the ballot paper for that election, shall have been drawn by ballot, at the close of the nominations or, in relation to candidates whose family names are identical, in the alphabetical order of their first or given names

The rule was difficult to apply at close of nominations. This rule does not consider the time required for the defect period for nominations.

Model Rule reference (if any):

14.1.4 The order of names in each ballot on the ballot paper shall be determined by lot drawn by the returning officer.

For more details see the Model Rules on the AEC website: [www.aec.gov.au/ieb/](http://www.aec.gov.au/ieb/)

## Other Matters

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Returning Officer actions required (Section 193): Yes

Details:

- Rules specifying the method of lodgement of nominations and candidate statements are set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic would impact on the ability for potential candidates to nominate. Instead nominations will be received electronically, via email/the AEC's portal.
- 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.
- Ballot draw was not conducted at close of nomination as per Rule 52EG.e.xi.b. Ballot draw was conducted after close of nomination.

## Signed

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# Attachments

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## A. Declaration of results for Uncontested Offices – NSW Northern Region Area Two