

Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

Ordinary Election

19 October 2019



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INTRODUCTION

A total of 90 local governments requested that the Electoral Commissioner conduct their ordinary elections in October 2019. This compares with 89 local governments in 2017 and 88 in 2015.

The Western Australian Electoral Commission was engaged by the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley to use postal voting for the October 2019 elections.

Within this report the *Local Government Act 1995* is referred to as the Act and regulations within the *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997* are referred to as regulations. The Western Australian Electoral Commission is abbreviated to the Commission.

The report that follows provides information about the election process together with the election results.

ELECTION TIMETABLE

The election timetable is prescribed by the Act. A copy of the timetable used for this election appears in Appendix 1. Key dates for this election were:

Close of the roll	30 August 2019
Opening of nominations	5 September 2019
Close of nominations	12 September 2019
Lodgement of packages to electors	20 September 2019

RETURNING OFFICER

Appointment

In accordance with section 4.20(4) of the Act, the Electoral Commissioner appointed Mr Lincoln Heading to be the Returning Officer for the election. The Electoral Commissioner is also required to appoint one or more Deputy Returning Officers under section 4.21(2) of the Act. Several staff members from the Electoral Commission were appointed as Deputy Returning Officers to assist with those electoral processes conducted centrally.

Duties

The Returning Officer was responsible for:

- receiving nominations from candidates;
- receiving and recording nomination fees;
- conducting the draws for positions on the ballot papers;
- receiving and reviewing candidate profiles and photographs;
- issuing replacement voting packages;
- organising the count;
- declaring the result of the elections; and
- parcelling the ballot papers and election material for storage by the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley.

Support for Returning Officer

The role of the Commission was to support the Returning Officer by:

- providing all handbooks, manuals and forms;
- arranging for the printing of materials for the voting packages;
- producing the residents roll;
- arranging for the secure dispatch of ballot packages;
- recording the return of votes by mail;
- notifying the Minister for Local Government of the results of the election;
- providing electoral information on the Commission's website;
- seeking legal advice as required; and
- preparing this election report.

ADVERTISING

Statutory Advertising

The Act requires the placement of three statutory advertisements in a newspaper with statewide circulation. The Commission placed all statutory advertising in *The West Australian*.

The first advertisement was a *Notice of Close of Enrolments*, which appeared in *The West Australian* on Wednesday 14 August 2019 in accordance with section 4.39(2) of the Act.

The second advertisement was a *Call for Nominations* notice, which appeared in *The West Australian* on Wednesday 28 August 2019 in accordance with section 4.47(1) of the Act.

The third advertisement was a *Notice of Election*, which appeared in *The West Australian* on



Wednesday 18 September 2019 in accordance with section 4.64(1) of the Act.

The *Notice of Close of Enrolments* was sent on Monday 5 August 2019 to the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley for placement on the public noticeboard and on a noticeboard at every local government library in the district.

The *Call for Nominations* notice was sent on Friday 23 August 2019 to the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley for placement on the public noticeboard and on a noticeboard at every local government library in the district.

The *Notice of Election* was sent on Friday 20 September 2019 to the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley for placement on the public noticeboard and on a noticeboard at every local government library in the district.

Advertisements announcing the election results were placed in *The West Australian* on Tuesday 22 October 2019 and sent on the same day to the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley for placement on the public noticeboard and on a noticeboard at every local government library in the district.

Appendix 2 shows the noticeboard advertisements.

The Commission Website

The Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley had a visual presence on the Commission's website at www.elections.wa.gov.au in terms of logo, address and link to its home page, as seen below. People visiting the Commission's website could view a broad range of electoral information, including:

- key dates and deadlines for the election;
- how to vote information;
- lists of candidates (after close of nominations);
- Returning Officer and local government contact details; and
- Australia Post daily package return figures.

The election results were shown on the Commission's website on election night.

2019 Ordinary Election Wyndham-East Kimberley Results



Wyndham-East Kimberley profile and past elections

Roll Close 30 Aug 2019 5:00 PM
Close of Nominations 12 Sep 2019 4:00 PM
Date of Election 19 Oct 2019
Returning Officer Lincoln HEADING
☎ 0418 946 525
✉ LGro_wyn@elections.wa.gov.au

WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY	
Vacancies	(4) Councillors
Expiry of term	21 October 2023
Total electors	3,355
Turnout rate	30.22%
Formal ballot papers	1,006
Informal ballot papers	8

Candidates	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
CASEY, Wendy	373	10.16%	
DEAR, Mat	672	18.30%	21 October 2023
KUMAR, Renjit A J	191	5.20%	
MCKITTRICK, Michelle	580	15.80%	21 October 2023
PETHERICK, Alma	546	14.87%	21 October 2023
FARQUHAR, Judith	643	17.51%	21 October 2023
HEARNE, Denise	90	2.45%	
WEDDERBURN, Allan	228	6.21%	
WRIGHT, Keith	349	9.50%	
Total valid votes	3,672	100%	



ELECTORAL ROLLS

The rolls closed at 5.00 pm on Friday 30 August 2019 in accordance with section 4.39(1) of the Act.

The Chief Executive Officer prepared the owners and occupiers roll. The Electoral Commissioner prepared the residents roll.

Electronic rolls were produced on thumb drives. These were made available as soon as possible after roll close to ensure that candidates had the opportunity to use them for their election campaign when nominations opened.

Candidates and members of council were provided with one free copy of the residents roll and the owners and occupiers roll on request.

Candidate Information USB's

Each candidate was provided with an information package on a thumb drive that contained:

- a handbook entitled *Information for Candidates*;
- a handbook entitled *Information for Scrutineers*;
- a booklet entitled *Formality of Ballot Paper Guide*;
- a booklet entitled *Service Charter for Local Government Elections 2019*;
- Form LG 08 *Nomination for Election by (Candidate and Mayor)*;
- Form LG 09 *Nomination for Election by Agent*;
- Form LG 09A *Disclosure of Gifts*; and
- Form LG 18 *Appointment of Scrutineer*;

NOMINATIONS

Nominations opened on Thursday 5 September 2019 and closed at 4.00 pm Thursday 12 September 2019 in accordance with Section 4.49(a) of the Act.

Nominations were called for the following councillor vacancies:

District name	No of vacancies	Length of term
Wyndham-East Kimberley	4	4 year term

Candidates were required to supply the following when they nominated for a vacancy:

- nomination form;
- profile of no more than 150 words;
- nomination deposit of \$80.00; and
- photograph (optional).

At the close of nominations the Returning Officer had accepted 9 nominations for councillor.

A draw was conducted for ballot paper position for the election. The candidates are listed in ballot paper order, as follows:

District	Expiry of term	Candidates Nominated
Wyndham-East Kimberley	21 October 2023	CASEY, Wendy DEAR, Mat KUMAR, Renjit A J MCKITTRICK, Michelle PETHERICK, Alma FARQUHAR, Judith HEARNE, Denise WEDDERBURN, Allan WRIGHT, Keith

PRODUCTION OF ELECTION PACKAGES AND MAIL-OUT

The Commission created a postal list for the election, comprising electors from the owners and occupiers roll and the residents roll. Following the electronic merge of data from these two rolls, duplicate records were eliminated. This is designed to ensure that each eligible elector receives only one election package for each voting entitlement.

Election packages contain a ballot paper with candidate profiles attached, a ballot paper envelope with an elector certificate attached, a reply paid envelope and an information brochure.

Reply paid envelopes were printed as soon as it was confirmed that the election was to be held. Candidate profiles and secure printed ballot papers were then produced according to a schedule that enabled the mail-out to commence from Friday 20 September 2019.

Each ballot paper envelope was overprinted with the elector's name and address and a barcode using information from the postal list. The name and address served as the address label and the



barcode enabled the elector's name to be marked off the roll when the voting package was returned.

A total of 3,356 election packages were dispatched by Australia Post to electors in the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley.

Extra packages were sent to the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley for issuing replacement or provisional voting papers.

ISSUE OF REPLACEMENT AND PROVISIONAL VOTING PAPERS

Electors who lost, spoilt or misplaced their ballot papers or claimed not to have received an election package were entitled to apply for a replacement under regulation 45. People who claimed to have been omitted from the roll in error were entitled to apply for provisional voting papers under regulation 46. The Returning Officer provided training to Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley administration staff to issue replacement and provisional voting papers from the dispatch date up to and including election day.

A total of 27 replacement voting papers were issued for these elections, as indicated in Appendix 3.

One provisional election package was issued.

VOTING PACKAGES RECEIVED

Appendix 4 contains daily totals of voting packages received and other statistics. Approximately 58.3% of the final number was received by the end of the first five business days. By way of comparison, 51.9% were returned during the first week in the 2017 ordinary postal elections.

CHECKING OF POSTAL VOTING PAPERS

In accordance with regulation 52, the checking process was conducted prior to election day at the Commission's Processing Centre from Tuesday 1 October 2019.

Postal voting packages were checked to ensure that the elector certificates had been completed correctly and electors' names were then marked off the roll using the barcode scanning process. The elector certificates were then removed so that the ballot paper envelopes had no identifying voter information on them. The ballot papers were then removed from the ballot paper envelopes and placed in a sealed ballot box. Some packages did not contain a ballot paper; therefore the

number of packages recorded as received was not equal to the number of ballot papers admitted to the count.

ELECTION DAY

Section 4.62 of the Act requires that there must be at least one polling place in the district open between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm on election day. The polling places were located at Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley offices, 20 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra and Koolama Street, Wyndham.

Staff at these polling places accepted hand-delivered voting packages and issued replacement and provisional voting papers. A total of 374 voting packages representing 11.1% of the total number of packages, were processed or replaced on election day.

COUNTING OF VOTES

The ballot boxes were opened after 6.00 pm and papers were sorted and counted by staff.

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

The Returning Officer publicly declared the results of the election following the completion of counting and crosschecking by the Commission Head Office staff, in accordance with section 4.77 of the Act.

The following candidates were elected to the council of the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley for the terms given below.

District	Expiry of term	Councillors elected
Wyndham-East Kimberley	21 October 2023	DEAR, Mat
Wyndham-East Kimberley	21 October 2023	FARQUHAR, Judith
Wyndham-East Kimberley	21 October 2023	MCKITTRICK, Michelle
Wyndham-East Kimberley	21 October 2023	PETHERICK, Alma

Appendix 5 contains complete details of the election results.

The Returning Officer subsequently gave local public notice of the result in accordance with regulation 80.



The result was transmitted to the Commission and uploaded to the Commission's website.

REFUND OF NOMINATION FEES

Nomination fees were refunded to all candidates who were elected. Those candidates who received at least 5% of the total number of valid votes included in the count also had their nomination fee refunded.

STORAGE OF ELECTION MATERIAL

Following the election all ballot papers, forms and election material used at the election were sealed in security boxes and returned to the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley for storage in accordance with regulation 82.

ELECTOR PARTICIPATION

In a postal election, the number of electors who return packages measures participation.

A total of 1,047 packages were returned giving a participation rate of 31.2%. The state average for local governments using the postal voting method in 2019 was 29.1%.

Of these six packages had no certificate attached, so no name could be marked off the roll and they were rejected from further scrutiny.

The names of 1,041 electors were marked off the roll. Of these electors, 19 (0.6%) had incomplete elector certificates or were signed on behalf of the elector and were rejected from further scrutiny by the Returning Officer.

The remaining 1,022 election packages were opened. Of these, eight packages contained no ballot papers. As a result, 1,014 councillor ballot papers were admitted to the count, as shown in Appendix 6.

Appendix 7 details enrolment and voter participation. Other details on voter participation are at Appendices 8 to 11.

CANDIDATE PARTICIPATION

Appendix 12 provides statistical information on the candidates.

UNCLAIMED MAIL

As at Friday 15 November 2019, 307 election packages had been returned as unclaimed mail, representing 9.1% of the total number of

packages dispatched. Of these, all were from electors on the residents roll.

The details of unclaimed mail from electors on the residents roll have been forwarded to the Australian Electoral Commission to verify an ongoing entitlement to be enrolled. If not, the process to have their names removed from the roll will commence.

LATE MAIL

Between 6.00 pm on Saturday 19 October 2019 and close of business on Friday 25 October 2019, four election packages (0.1% of the total dispatched) were returned too late to be admitted to the count.

Electors are encouraged to post their votes early, but a small number of packages are invariably either posted late or delayed in the mail.

STATUTORY REPORT

In accordance with regulation 81, a report of the result of the election was sent to the Minister for Local Government on Friday 1 November 2019.

COMPLAINTS

As with most elections, some minor issues were competently handled locally by the Returning Officer. A single formal complaint was received during the election. This matter was successfully resolved within a timely manner.



Appendix 1

Election Timetable

POSTAL ELECTION TIMETABLE 2019 Local Government Ordinary Election


Days to Polling Day	Local Government Act	References to Act/Regs	Day	Date
80	Last day for declaration to have the Electoral Commissioner conduct a postal election.	LGA 4.20 (2)(3)(4)	Wed	31/07/2019
80	A decision made to conduct the election as a postal election cannot be rescinded after the 80th day.	LGA 4.61(5)	Wed	31/07/2019
70	Electoral Commissioner to appoint a person to be the Returning Officer of the Local Government for the election.	LGA 4.20 (4)	Sat	10/08/2019
70	Between the 70th/56th day the CEO is to give Statewide public notice of the time and date of close of enrolments.	LGA 4.39(2)	Sat	10/08/2019
56	Preferred date Wednesday 14 August 2019		to	to
			Sat	24/08/2019
56	Last day for the CEO to advise the Electoral Commissioner of the need to prepare a residents roll.	LGA 4.40(1)		24/08/2019
56	Advertising may begin for nominations from 56 days and no later than 45 days before election day.	LGA 4.47(1)	Sat	24/08/2019
	Preferred date Wednesday 28 August 2019			
50	Close roll 5.00 pm	LGA 4.39(1)	Fri	30/08/2019
45	Last day for advertisement to be placed calling for nominations.	LGA 4.47(1)	Wed	4/09/2019
	Nominations Open			
44	First day for candidates to lodge completed nomination paper, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer. Nominations period is open for 8 days.	LGA 4.49(a)	Thu	5/09/2019
38	If a candidate's nomination is withdrawn not later than 4.00 pm on the 38th day before election day, the candidate's deposit is to be refunded.	Reg. 27(5)	Wed	11/09/2019
37	Close of Nominations 4.00 pm on the 37th day before election day.	LGA 4.49(a)	Thu	12/09/2019
36	Last day for the CEO to prepare & certify an owners & occupiers roll for the election. Last day for the Electoral Commissioner to prepare & certify a residents roll.	LGA 4.41(1) LGA 4.40(2)	Fri	13/09/2019
29	Commencement of lodgement of Country Local Government District election packages with Australia Post. Delivery dependent on normal Australia Post standards.		Fri	20/09/2019
24	Commencement of lodgement of Metropolitan Local Government District election packages with Australia Post. Delivery dependent on normal Australia Post standards.		Wed	25/09/2019
22	The preparation of any consolidated roll under subregulation (1) be completed on or before 22nd day before election day.	Reg. 18(2)	Fri	27/09/2019
19	Public Holiday		Mon	30/09/2019
19	Last day for the Returning Officer to give Statewide public notice of the election.	LGA 4.64(1)	Mon	30/09/2019
	Preferred date Wednesday 18 September 2019			
18	Commence processing returned election packages		Tue	1/10/2019
0	Election Day Close of poll 6.00 pm	LGA 4.7	Sat	19/10/2019

Post Election Day	Post Declaration	References to Act/Regs		Date
5	Election result advertisement.	LGA 4.77	Thu	24/10/2019
14	Report to Minister. The report relating to an election under section 4.79 is to be provided to the Minister within 14 days after the declaration of the result of the election.	Reg.81	Sat	2/11/2019
28	An invalidity complaint is to be made to a Court of Disputed Returns, constituted by a magistrate, but can only be made within 28 days after notice is given of the result of the election.	LGA 4.81(1)	Sat	16/11/2019



Appendix 2

Noticeboard advertisements



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION
CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS**
Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley
ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 30 August 2019

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 19 October 2019 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley.

Residents
You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00 PM Friday, 30 August 2019. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Enrolment Forms
Electoral enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley, all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission offices or the Western Australian Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer in Western Australia by 5:00 PM Friday, 30 August 2019.



Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers
If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are **not** on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact your local government for details. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners and Occupiers
If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations
A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only
Enrolment forms can be obtained from local governments and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00 PM Friday, 30 August 2019. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley.

Carl ASKEW
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley
Telephone: 9168 4100

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**
Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

An Ordinary Postal Election will be held on Saturday, 19 October 2019 in the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley to fill the following vacancies:

District	4 Councillors	4 year terms
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Nominations Open on Thursday, 5 September 2019
Nominations Close at 4:00 PM Thursday, 12 September 2019
Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer:

- at any time during the above period by arrangement; or
- between 2:00pm and 4:00 PM Thursday, 12 September 2019 (close of nominations) at the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley, 20 Coolbah Drive, KUNUNURRA.

Nominations Requirements
Candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- a completed nomination in the prescribed form, signed and witnessed. (This form is available from the Returning Officer, the Western Australian Electoral Commission or the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley;
- a single A4 page profile containing not more than 150 words of information about the candidate;
- a nomination deposit of \$80 (cash, bank cheque or postal order);
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional);
- every candidate must complete the online candidate induction module available at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au


The Commission has developed an online system called Nomination Builder to assist candidates to complete their nomination form which includes the candidate profiles. This is the preferred method of completing the nomination form and profile for elections conducted by the Commission. Candidates complete their nomination details and profile, print the completed form which has a reference number allocated and lodge it with the Returning Officer. The nomination builder can be accessed at elections.wa.gov.au

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate.

The documents may be hand delivered, posted or faxed to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations.

Information
Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer on 0418 946 525 or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.

Lincoln HEADING
RETURNING OFFICER




**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION
ELECTION NOTICE**
Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley
(Local Government Act 195, s45d)

The Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley is holding an election by postal vote on Saturday, 19 October 2019 to fill vacancies in the offices of Councillors as listed below:

District	4 Councillors
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CASEY, Wendy
DEAR, Mat
MCKITTRICK, Michelle
PETHERICK, Alma
FARQUHAR, Judith
HEARNE, Denise
WEDDERBURN, Allan
WRIGHT, Keith

Election Packages will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll where there is an election in their electorate.

Replacement Packages can be obtained from the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley (Kununurra & Wyndham offices) prior to election day and from 8.00am to 6.00pm on election day if the package is not received or should any papers be missing.

Post your vote early. Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day, Saturday, 19 October 2019.


You may hand deliver your package to an electoral officer at the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley (Kununurra & Wyndham offices) during business hours before election day or at the polling place / any polling place in the district between 8.00am and 6.00pm on election day.

Chief Polling Place:
Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley, 20 Coolbah Drive, KUNUNURRA

Other Polling Place(s):
Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley, Koolama Street, WYNDHAM

The count of votes will commence at 6.00pm at the Chief Polling Place.

Lincoln HEADING
RETURNING OFFICER
0418 946 525

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION
NOTICE OF RESULTS**
Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

The result of the Ordinary Election conducted as a postal vote on Saturday, 19 October 2019 is as follows:

Ward	Position	Candidates	Votes	Term of Office
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District	4 Councillors	CASEY, Wendy	373	
		DEAR, Mat	672	4 year term
		KUMAR, Renjit A J	191	
		MCKITTRICK, Michelle	580	4 year term
		PETHERICK, Alma	546	4 year term
		FARQUHAR, Judith	643	4 year term
		HEARNE, Denise	90	
		WEDDERBURN, Allan	228	
		WRIGHT, Keith	349	


Mathew DEAR is elected as Councillor for the Wyndham-East Kimberley Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

Judith Anne FARQUHAR is elected as Councillor for the Wyndham-East Kimberley Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

Michelle MCKITTRICK is elected as Councillor for the Wyndham-East Kimberley Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

Alma Violet PETHERICK is elected as Councillor for the Wyndham-East Kimberley Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

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RETURNING OFFICER
0418 946 525



Appendix 3

Replacement and Provisional Election Packages Issued

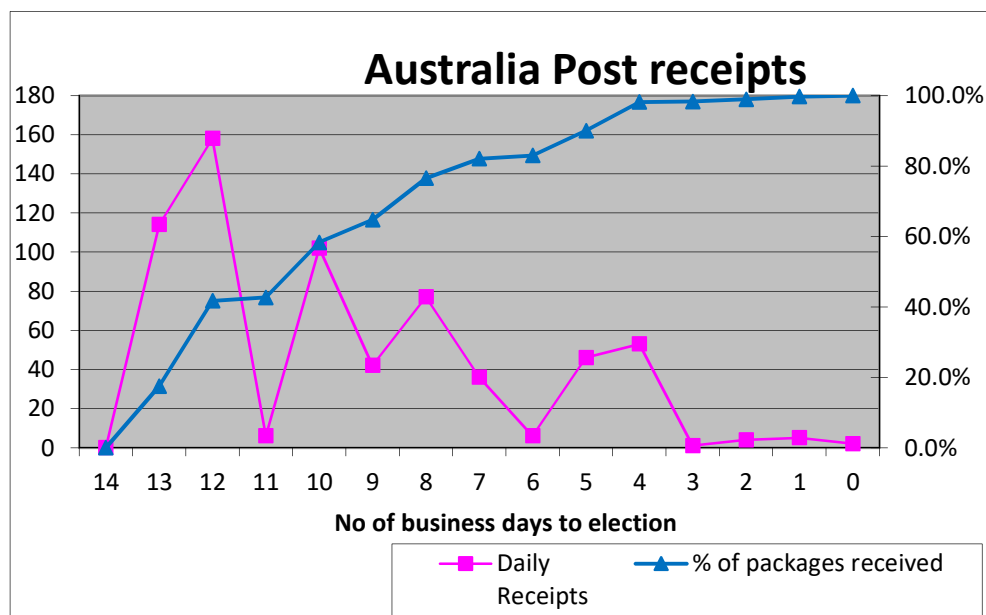
DISTRICT	Replacement Election Packages	Provisional Election Packages
Wyndham-East Kimberley	27	1
Total	27	1



Appendix 4

Receipt of packages from Australia Post

Business Days To Election	Daily Receipts	Cumulative totals	% of packages issued	% of packages received
14	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
13	114	114	3.4%	17.5%
12	158	272	8.1%	41.7%
11	6	278	8.3%	42.6%
10	102	380	11.3%	58.3%
9	42	422	12.6%	64.7%
8	77	499	14.9%	76.5%
7	36	535	15.9%	82.1%
6	6	541	16.1%	83.0%
5	46	587	17.5%	90.0%
4	53	640	19.1%	98.2%
3	1	641	19.1%	98.3%
2	4	645	19.2%	98.9%
1	5	650	19.4%	99.7%
0	2	652	19.4%	100.0%



Appendix 5

Election Result

WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY

Candidate	Votes		Expiry of term
CASEY, Wendy	373	(10.16%)	
DEAR, Mat	672	(18.30%)	21 October 2023
KUMAR, Renjit A J	191	(5.20%)	
MCKITTRICK, Michelle	580	(15.80%)	21 October 2023
PETHERICK, Alma	546	(14.87%)	21 October 2023
FARQUHAR, Judith	643	(17.51%)	21 October 2023
HEARNE, Denise	90	(2.45%)	
WEDDERBURN, Allan	228	(6.21%)	
WRIGHT, Keith	349	(9.50%)	
Total Valid Votes	3672		
Informal	8	(0.22%)	
Total Votes Received	3680		



Appendix 6

Checking Process and Ballot Paper Reconciliation

Number of packages dispatched	3,356
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Packages returned by voters	Packages	% of electors
Total returned (This is defined as the participation rate)	1,047	31.2%
Rejected from further checking - elector not identified	6	0.2%
Total envelopes to be checked	1,041	31.0%

Elector certificate check		
Rejected - declaration not signed	19	0.6%
Rejected - person ineligible	0	0.0%
Total ballot paper envelopes to be opened	1,022	30.5%

Ballot paper extraction	Councillor	% of eligible electors
Total ballot paper envelopes to be opened	1,022	30.5%
No ballot paper enclosed	8	0.2%
Too many ballot papers	0	0.0%
Admitted by RO determination	0	0.0%
Ballot papers admitted to count	1,014	30.2%

Count of ballot papers

Formal ballot papers	1,006	30.0%
Informal ballot papers	8	0.2%
Total ballot papers counted	1,014	30.2%



Appendix 7

Enrolment and Voter Participation

DISTRICT	Enrolment ¹	Voters Participation ²	Percentage Participation
Wyndham-East Kimberley	3356	1041	31.0%
Not identified ³		6	
Total	3356	1047	31.2%

¹ Enrolment - electors at the close of roll, corrections up to close of poll and provisional voters.

² Voters participation - returned voting packages (accepted and rejected).

³ Electors were unidentifiable because they returned a package with no elector certificate attached.



Appendix 8

Elector and Voter Participation by Age

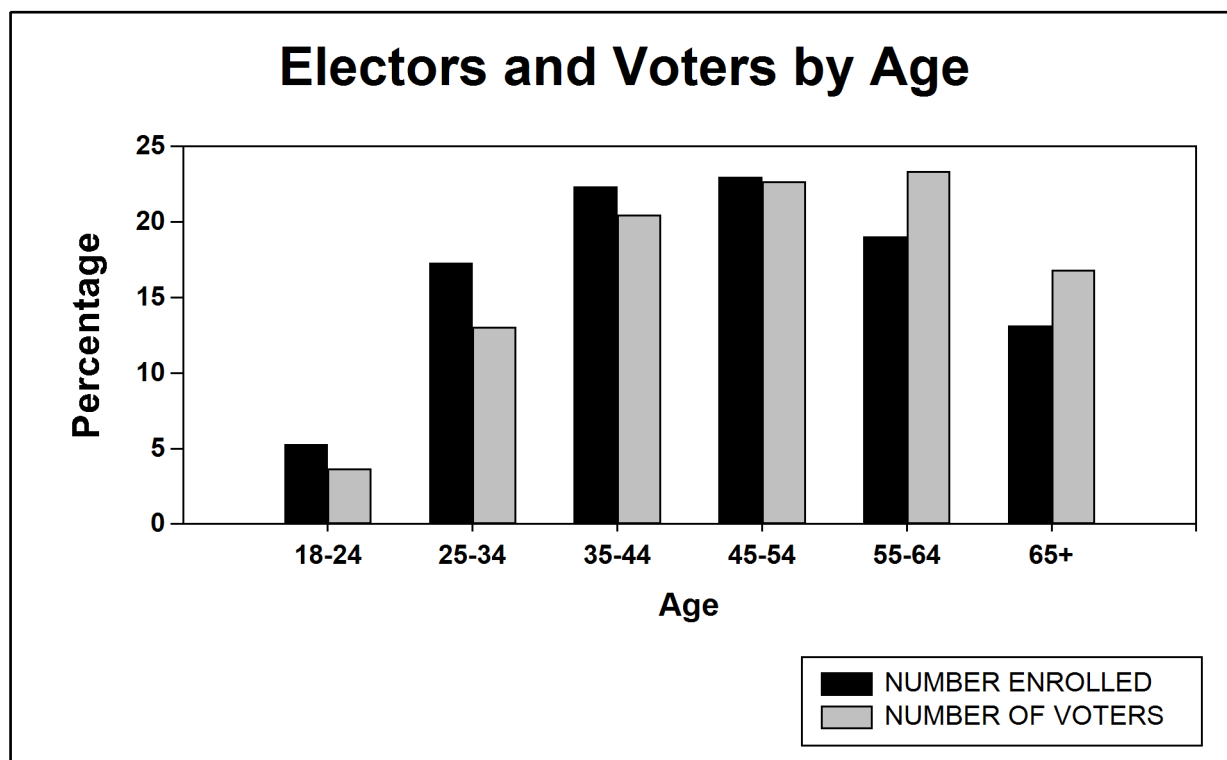
Age	Electors ¹	Percentage of Electors	Voters ²	Percentage of Voters
18-24	177	5.3%	38	3.7%
25-34	580	17.3%	136	13.1%
35-44	749	22.3%	213	20.5%
45-54	771	23.0%	236	22.7%
55-64	639	19.0%	243	23.3%
65+	440	13.1%	175	16.8%
No DOB ³	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Not identified ⁴			6	
Total	3356	100.0%	1047	100.0%

¹ Elector figures for contested elections only.

² Voters - returned voting packages (accepted and rejected).

³ No DOB - Voters for whom a date of birth was not supplied.

⁴ Electors were unidentifiable because they returned a package with no elector certificate attached.



Appendix 9

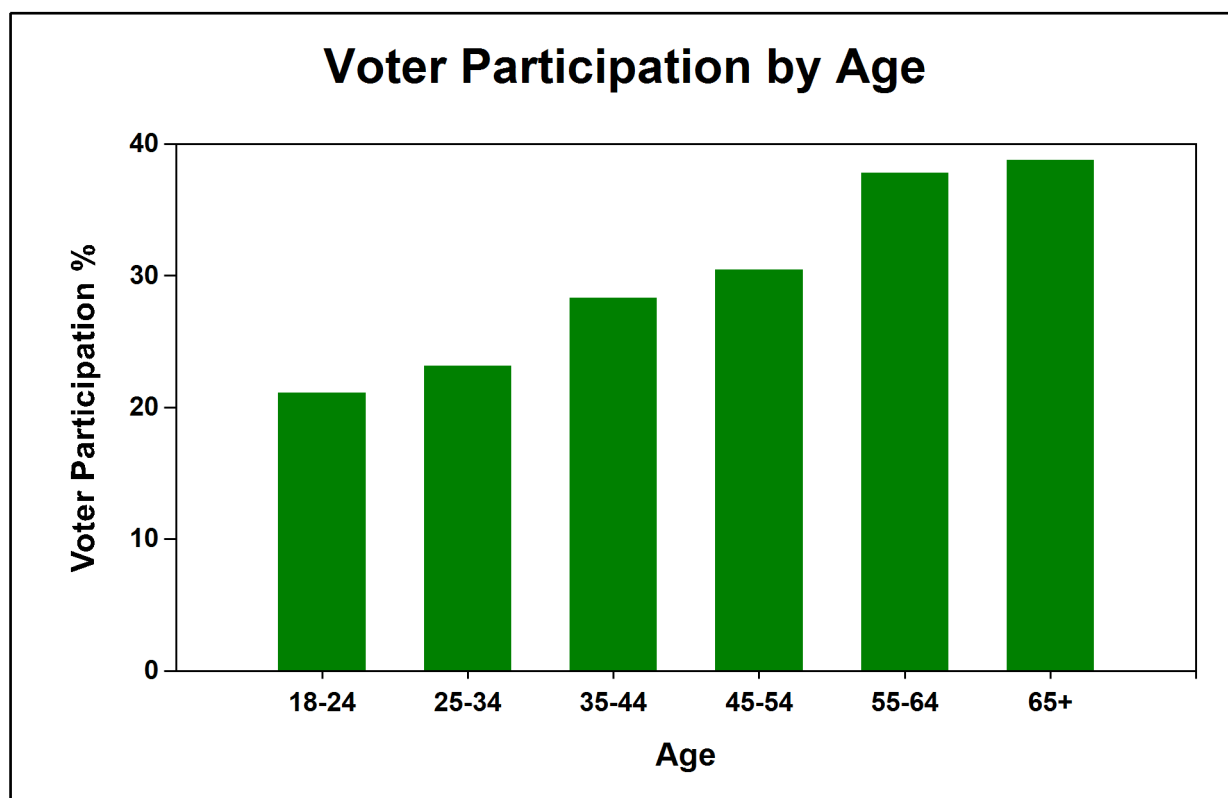
Voter Participation by Age

DISTRICT	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	No DOB ²	Total
Wyndham-East Kimberley	38	136	213	236	243	175	0	1041
Not identified ³								6
Total Voters	38	136	213	236	243	175	0	1047
Total Electors	177	580	749	771	639	440	0	3356
Voter Participation	21.5%	23.4%	28.4%	30.6%	38.0%	39.8%		31.2%

¹ Voters - returned voting packages (accepted and rejected).

² No DOB - Voters for whom a date of birth was not supplied.

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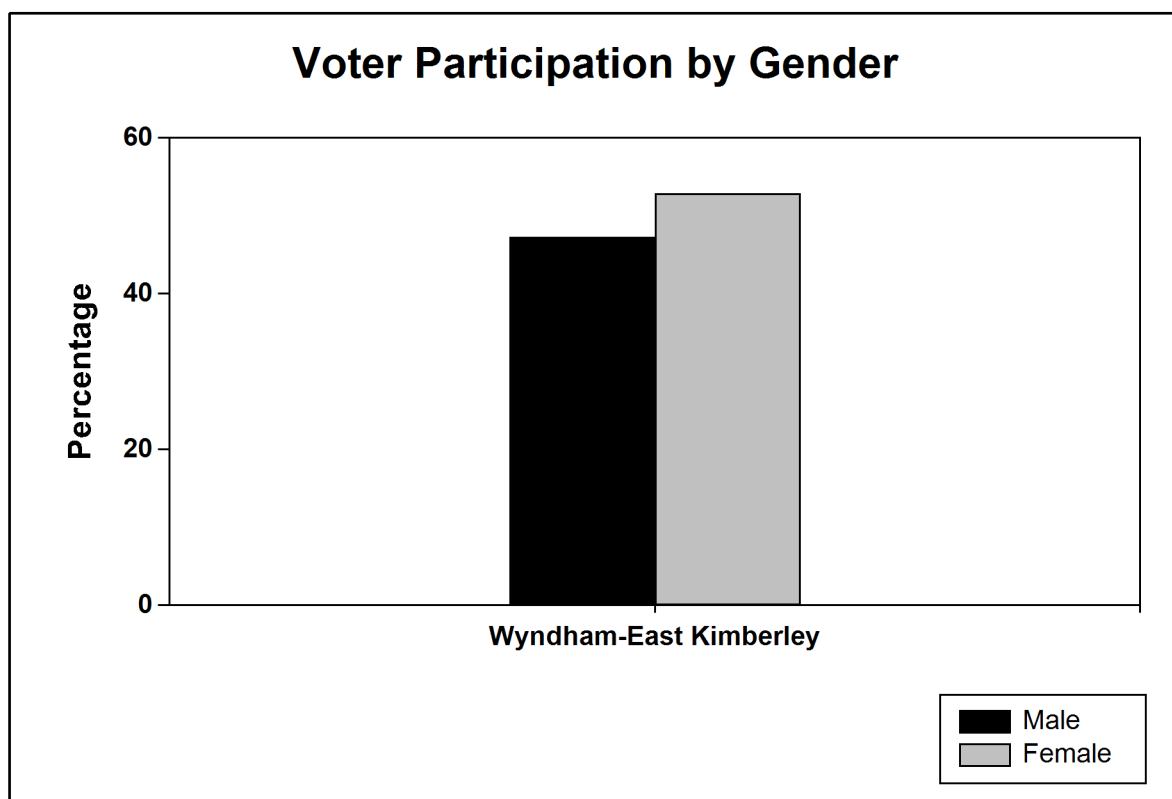


Appendix 10

Voter Participation by Gender

DISTRICT	Male		Female		Not Identified ¹	Total
	Number	%	Number	%		
Wyndham-East Kimberley	491	47.2%	549	52.8%		1040
Total	491	46.9%	549	52.5%	6	1046

¹ Voters were unidentifiable because they returned a package with no elector certificate attached.



Appendix 11

Elector and Voter Participation by Enrolment Category

Electors by Enrolment Category¹

DISTRICT	Residents		Owners / Occupiers		Total
Wyndham-East Kimberley	3341	99.6%	15	0.4%	3356
Total	3341	99.6%	15	0.4%	3356

Voter Participation by Enrolment Category¹

DISTRICT	Residents		Owners / Occupiers		Total
Wyndham-East Kimberley	1034	99.3%	7	0.7%	1041
Not identified ²					6
Total	1034	99.3%	7	0.7%	1047

¹ Elector figures for contested elections only.

² Voters were unidentifiable because they returned a package with no elector certificate attached.



Appendix 12

Candidacy Statistics

Number of Candidates

Electorate	Number of Candidates
Wyndham-East Kimberley	9
Total	9

Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley Candidate Information

Number of male candidates	4
Number of female candidates	5
Number of male candidates elected	1
Number of female candidates elected	3
Number of sitting members re-elected	4
Number of sitting members not re-elected	0
Average age of candidates	57
Age range of candidates	36 - 77

