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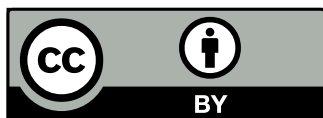


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Foreword

The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) is pleased to present its first aggregated report on local government by-elections, covering by-elections conducted between the 2020 and 2024 local government quadrennial elections.

While much public attention is focused on the major State and local government elections held every four years, the delivery of local government by-elections is an important service delivered by the ECQ to ensure continuity of public administration for Queenslanders. As highlighted in this report, the delivery of 30 local government by-elections over a three-year period entails a significant body of work for the ECQ between major election events.

Across Queensland, there are 77 local governments, constituted by 77 mayors and 501 elected councillors. Over a four-year term, vacancies invariably arise, most of which must be filled through a by-election in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*. Since the 2020 local government elections, the ECQ has remained in a state of election-readiness and has filled 33 vacant positions either through by-elections or by notice.

Each by-election is a resource-intensive exercise. From the public's perspective, the planning and delivery of each by-election occurs seamlessly and with minimal disruption. However, the ECQ invests significant effort to achieve this.

The ECQ has increased its collaboration with local governments in the planning, delivery, and evaluation of elections, including by-elections, with the aim of improving service delivery to Queensland electors and their local governments. I thank our local government partners for their support and cooperation in these endeavours.

The ECQ strives to continually improve the services provided to Queenslanders, and local government by-election delivery presents opportunities to trial innovations and test the ongoing stability and effectiveness of processes and systems.

Over the previous local government term, the ECQ has refined its election budget estimate process, tested measures to reduce the number of rejected postal votes and trialed new methods to communicate with electors. These innovations will be assessed and evaluated to determine if they can be applied widely and improve electoral services for all Queenslanders.

Additionally, the ECQ ensures the ongoing integrity of the electoral process during by-elections by supporting, monitoring, and enforcing candidate compliance with funding and disclosure obligations.

I hope this report contributes to enhanced understanding of the delivery of local government by-elections in Queensland. These activities would not be possible without our people, and I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff of the ECQ and our many Returning Officers and other temporary election staff for continuing to deliver excellent electoral services for all Queenslanders.

Pat Vidgen PSM

Electoral Commissioner of Queensland

Introduction

The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) is an independent statutory body established under the *Electoral Act 1992* and is responsible for the impartial conduct of Queensland state, local government and industrial elections. These functions extend to the conduct of by-elections for vacancies that arise in local government offices of councillor or mayor during their term.

Vacancies in local government offices arise for various reasons, including resignation or election to higher office. Under the *Local Government Act 2009*, these vacancies must be filled within two months of the vacancy arising¹. The ECQ fills these vacancies according to the requirements set out in the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*.

The following report provides a brief overview of the voting information and results for all local government by-elections the ECQ has delivered from the local government quadrennial elections on 28 March 2020 until 15 April 2023. Detailed results information for each by-election can be found at www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/election-events.

Term of local government and local government vacancies

Under the *Local Government Act*, the term of local government is separated into three different time periods:

- ▶ the beginning of the term, which is the first 12 months following the quadrennial elections
- ▶ the middle of the term, which is the subsequent 24 months, and
- ▶ the final part of the term, which is last 12 months prior to the next quadrennial elections.

How a vacancy in local government is filled is dependent on when a vacancy arises, and if it is in the office of mayor or councillor². If the office of mayor becomes vacant during the beginning or middle of the local government's term it must be filled through a by-election. Vacancies arising in the office of mayor during the final part of the local government's term must be filled by appointing another councillor to the office.

Alternatively, if the office of a councillor becomes vacant in the beginning of the term, the local government can opt to hold a by-election or request the ECQ issue a vacancy notice to the 'runner-up' at the last quadrennial elections seeking their permission to appoint them to fill the vacancy. Vacancies arising in the office of a councillor during the middle of the term must be filled through a by-election. Finally, if the vacancy arises in the final part of the term, the council must appoint an eligible person according to the requirements set out in section 166B of the *Local Government Act*.

Vacancies filled

For the reporting period, the ECQ conducted 30 by-elections to fill 31 vacant positions in local governments across Queensland as listed in the following table³.

¹ Section 163 of the *Local Government Act* states that if a councillor's office, other than a mayor's office, becomes vacant three months or more before quadrennial elections are required to be held, the local government must fill the vacant office. A mayor's office must be filled if it becomes vacant at any time before the quadrennial elections. The local government must fill these vacant offices within two months after the office becomes vacant.

² Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 3 of the *Local Government Act* outlines how vacancies are to be filled.

³ One by-election was held to fill two vacancies for Diamantina Shire Council on 5 November 2022.

Vacancies filled with a by-election							
Council	Vacant position	Date vacancy arose	Event type	Notice of Election issued	Election day	Declaration of result	Elected candidate
Aurukun Shire Council	Councillor	20 August 2020	Attendance	3 October 2020	31 October 2020	2 November 2020	Jayden Isaac Marrott
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	Division 14 Councillor	9 October 2020	Attendance	20 November 2020	19 December 2020	21 December 2020	Jimmy Joe Gela
Townsville City Council	Division 10 Councillor	11 November 2020	Attendance	11 December 2020	23 January 2021	3 February 2021	Frances Ann O'Callaghan
Rockhampton Regional Council	Mayor	9 November 2020	Attendance	11 December 2020	23 January 2021	4 February 2021	Anthony Paul Williams
Winton Shire Council	Councillor	18 December 2020	Attendance	8 January 2021	6 February 2021	8 February 2021	Frank Maxwell Standfast
Rockhampton Regional Council	Division 3 Councillor	4 February 2021	Attendance	12 February 2021	13 March 2021	16 March 2021	Grant Desmond Mathers
Barcoo Shire Council	Councillor	20 January 2021	Full postal	29 January 2021	6 March 2021	17 March 2021	Anthony John Jackson
Carpentaria Shire Council	Councillor	30 March 2021	Attendance	9 April 2021	8 May 2021	10 May 2021	Douglas Bertram Thomas
Richmond Shire Council	Councillor	17 May 2021	Attendance	11 June 2021	10 July 2021	21 July 2021	Nicholas Buick
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Division 6 Councillor	1 June 2021	Attendance	18 June 2021	17 July 2021	28 July 2021	Renee Jean McLeod
Isaac Regional Council*	Division 6 Councillor	4 July 2021	Attendance	23 July 2021	N/A	2 August 2021	Carolyn Therese Moriarty
Mapoon* Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	2 August 2021	Attendance	27 August 2021	N/A	6 September 2021	Kiri Jayde Tabuai
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Division 5 Councillor	20 October 2021	Attendance	5 November 2021	4 December 2021	6 December 2021	Mabelene Nancy Whap
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Division 7 Councillor	20 October 2021	Attendance	5 November 2021	4 December 2021	20 December 2021	Yvonne Margaret Barlow

Vacancies filled with a by-election							
Council	Vacant position	Date vacancy arose	Event type	Notice of Election issued	Election day	Declaration of result	Elected candidate
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	16 November 2021	Attendance	13 December 2021	15 January 2022	17 January 2022	David Bruce Jack
North Burnett Regional Council	Mayor	11 December 2021	Full postal	13 December 2021	22 January 2022	2 February 2022	Leslie David Hotz
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	10 January 2022	Attendance	17 January 2022	19 February 2022	21 February 2022	Roy Kevin Chevathen
Richmond Shire Council	Councillor	28 January 2022	Full postal	11 February 2022	12 March 2022	23 March 2022	Sherreen Allison Lanskey
North Burnett Regional Council	Division 2 Councillor	2 February 2022	Full postal	25 February 2022	26 March 2022	6 April 2022	Kingsley Jason Mesner
South Burnett Regional Council	Division 1 Councillor	23 March 2022	Attendance	1 April 2022	30 April 2022	11 May 2022	Jane Erkens
Torres Shire Council	Mayor	22 April 2022	Attendance	29 April 2022	28 May 2022	31 May 2022	Yen Norman Loban
Whitsunday Regional Council	Mayor	15 June 2022	Attendance	15 July 2022	13 August 2022	25 August 2022	Julie Kay Hall
Diamantina Shire Council	Councillor(s)	1 August 2022 and 8 September 2022	Full postal	30 September 2022	5 November 2022	16 November 2022	Kerry Matthew Morton and Sharon Joy Pursell
Balonne Shire Council*	Councillor	15 September 2022	Full Postal	24 October 2022	N/A	3 November 2022	Alexander Chariton Benn
Whitsunday Regional Council	Division 2 Councillor	14 October 2022	Attendance	4 November 2022	3 December 2022	14 December 2022	Clayton Stuart Bauman
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	9 November 2022	Attendance	11 November 2022	10 December 2022	12 December 2022	Hezron Shem Murgha
Longreach Regional Council	Councillor	25 November 2022	Full postal	13 January 2023	11 February 2023	22 February 2023	David William Paterson
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	6 January 2023	Attendance	3 February 2023	4 March 2023	6 March 2023	Rhonda Rose Hill

Vacancies filled with a by-election							
Council	Vacant position	Date vacancy arose	Event type	Notice of Election issued	Election day	Declaration of result	Elected candidate
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council*	Councillor	14 February 2023	Attendance	17 March 2023	N/A	27 March 2023	Janelle Lucy Ling
Scenic Rim Regional Council	Division 1 Councillor	21 February 2023	Attendance	17 March 2023	15 April 2023	17 April 2023	Amanda Joanne Hay

*Election uncontested

In addition to the vacancies filled through by-elections, the ECQ also issued vacancy notices in both Livingstone Shire Council and Diamantina Shire Council in accordance with section 166A of the *Local Government Act*.

In both instances the runners-up consented and were appointed by the council to the office of councillor. The table below provides details on the filling of these vacancies.

Vacancies filled by appointment					
Council	Vacant position	Date Vacancy arose	Vacancy notice issued	Candidate consent received	Council resolution
Livingstone Shire Council	Councillor	4 March 2021	10 March 2021	10 March 2021	16 March 2021
Diamantina Shire Council	Councillor	26 February 2021	22 March 2021	29 March 2021	12 April 2021

Full postal elections

Most of the by-elections conducted by the ECQ during the reporting period were attendance ballots, meaning in-person voting services at early voting centres or election day polling booths were provided to all electors, with postal voting services also available to those who applied.

However, full postal ballots may be conducted if the Minister responsible for Local Government (the Minister) approves a council's request to run such an election. In these elections, all electors are automatically sent a postal ballot, and no in-person voting services are made available.

Section 45AA of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* states that a local government may apply to the Minister for a by-election to be

conducted as a full postal ballot. The Minister must refer the application to the Electoral Commissioner to provide a recommendation on which the Minister can decide whether to approve or not approve the application.

For the reporting period, six local government by-elections, for the Barcoo Shire Council, North Burnett Regional Council (Mayor), Richmond Shire Council, North Burnett Regional Council (Division 2 councillor), Diamantina Shire Council and Longreach Regional Council were conducted as full postal ballots. The Balonne Shire Council by-election in October 2022 was also approved to be a full postal ballot, however, voting was not required as only one person nominated, automatically making them the successful candidate.

By-election voter turnout

The turnout for by-elections generally declines compared to the rates at quadrennial elections. Across the by-elections held over this period, there was an average decrease in turnout of 12.17 percentage points compared to the equivalent turnout at the 2020 local government

elections⁴. The table below presents the elections where such comparisons are possible. The largest decrease of 33.31 percentage points was observed in the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council by-election and conversely, a 3.84 percentage point increase was observed in the Rockhampton Mayoral by-election.

⁴ Comparisons only where the election was contested in both the 2020 local government elections and the by-election

Council	Vacant position	By-election participation rate	2020 participation rate	Change in participation rate
Aurukun Shire Council	Councillor	62.64%	66.91%	-4.27%
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	Division 14 Councillor	61.36%	88.06%	-26.70%
Townsville City Council	Division 10 Councillor	68.12%	75.67%	-7.55%
Rockhampton Regional Council	Mayor	82.14%	78.30%	3.84%
Winton Shire Council	Councillor	82.13%	88.96%	-6.83%
Barcoo Shire Council	Councillor	70.53%	81.34%	-10.81%
Carpentaria Shire Council	Councillor	61.34%	72.85%	-11.51%
Richmond Shire Council	Councillor	67.75%	76.87%	-9.12%
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Division 6 Councillor	69.73%	78.05%	-8.32%
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Division 5 Councillor	77.50%	77.02%	0.48%
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	50.54%	77.19%	-26.65%
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	32.29%	65.60%	-33.31%
Richmond Shire Council	Councillor	72.40%	76.87%	-4.47%
North Burnett Regional Council	Division 2 Councillor	73.18%	85.04%	-11.86%
Torres Shire Council	Mayor	53.49%	70.73%	-17.24%

Council	Vacant position	By-election participation rate	2020 participation rate	Change in participation rate
Diamantina Shire Council	Councillor	70.00%	69.09%	0.91%
Whitsunday Regional Council	Division 2 Councillor	60.91%	71.41%	-10.50%
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	47.03%	74.60%	-27.57%
Longreach Regional Council	Councillor	64.78%	79.31%	-14.53%
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	59.50%	84.40%	-24.90%
Scenic Rim Regional Council	Division 1 Councillor	75.50%	80.20%	-4.70%

By-election informality rate

Across the by-elections held over this period, there was an average decrease in informal voting of 1.05 percentage points compared to the equivalent informal voting rate at the 2020 local government elections⁵. However, this relatively small change in informality can mask significant variation between councils.

The table below, which presents the informality data, shows a decrease of 12.10 percentage points in the Aurukun Shire Council by-election and conversely, a 7.25 percentage point increase in the North Burnett Regional Council by-election.

It is noted that councillor by-elections in undivided councils do not present an exact comparison with the 2020 local government

elections, as typically only one vacancy is filled at a by-election compared to all councillor positions at a quadrennial election. In its analysis of informality at the 2020 local government elections, the ECQ noted the requirement to vote for a specific number of candidates may have contributed to a high level of unintentional informality in certain undivided councils, including Aurukun. This analysis can be viewed in the [2020 local government elections report](#).

The causes for these changes are complex and multifaceted. Informality is impacted by the voting system in use at an election, such as first-past-the-post or optional preferential voting, and the lower participation rates observed at by-elections as more engaged voters will attend a by-election and cast a formal ballot.

⁵ Comparisons only where the election was contested in both the 2020 local government elections and the by-election

Council	Vacant Position	By-election Informality Rate	Change in informality rate
Aurukun Shire Council	Councillor	0.82%	-12.10%
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	Division 14 Councillor	3.70%	3.70%
Townsville City Council	Division 10 Councillor	2.40%	-0.58%

Council	Vacant Position	By-election Informality Rate	Change in informality rate
Rockhampton Regional Council	Mayor	2.56%	-1.73%
Winton Shire Council	Councillor	1.32%	-0.34%
Barcoo Shire Council	Councillor	1.37%	0.78%
Carpentaria Shire Council	Councillor	1.99%	-2.04%
Richmond Shire Council	Councillor	0.53%	0.06%
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Division 6 Councillor	2.35%	-0.77%
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Division 5 Councillor	0.81%	0.81%
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	0.62%	-1.61%
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	1.71%	-9.91%
Richmond Shire Council	Councillor	0.25%	-0.22%
North Burnett Regional Council	Division 2 Councillor	8.14%	7.25%
Torres Shire Council	Mayor	0.59%	-1.00%
Diamantina Shire Council	Councillor	0%	0%
Whitsunday Regional Council	Division 2 Councillor	4.43%	0.12%
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	0.91%	-1.91%
Longreach Regional Council	Councillor	0.50%	-1.64%
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor	0.94%	-0.87%
Scenic Rim Regional Council	Division 1 Councillor	2.46%	-0.08%

Indigenous local governments

The ECQ conducted by-elections in six Indigenous local governments in the reporting period. These vacancies occurred in the office of councillor in the Aurukun Shire Council, Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council (August 2021 and March 2023), Torres Strait Island Regional Council (Division 14), Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (Division 5), Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council.

Each of these by-elections were conducted as an attendance ballot excluding the two by-elections for Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council which were uncontested, meaning only one person nominated for election, automatically making them the successful candidate.

Overview of by-elections

The following sections provide a summary of each by-election undertaken by the ECQ between the local government quadrennial elections in March 2020 and the conclusion of the by-election period in April 2023.

Information provided includes the reasons for the vacancy arising, the timetable, enrolment data, electoral service usage, and results. By-elections are presented in chronological order, followed by details of uncontested elections. Full results are available on the ECQ website at www.ecq.qld.gov.au.

Aurukun Shire Council

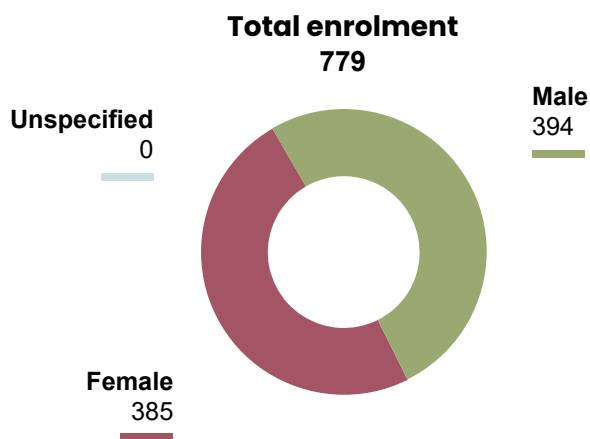
On 20 August 2020, following the resignation of Councillor Anna Louise Kerindun, a vacancy was created in the office, which the council resolved to be filled through a by-election under section 166(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Saturday 3 October 2020
Close of electoral roll	Saturday 10 October 2020
Candidate nominations close	Monday 12 October 2020
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 12 October 2020
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 19 October 2020
Early voting period	Monday 26 October 2020 and Friday 30 October 2020
Election day	Saturday 31 October 2020
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 10 November 2020
Successful candidate declared	Monday 2 November 2020

By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	2
Election day staff	2
Early voting work hours	30.25

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	52.25%
Early vote rate	44.88%
Postal vote rate	0%
In-person declaration vote rate	2.46%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0.41%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	488
Formal votes	484
Informal votes	4
Participation rate	62.64%
Informality	0.82%



Candidates in ballot paper order

1. MARROTT, Jayden ✓
ELECTED
2. WALPO, Dereck

Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Jayden Isaac Marrott (75.41% of the vote)

Torres Strait Island Regional Council

On 9 October 2020, Councillor Boggo Ettie Gela resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which the council resolved to be filled through a by-election under section 166(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Due to the locality of this council, the election was solely conducted using mobile polling to enable eligible residents in these communities to vote.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 20 November 2020
Close of electoral roll	Friday 27 November 2020
Candidate nominations close	Monday 30 November 2020
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 30 November 2020
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 7 December 2020
Early voting period	Tuesday 15 December to Friday 18 December 2020
Election day	Saturday 19 December 2020
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 29 December 2020
Successful candidate declared	Monday 21 December 2020

By-election overview	
Polling booths	0
Early voting centres	3
Number of candidates	3
Election day staff	0
Early voting work hours	17.75

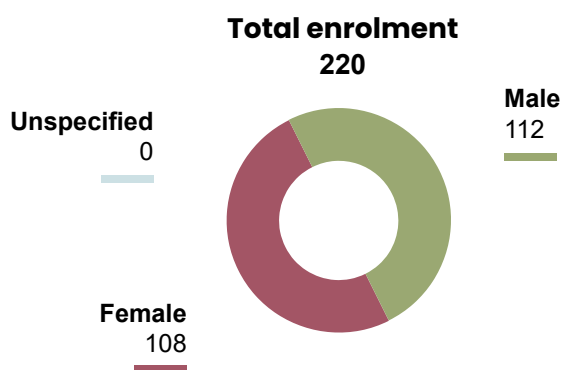
Vote types	
Mobile polling rate	100% ⁶
Election day vote rate	0%
Early vote rate	0%
Postal vote rate	0%
In-person declaration vote rate	0%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

⁶ The ECQ delivered the election through declaring a mobile polling booth on Erub Island for 16 December 2020. All votes for the election were cast at this mobile polling booth.

By-election turnout	
Total votes	135
Formal votes	130
Informal votes	5
Participation rate	61.36%
Informality	3.70%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. GHEE, Issac
2. GELA, Jimmy Joe **ELECTED** ✓
3. MATYSEK, Bert



Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Jimmy Joe Gela (56.91% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Townsville City Council

A vacancy was created in the office of Townsville's Division 10 following the election of councillor Les Walker to the electorate of Mundingburra in the October 2020 State general election. In accordance with section 166(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, this position was filled through a by-election.


By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 11 December 2020
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 17 December 2020
Candidate nominations close	Monday 21 December 2020
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 21 December 2020
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 11 January 2021
Early voting period	Monday 11 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021
Election day	Saturday 23 January 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 2 February 2021
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 3 February 2021

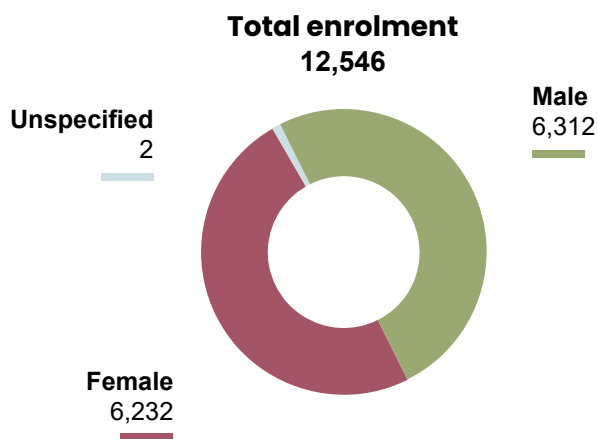
By-election overview	
Polling booths	5
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	5
Election day staff	30
Early voting work hours	410.5

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	55.63%
Early vote rate	26.13%
Postal vote rate	16.14%
In-person declaration vote rate	0.81%
Electronically assisted vote rate	1.30%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	8546
Formal votes	8341
Informal votes	205
Participation rate	68.12%
Informality	2.40%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. MCELLIGOTT, Scott
2. DARE, Carolyn
3. THOMAS, Joel Allan
4. PATEL, Harry
5. O'CALLAGHAN, Fran 
ELECTED



Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Frances Ann O'Callaghan (60.20% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Rockhampton Regional Council

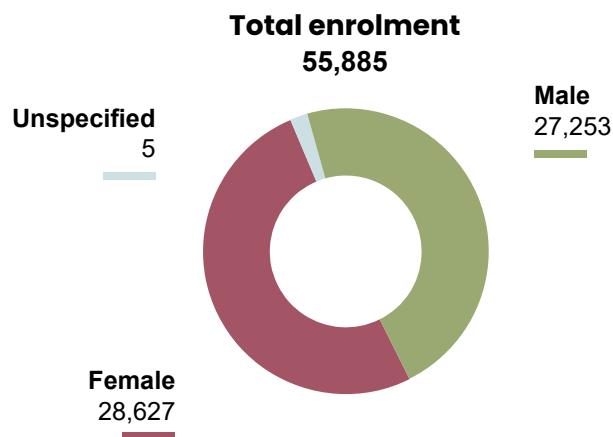
On 9 November 2020, Rockhampton Mayor, Margaret Strelow resigned creating a vacancy in the office. This was required to be filled through a by-election in accordance with section 164(a) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 11 December 2020
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 17 December 2020
Candidate nominations close	Monday 21 December 2020
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 21 December 2020
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 11 January 2021
Early voting period	Monday 11 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021
Election day	Saturday 23 January 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 2 February 2021
Successful candidate declared	Thursday 4 February 2021

By-election overview	
Polling booths	22
Early voting centres	2
Number of candidates	17
Election day staff	146
Early voting work hours	996.25

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	37.67%
Early vote rate	48.38%
Postal vote rate	12.06%
Mobile polling rate	0.43%
In-person declaration vote rate	0.60%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0.87%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	45,902
Formal votes	44,728
Informal votes	1,174
Participation rate	82.14%
Informality	2.56%



Candidates in ballot paper order

1. CLAUS, Russell
2. WILLIAMS, Tony **ELECTED** ✓
3. LAVERTY-YOUNG, Bronwyn
4. BARNETT, Leyland
5. LATCHAM, Shane
6. SHEPHERD, Christian
7. DOBLO, Dominic
8. MCCAMLEY, Remy
9. KIRKLAND, Donna
10. RUTHERFORD, Cherie
11. CROW, Rob
12. DAVIES, Christopher
13. REWALD, John
14. WILLIAMS, Brett
15. BROADBENT, Miranda
16. HOOPER, Chris (Pineapple)
17. JOHNSON, Nyree

Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Anthony Paul Williams (58.76% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Winton Shire Council

On 18 December 2020, Councillor Sandy Gillies resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which the council resolved to be filled through a by-election under section 166(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 8 January 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 14 January 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 18 January 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 18 January 2021
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 25 January 2021
Early voting period	Monday 1 February 2021 to Friday 5 February 2021
Election day	Saturday 6 February 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 16 February 2021
Successful candidate declared	Monday 8 February 2021

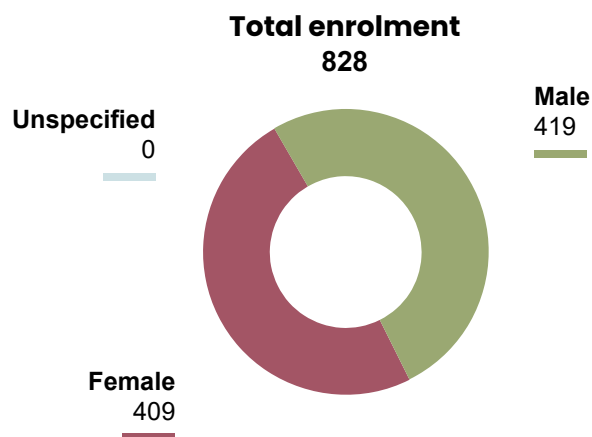
By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	4
Election day staff	2
Early voting work hours	38.75

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	31.47%
Early vote rate	45.88%
Postal vote rate	22.06%
In-person declaration vote rate	0.59%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	680
Formal votes	671
Informal votes	9
Participation rate	82.13%
Informality	1.32%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. ALCORN, Lynda
2. STOCKHAM, Teonie
3. STANDFAST, Frank **ELECTED** ✓
4. TURNBULL, Kerry



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Frank Maxwell Standfast (45.90% of the vote)

Rockhampton Regional Council

On 4 February 2021, a vacancy was created in the office of Rockhampton's Division 3 following the election of Division 3 Councillor Anthony Williams as Mayor. As Councillor Williams was elected unopposed at the 2020 local government elections and in accordance with section 166(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, this position was filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 12 February 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 18 February 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 22 February 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 22 February 2021
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 1 March 2021
Early voting period	Monday 1 March 2021 to Friday 12 March 2021
Election day	Saturday 13 March 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 23 March 2021
Successful candidate declared	Tuesday 16 March 2021

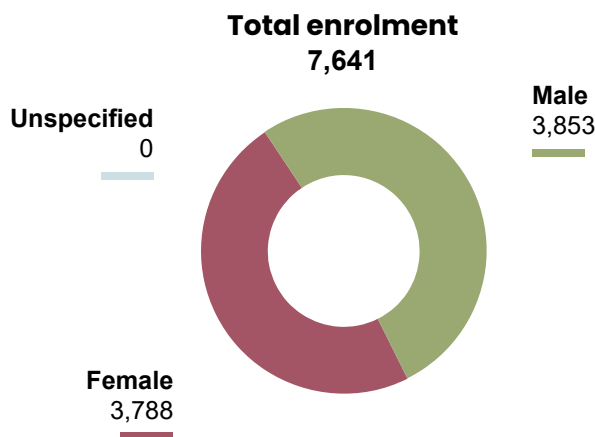
By-election overview	
Polling booths	2
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	5
Election day staff	12
Early voting work hours	348

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	47.41%
Early vote rate	41.55%
Postal vote rate	10.63%
In-person declaration vote rate	0.40%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	4,758
Formal votes	4,538
Informal votes	220
Participation rate	62.27%
Informality	4.62%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. BEATSON, Deanna
2. BAUER, Dave
3. MATHERS, Grant ✓
ELECTED
4. BARNETT, Leyland
5. SHEPHERD, Christian



Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Grant Desmond Mathers (60.17% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Barcoo Shire Council

On 20 January 2021, Councillor Ingrid Miller resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which the council resolved to be filled through a by-election under section 166(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. This by-election was conducted as a full postal ballot.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 29 January 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 4 February 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 8 February 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 8 February 2021
Election day	Saturday 6 March 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 16 March 2021
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 17 March 2021

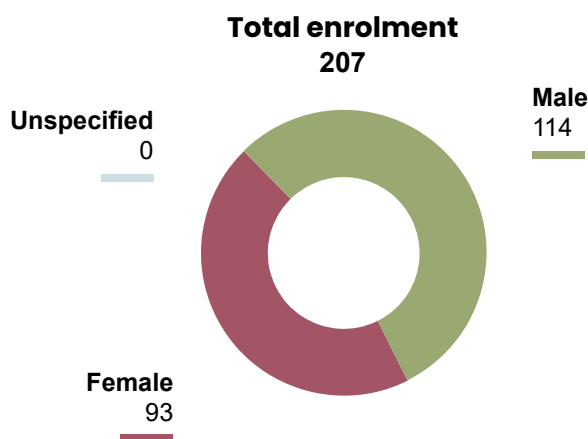
By-election overview	
Polling booths	N/A
Early voting centres	N/A
Number of candidates	3
Election day staff	N/A
Early voting work hours	N/A

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	N/A
Early vote rate	N/A
Postal vote rate	100%
In-person declaration vote rate	N/A
Electronically assisted vote rate	N/A

By-election turnout	
Total votes	146
Formal votes	144
Informal votes	2
Participation rate	70.53%
Informality	1.37%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. ARROLD, Glen
2. HANSEN, Warren
3. JACKSON, Tony ✓
ELECTED



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Full postal
Elected candidate:	Anthony John Jackson (38.19% of the vote)

Carpentaria Shire Council

On 30 March 2021, Councillor Peter Wells resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 9 April 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 15 April 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 19 April 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 19 April 2021
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 26 April 2021
Early voting period	Wednesday 5 May 2021 to Friday 7 May 2021
Election day	Saturday 8 May 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 18 May 2021
Successful candidate declared	Monday 10 May 2021

By-election overview	
Polling booths	2
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	5
Election day staff	4
Early voting work hours	26.25

Vote types

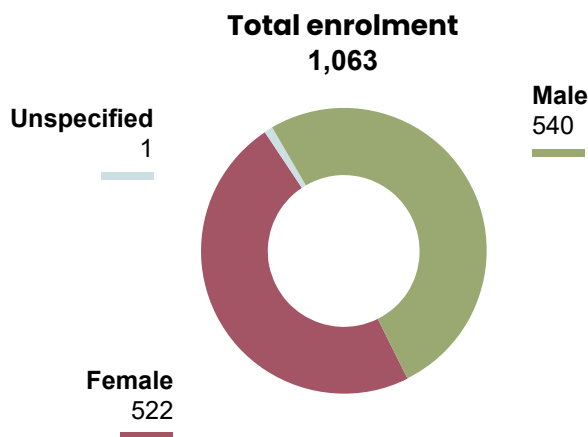
Election day vote rate	46.78%
Early vote rate	43.87%
Postal vote rate	6.29%
In-person declaration vote rate	3.07%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout

Total votes	652
Formal votes	639
Informal votes	13
Participation rate	61.34%
Informality	1.99%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. BEARD, John
2. SCOTT, Noel
3. THOMAS, Doug **ELECTED** ✓
4. PASCOE, Camden
5. CARR, Taren Jai



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Douglas Bertram Thomas (33.02% of the vote)

Richmond Shire Council

On 17 May 2021, Deputy Mayor Kevin Bawden resigned creating a vacancy in the office of councillor, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 11 June 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 17 June 2021
Candidate nominations close	Tuesday 22 June 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Tuesday 22 June 2021
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 28 June 2021
Early voting period	Thursday 8 July 2021 to Friday 9 July 2021
Election day	Saturday 10 July 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 20 July 2021
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 21 July 2021

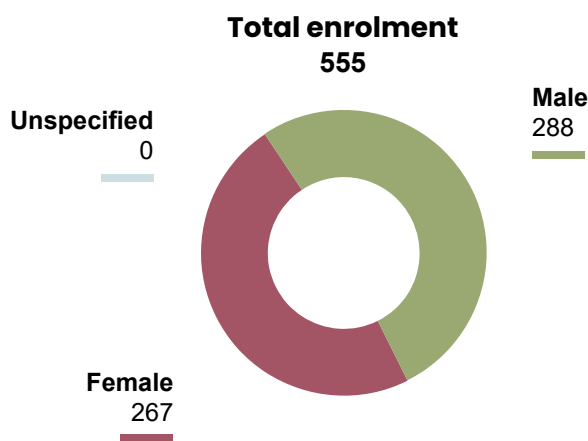
By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	3
Election day staff	0
Early voting work hours	0

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	35.64%
Early vote rate	23.94%
Postal vote rate	38.83%
In-person declaration vote rate	1.60%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	376
Formal votes	374
Informal votes	2
Participation rate	67.75%
Informality	0.53%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. JOHNSON, Suzanne
2. BUICK, Nick ✓
ELECTED
3. McLACHLAN, Jaime



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Nicholas Buick (52.67% of the vote)

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

On 1 June 2021, Division 6 Councillor Kylie Farinelli resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 18 June 2021
Close of electoral roll	Friday 24 June 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 28 June 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 28 June 2021
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 5 July 2021
Early voting period	Monday 12 July 2021 to Friday 16 July 2021
Election day	Saturday 17 July 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 27 July 2021
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 28 July 2021

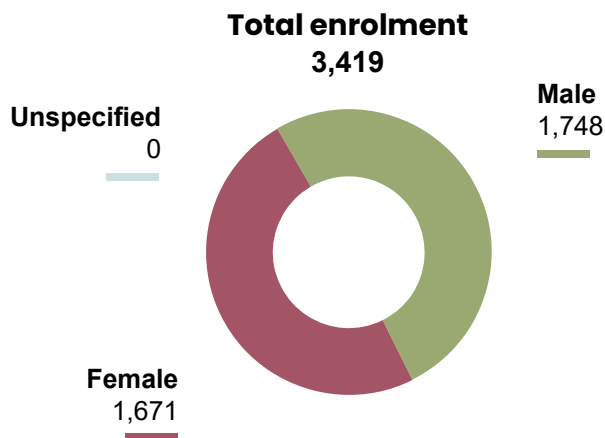
By-election overview	
Polling booths	2
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	7
Election day staff	6
Early voting work hours	75.75

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	51.38%
Early vote rate	44.46%
Postal vote rate	3.78%
In-person declaration vote rate	0.38%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	2,384
Formal votes	2,328
Informal votes	56
Participation rate	69.73%
Informality	2.35%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. UCCHINO, Antonino
2. HUTCHINSON, John
3. MCLEOD, Renee ✓
ELECTED
4. TOOGOOD, Paul
5. TENNI, Harry
6. ANDERSON, Barry
7. KIMBERLEY, Wayne



Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Renee Jean McLeod (54.24% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

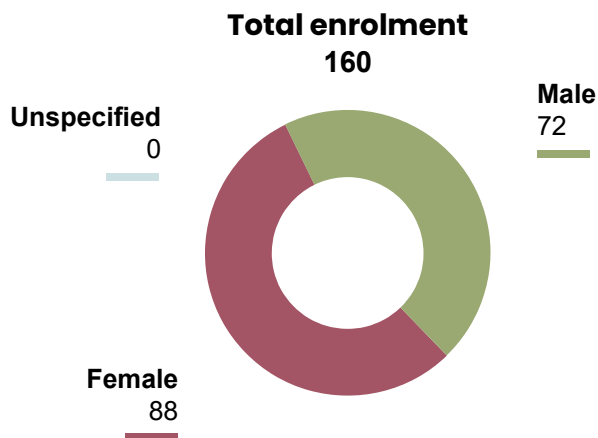
On 20 October 2021, Division 5 councillor Francis Elu's office became vacant in accordance with section 162(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. In accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the vacancy was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 5 November 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 11 November 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 15 November 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 15 November 2021
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 22 November 2021
Early voting period	Monday 29 November 2021 to Friday 3 December 2021
Election day	Saturday 4 December 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 14 December 2021
Successful candidate declared	Monday 6 December 2021

By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	4
Election day staff	1
Early voting work hours	9.75

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	41.13%
Early vote rate	43.55%
Postal vote rate	0%
In-person declaration vote rate	7.26%
Electronically assisted vote rate	8.06%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	124
Formal votes	123
Informal votes	1
Participation rate	77.50%
Informality	0.81%



Candidates in ballot paper order

1. MUDU, Sabrina
2. TOWNSON, Mazorie
3. ANIBA, Imran
4. WHAP, Mabelene **ELECTED** ✓

Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Mabelene Nancy Whap (53.47% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Moreton Bay Regional Council

On 20 October 2021, Division 7 Councillor Denise Sims resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 5 November 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 11 November 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 15 November 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 15 November 2021
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 22 November 2021
Early voting period	Monday 22 November 2021 to Friday 3 December 2021
Election day	Saturday 4 December 2021
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 14 December 2021
Successful candidate declared	Monday 20 December 2021

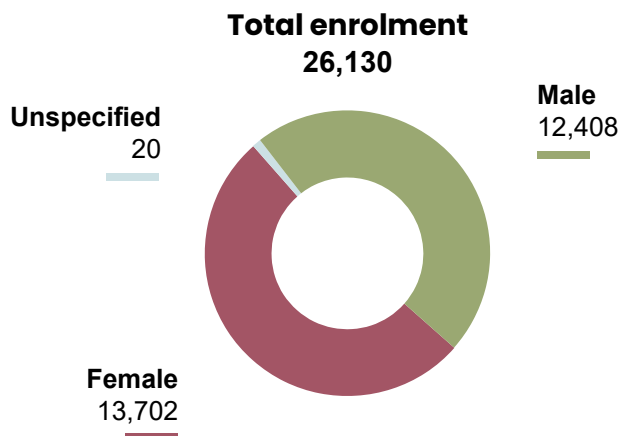
By-election overview	
Polling booths	6
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	6
Election day staff	42
Early voting work hours	412.5

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	44.73%
Early vote rate	38.16%
Postal vote rate	14.55%
Mobile polling rate	0.54%
In-person declaration vote rate	1.21%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0.81%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	16,884
Formal votes	16,051
Informal votes	833
Participation rate	64.62%
Informality	4.93%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. BARLOW, Yvonne ✓
ELECTED
2. TEASDALE, Dean
3. BAKKER, Ryan
4. HAYES, Brett
5. FINDLAY, Jacqui
6. WOOD, Ben



Council:

Divided

Voting system:

Optional preferential voting

Election type:

Attendance

Elected candidate:

Yvonne Margaret Barlow (50.26% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

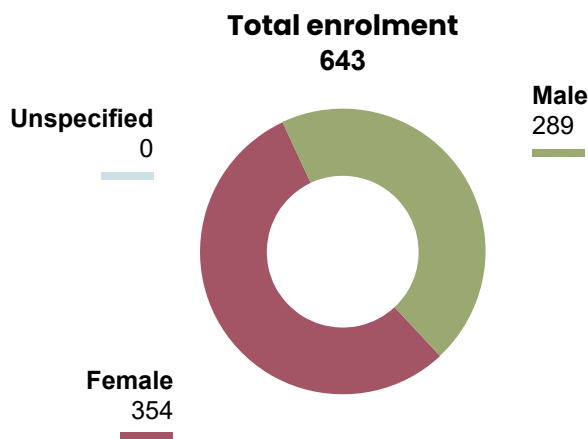
On 16 November 2021, Councillor Richard Stafford's office became vacant in accordance with section 162(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. In accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the vacancy was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Monday 13 December 2021
Close of electoral roll	Monday 20 December 2021
Candidate nominations close	Thursday 23 December 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Thursday 23 December 2021
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 3 January 2022
Early voting period	Friday 14 January 2022
Election day	Saturday 15 January 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 25 January 2022
Successful candidate declared	Monday 17 January 2022

By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	2
Election day staff	1
Early voting work hours	10

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	51.08%
Early vote rate	45.85%
Postal vote rate	0%
In-person declaration vote rate	3.08%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	325
Formal votes	323
Informal votes	2
Participation rate	50.54%
Informality	0.62%



Candidates in ballot paper order

1. GILBERT, Leslie (Monty)
2. JACK, David **ELECTED** ✓

Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	David Bruce Jack (64.40% of the vote)

North Burnett Regional Council

On 11 December 2021, Mayor Rachel Chambers resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election. This by-election was conducted as a full postal ballot.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Monday 13 December 2021
Close of electoral roll	Monday 20 December 2021
Candidate nominations close	Thursday 23 December 2021
Ballot paper order draw	Thursday 23 December 2021
Election day	Saturday 22 January 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 1 February 2022
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 2 February 2022

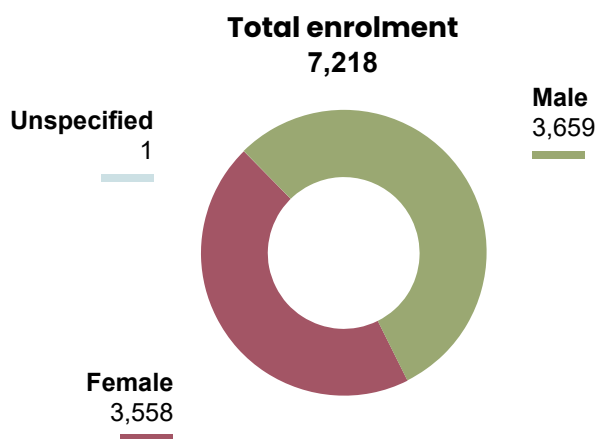
By-election overview	
Polling booths	N/A
Early voting centres	N/A
Number of candidates	5
Election day staff	N/A
Early voting work hours	N/A

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	N/A
Early vote rate	N/A
Postal vote rate	100%
In-person declaration vote rate	N/A
Electronically assisted vote rate	N/A

By-election turnout	
Total votes	5,038
Formal votes	4,965
Informal votes	73
Participation rate	69.80%
Informality	1.45%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. JONES, Melinda
2. HOTZ, Les ✓
ELECTED
3. PAYNE, Susan
4. BOWEN, John
5. EDWARDS, Kevin



Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Full postal
Elected candidate:	Leslie David Hotz (57.85% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council

On 10 January 2022, Councillor Marie Pitt resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Monday 17 January 2022
Close of electoral roll	Monday 24 January 2022
Candidate nominations close	Tuesday 25 January 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Tuesday 25 January 2022
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 7 February 2022
Early voting period	Friday 18 February 2022
Election day	Saturday 19 February 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 1 March 2022
Successful candidate declared	Monday 21 February 2022

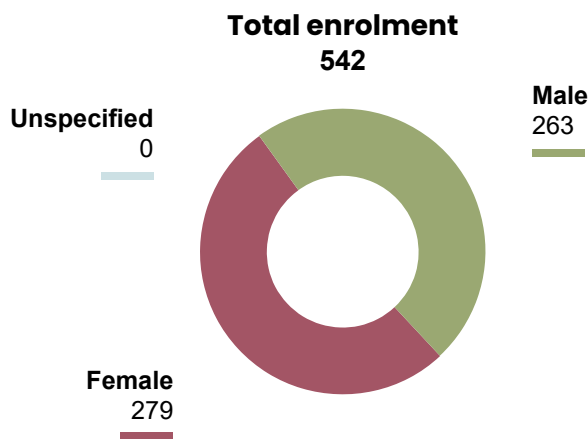
By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	4
Election day staff	1
Early voting work hours	10

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	71.43%
Early vote rate	28.57%
Postal vote rate	0%
In-person declaration vote rate	0%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	175
Formal votes	172
Informal votes	3
Participation rate	32.29%
Informality	1.71%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. CHEVATHEN, Roy ✓
ELECTED
2. BOSUEN, Ethel
3. MENE, Charles
4. MADUA, Ernest



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Roy Kevin Chevathen (54.07% of the vote)

Richmond Shire Council

On 28 January 2022, Councillor Scott Geary resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election. This by-election was conducted as a full postal ballot.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 11 February 2022
Close of electoral roll	Friday 18 February 2022
Candidate nominations close	Monday 21 February 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 21 February 2022
Election day	Saturday 12 March 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 22 March 2022
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 23 March 2022

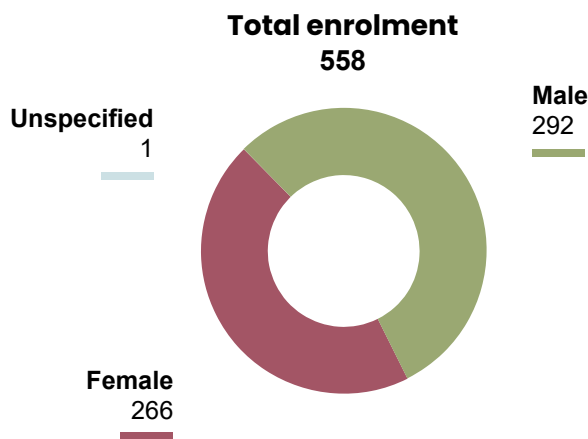
By-election overview	
Polling booths	N/A
Early voting centres	N/A
Number of candidates	3
Election day staff	N/A
Early voting work hours	N/A

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	N/A
Early vote rate	N/A
Postal vote rate	100%
In-person declaration vote rate	N/A
Electronically assisted vote rate	N/A

By-election turnout	
Total votes	404
Formal votes	403
Informal votes	1
Participation rate	72.40%
Informality	0.25%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. LANSKEY (JOHNSTON), Sherreen **ELECTED** ✓
2. MACKENZIE, Emily
3. GUY, Will



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Full postal
Elected candidate:	Sherreen Allison Lanskey (42.43% of the vote)

North Burnett Regional Council

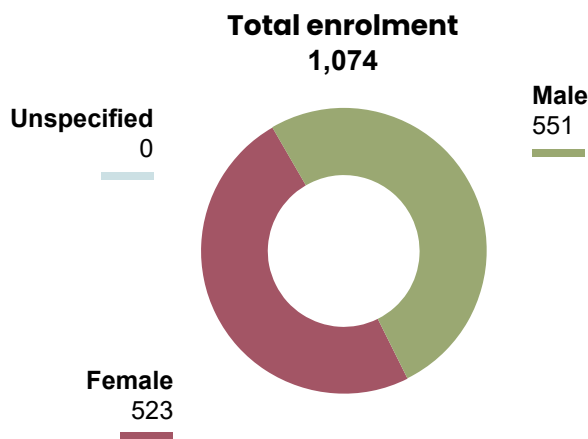
On 2 February 2022, Division 2 Councillor Les Hotz resigned, following his election as North Burnett Regional Council Mayor, creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election. This by-election was conducted as a full postal ballot.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 25 February 2022
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 3 March 2022
Candidate nominations close	Monday 7 March 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 7 March 2022
Election day	Saturday 26 March 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 5 April 2022
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 6 April 2022

By-election overview	
Polling booths	N/A
Early voting centres	N/A
Number of candidates	2
Election day staff	N/A
Early voting work hours	N/A

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	N/A
Early vote rate	N/A
Postal vote rate	100%
In-person declaration vote rate	N/A
Electronically assisted vote rate	N/A

By-election turnout	
Total votes	786
Formal votes	722
Informal votes	64
Participation rate	73.18%
Informality	8.14%



Candidates in ballot paper order

1. MESNER, Kingsley **ELECTED** ✓
2. THOMPSON, Noel

Council: Divided

Voting system: Optional preferential voting

Election type: Full postal

Elected candidate: Kingsley Jason Mesner (51.11% of the vote)

South Burnett Regional Council

On Wednesday 23 March 2022, Division 1 Councillor Roz Frohloff resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 1 April 2022
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 7 April 2022
Candidate nominations close	Monday 11 April 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 11 April 2022
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 18 April 2022
Early voting period	Tuesday 26 April 2022 to Friday 29 April 2022
Election day	Saturday 30 April 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 10 May 2022
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 11 May 2022

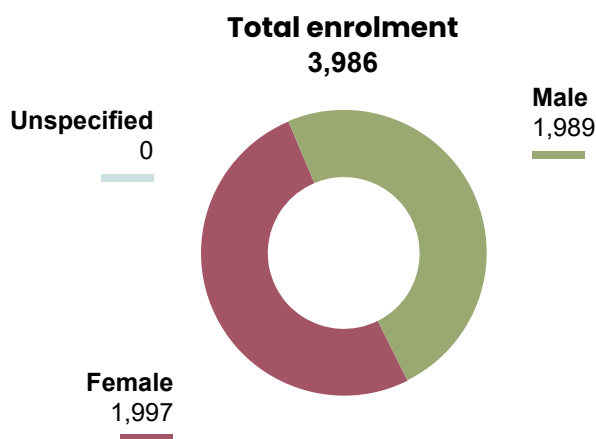
By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	4
Election day staff	10
Early voting work hours	66.25

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	24.99%
Early vote rate	64.62%
Postal vote rate	7.82%
In-person declaration vote rate	2.57%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	2,877
Formal votes	2,791
Informal votes	86
Participation rate	72.18%
Informality	2.99%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. JACKSON, Rebecca
2. MADELEY, Levi
3. EDWARDS, Tony
4. ERKENS, Jane **ELECTED** ✓



Council:

Divided

Voting system:

Optional preferential voting

Election type:

Attendance

Elected candidate:

Jane Erkens (59.61% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Torres Shire Council

On 22 April 2022, Mayor Vonda Malone resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 29 April 2022
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 5 May 2022
Candidate nominations close	Monday 9 May 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 9 May 2022
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 16 May 2022
Early voting period	Wednesday 25 May 2022 to Friday 27 May 2022
Election day	Saturday 28 May 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 7 June 2022
Successful candidate declared	Tuesday 31 May 2022

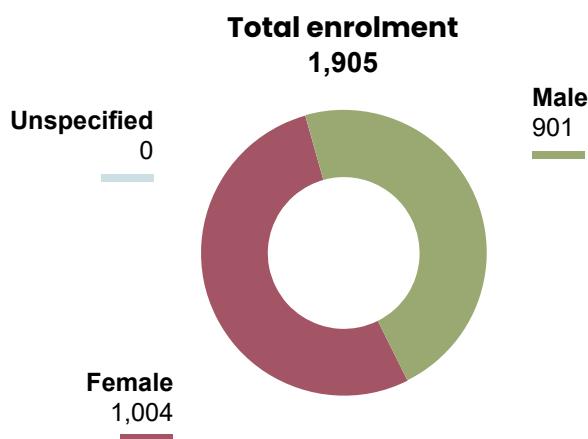
By-election overview	
Polling booths	3
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	3
Election day staff	8
Early voting work hours	5

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	51.03%
Early vote rate	44.75%
Postal vote rate	1.18%
In-person declaration vote rate	3.04%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	1,019
Formal votes	1,013
Informal votes	6
Participation rate	53.49%
Informality	0.59%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. LOBAN, Yen Norman **ELECTED** ✓
2. BANI, Gabriel
3. TREVALLION, Ivy



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Yen Norman Loban (52.83% of the vote)

Whitsunday Regional Council

On 15 June 2022, Mayor Andrew Wilcox resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 15 July 2022
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 21 July 2022
Candidate nominations close	Monday 25 July 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 25 July 2022
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 1 August 2022
Early voting period	Monday 1 August 2022 to Friday 12 August 2022
Election day	Saturday 13 August 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 23 August 2022
Successful candidate declared	Thursday 25 August 2022

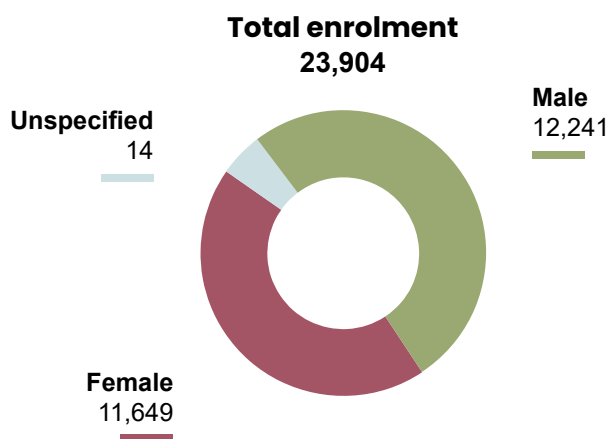
By-election overview	
Polling booths	5
Early voting centres	4
Number of candidates	6
Election day staff	29
Early voting work hours	1,153.75

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	21.77%
Early vote rate	67.36%
Postal vote rate	8.02%
In-person declaration vote rate	0.51%
Electronically assisted vote rate	2.33%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	16,764
Formal votes	16,461
Informal votes	303
Participation rate	70.13%
Informality	1.81%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. BRUNKER, Michael
2. CLIFFORD, Jan
3. GRUNDY, Al
4. HOOD, Peter J
5. BATTY, Philip
6. HALL, Julie
ELECTED



Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Julie Kay Hall (53.86% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Diamantina Shire Council

On 1 August 2022 and 8 September 2022 respectively, Councillor Don Raymont and Councillor Doug Cooms resigned, creating vacancies in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* were required to be filled through a by-election. This by-election was conducted as a full postal ballot.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 30 September 2022
Close of electoral roll	Wednesday 5 October 2022
Candidate nominations close	Monday 10 October 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 10 October 2022
Election day	Saturday 5 November 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 15 November 2022
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 16 November 2022

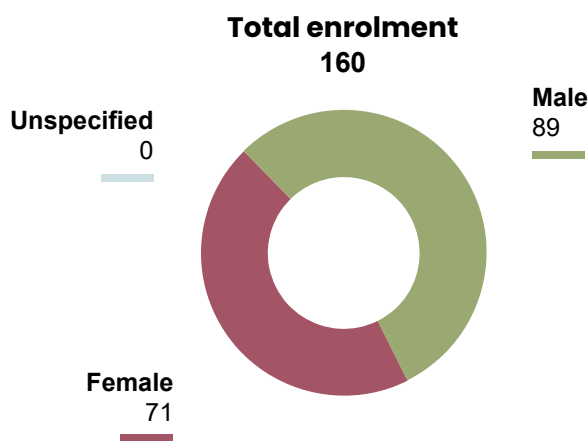
By-election overview	
Polling booths	N/A
Early voting centres	N/A
Number of candidates	7
Election day staff	N/A
Early voting work hours	N/A

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	N/A
Early vote rate	N/A
Postal vote rate	100%
In-person declaration vote rate	N/A
Electronically assisted vote rate	N/A

By-election turnout	
Total votes	224 (two elections)
Formal votes	224
Informal votes	0
Participation rate	70%
Informality	0%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. DEGOUMOIS, Ray
2. WATSON, Damien
3. GIBLY, Donna
4. SMITH, Jim
5. CLARKE, Damian
6. MORTON, Kerry **ELECTED** ✓
7. PURSELL, Sharon



Council: Undivided

Voting system: First-past-the-post

Election type: Full postal

Elected candidate: Kerry Matthew Morton (16.52% of the vote) and Sharon Joy Pursell (20.54% of the vote)

Whitsunday Regional Council

On 14 October 2022, Division 2 Councillor Al Grundy resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 4 November 2022
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 10 November 2022
Candidate nominations close	Monday 14 November 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 14 November 2022
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 21 November 2022
Early voting period	Monday 28 November 2022 to Friday 2 December 2022
Election day	Saturday 3 December 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 13 December 2022
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 14 December 2022

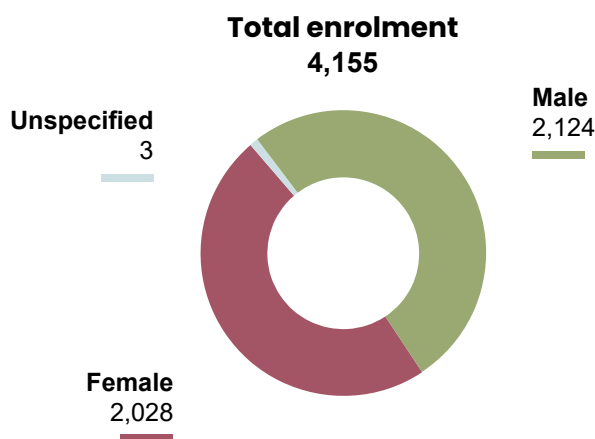
By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	4
Election day staff	5
Early voting work hours	108

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	27.78%
Early vote rate	63.49%
Postal vote rate	4.39%
In-person declaration vote rate	1.30%
Electronically assisted vote rate	3.04%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	2,531
Formal votes	2,419
Informal votes	112
Participation rate	60.91%
Informality	4.43%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. POPOVICH, Daniel
2. HARVEY, Christopher
3. CAMM, Andrew
4. BAUMAN, Clay **ELECTED** ✓



Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Clayton Stuart Bauman (50.48% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

On 9 November 2022, Councillor David Baird resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 11 November 2022
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 17 November 2022
Candidate nominations close	Monday 21 November 2022
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 21 November 2022
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 28 November 2022
Early voting period	Wednesday 7 December 2022 to Friday 9 December 2022
Election day	Saturday 10 December 2022
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 20 December 2022
Successful candidate declared	Monday 12 December 2022

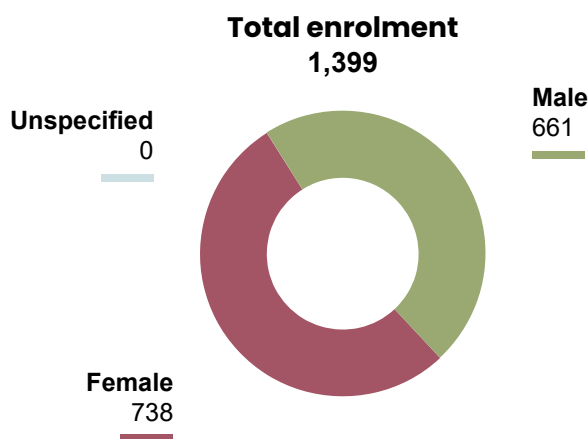
By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	4
Election day staff	2
Early voting work hours	15.5

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	77.81%
Early vote rate	20.97%
Postal vote rate	0%
In-person declaration vote rate	1.22%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	658
Formal votes	652
Informal votes	6
Participation rate	47.03%
Informality	0.91%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. FOURMILE, Gregory
2. NEAL, Errol (Mala)
3. SANDS, Michael T
4. MURGHA, Hezron (Hezzy) **ELECTED** ✓



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Hezron Shem Murgaha (36.50% of the vote)

Longreach Regional Council

On 25 November 2022, Councillor Tony Martin resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election. This by-election was conducted as a full postal ballot.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 13 January 2023
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 19 January 2023
Candidate nominations close	Monday 23 January 2023
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 23 January 2023
Election day	Saturday 11 February 2023
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 21 February 2023
Successful candidate declared	Wednesday 22 February 2023

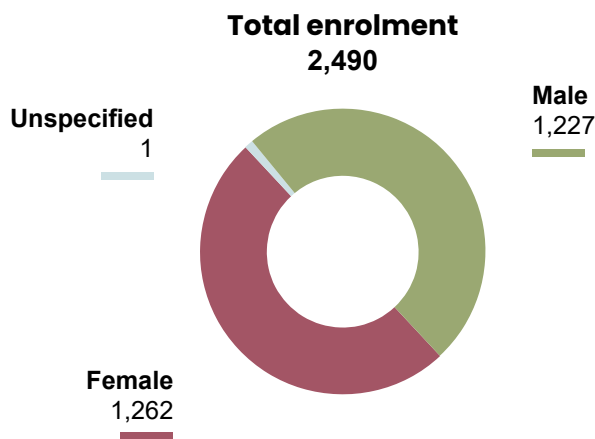
By-election overview	
Polling booths	N/A
Early voting centres	N/A
Number of candidates	5
Election day staff	N/A
Early voting work hours	N/A

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	N/A
Early vote rate	N/A
Postal vote rate	100%
In-person declaration vote rate	N/A
Electronically assisted vote rate	N/A

By-election turnout	
Total votes	1,613
Formal votes	1,605
Informal votes	8
Participation rate	64.78%
Informality	0.50%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. KINSEY, Mark
2. MILLER, Ingrid
3. KEMPSON, Robert
4. IRWIN, Wes
5. PATERSON, David 
ELECTED



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Full postal
Elected candidate:	David William Paterson (29.41% of the vote)

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council

On 6 January 2023, Councillor Joel Cameron resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 3 February 2023
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 9 February 2023
Candidate nominations close	Monday 13 February 2023
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 13 February 2023
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 20 February 2023
Early voting period	Friday 3 March 2023
Election day	Saturday 4 March 2023
Deadline for returning postal votes	Tuesday 14 March 2023
Successful candidate declared	Monday 6 March 2023

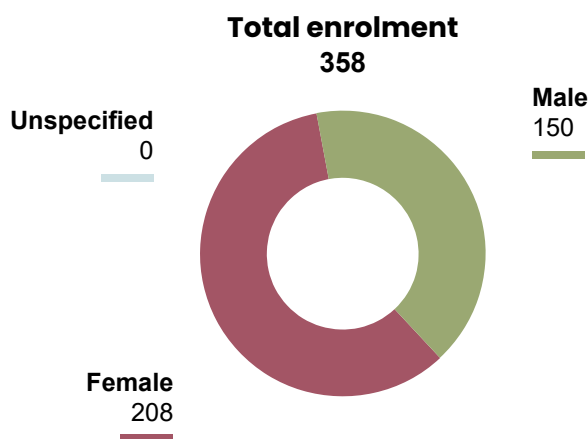
By-election overview	
Polling booths	1
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	5
Election day staff	1
Early voting work hours	9.5

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	50.70%
Early vote rate	43.19%
Postal vote rate	0%
In-person declaration vote rate	6.10%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	213
Formal votes	211
Informal votes	2
Participation rate	59.50%
Informality	0.94%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. WILLIAMS, Adrian (Snr)
2. MURGHA, Les V
3. YOUNG, Marileen (Kungka)
4. SAVAGE, Wagwan
5. HILL, Rhonda **ELECTED** ✓



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Rhonda Rose Hill (29.38% of the vote)

Scenic Rim Regional Council

On 21 February 2023, Division 1 Councillor Derek Swanborough resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 17 March 2023
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 23 March 2023
Candidate nominations close	Monday 27 March 2023
Ballot paper order draw	Monday 27 March 2023
Close of postal vote applications	Monday 3 April 2023
Early voting period	Monday 3 April 2023 to Friday 14 April 2023
Election day	Saturday 15 April 2023
Deadline for returning postal votes	Wednesday 26 April 2023
Successful candidate declared	Monday 17 April 2023

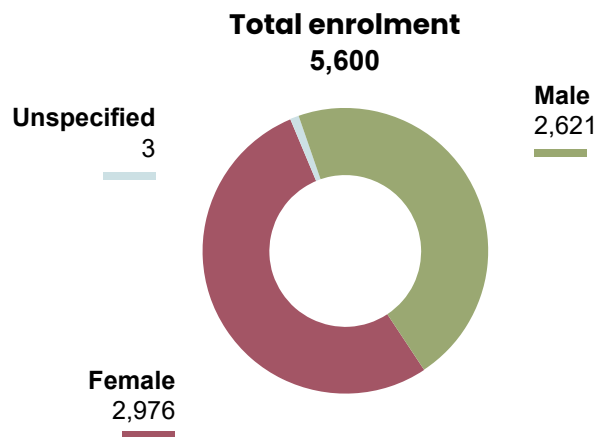
By-election overview	
Polling booths	2
Early voting centres	1
Number of candidates	4
Election day staff	8
Early voting work hours	316.75

Vote types	
Election day vote rate	33.11%
Early vote rate	55.18%
Postal vote rate	10.53%
Mobile polling	0.31%
In-person declaration vote rate	0.88%
Electronically assisted vote rate	0%

By-election turnout	
Total votes	4,228
Formal votes	4,124
Informal votes	107
Participation rate	75.50%
Informality	2.46%

Candidates in ballot paper order

1. CRYER, Kerri
2. HAY, Amanda **ELECTED** ✓
3. SANDERS, Jennifer
4. THOMPSON, Nicole

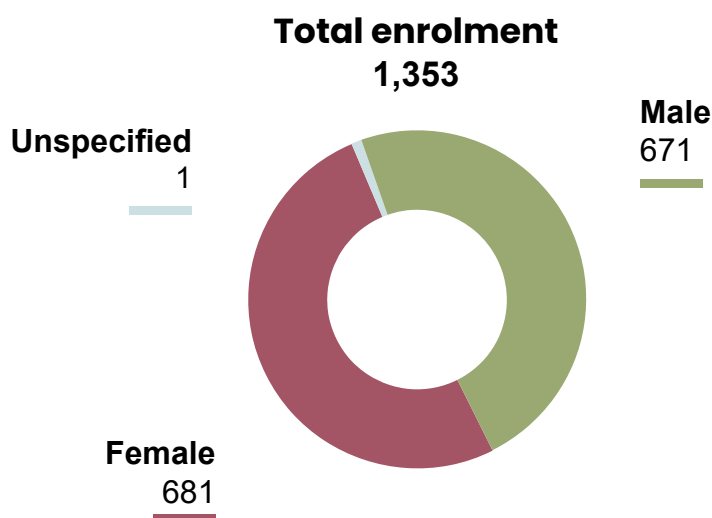


Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional preferential voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Amanda Joanne Hay (66.22% of the vote after the distribution of preferences)

Isaac Regional Council

Following the passing of Division 6 Councillor Lyn Jones, a vacancy arose in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, was required to be filled through a by-election. The by-election was uncontested as only one person nominated, who was then declared the successful candidate.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 23 July 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 29 July 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 2 August 2021
Successful candidate declared	Monday 2 August 2021

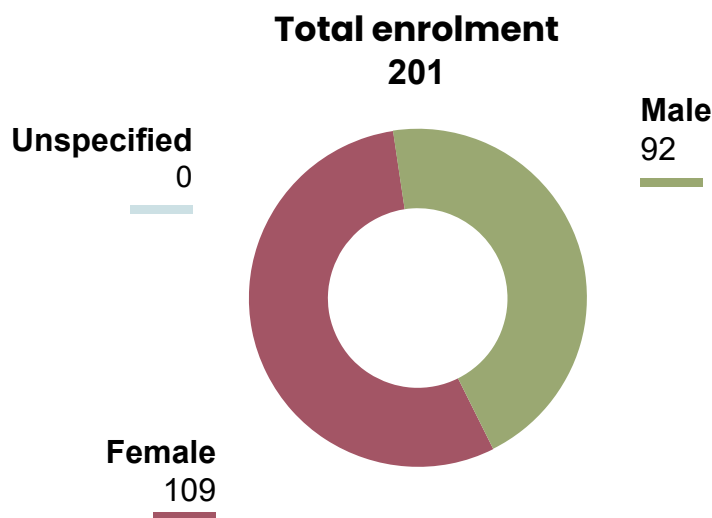


Council:	Divided
Voting system:	Optional Preferential Voting
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Carolyn Therese Moriarty

Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council

On 2 August 2021, Councillor Margaret Mara resigned creating a vacancy in the office and, which accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election. The by-election was uncontested as only one person nominated, who was then declared the successful candidate.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 27 August 2021
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 2 September 2021
Candidate nominations close	Monday 6 September 2021
Successful candidate declared	Monday 6 September 2021

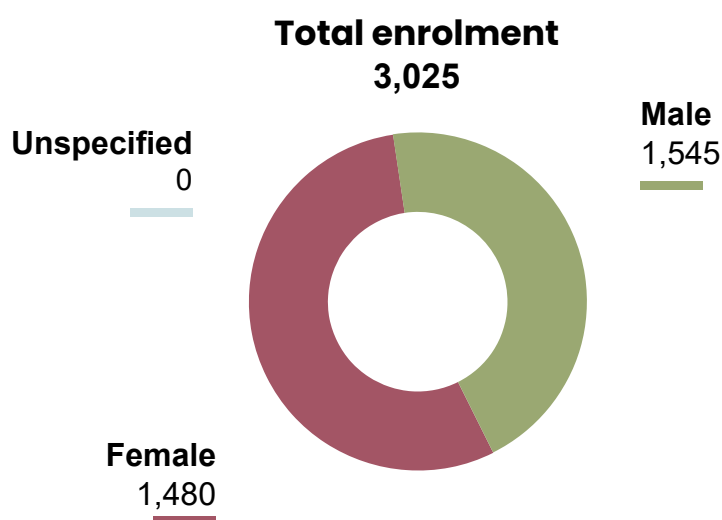


Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Kiri Jayde Tabuai

Balonne Shire Council

On 15 September 2022, Councillor Ian Todd resigned creating a vacancy in the office and, which accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election. The by-election was uncontested as only one person nominated, who was then declared the successful candidate.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Monday 24 October 2022
Close of electoral roll	Monday 31 October 2022
Candidate nominations close	Wednesday 2 November 2022
Successful candidate declared	Thursday 3 November 2022



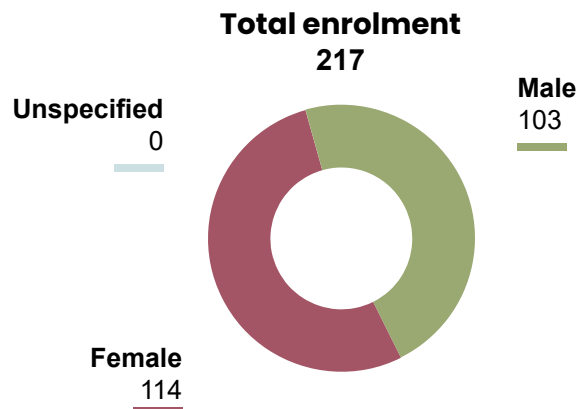
Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Full postal
Elected candidate:	Alexander Charlton Benn

Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council

On 14 February 2023, Councillor Kiri Tabuai resigned creating a vacancy in the office, which in accordance with section 166(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* was required to be filled through a by-election. The by-election was uncontested as only one person nominated, who was then declared the successful candidate.

By-election timetable	
Notice of Election	Friday 17 March 2023 ⁷
Close of electoral roll	Thursday 23 March 2023
Candidate nominations close	Monday 27 March 2023
Successful candidate declared	Monday 27 March 2023

⁷ The Notice of Election was originally published on 3 March 2023 and election day set for 1 April 2023, however, as no candidate nominations were received, the proceedings for the by-election were started again in accordance with section 34(2) of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*.



Council:	Undivided
Voting system:	First-past-the-post
Election type:	Attendance
Elected candidate:	Janelle Lucy Ling



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