

District of Willagee By-Election

28 November 2009



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission

Election Report

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SUMMARY

The result of the Willagee by-election was declared by the Returning Officer, Mr Shaun Major, on Monday 7 December 2009. Mr Peter Tinley, one of four candidates contesting the by-election was elected, gaining 53.80% of the first preference votes. The two-party preferred majority was 10.62%, a decrease of 3.97% from the 2008 State general election. This was in relation to the Greens candidate where in 2008 it was in relation to the Liberal candidate.

Early voting (in person) was available for electors at 37 locations throughout Western Australia, interstate and in London. In an evident trend, early voting increased by over 34.8% compared to the last State general election. On polling day, 12 polling places used in the 2008 State general election were again provided in the district in order to remove potential confusion for electors.

In an effort to maximise voter turnout on polling day, a personally addressed Easy Voter Card was delivered to every elector within the district. This carried a map of the district, information on how to cast an early vote, a list of polling places, and instructions on how to fill out the ballot paper and the message that voting in the by-election was compulsory. A copy has been included.

Voter turnout was consistent with recent by-elections, with 77.5% of eligible electors casting a vote.

The total cost of the by-election was \$166,632 excluding GST, and does not include Commission overheads including salaries. It is anticipated that public funding of candidates and parties will cost up to \$27,300.

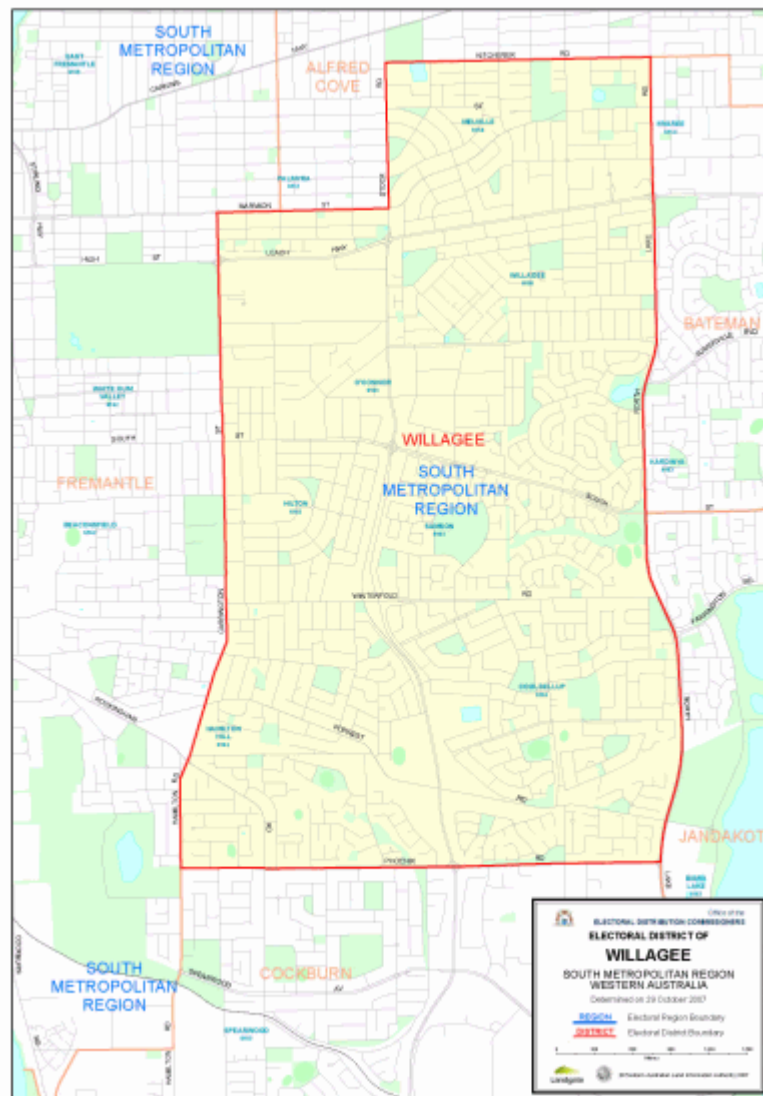
THE WILLAGEE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

The Willagee Electorate

Area: 21km²

Includes Suburbs/Towns: Alfred Cove*, Bibra Lake*, Coolbellup, Hamilton Hill*, Hilton, Kardinya*, Melville*, Myaree*, O'Connor, Palmyra*, Samson, Willagee. (* indicates part).

Map of the Willagee Electorate



Former Members

The electorate of Willagee was established in the electoral boundary distribution in 1996. Since its inception as a district of Western Australia the seat has been held by the Labor Party, represented by the following members:

Period	Member	Party Affiliation
2009	Peter Charles Tinley	Labor
1996 – 2009	Alan John Carpenter	Labor

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND KEY RESULTS

2009 By-election

The 28 November 2009 by-election was held due to the resignation of the Hon Alan John Carpenter on the 2 October 2009.

Willagee By-election Timetable

Issue of the writ	Wednesday 14 October 2009
Nomination for candidates opens	Thursday 15 October 2009
Applications for Early Votes (by post) opens	Tuesday 15 October 2009
Close of nominations - political parties	12 noon Wednesday 21 October 2009
Close of nominations & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 22 October 2009
Electoral district roll close	6.00 pm Thursday 22 October 2009
Early Votes (by post) commences	Tuesday 27 October 2009
Early Votes (in person) opens	Tuesday 3 November 2009
Mobile polling for special institutions and hospitals commences	Monday 23 November 2009
Close of written applications for Early Votes (by post)	6.00 pm Thursday 26 November 2009
Close of Early Votes (in person)	6.00 pm Friday 27 November 2009
Polling Day	8.00 am to 6.00 pm Saturday 28 November 2009
Close of receipt of Early Votes (by post)	9.00 am Thursday 3 December 2009
Return of the writ	Monday 7 December 2009



Recent Results

2009 By-election – District of Willagee

Enrolled electors	23,082	
Total votes	17,889	
- Formal votes	17,026	95.17%
- Informal votes	863	4.82%

First Preference Results

Henri Chew (Christian Democratic Party WA)	1,175	6.90%
Peter Tinley (Australian Labor Party)	9,160	53.80%
Hsien Harper (Greens (WA))	5,162	30.32%
Gerry Georgatos (Independent)	1,529	8.98%

Two Candidate Preferred Result

Peter Tinley (Australian Labor Party)	10,316	60.61%
Hsien Harper (Greens (WA))	6,705	39.39%

2008 State General Election – District of Willagee

Enrolled electors	23,414	
Total votes	20,165	86.12%
- Formal votes	18,815	93.30%
- Informal votes	1,350	6.69%

First Preference Results

Alan Carpenter (Australian Labor Party)	9,718	51.65%
Robert Delves (Greens (WA))	3,277	17.42%
Matt Taylor (Liberal)	5,820	30.93%

Two Candidate Preferred Result

Alan Carpenter (Australian Labor Party)	12,150	64.58%
Matt Taylor (Liberal)	6,664	35.42%

2005 State General Election – District of Willagee

Enrolled electors	25,519	
Total votes	22,944	89.90%
- Formal votes	21,059	91.78%
- Informal votes	1,885	8.21%

First Preference Results

Rosemary Lorrimar (Christian Democratic Party)	645	3.06%
Alan Carpenter (Australian Labor Party)	10,897	51.75%
Paul Byrnes (Family First Party)	628	2.98%
Trish Phelan (Independent)	1,003	4.76%
Andrew Sullivan (Independent)	657	3.12%
Bill Cook (One Nation Party)	310	1.47%
Hsien Harper (Greens(WA))	1,839	8.73%
Bob Smith (Liberal)	5,080	24.12%

Two Candidate Preferred Result

Alan Carpenter (Australian Labor Party)	13,968	66.38%
Bob Smith (Liberal)	7,073	33.62%

SERVICES TO ELECTORS

Issue of the Writ

The writ for the by-election in the Legislative Assembly electoral district of Willagee was issued by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly to the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner on Wednesday 14 November 2009.

The writ laid out key dates necessary for the returning officer to arrange the poll to be conducted in the electoral district. These were:

Close of Roll:	6 pm Thursday 22 October 2009
Close of Nominations:	12 noon Thursday 22 October 2009
Polling Day:	Saturday 28 November 2009
Return of Writ	Not later than Friday 18 December 2009



Advertising

The Commission placed a number of advertisements in the State-wide newspaper, *The West Australian*, and many in the local newspaper in the district, the *Melville Times*. The advertisements were designed to notify electors of important information leading up to polling day. The advertising undertaken represented that which is required to be provided as specified in the *Electoral Act 1907* and general advertising chosen to be undertaken at the discretion of the Commission.

Type of Advertisement	Newspaper	Date of Publication
Notice of issue of the writ and details	<i>Government Gazette</i> <i>The West Australian</i>	16 October 2009
Notice of Election	<i>The West Australian</i> <i>Melville Times</i> <i>Fremantle Gazette</i> <i>Cockburn City Herald</i>	17 October 2009 20 October 2009 20 October 2009 20 October 2009
Close of enrolment	<i>The West Australian</i> <i>Melville Times</i> <i>Fremantle Gazette</i> <i>Cockburn City Herald</i>	20 October 2009 20 October 2009
Details of Returning Officer, place of declaration of nominations, polling places, declared special institutions, declaration of boundaries of a polling area, list of registered political parties	<i>Government Gazette</i>	23 October 2009
Details of Candidates	<i>The West Australian</i> <i>Melville Times</i> <i>Fremantle Gazette</i> <i>Cockburn City Herald</i>	24 November 2009 27 November 2009 27 November 2009 31 November 2009
Polling place locations	<i>The West Australian</i> <i>Melville Times</i> <i>Fremantle Gazette</i> <i>Cockburn City Herald</i>	24 November 2009 24 November 2009 28 November 2009
Voting is compulsory	<i>Melville Times</i>	28 November 2009
How to vote	<i>Melville Times</i> <i>Fremantle Gazette</i> <i>Cockburn City Herald</i>	17 November 2009 24 November 2009 17 November 2009 24 November 2009 21 November 2009 28 November 2009

Vote Today	<i>The West Australian</i>	28 November 2009
By-election Results	<i>The West Australian</i> <i>Melville Times</i> <i>Fremantle Gazette</i> <i>Cockburn City Herald</i>	5 December 2009 5 December 2009 5 December 2009 5 December 2009

Easy Voter Card

In an effort to maximise elector turnout a personally addressed Easy Voter Card was produced and mailed to every elector within the district in the week commencing 2 November 2009. The messages in the Easy Voter Card reminded electors that voting was compulsory, gave the date and time of polling, provided an address list of all polling places within the district as well as details of how to cast an early vote, how to fill in ballot papers and a map of the district. A sample copy is attached at the end of this report.

Election Information Services – Election Line and Web Site

From 19 October 2009 – 4 December 2009, the Western Australian Electoral Commission provided a telephone enquiry service to the general public through a direct line and through a 1300 number which had previously been established for elector enquiries. The Election Line was staffed from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm every weekday and from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm on polling day.

A total of 1150 calls were made to this service over the election period. The majority of enquiries related to enrolment status, early voting in person, early voting by post, polling place locations and whether voting was compulsory.

There were enquiries from electors who were unsure if they were in the Willagee district due to some candidate promotional material being sent to areas outside the district.

The Commission web site also contained contact details of the Returning Officer, information regarding the timetable of the by-election, early voting (by post) application forms, details of early voting (in person) locations, polling places, a colour map of polling places within the district and electorate profile. At the conclusion of polling the website was continuously updated with election results.

Electors with Disabilities

All polling places and early voting (in person) issuing offices were equipped with magnifying sheets, large 2B pencils with a triangular grip and hearing impairment information desk cards.

A video magnifier, hired from the Guide Dogs Association of Western Australia, was set up at the Southern Districts Senior Citizen Centre for the visually impaired electors.

On polling day, 4 of the 13 polling places provided best wheelchair access and parking. At the Southern District Senior Citizen Centre, a drive-in polling place was set up in the car park. Additionally, polling place managers were trained and prepared to issue a vote to electors unable to come into a polling place.

Early Voting (by post)

Early voting (by post) was available to electors who were unable to visit a polling place on polling day.

Application forms were available for download from the Commission's web site, two AEC divisional offices, 13 Australia Post offices in, and bordering, the electoral district of Willagee and upon request from the election line staff.

Applications for early voting (by post) commenced on Thursday 15 October 2009 and closed on Thursday 26 November 2009. Final postal votes received prior to 9.00 am on Thursday 3 December 2009, bearing a postmark prior to 6.00 pm on 28 November 2009 were accepted, in accordance with the Act.

Processing of all applications was performed centrally at Commission offices. Of the 2,080 postal votes issued, 1,759 were returned. Of those returned 1,648 were deemed to be valid votes.

Early Voting (in person)

Early voting (in person) was available to Willagee electors from Monday 2 November 2009 at the following offices during normal business hours and concluded at 6.00 pm on Friday 27 November 2009.

Metropolitan Locations

ARMADALE
Armadale Court House

BOORAGOON
Australian Electoral Commission
Division of Tangney

FREMANTLE
Fremantle Court House

JOONDALUP
Joondalup Court House

MIDLAND
Midland Court House

PERTH
Western Australian Electoral
Commission

ROCKINGHAM
Rockingham Court House

SPEARWOOD
Australian Electoral Commission
Division of Fremantle

Country Locations

ALBANY
Albany Court House

BROOME
Broome Court House

BUNBURY
Bunbury Court House

BUSSELTON
Busselton Court House

CARNARVON
Carnarvon Court House

COLLIE
Collie Court House

DERBY
Derby Court House

ESPERANCE
Esperance Court House

GERALDTON
Geraldton Court House

KALGOORLIE
Kalgoorlie Court House

KARRATHA
Karratha Court House

KATANNING
Katanning Court House

KUNUNURRA
Kununurra Court House

MANDURAH
Mandurah Court House

MANJIMUP
Manjimup Court House

MERREDIN
Merredin Court House

MOORA
Moora Court House

NARROGIN
Narrogin Court House

NORTHAM
Northam Court House

ROEBOURNE
Roebourne Court House

SOUTH HEDLAND
South Hedland Court House

Other Australian States and Territories

There were seven electoral offices in the other Australian States and Territories where Western Australian electors could cast an early vote (in person) before polling day.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL
TERRITORY
Elections ACT

VICTORIA
Victorian Electoral Commission

NORTHERN TERRITORY
Northern Territory Electoral
Commission

QUEENSLAND
Electoral Commission Queensland

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
State Electoral Office of South
Australia

TASMANIA
Tasmanian Electoral Office

NEW SOUTH WALES
New South Wales Electoral
Commission

Overseas

There was one office outside Australia where Willagee electors could cast an early vote (in person) before polling day, this was the Government of Western Australia European Office in London.

A total of 969 early votes (in person) were made of which 24 were informal. This resulted in 945 formal votes being included in the count.

Hospitals and Special Institutions

Two mobile teams were allocated to visit eight special institutions and hospitals within the electorate before polling day. The teams were responsible for providing a voting service to electors with in these eight Special Institutions. The Mobile teams marked the names of each elector off a manual paper electoral roll.

The details of the special institutions and hospitals within the district were:





Name	Address
Bethanie Illawong	1 Rodd Place, Hamilton Hill
Braemar Village	24/32 Charsley, Street Willagee
Carrinton Aged Care	27 Ivermey Street, Hamilton Hill
Foley Village	84 Collick Street, Hilton
Hale Hostel	37 Waverley Road, Coolbellup
John Mercer Lodge	19 Laidlaw Street, Hilton
Myaree Gardens	444 Marmion Street, Melville
St Ives Eldercare	15 Cotrill Street, Melville

A total of 233 votes were issued and collected from these locations of which 15 were informal. This resulted in 218 formal votes being included in the count.

Polling Places

There were 13 polling places provided for electors on polling day. Twelve of these polling places were the same venues which were available to electors at the State general election in 2008. The Melville Primary School, was replaced by the Anglican Church of the Holy Cross Hall due to the unavailability of the school on polling day. The Melville Recreation Centre was not considered suitable and was not considered in the Daylight Saving Referendum earlier in the year.

All polling places were open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on polling day. Polling places with the best wheelchair access and parking are indicated.

Polling Place Location	Address	
Anglican Church of the Holy Cross Hall	56 McLean Street, MELVILLE	
Caralee Community School	24 Winnacott Street, WILLAGEE	
Coolbellup Community School	15 Waverley Road, COOLBELLUP	
East Hamilton Hill Primary School	27 Bradbury Road, HAMILTON HILL	
Hilton Primary School	21 Rennie Crescent, HILTON	
Melville Senior High School	18 Potts Street, MELVILLE	
North Lake Senior Campus	188 Winterfold Road, KARDINYA	
Palmyra Primary School	60 McKimmie Road, PALMYRA	
Phoenix Primary School	28 Phoenix Road, HAMILTON HILL	
Samson Primary School	22 Lawrence Way, SAMSON	
Southern Districts Senior Citizens Centre	Cnr North Lake Road & Archibald Street, WILLAGEE	
Southern Districts Senior Citizens Centre – Drive In	Cnr North Lake Road & Archibald Street, WILLAGEE	
Southwell Primary School	26 Grandpre Crescent, HAMILTON HILL	

Electoral Rolls

Paper electoral rolls (Certified Lists) were used in all polling places. Electors who presented themselves to vote at the polling place had their marked off the roll. A total of 59 rolls were printed. When returned, these rolls were electronically scanned to determine who had voted at the polling places.

Electoral rolls were provided to the Australian Electoral Commission Division of Tangney in Booragoon, Australian Electoral Commission of Fremantle in Spearwood and the Fremantle Court for early voting (in person).

SERVICES TO REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES

The Returning Officer

Mr Shaun Major was appointed Returning Officer for the Willagee by-election and worked from his home office.

Under the direction of the Electoral Commissioner, a State returning officer performs specific duties and tasks, some of which are listed below.

General Administrative Duties & Tasks

- Provide ongoing security and safe-keeping for polling materials
- Maintain records (including correspondence, accounts and other relevant documents)
- Maintain staff payment records in accordance with requirements
- Respond to enquiries from candidates, potential candidates, public and polling site authorities

Prior to Issue of the Writ

- Become familiar with polling requirements and historical records for the district
- Prepare and dispatch provisional offers of appointment to polling staff
- Liaise with potential candidates regarding nomination procedures and their obligations

On Issue of the Writ

- Inspect polling places (including mobile polling sites)
- Complete and forward polling place profiles for each polling place
- Attend training session
- Select and appoint staff
- Confirm polling place bookings

Between Issue of the Writ and Nomination Day

- Receive local nominations
- Follow-up outstanding hire of premises

On Nomination Day

- Attend place for nomination between 11 am and 12 noon to receive nominations
- Conduct draw for positions on ballot paper
- Conduct candidate information sessions

Between Close of Nominations and Polling Day

- Arrange premises and notify staff regarding face-to-face training sessions
- Conduct face-to-face training session for polling place managers and assistant polling place managers
- Conduct face-to-face training session for mobile polling teams
- Receive and check staff packs
- Dispatch polling official appointments, manuals and workbooks
- Receive and reconcile ballot papers received
- Receive and check other polling place materials
- Allocate materials to polling places
- Supply materials to polling place managers

On Polling Day

- Visit polling places during polling hours
- Respond to candidate and public enquiries
- Receive and monitor the receipt of primary vote and notional count figure from polling places
- Transmit progressive polling place figures to the Commission
- Check-in polling place materials returned by Polling Place Managers

On the Sunday after Polling Day

- Reconcile polling place managers' returns
- Complete statistical returns
- Check and verify staffing records used for payment of polling officials
- Complete staff returns and assessments for polling place and casual staff
- Sort and package all used and unused materials for return to the Commission's store
- Record number of unused ordinary ballot papers
- Sort and reconcile all provisional votes issued at polling places in district

After Polling Weekend

- Conduct full distribution of preferences
- Conduct informal vote survey
- Declare the poll



Nominations and Ballot Paper Draw

The close of nominations and the draw for ballot paper positions was conducted at the Willagee Community Centre, by the Returning Officer.

The three registered parties lodged the relevant nomination forms with the Electoral Commission centrally and the independent candidate lodged his form with the Returning Officer prior to the close of nominations.

At the close of nominations at 12 noon on Thursday 22 October 2009 four candidates had nominated to contest the election.

List of Candidates (in ballot paper order and ballot paper name)

CHEW, Henri	Christian Democratic Party WA
TINLEY, Peter	Australian Labor Party
HARPER, Hsien	Greens (WA)
GEORGATOS, Gerry	Independent

Party and Candidate Support and Training

An informational letter was sent to all political parties prior to the close of nominations.

All candidates, and prospective candidates, were provided with a pack which included a brochure titled Eligibility for Membership of State Parliament, a Candidates Guide Legislative Assembly, a Disclosure of Gifts, Other Income and Electoral Expenditure Guidelines, a nomination form and receipt, and various other forms nominating ballot paper particulars, appointment of an agent and scrutineer appointment forms. These items were also available to download from the Commission's web site.

Posters and Signage

There are certain requirements under section 187 and 191A of the *Electoral Act 1907* which registered political parties and candidates are required to adhere to in regard to any advertisement, handbill or pamphlet which they produce. They must contain the name and address of the person authorising it, and the name and place of business of the printer.

A sign at the Coolbellup Community School advertising a building project funded by the Federal Government stimulus plan was covered up by staff from Building Management and Works (a section of the Department of Treasury and Finance) as it may have been considered to be unauthorised advertising under the abovementioned sections of the *Act*.



Additionally no electoral advertising is permitted within six metres from the entrance to a polling place on polling day. No polling place manager reported a breach of these requirements on polling day.

Provision of Election Results

Election results were progressively available to electors, media and the general public via the Commission's web site at www.waec.wa.gov.au and from www.electionswa.com through a virtual tally room.

COUNTING OF THE VOTES AND DECLARATION OF THE POLL

Counting of votes commenced at 6.00 pm on polling night with the results being received by the Commission periodically until approximately 8.00 pm when the final results for the night were received. The notional results were transmitted periodically and relayed onto the Internet.

On Thursday 3 December 2009 final postal votes and provisional votes were verified and counted.

On Friday 4 December 2009 a full distribution of preferences was conducted at the Western Australian Electoral Commission. This count confirmed the notional distribution of preferences conducted on election night.

The returning officer formally declared the poll on Monday 7 December 2009 at the Supreme Court Gardens in Perth. Mr Peter Tinley, representing the Australian Labor Party was declared elected as the new member for the Legislative Assembly district of Willagee with a majority of 3,611 votes.

Information relating to the by-election, which included the results at polling place level, was included on the Commission's web site.

Complaints Handling

No formal complaints were received relating to the Willagee by-election. A small percentage of electors rang in with queries and concerns after promotional materials from a candidate were distributed to electors located outside the Willagee district.

Non Voters

A total of 4,969 electors were identified as apparent non voters. At the time of writing this document, 397 electors were excused for valid reasons. This included the elector being absent from the State, personal illness or having changed address.

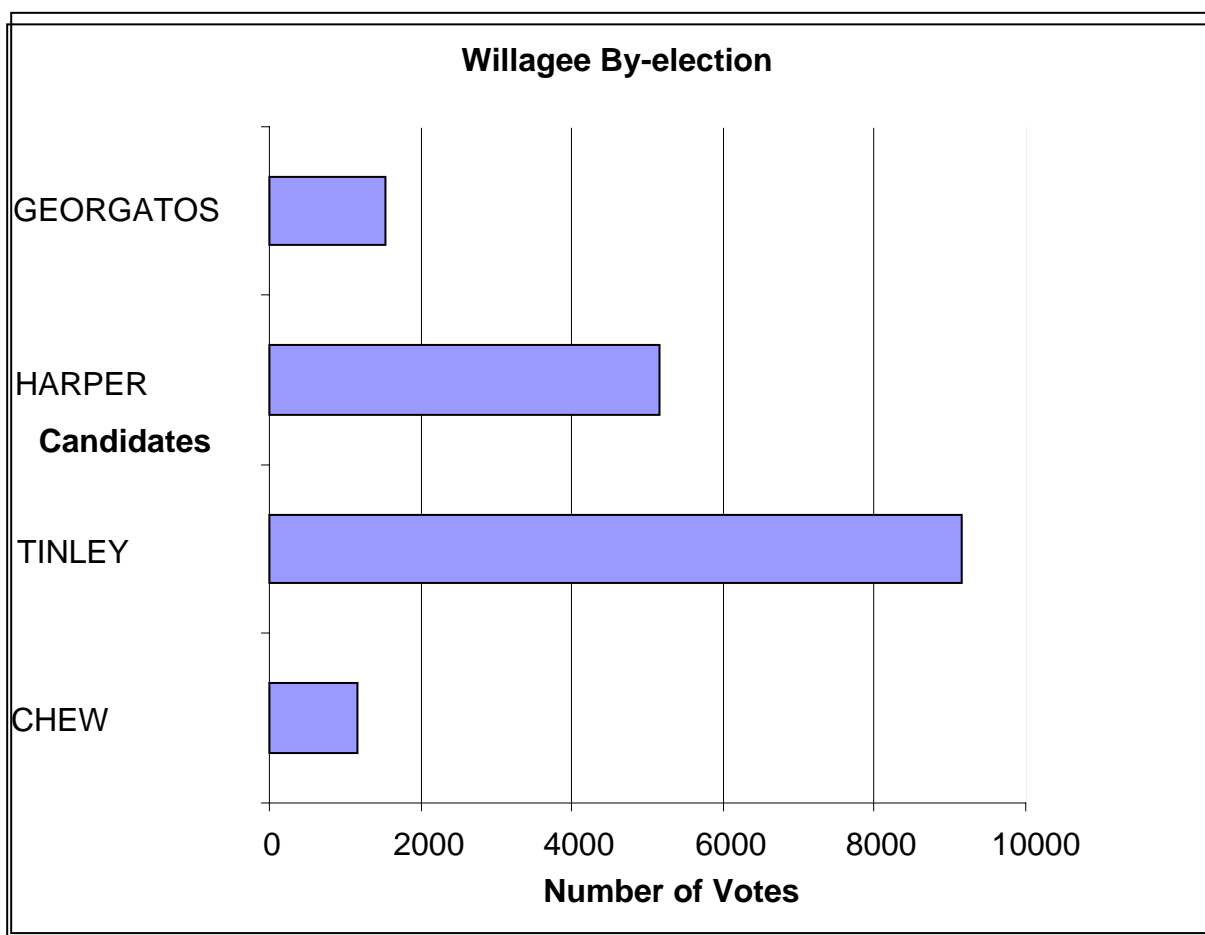
Costs

The total cost of the by-election was \$166,632 excluding GST, and does not include Commission overheads including salaries. This cost comprises of \$80,230 for remunerations, \$46,483 for advertising and communications, \$17,509 for services and contracts and \$22,410 for materials and administrative costs.

WILLAGEE BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Enrolment:	23,082
Formal Votes:	17,026
Informal Votes:	863 (4.82% of total votes)
Total Votes:	17,889 (77.5% of enrolled electors)

First Preference Votes by Candidate



First Preference Votes Polled for Each Candidate at Each Polling Place

Willagee Electoral District South Metropolitan Region 28 November 2009

PP No.	Polling Place	First Preference Votes Polled for each Candidate at each Polling Place					Two Candidate Preferred Votes					
		CHEW Henri CDP Votes	TINLEY Peter ALP Votes	HARPER Hsien GRN Votes	GEORGATOS Gerry IND Votes	Total Formal Votes	Informal Votes	Total Votes	TINLEY Peter ALP	HARPER Hsien GRN		
1	Anglican Church of The Holy Cross Hall	59	307	296	83	745	47	792	357	47.92%	388	52.08%
2	Caralee Community School	113	788	495	173	1569	68	1637	909	57.93%	660	42.07%
3	Coolbellup Community School	121	1170	614	158	2063	94	2157	1287	62.48%	773	37.52%
4	East Hamilton Hill Primary School	65	600	363	48	1076	72	1148	660	61.34%	416	38.66%
5	Hilton Primary School	69	603	576	76	1324	60	1384	669	50.53%	655	49.47%
6	Melville Senior High School	102	674	452	142	1370	86	1456	780	56.93%	590	43.07%
7	North Lake Senior Campus	75	523	402	99	1099	60	1159	602	54.78%	497	45.22%
8	Palmyra Primary School	13	234	167	35	449	18	467	250	55.68%	199	44.32%
9	Phoenix Primary School	36	395	159	50	640	55	695	436	68.23%	203	31.77%
10	Samson Primary School	145	979	446	143	1713	100	1813	1113	64.97%	600	35.03%
11	Southern Districts Senior Citizens Centre	87	665	396	154	1302	73	1375	771	59.22%	531	40.78%
12	Southern Districts Senior Citizens Centre (Drive-in)	3	80	29	11	123	3	126	84	68.29%	39	31.71%
13	Southwell Primary School	36	421	171	36	664	48	712	460	69.28%	204	30.72%
Polling Place Totals		924	7439	4566	1208	14137	784	14921	8378	59.28%	5755	40.72%
Early Votes (by Post)		138	1064	323	190	1715	39	1754	1186	69.15%	529	30.85%
Early Votes (in Person)		93	500	244	108	945	24	969	575	60.91%	369	39.09%
Provisional Votes		0	5	5	1	11	1	12	6	54.55%	5	45.45%
Special Institutions, Hospitals & Remotes		20	152	24	22	218	15	233	171	78.44%	47	21.56%
Declaration and Mobile Votes Total		251	1721	596	321	2889	79	2968	1938	67.11%	950	32.89%
Total First Preferences Votes		1175	9160	5162	1529	17026	863	17889	10316	60.61%	6705	39.39%
%Total Valid Votes		6.90%	53.80%	30.32%	8.98%	100.00%						

Informal Votes = 4.82%

Voter Turnout = 77.50%

Distribution of Preferences

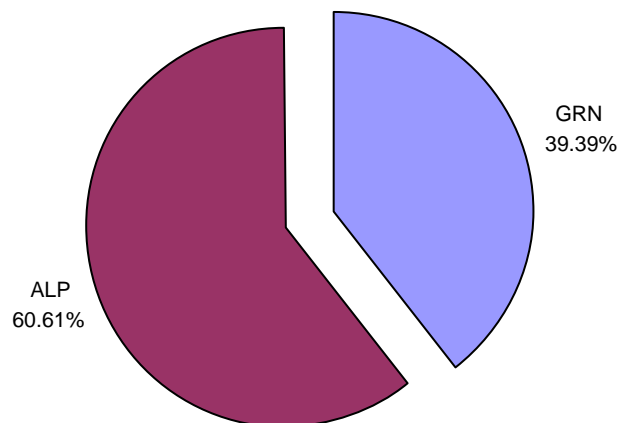
Distribution of Preferences

Preference Distribution	CHEW Henri Votes	TINLEY Peter Votes	HARPER Hsien Votes	GEORGATOS Gerry Votes	Votes remaining in count	Exhausted Votes	Total Formal Votes	
First Preference Votes	1,175	9,160	5,162	1,529	17,026		17,026	
CHEW Excluded	547		268	357	1,172	3	1,175	
Total		9,707	5,430	1,886	17,023	3	17,026	
GEORGATOS Excluded		609	1,275		1,884	2	1,886	
District Total		10,316	6,705		17,021	5	17,026	
		60.61%	39.39%					
		Absolute Majority = 8511						

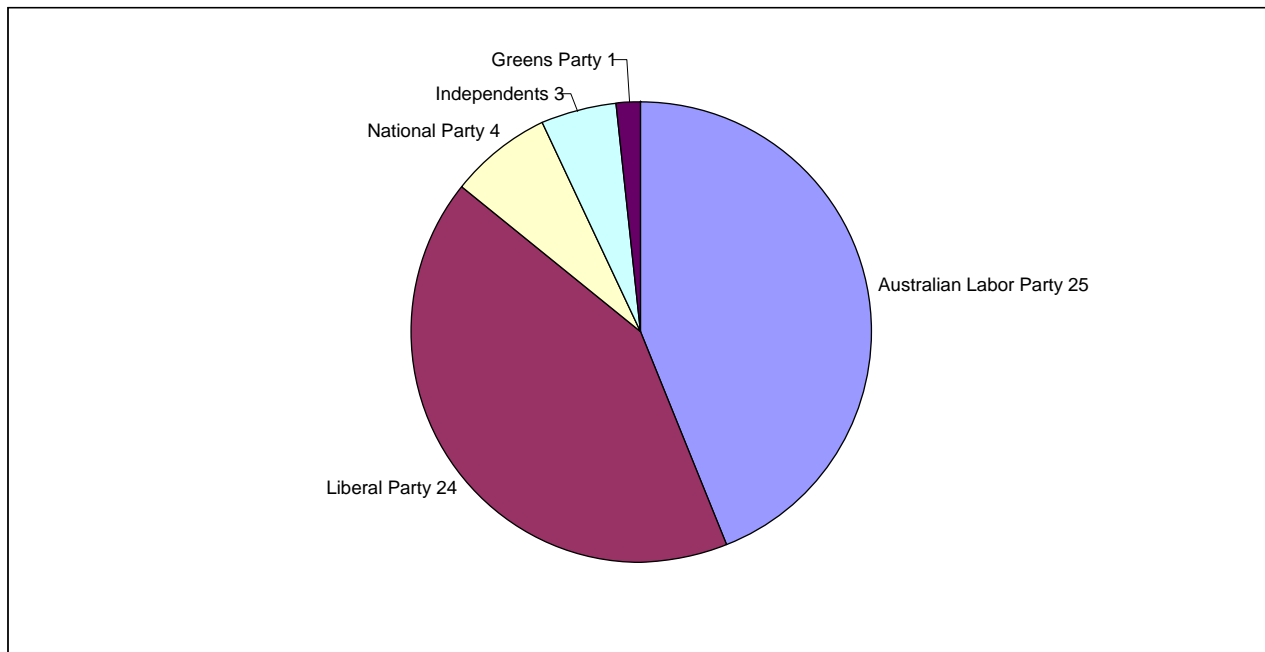
Two Candidate Preferred Votes

Peter Charles Tinley
Australian Labor Party
Elected as the member for Willagee

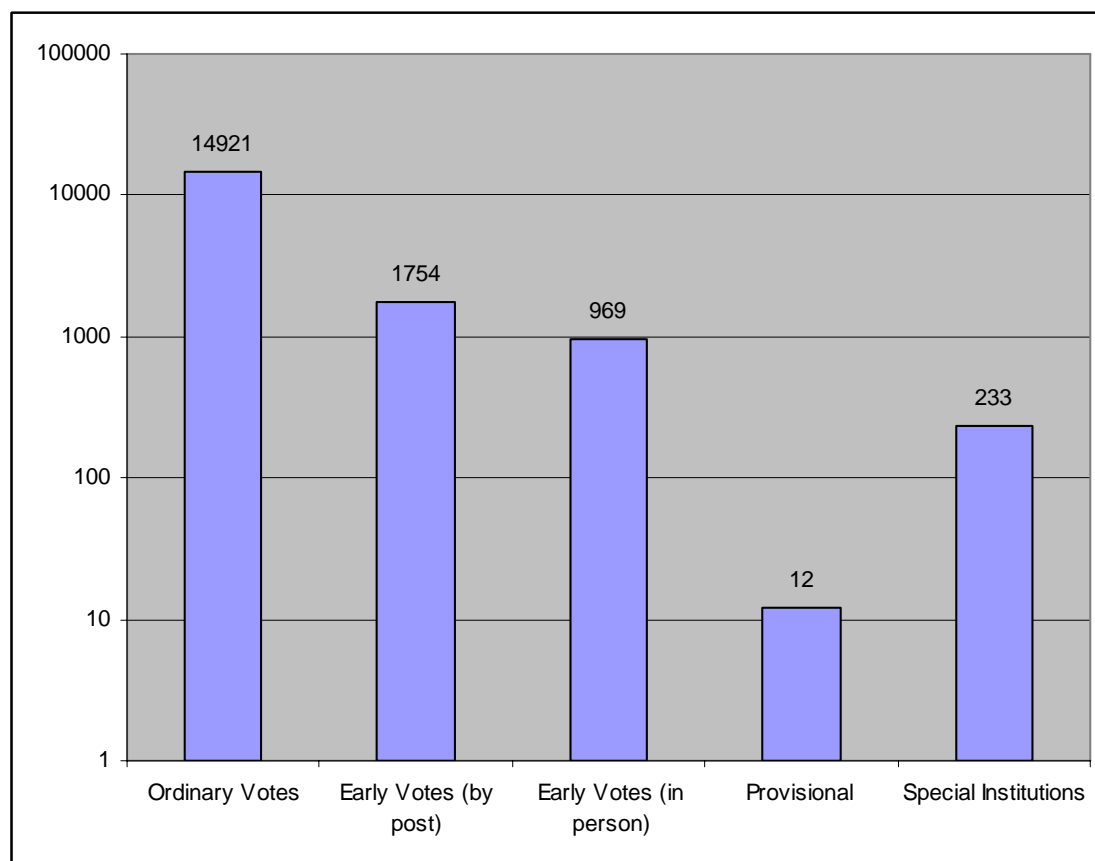
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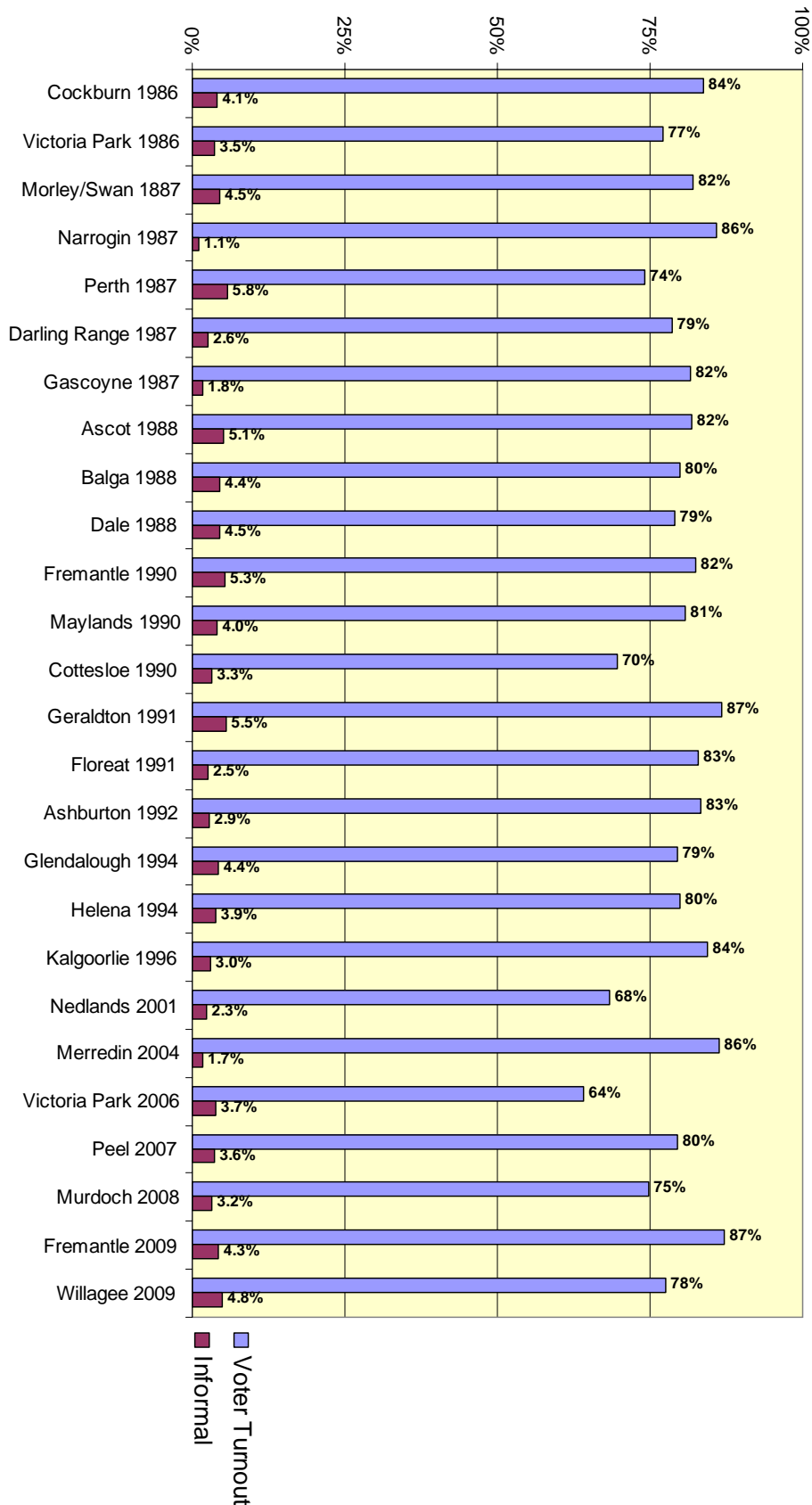
Composition of the Legislative Assembly following the By-election




First Preference Results by Type of Vote



Voter Turnout in Recent By-elections



The Easy Voter Card (Sample)



District of Willagee
By-Election

A voting guide to the by-election
Saturday 28 November 2009
8.00am to 6.00pm (AWST)

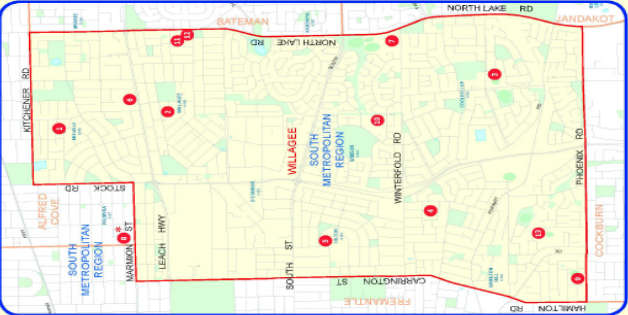
VOTING IS COMPULSORY
Take this letter with
you to make it easier

Lucy Robyn Flint
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13 63 06

To locate your closest polling place visit www.waec.wa.gov.au and select 2009 Willagee By-Election then Polling Places or call 13 63 06

PLEASE NOTE: There have been changes to polling places since the 2009 Daylight Saving Referendum
Updated polling places listed below



1 Anglican Church of the Holy Cross Hall
55 McLean Street

2 Caralee Community School
24 Minnacott Street

3 Couballup Community School
15 Waverly Road

4 East Hamilton Hill Primary School
27 Braebury Road

5 Hilton Primary School
21 Peoria Crescent North

6 Melville Senior High School
18 Potts Street

7 North Lake Senior Campus
188 Winterford Road

8 Palmira Primary School
60 McFinnis Road

9 Phoenix Primary School
28 Phoenix Road

10 Samson Primary School
22 Lawrence Way

11 Southern Districts Senior Centre
Cnr North Lake Road and Archibald Street

12 Southern Districts Senior Centre
Cnr North Lake Road and Archibald Street (Drive-in for electors who are mobility impaired)

13 Southwell Primary School
26 Grandpre Crescent

* Although outside your boundary, you may vote here.

♻ Indicates best wheelchair access according to map.


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How to vote

Legislative Assembly

An example of the white ballot paper used for electing a member of the Legislative Assembly.


For the white ballot paper, you must put a '1' in the box beside the candidate who is your first choice, '2' in the box beside your second choice and so on, until you have numbered every box.



Do not use ticks, crosses, or leave boxes blank, or your vote will not count.

Make Your Vote Count

Ensure you mark your ballot paper correctly by placing a number in every box, beginning with a 1 for your most preferred candidate and continuing until each box has been filled in with a different number. You must number every box to make your vote count.



Do not use ticks, crosses, or leave boxes blank, or your vote will not count.

What to do if you can't get to a polling place on Polling Day

If you can't get to a polling place on Polling Day, you may be eligible to cast an early vote in person, or by post, if you meet the eligibility criteria. For information on whether or not you meet the criteria call the election information line on 13 63 06.

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

We have identified some of the nearest options available to you.

At most Magistrate Courts throughout the State, including:

- Fremantle Courthouse
8 Holdsworth St, Fremantle
9:30 - 4:30 Mon - Thu
9:00 - 4:30 Fri
- At these two AEC Offices**
- AEC - Division of Fremantle
3218 Rockingham Rd, Spearwood
9:00 - 5:00 Mon - Fri
- AEC - Division of Tangney
(Unit 2, Lower Ground Floor, Gateway Building)
Andrew Lane, Boonagoon WA
9:00 - 5:00 Mon - Fri

At the Western Australian Electoral Commission

Level 2, 111 St Georges Terrace
(Cnr of William St)
PERTH WA 6000
9:00 - 5:00 Mon - Fri

EARLY VOTING OUTSIDE WA

There are several electoral offices in other Australian States and Territories where electors can cast an early vote (in person) before Polling Day.

Details of locations are available at the Electoral Commission web site: www.waec.wa.gov.au.

EARLY VOTING BY POST

Application forms are available from Local Post Offices, by phoning 13 63 06 or from the Western Australian Electoral Commission web site: www.waec.wa.gov.au.

To ensure your application is processed in a timely manner, it is advisable that it is returned by Wednesday 25 November 2009.


Need more information?

Contact the election help line on 13 63 06

Web site: www.waec.wa.gov.au
TTY: Tel: 9214 0487

Visit us at Level 2, 111 St Georges Ter
(on William St), Perth WA 6000

For more information in languages other than English, login to www.waec.wa.gov.au or contact our Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 59 and then ask to be linked to the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06. Phone calls from anywhere in Australia are charged at the local call rate or the mobile phone rate.



Authorised by Warwick Gaskin AM, Electoral Commissioner