

District of Armadale By-election

2 October 2010



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission

Election Report

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SUMMARY

The result of the Armadale by-election was declared by the Returning Officer Mr Roger Simm on Monday 11 October 2010. Mr Tony Buti one of four candidates contesting the by-election was elected, gaining 54.80% of the first preference votes. The two-party preferred majority was 20.29%. Armadale has been a Labor Party seat for the last 27 years.

Early voting (in person) was available for electors at 45 locations throughout Western Australia, interstate and overseas. In an evident trend, early voting increased by over 31.6% compared to the last State general election. On polling day 11 polling places, 10 of which were 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 posted to every elector within the district. Included on the card was a map of the district, information on how to cast an early vote, a list of polling places, instructions on how to fill out the ballot paper, and a message that voting in the by-election was compulsory. A sample copy is provided on page 20.

Voter turnout was reasonable considering the by-election was held during school holidays. In addition, polling day coincided with the AFL Grand Final rematch, and a Federal election had been held only six weeks earlier. A total of 75.2% of eligible electors cast their vote.

The total cost of the by-election was \$167,935 excluding GST and Commission overheads (including the salaries of permanent staff). Public funding of candidates and parties cost \$28,396.

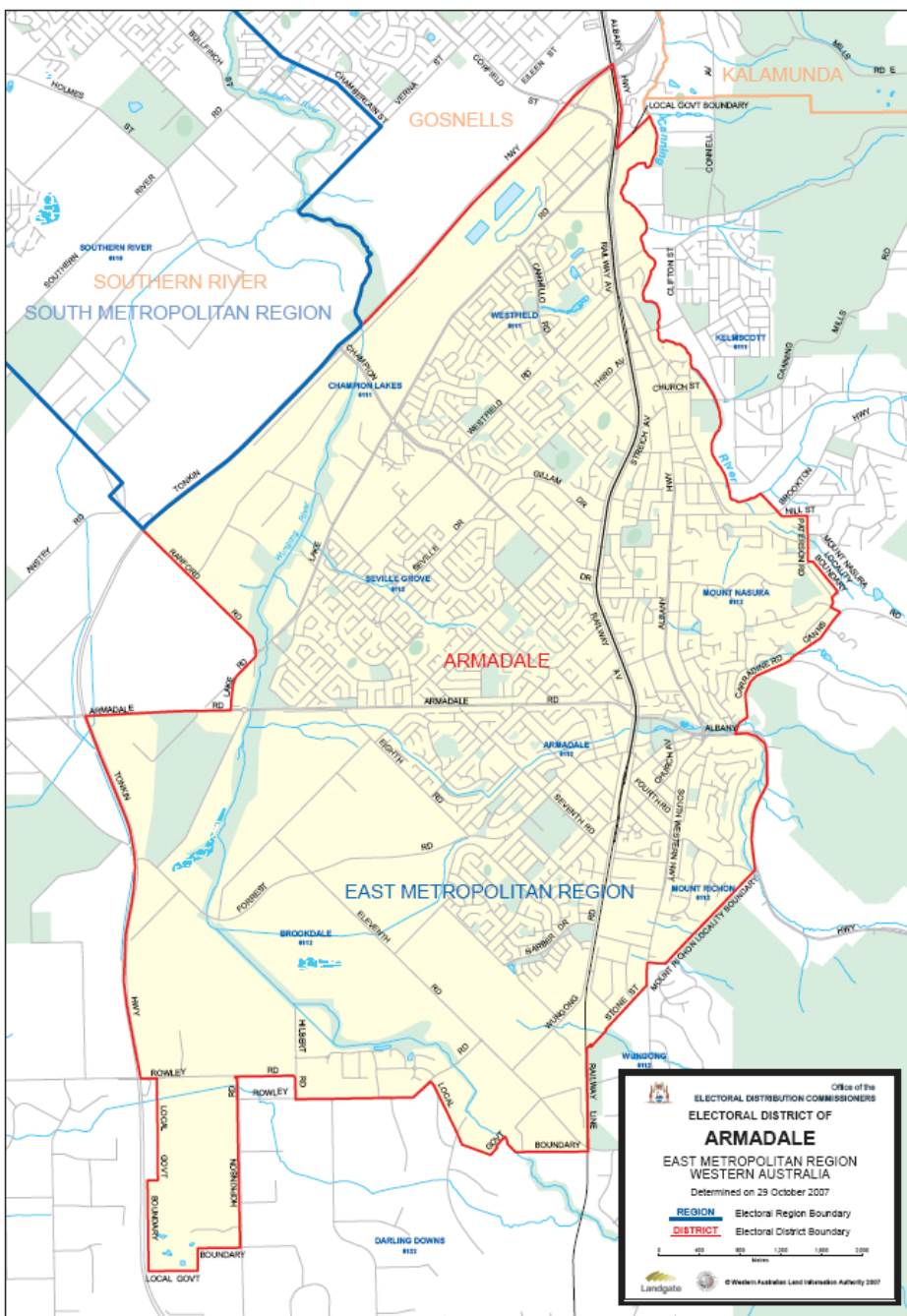
THE ARMADALE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

The Armadale Electorate

Area: 46km²

Includes Suburbs/Towns: Armadale, Brookdale, Champion Lakes, Forrestdale*, Kelmscott*, Mt Nasura, Mt Richon, Seville Grove, Westfield, Wungong* (* indicates that the Suburb/Town is split between more than one District).

Map of the Armadale Electorate



Former Members

The following former Members of Parliament have represented the District of Armadale:

Period	Member	Party Affiliation
1983 — 1993	Robert John Pearce	Australian Labor Party
1993 — 1996	Elsie Kay Hallahan	Australian Labor Party
1996 — 2010	Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan	Australian Labor Party

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND KEY RESULTS

2010 By-election

The by-election was held due to the resignation of the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan on the 20 July 2010.

Armadale By-election Timetable

Issue of the writ	Friday 6 August 2010
Electoral district roll close	6.00pm Monday 16 August 2010
Close of nominations for Registered Parties	Noon Thursday 19 August 2010
Close of nominations & draw for ballot paper positions	Noon Friday 20 August 2010
Early Votes (in person) Commence	Monday 6 September 2010
Close of written applications for Early Votes (by post)	6.00 pm Thursday 30 September 2010
Close of issue of Early Votes (in person)	6.00 pm Friday, 1 October 2010
Polling Day	8.00 am to 6.00 pm Saturday 2 October 2010
Close of receipt of Early Votes (by post)	9.00 am Thursday 7 October 2010
Return of the writ	Wednesday 3 November 2010

Recent Results

2010 By-election – District of Armadale

Enrolled electors	24,314	
Total votes	18,286	
— Formal votes	17,308	94.65%
— Informal votes	978	5.35%

First Preference Results

Buti Tony (Australian Labor Party)	10,021	57.90%
Van Burgel Jamie (Christian Democratic Party)	3,561	20.57%
Tucak John D (Independent)	1,506	8.70%
Davies Owen (Greens (WA))	2,220	12.83%

Two Candidate Preferred Result

Buti Tony (Australian Labor Party)	12,159	70.29%
Van Burgel Jamie (Christian Democratic Party)	5,140	29.71%

2008 State General Election – District of Armadale

Enrolled electors	24,116	
Total votes	20,713	100.00%
— Formal votes	19,478	94.04%
— Informal votes	1,235	5.96%

First Preference Results

MacTiernan Alannah (Australian Labor Party)	10,899	55.96%
Wielinga Caroline (Greens (WA))	2,107	10.82%
Swarts Kevin (Christian Democratic Party)	1,422	7.30%
Innes Steven (Liberal)	5,050	25.93%

Two Candidate Preferred Result

MacTiernan Alannah (Australian Labor Party)	12,628	64.85%
Innes Steven (Liberal)	6,845	35.15%

2005 State General Election – District of Armadale

Enrolled electors	28,099	
Total votes	25,396	100.00%
— Formal votes	23,826	93.82%
— Informal votes	1,570	6.18%

First Preference Results

Busby Bret (Independent)	444	1.86%
MacTiernan Alannah (Australian Labor Party)	13,095	54.96%
Goiran Madeleine (Christian Democratic Party)	1,317	5.53%
Brennan Jason (Greens)	1,171	4.91%
Johnson Diane (Liberal)	6,250	26.23%
Richards Joyce (CEC)	92	0.39%
Butler Colin (One Nation Party)	700	2.94%
Coules John (Family First Party)	757	3.18%

Two Candidate Preferred Result

MacTiernan Alannah (Australian Labor Party)	14,993	63.02%
Johnson Diane (Liberal)	8,799	36.98%

SERVICES TO ELECTORS

Issue of the Writ

The writ for the by-election in the Legislative Assembly electoral District of Armadale was issued by the Governor to the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner on Friday 6 August 2010.

The writ specified key dates necessary for the Returning Officer to arrange the poll to be conducted in the electoral district. These were:

Close of Nominations	12 noon Friday 20 August 2010
Polling Day	Saturday 2 October 2010
Return of Writ	Wednesday 3 November 2010



Advertising

The Commission placed a number of advertisements in the state-wide newspaper *The West Australian* and the local newspapers in the district: the *Armadale Examiner* and *Comment News*. The advertisements were designed to notify electors of important information leading up to polling day. The advertising represented legislative requirements as specified in the *Electoral Act 1907* and general advertising at the discretion of the Commission.

Type of Advertisement	Newspaper	Date of Publication
Notice of issue of the writ	<i>Government Gazette</i>	13 August 2010
	<i>The West Australian</i>	11 August 2010
Notice of Election	<i>The West Australian</i>	14 August 2010
	<i>Comment News</i>	17 August 2010
	<i>Examiner</i>	19 August 2010
Last day to enrol	<i>Examiner</i>	16 August 2010
	<i>The West Australian</i>	12 August 2010
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>	20 August 2010
Details of Candidates	<i>Comment News</i>	24 August 2010
	<i>The West Australian</i>	25 August 2010
	<i>Examiner</i>	26 August 2010
Early Voting	<i>Comment News</i>	31 August 2010
		7 September 2010
	<i>Examiner</i>	2 September 2010
		9 September 2010
Ballot Papers - Number every box	<i>Comment News</i>	14 September 2010
		21 September 2010
		28 September 2010
	<i>Examiner</i>	16 September 2010
		23 September 2010
		30 September 2010
Polling places	<i>Comment News</i>	21 September 2010
		28 September 2010
	<i>Examiner</i>	23 September 2010
		30 September 2010
Vote Today	<i>The West Australian</i>	2 October 2010
By-election Results	<i>The West Australian</i>	9 October 2010
	<i>Comment News</i>	12 October 2010
	<i>Examiner</i>	14 October 2010

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 20 September 2010. The messages in the Easy Voter Card reminded electors that voting was compulsory and provided the date and time of polling; the list of all polling places within the district; details of how to cast an early vote and how to fill in ballot papers; and a map of the district. A sample copy is attached at the end of this report on page 20.

Election Information Services – Election Line and Website

From 9 August 2010 – 8 October 2010, the Western Australian Electoral Commission provided an information line telephone enquiry service to the general public via a direct line and a 1300 number which had previously been established for elector enquiries. The election information 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 1,060 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. Three percent of the calls were from people wanting to know the reason for the by-election.

Enquiries were also received from some people who were unsure if they were in the Armadale district due to some candidate promotional material being sent to areas outside the district by a political party.

The Commission website 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 an 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. On polling day, 8 of the 11 polling places in the district provided wheelchair access and parking. 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 website, Australia Post outlets in the district and upon request from Election Line staff.

Applications for early voting (by post) commenced on Monday 9 August 2010 and closed on Thursday 30 September 2010. Final postal votes received prior to 9.00 am on Thursday 7 October 2010, bearing a postmark prior to 6.00 pm on 2 October 2010 were accepted, in accordance with the *Act*.

Processing of all applications was performed centrally at Commission offices. Of the 1,636 postal votes issued, 1,374 were returned. Of those returned 1,299 were deemed to be valid votes.

Early Voting (in person)

Early voting (in person) was available to Armadale electors from Monday 6 September 2010 at the following offices during normal business hours and concluded at 6.00 pm on Friday 1 October 2010.

A total of 1,374 early votes (in person) were made of which 36 were informal. This resulted in 1,338 formal votes being included in the count.



Staff at the Armadale Court house issued most of the early votes (in person) and marked the names of each elector off a central copy of the electoral roll provided via wireless telecommunications to a netbook computer. This was a new initiative that worked particularly well.

Metropolitan Locations

ARMADALE Armadale Court House	FREMANTLE Fremantle Court House	JOONDALUP Joondalup Court House
PERTH Western Australian Electoral Commission	MANDURAH Mandurah Court House	MIDLAND Midland Court House
ROCKINGHAM Rockingham Court House		

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 Justice Complex

Other Australian States and Territories

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

Interstate

ADELAIDE South Australian Electoral Commission	BRISBANE Electoral Commission of Queensland	CANBERRA CITY ACT Electoral Commission
ALICE SPRINGS Northern Territory Electoral Commission	DARWIN Northern Territory Electoral Commission	HOBART Tasmanian Electoral Commission

MELBOURNE
Victorian Electoral Commission

SYDNEY
New South Wales Electoral
Commission

Overseas

Armadale electors were also able to cast an early vote (in person) before polling day at the Government of Western Australia European Trade Office in London.

Hospitals and Special Institutions

One mobile team was allocated to visit five special institutions or hospitals within the electorate before polling day. The team were responsible for providing a voting service to electors within these special institutions. The mobile teams marked the names of each elector off a central copy of the electoral roll provided via wireless telecommunications to a netbook computer.

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








Name	Address
Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital	3056 Albany Highway, Armadale WA 6112
Armadale Mental Health Service	Jacaranda House, 3056 Albany Highway, Armadale WA 6112
Armadale Nursing Home	21 Angelo St, Armadale WA 6112
J E Murray Home	16 Deerness Way, Armadale WA 6112
Thomas Scott Village – Amana Living	63 Ypres Road, Camillo WA 6111


A total of 86 votes were issued and collected from these locations of which 3 were informal. This resulted in 83 formal votes being included in the count.

Polling Places

There were 11 polling places provided for electors on polling day. All but one of these polling places was the same venue available to electors at the Daylight Saving Referendum held in 2009.

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 on the following table.

Polling Place Location	Address	
Armadale Primary School	1 Carradine Road, Bedforddale, WA 6112	
Armadale-Kelmscott Senior Citizens Centre	Coombe Avenue, Armadale, WA 6112	
Cecil Andrews Senior High School	39 Seville Drive, Seville Grove, WA 6112	
Challis Primary School	40 Braemore Street, Armadale, WA 6112	
Grovelands Primary School	14 Grovelands Drive, Camillo, WA 6111	
Gwynne Park Primary School	11 Tijuana Road, Brookdale, WA 6112	
Kelmscott Senior High School	50 Third Avenue, Kelmscott, WA 6111	
Kingsley Primary School	3384 Lathwell Street, Armadale, WA 6112	

Neerigen Brook Primary School	21 Seventh Road, Armadale, WA 6112	
St Mary in the Valley Anglican Church Hall	River Road, Kelmscott, WA 6111	
Westfield Primary School	Cnr Cammillo Road and Hemingway Drive, Camillo, WA 6111	

Electoral Rolls

An innovation trialled at this by-election saw the use of netbook computers using secure wireless broadband to connect to a central roll to record the names of electors issued a vote. Electors who presented themselves to vote at any of the polling places had their name marked off the roll via the use of these computers. The software enabling this trial was developed by Commission staff and the netbooks used were kindly loaned by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission.

Although paper rolls were produced as a backup they were not required to be scanned after the event as the trial was successful and the paper rolls were not used. It is proposed to utilise this software, using similar equipment, at numerous polling places at the next State general election.

SERVICES TO REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES

The Returning Officer

Mr Roger Simm was contracted as Returning Officer for the Armadale by-election and worked from his home.

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 material
- 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 material
- Allocate material to polling places and 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 material 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 Armadale Primary School by the Returning Officer.

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 Friday 20 August 2010 four candidates had nominated to contest the election.

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

Candidate	Party
BUTI, Tony	Australian Labor Party
VAN BURGEL, Jamie	Christian Democratic Party WA
TUCAK, John D	Independent
DAVIES, Owen	Greens (WA)

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
- Candidates Guide - Legislative Assembly
- Disclosure of Gifts
- Other Income and Electoral Expenditure Guidelines
- 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 website.

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 distribution which they produce. They must contain the name and address of the person authorising it and the address of business of the printer.

Signs at schools advertising a building project funded by the Federal Government's stimulus plan were 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 above mentioned 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 the voting public, candidates and political parties, and the media via the Commission's website 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. Results were periodically received from polling places until approximately 9.00 pm when the final results for the night were lodged. Notional results were transmitted progressively and relayed onto the Commission's website as they became available.

On Thursday 7 October 2010 final early votes and provisional votes were verified and counted. On Friday 8 October 2010 a full distribution of preferences was conducted at the Western Australian Electoral Commission by the Returning Officer. This count confirmed the notional distribution of preferences conducted on election night.

The Returning Officer formally declared the poll on Monday 11 October 2010 at the Western Australian Electoral Commission Offices in Perth. Mr Tony Buti representing the Australian Labor Party (WA) was declared the new member for the Legislative Assembly District of Armadale with a majority of 7,019 votes.

Information relating to the by-election included the results at polling place level, were published on the Commission's website.

Complaints Handling

Two formal complaints were received relating to the Armadale by-election.

One of the complaints received related to access to the Polling Place at Nerrigen Brook Primary School through gates from the car park. The Polling Place Manager informed the Manager State Elections that the School had requested that the gates remain closed, which resulted in access being restricted from the car park. The Manager State Elections conveyed this information to the elector who lodged the complaint, and further stated that he would investigate the reason the School had submitted their request.

The second complaint concerned an apparent nine vote discrepancy during the election result. The Manager State Elections responded by informing the elector who lodged the complaint that the difference of nine votes observed in the published results for the By-election were exhausted votes. This response was accompanied by an explanation of what constitutes an exhausted vote.

A small percentage of electors telephoned with queries and concerns after promotional material from a candidate was distributed to electors located outside the Armadale district by a political party.

Non-Voters

A total of 5,849 electors were identified as apparent non voters. At the time of writing this document, 1,714 electors had been excused as a result of providing a valid reason as to why they were unable to vote. This included the elector being absent from the state, personal illness or having moved out of the district.

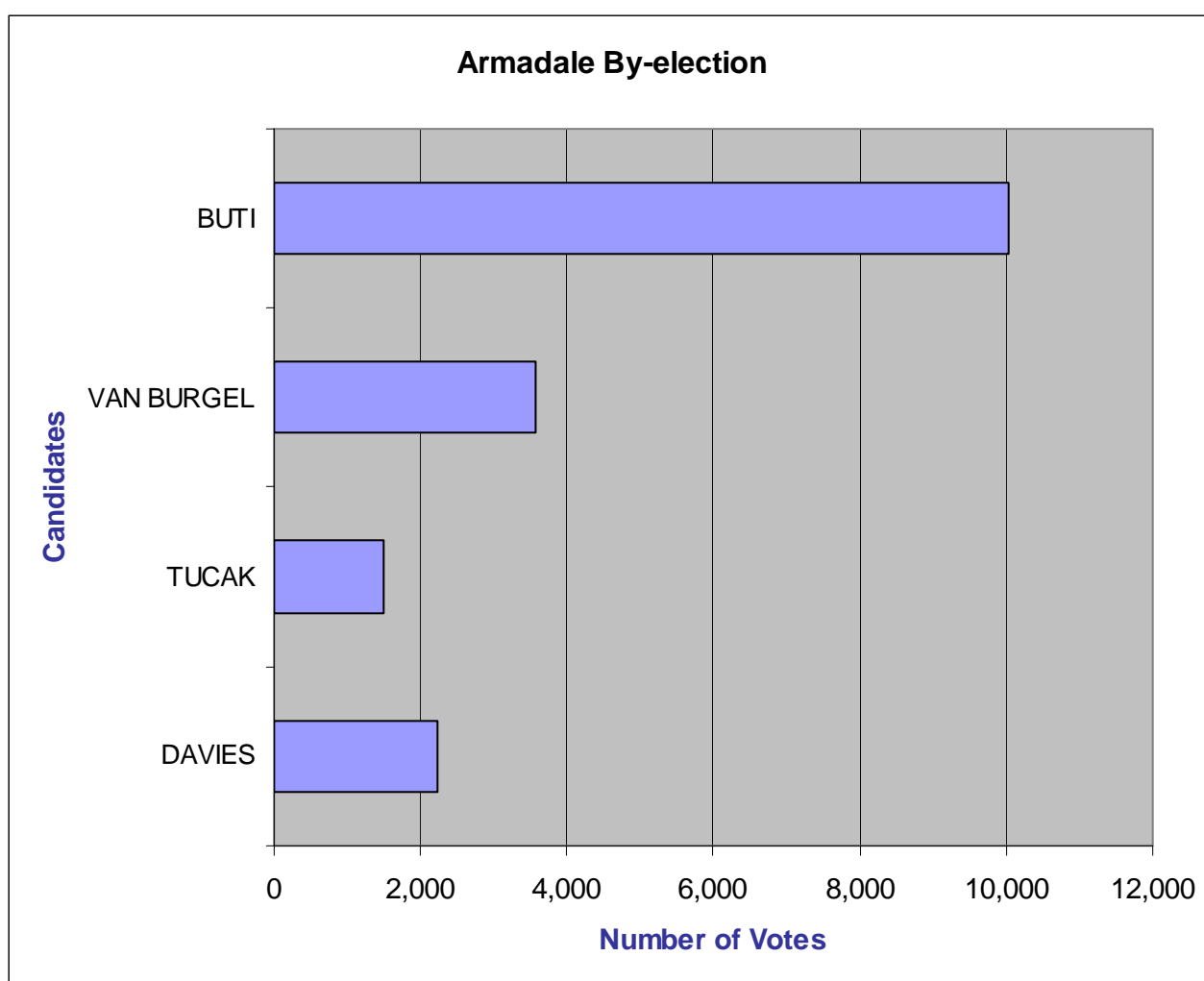
Costs

The total cost of the by-election was \$167,935 excluding GST and Commission overheads (including permanent staff salaries). This cost comprises \$76,230 for remunerations, \$48,250 for advertising, \$15,655 for services and contracts, and \$27,800 for materials and administrative costs.

ARMADALE BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Enrolment:	24,314
Formal Votes:	18,286
Informal Votes:	978 (5.4% of total votes)
Total Votes:	18,286 (75.2% of enrolled electors)

First Preference Votes by Candidate



First Preference Votes Polled for Each Candidate at Each Polling Place

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PP No.	Polling Place	First Preference Votes Polled for each Candidate at each Polling Place					Two Candidate Preferred Votes					
		BUTI Tony ALP Votes	VAN BURGEL Jamie CDP Votes	TUCAK John D IND Votes	DAVIES Owen GRN Votes	Total Formal Votes	Informal Votes	Total Votes	BUTI Tony ALP	VAN BURGEL Jamie CDP		
1	Armadale Primary School	779	339	111	129	1358	84	1442	900	66.32%	457	33.68%
2	Armadale-Kelmscott Senior Citizens Centre	431	231	42	65	769	37	806	489	63.59%	280	36.41%
3	Cecil Andrews Senior High School	1196	390	198	285	2069	140	2209	1474	71.41%	590	28.59%
4	Challis Primary School	1069	350	146	284	1849	112	1961	1335	72.24%	513	27.76%
5	Grovelands Primary School	772	247	120	180	1319	94	1413	961	72.91%	357	27.09%
6	Gwynne Park Primary School	686	191	86	124	1087	61	1148	805	74.13%	281	25.87%
7	Kelmscott Senior High School	778	255	119	221	1373	103	1476	983	71.60%	390	28.40%
8	Kingsley Primary School	534	241	71	118	964	48	1012	648	67.22%	316	32.78%
9	Neerigen Brook Primary School	1159	437	168	247	2011	134	2145	1409	70.06%	602	29.94%
10	St Mary in the Valley Anglican Church Hall	378	180	61	93	712	39	751	470	66.01%	242	33.99%
11	Westfield Park Primary School	644	170	89	152	1055	61	1116	780	73.93%	275	26.07%
Polling Place Totals		8426	3031	1211	1898	14566	913	15479	10254	70.44%	4303	29.56%
Early Votes (by Post)		756	221	166	154	1297	24	1321	897	69.16%	400	30.84%
Early Votes (In Person)		770	284	123	161	1338	36	1374	934	69.81%	404	30.19%
Provisional Votes		16	6	2	0	24	2	26	17	70.83%	7	29.17%
Special Institutions, Hospitals & Remotes		53	19	4	7	83	3	86	57	68.67%	26	31.33%
Declaration and Mobile Votes Total		1595	530	295	322	2742	65	2807	1905	69.47%	837	30.53%
Total First Preferences Votes		10021	3561	1506	2220	17308	978	18286	12159	70.29%	5140	29.71%
%Total Valid Votes		57.90%	20.57%	8.70%	12.83%	100.00%						

Voter Turnout = 75.21%

Informal Votes = 5.35%

Distribution of Preferences

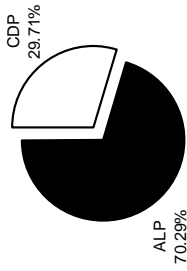
Armadale Electoral District East Metropolitan Region

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Distribution of Preferences

Preference Distribution	BUTI		VAN BURGEL		TUCAK		DAVIES		Votes remaining in count	Exhausted Votes	Total Formal Votes
	Tony Votes		Jamie Votes		John D Votes		Owen Votes				
First Preference Votes	10,021		3,561		1,506		2,220		17,308		17,308
TUCAK Excluded	325		716				461		1,502	4	1,506
Total	10,346		4,277				2,681		17,304	4	17,308
DAVIES Excluded	1,813		863						2,676	5	2,681
District Total	12,159		5,140						17,299	9	17,308
	70.29%		29.71%								

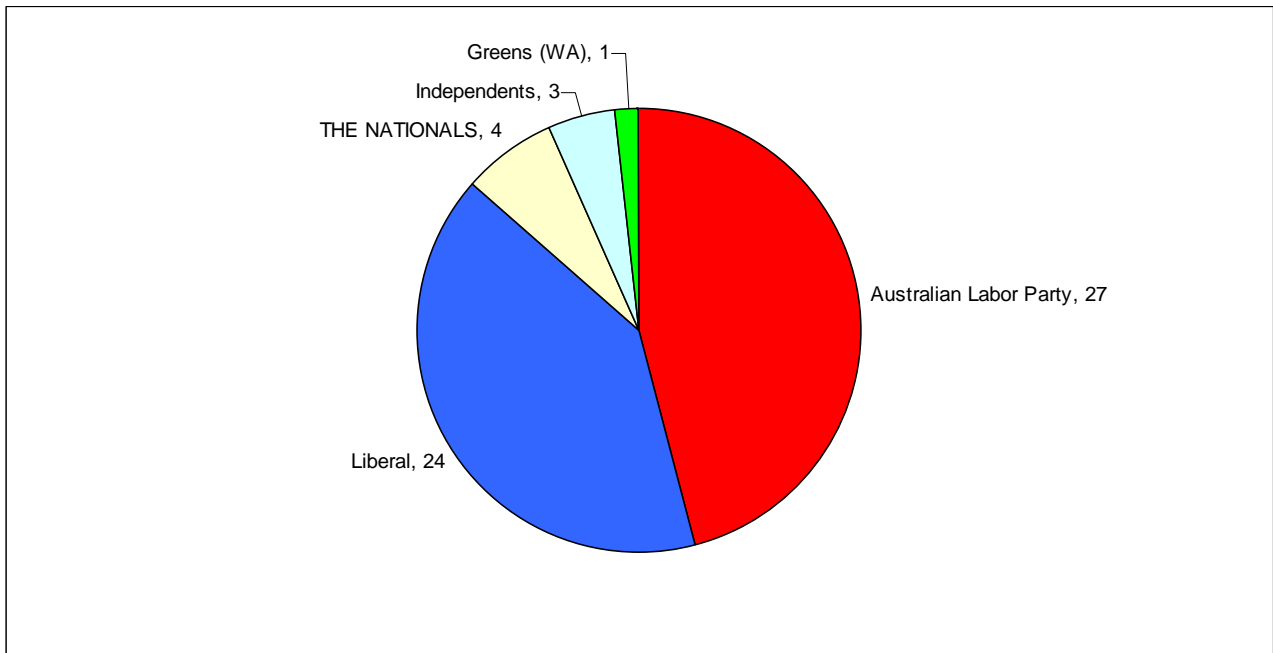
Antonio De Paulo BUTI
Australian Labor Party
elected as the member for
ARMADALE
with a majority of
7019 votes

2 Candidate Preferred

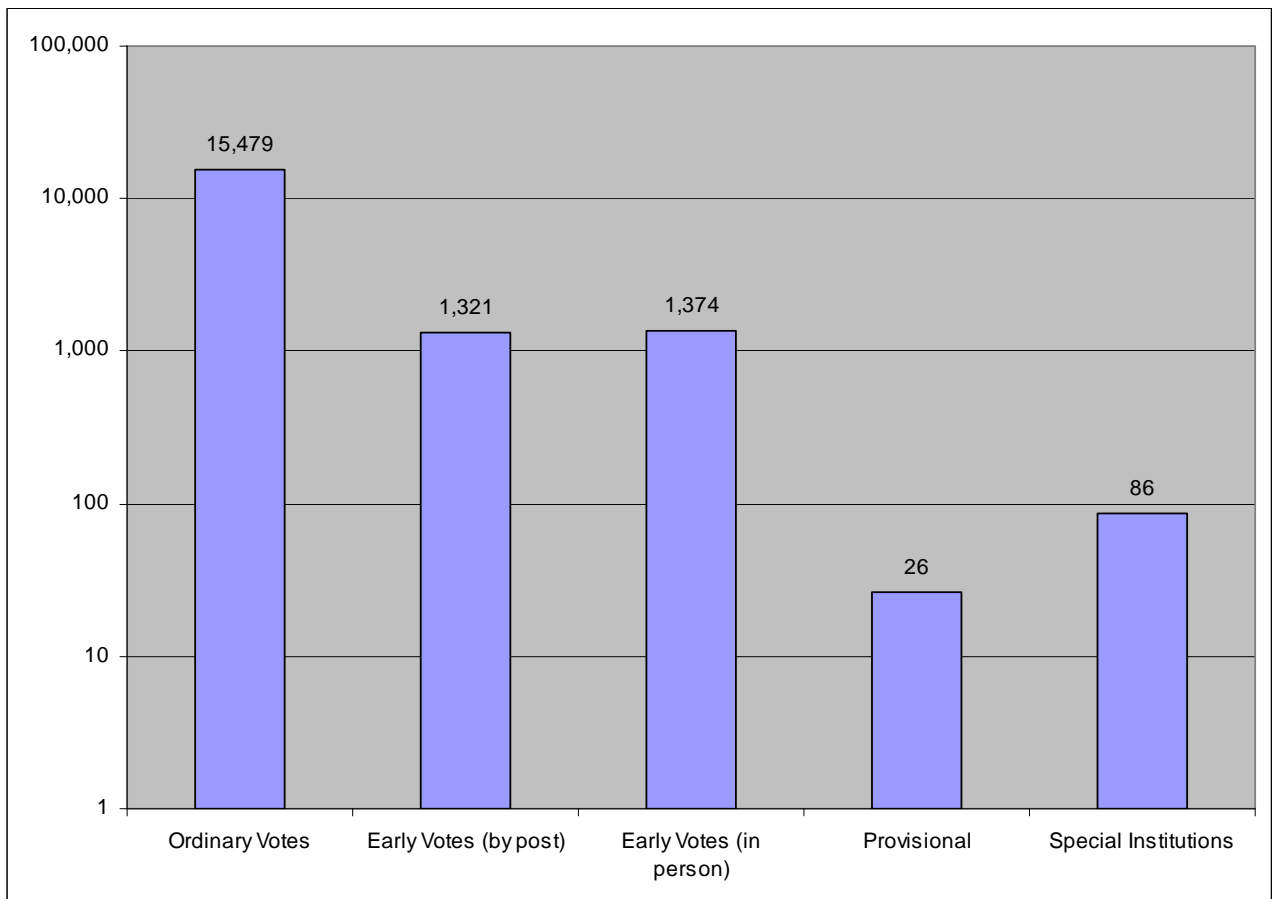


Absolute Majority = 8650

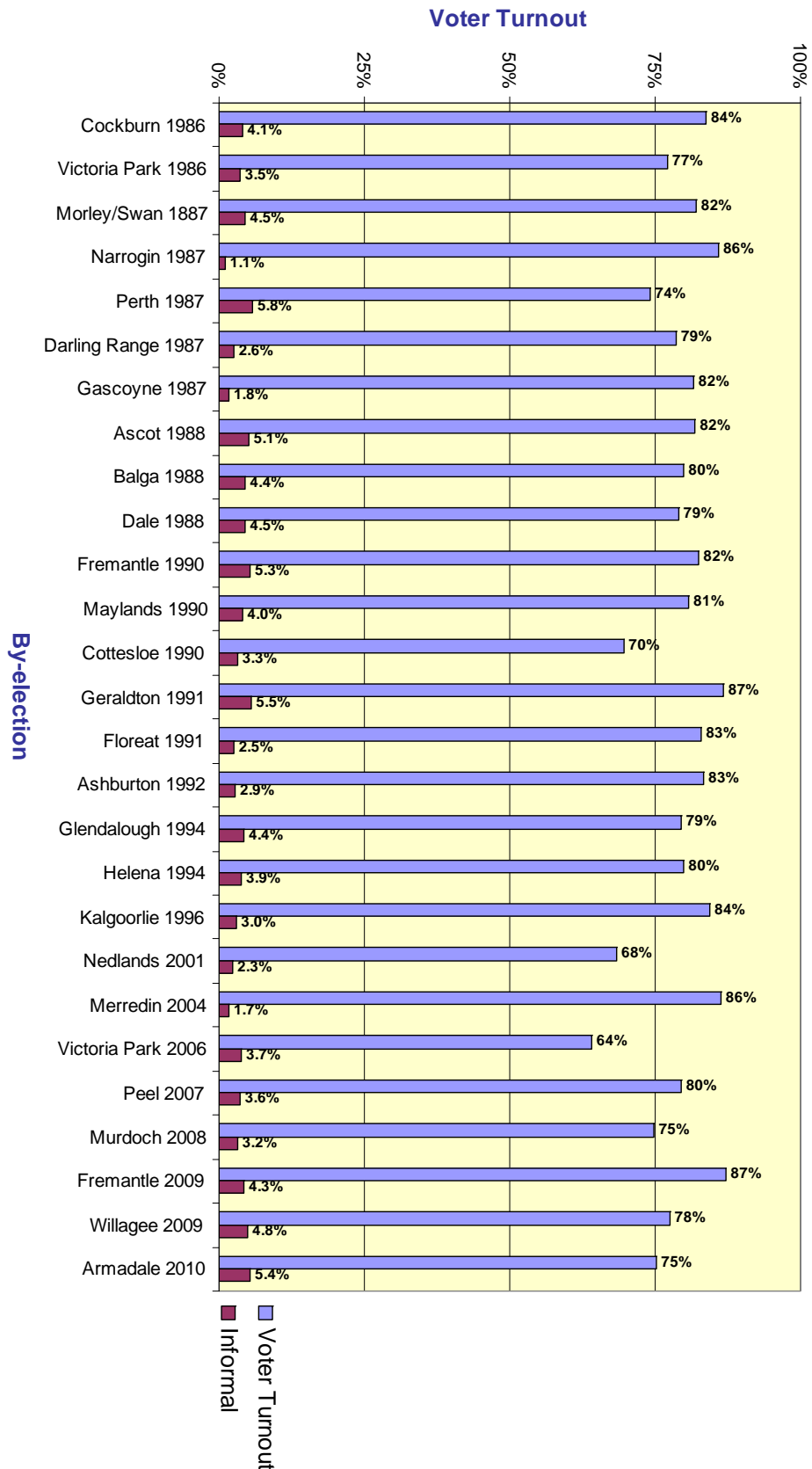
Composition of the Legislative Assembly following the By-election



First Preference Results by Type of Vote



Voter Turnout and Informality Rates at Recent By-elections



The Easy Voter Card (Sample)

District of Armadale
By-Election

A voting guide to the by-election
Saturday 2 October 2010
8.00am to 6.00pm (AWST)

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

To locate your closest polling place logon to www.waec.wa.gov.au and select **Polling Places** button 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 Armadale Primary School
1 Carradine Road
BEOFDORALE

2 Armadale-Kelmeccott
Senior Citizens Centre
Greenade Centre
Coombe Avenue
ARMADALE

3 Cecil Andrews Senior
High School
39 Seville Drive
SEVILLE GROVE

4 Charille Primary School
40 Braemore Street
ARMADALE

5 Crosslands Primary School
14 Swalesford Drive
CAMILLO

6 Gwynne Park Primary School
111 Gwynne Road
BROOKDALE

7 Kelmeccott Senior High School
50 Third Avenue
KELMECCOTT

8 Kingalee Primary School
Lathwell Street
ARMADALE

9 Neerigan Brook Primary School
21 Seville Road
ARMADALE

10 St Mary in the Valley Anglican
Church Hall
Lathwell Street
KELMECCOTT

11 Westfield Park Primary School
Corner Camillo Road and
Highway Drive
CAMILLO

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How to vote

Legislative Assembly
This is an example of the ballot paper used for electing a member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Armadale.

Do not use blue, orange, 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 easy vote in person, or by post, if you meet the criteria. For more information, log on to www.waec.wa.gov.au or call the election information line on 13 63 06.

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

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

Armadale Courthouse
109 July St, Armadale
8.30 – 4.30 Mon – Fri

At most Magistrate Courts throughout the state

At the Western Australian Electoral Commission
Level 2, 111 St Georges Terrace
(corner of William St)
PERTH, WA 6000
8.00 – 5.00 Mon – Fri

NOTE: All locations within WA will remain open until 6.00pm on Friday 1 October 2010.

EARLY VOTING OUTSIDE WA

There are some early voting offices in other Australian States and Territories where elections can cast an easy vote (in person) before Polling Day.

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

To ensure your application is processed in a timely manner, it is advisable that it is returned by Wednesday 29 September 2010.

Need more information?

Contact the election help line on 13 63 06
Website: www.waec.wa.gov.au
TTY: Tel: 5214 0487
Visit us at Level 2, 111 St Georges Tce
(Corr William St), Perth WA 6000

For more information in languages other than English, logon to www.waec.wa.gov.au or call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50 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.

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 continue until each box has been filled in with a different number. You must number every box to make your vote count.

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Authorised by Warwick Gately AM, Electoral Commissioner

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