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Results Declared and Writ Returned for the Secret Harbour By-election

The Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) has officially declared the results of the Secret Harbour By-election held on 29 August 2026.

Mr Luke Herdegen was declared as the elected candidate by the Returning Officer on Wednesday, 9 September.

This declaration finalises the by-election result and supersedes the indicative result reported on polling night.

Following the full distribution of preferences, Mr Herdegen secured 57.19% of the valid votes cast in the two-candidate preferred count, while Ms Georgia Tree received the remaining 42.81%. Details of the final distribution of preferences are available at the website State By-elections | Western Australian Electoral Commission.

“The WA Electoral Commission is committed to delivering elections that are fair, impartial and transparent. I thank everyone involved in this by-election, including voters in the Secret Harbour district, the record number of candidates who put themselves forward to represent their community, the dedicated election officials, and our team of election workers,” said Dennis O’Reilly, WA Electoral Commissioner.

The legal instruments (writ and certificate) directing the Electoral Commissioner to conduct the Secret Harbour By-election have been returned to the Speaker today, Wednesday 9 September.

Quick Stats

Secret Harbour By-election 2026

- Voter Turnout: 78.98% (Rockingham By-election 2023 was 74.48%)
- Postal Votes Received: 6,105
- Early Polling Attendance: 12,621
- Informality Rate: 3.42%

Secret Harbour State General Election 2025

- Voter Turnout: 84.50%
- Postal Votes Returned: 3,121
- Early Polling Attendance: 7,794
- Informality Rate: 4.56%

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