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Report on the Burwood District by-election

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The Hon Bruce Chamberlain, MLC
President of the Legislative Council

The Hon Alex Andrianopoulos, MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

I am pleased to submit to you, for presentation to Parliament, my report on the administration of the Burwood District by-election held on 11 December 1999.

The report is presented to Parliament as required by section 144D(1)(d) of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1958*.



Colin Barry
Electoral Commissioner
1 August 2000

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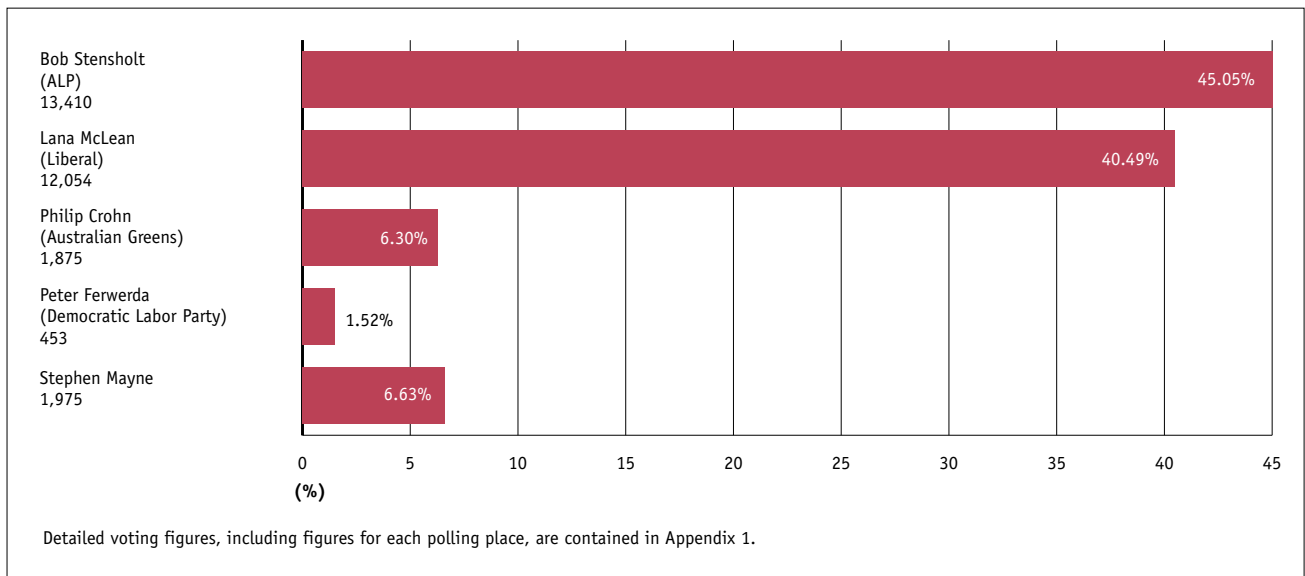
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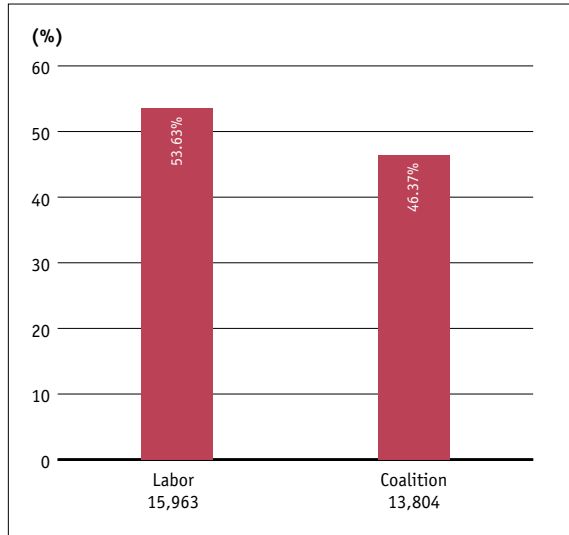
Result

Enrolment:	34,964
Formal votes:	29,767
Informal votes:	741 (2.43% of total votes)
Total votes:	30,508 (87.26% of electors enrolled)

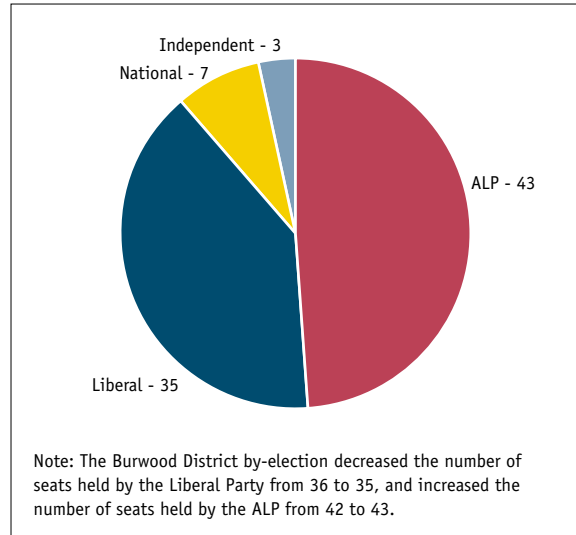
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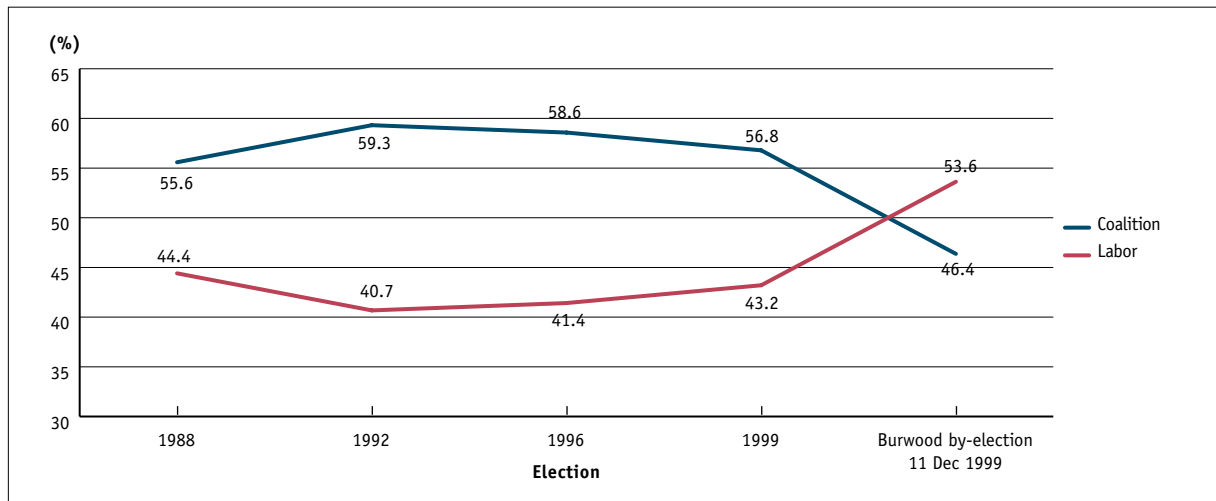
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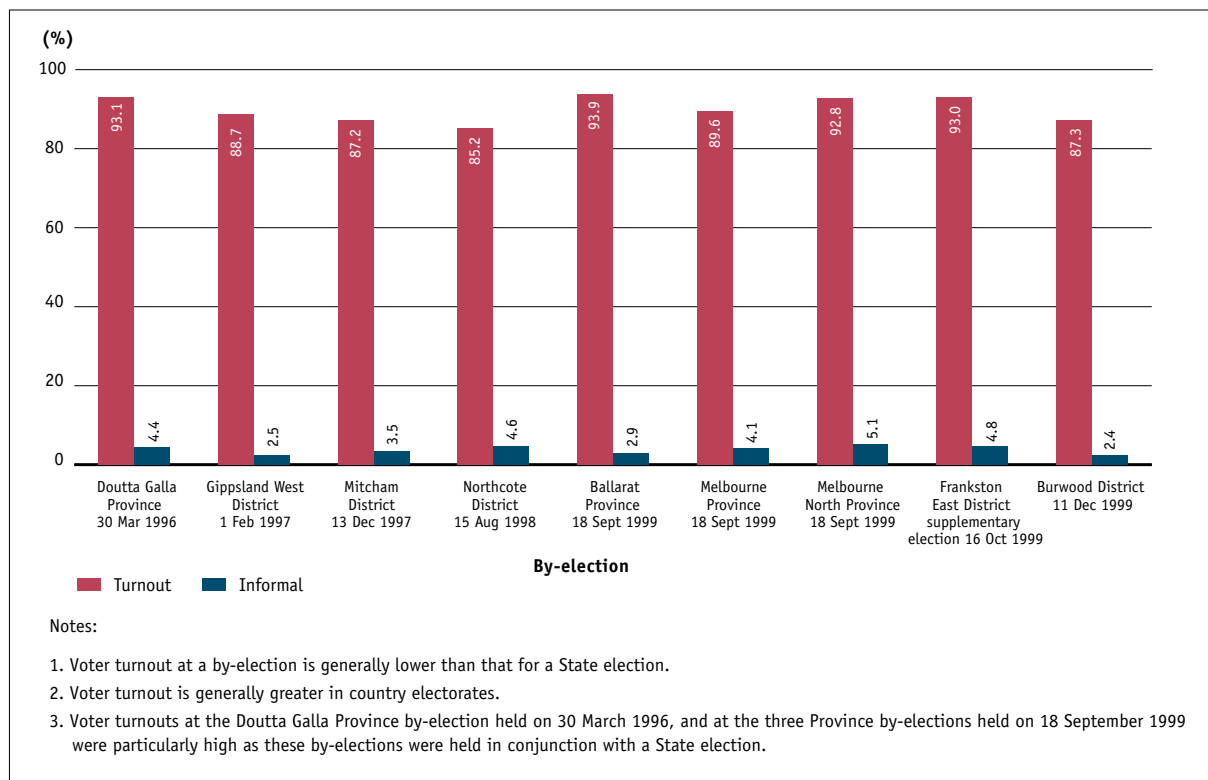
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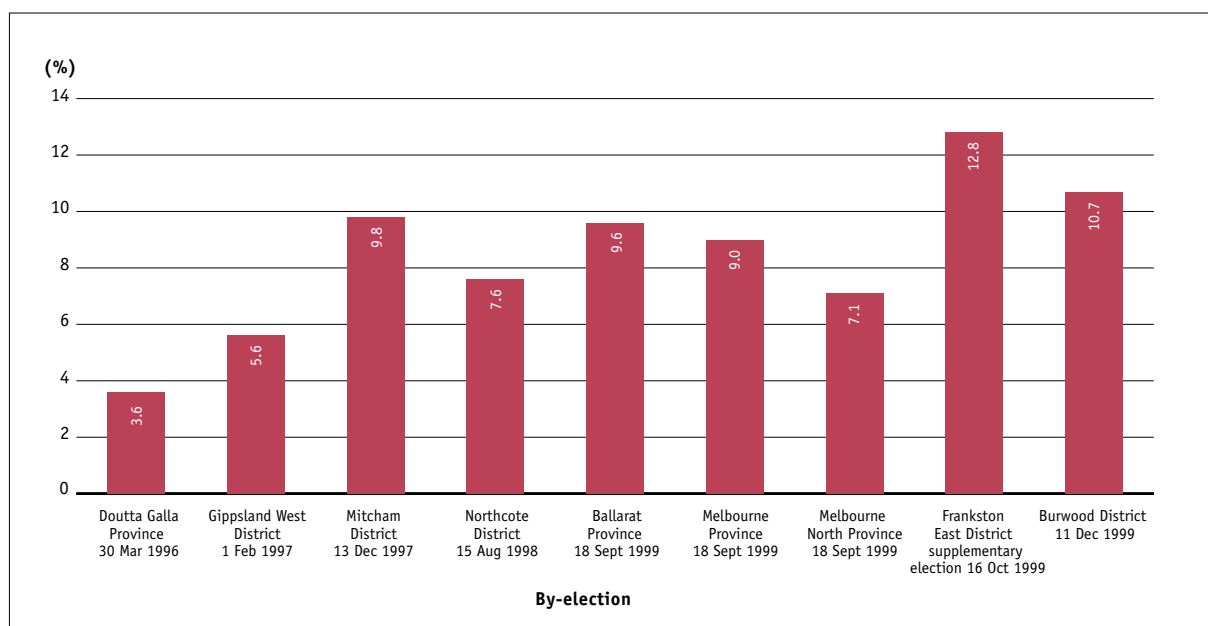
Two-party-preferred vote: Burwood District 1988 to 1999



Voter turnout and informal votes at Victorian State by-elections 1996-1999



Votes cast before election day at Victorian State by-elections 1996-1999



Cost

The cost of the Burwood by-election was \$193,400. This cost includes all direct costs, plus apportioned costs of VEC general expenses.

Background information

The Honourable Jeffrey Kennett, MP, Member for the Electoral District of Burwood, resigned from the Legislative Assembly, effective on 3 November 1999.

By-election dates

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly announced the following dates for the by-election.

Issue of writ	11 November 1999
Close of roll	15 November 1999
Close of nominations	22 November 1999
Election day	11 December 1999
Return of writ	on or before 31 December 1999

The former Member

Mr Kennett was the Member for Burwood from March 1976. He was the Premier from October 1992 to November 1999 and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for the Arts from April 1996 to November 1999. Mr Kennett was the Leader of the Opposition from 1982-89 and again from 1991-92, Shadow Minister for Housing, and Immigration and Ethnic Affairs in 1982 and for Youth and Ethnic Affairs from 1988-89. Mr Kennett's ministerial portfolios between 1981 and 1996 have comprised Housing, Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs, and Ethnic Affairs. His committee service has included Company Takeover from 1976-81, and he was an Executive Councillor in December 1980. Before entering Parliament, Mr Kennett founded KNF Advertising Pty Ltd in 1971.

The electorate

Burwood District is part of the East Yarra Province and is an established, residential, metropolitan electorate about 13 kilometres east of central Melbourne. It covers 21 square kilometres and encompasses the suburbs of Ashwood and Ashburton and parts of the suburbs of Burwood, Glen Iris, Surrey Hills, Canterbury, Camberwell, Box Hill South, Hartwell and Chadstone.

Map of Burwood District



Past results

1999 State election results

Electors enrolled	34,668
Total votes	32,234 (92.98% of electors enrolled)
Informal votes	789 (2.45% of total votes)

First-preference votes

Mark Bunn (Natural Law Party)	734	2.33%
Jeff Kennett (Liberal)	17,455	55.51%
Bob Stensholt (ALP)	13,062	41.54%
Justice Abolish Child Support and Family Court (Abolish Child Support and Family Court)	194	0.62%

Two-party-preferred vote

Labor	13,585	43.21%
Coalition	17,858	56.79%

1996 State election results

Electors enrolled	33,722
Total votes	31,704 (94.02% of electors enrolled)
Informal votes	546 (1.72% of total votes)

First-preference votes

Neil Phillips (Natural Law Party)	1,001	3.21%
Jeff Kennett (Liberal)	17,836	57.24%
Helen Matthews (ALP)	12,321	39.54%

Two-party-preferred vote

Labor	12,895	41.42%
Coalition	18,234	58.58%

Historical pattern

LCP/Liberal	1955-67*
Liberal	1976-1999
ALP	1999-present

*Burwood District was abolished in 1967, and re-established in 1976.

Services to registered political parties and candidates

Appointment of a returning officer

Mr Brian Ritchie, who was the returning officer for Burwood District at the 1999 State election, was appointed as the returning officer for the Burwood by-election.

The returning officer's duties included:

- staffing an office;
- receiving candidates' nominations;
- conducting the draw for ballot paper positions;
- dealing with electoral enquiries;
- issuing postal votes;
- securing venues for polling places within the electorate;
- employing polling place managers and polling officials;
- training polling place managers;
- the registration of how-to-vote cards;
- supervising polling, and receiving and recording voting figures; and
- declaring the poll.

Mr Ritchie was assisted in the conduct of the by-election by experienced election staff who had worked in the returning officer's office at the recent State election.

Support for candidates

Candidates' information kits containing electoral information and material were made available to candidates for the by-election. The kits contained:

- a copy of the *Candidate's Handbook for State Elections*;
- a map of the electorate and information about the electorate;
- previous election results for the electorate;
- contact details of the returning officer's office;

- a list of names and addresses of polling places appointed for the by-election;
- a candidate nomination form;
- *Appointment of Scrutineer* forms;
- a *How-to-vote Card Declaration* form; and
- a supply of postal vote application forms.

Candidates were also provided with the following roll products for the Burwood District:

- Reference rolls
- a list of Streets
- a list of General Postal Voters

Registration of how-to-vote cards

As at all State by-elections, how-to-vote cards registered by the VEC were the only printed electoral material permitted to be distributed within 400 metres of a polling place on election day. Any person or organisation could submit a how-to-vote card for registration. The following six cards were registered by the returning officer for the Burwood by-election.

Australian Labor Party–Victorian Branch	3 cards
Liberal Party of Australia–Victorian Division	1 card
The Australian Greens–Victoria	1 card
Stephen Mayne	1 card

Appendix 2 contains samples of how-to-vote cards registered for the by-election.

Provision of election results

Results were received by the VEC and relayed by telephone and fax to the media and to candidates and political parties. In addition the results were available on the VEC's web site.



The returning officer's duties included registering candidates' how-to-vote cards, which were handed out on election day.

The VEC's performance in providing services to registered political parties and candidates

The VEC did not receive any formal complaints from registered political parties or candidates during the period of the by-election.

On election day concern was raised about unauthorised material being distributed outside a polling place in the Burwood District. Election material was being distributed by a group called 'Vote Informal Today, Democracy Tomorrow'. The material was advocating an informal vote. Victoria police were asked to intervene and collected this material from outside the Elgar Park polling place.

Services to voters

Enrolment

Burwood voters had the opportunity to update their enrolment for a four day period once the by-election was announced. Enrolment forms were available at the usual outlets prior to the close of the roll (post offices and the returning officer's office). In addition, enrolment forms were able to be downloaded from the VEC's web site. During the enrolment period, from the issue of the writ on 11 November to the close of roll on 15 November 1999, 388 people updated their enrolment for the District.

Arrangements for voting before election day

There is a continuing trend towards an increasing number of voters opting to vote before election day. This is because of a growing awareness amongst voters of pre-poll and postal voting facilities. There were 3,257 people who voted before election day (10.68% of voters). This is the second highest proportion on record for a by-election in Victoria, exceeded only by the Frankston East supplementary election of October 1999.

Voting in person

The returning officer's office was located at 621 Camberwell Road, Camberwell. The office was open to the public from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm on weekdays from Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 9 December, and until 6.00 pm on Friday, 10 December for postal voting purposes. Pre-poll voting commenced from the close of nominations (22 November 1999), at the returning officer's office. The VEC also provided facilities for Burwood electors to record postal votes in person at the VEC's office at 505 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. Some 1,106 people voted at the returning officer's office whilst 127 electors used the VEC service.

Voting by post

Burwood electors who applied for and were qualified to receive a postal vote were able to vote by post. Postal voting services were provided for Burwood electors

travelling interstate or overseas at the time of the by-election at interstate electoral offices, and at Victoria House, London. Four Burwood electors took advantage of these services. Postal voting material was issued to 1,958 people. Subsequently, 1,732 of these votes were returned and admitted to the count.

Voting at special hospitals

The Electoral Commissioner may appoint certain institutions to be 'special hospitals'. Mobile polling teams visit these 'special hospitals' in the week before polling day to enable patients or residents to vote without having to apply for a postal vote or go to a polling place on election day.

There are a number of special accommodation services and hospitals located within the Burwood District. The Electoral Commissioner appointed five of these institutions to be 'special hospitals' for the by-election. The number of votes cast at special hospitals was 292.

Registered general postal voters

Electors who are permanently disabled or who care for those who are permanently disabled, who live 20 kilometres or more from a polling place, who cannot vote on a Saturday for religious reasons, who are 'silent' electors, or who have another lawful reason why it is always extremely difficult to get to a polling place on election day, may apply to be registered as general postal voters.



89.3% of voters voted on election day and 10.7% voted before election day.

Registered general postal voters are automatically sent postal voting material when an election is announced to enable them to record their votes.

Postal voting material was sent to 301 general postal voters at the by-election. (General postal votes are included in the 1,732 postal votes quoted above.)

Arrangements for voting on election day

Polling place arrangements

Thirteen polling places were appointed for the Burwood by-election. The venues used as polling places were the same as those used for the State election held on 18 September 1999. Polling places were located throughout the electorate and were generally known to electors.

Information to voters

Voter information campaign

During the Burwood by-election, a campaign to provide information to the electorate on enrolment and postal voting, and on how, when and where to vote was developed by the VEC.

The main elements of the VEC's voter information campaign were:

- an information leaflet delivered to every household in the electorate;
- newspaper advertisements in metropolitan daily and five local newspapers; and
- news releases.

Voter information leaflet

The VEC produced a voter information leaflet for the by-election, which was distributed to every household. The leaflet, which was distributed from 23 to 25 November 1999, informed people of:

- the date of the by-election;
- the fact that voting was compulsory;
- when and where to vote on election day;
- how to obtain a postal vote;
- where to vote in person before election day; and
- how to vote correctly.

Appendix 3 contains a copy of the voter information leaflet.

Newspaper advertisements

Advertisements were placed in two metropolitan daily newspapers (*Herald Sun* and *The Age*) and five local newspapers covering the Burwood District (*Monash Journal*, *Progress Press*, *Waverley Gazette*, *Whitehorse Gazette* and *Whitehorse Journal*) in order to convey information to the entire electorate at various stages of the voter information campaign.

The advertisements provided information about enrolment, publicised the key dates for the by-election, invited nominations, informed voters how they could vote if they were unable to vote on election day, advertised the location of polling places and provided information on how to complete a ballot paper. The telephone numbers of a multi-language enquiry service were included in major advertisements to assist electors from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The newspaper advertisements are reproduced in Appendix 4.



Leaving the Ashwood Secondary College polling place after voting.

Telephone enquiry service

During the by-election, the VEC operated a telephone enquiry service from its Melbourne office to provide information such as names of candidates, polling place addresses and what to do if an elector could not vote on election day.

The VEC's performance in providing services to voters

The voter turnout at the by-election was 87.26 per cent of all enrolled electors, and the informal voting rate was 2.43 per cent of total votes. These figures are better than the average figure for metropolitan by-elections during the past ten years. The voter turnout and informal voting rates are pleasing considering that the by-election was held within three months of the State election and the Federal referendum on the republic issue. These factors might be expected to reduce voter turnout and increase the informal vote because Burwood voters were voting so often in a short period of time. It seems that the substantial media and political attention focussed on the by-election supplemented the VEC's voter information campaign, ensuring that electors were made well aware of the by-election.

The VEC did not receive any formal complaints from voters during the by-election.

Information services to the media

Information kit and information on the web site

An information kit, prepared for the by-election, and the VEC's web site: www.vec.vic.gov.au provided detailed information about the Burwood District for the media.

News releases

The VEC distributed to the media five news releases and an electorate profile containing key electoral information.

Media enquiries

The Burwood by-election raised a good deal of media interest from the outset, as it was the first by-election contested by the newly formed State Labor government, and the seat had been held by the former Premier, the Hon Jeff Kennett, since 1976.

Enquiries received from the media related to:

- key dates and arrangements for the by-election;
- the names and contact details of candidates;
- requests for descriptive information and maps of the electorate;
- previous election results for the electorate; and
- arrangements for receiving election results on election night.

There was also a large contingent of media present at the returning officer's office to witness the draw for candidates' positions on the ballot paper after the close of nominations.

Provision of results

VEC staff were on hand at the returning officer's office on election night to answer media enquiries and to fax progressive results to the media, candidates and political parties. Results to polling place level were also available on the VEC's web site.



Media were present at the draw for candidates' positions on the ballot paper held at the returning officer's office.

The VEC's performance in providing information services to the media

Background information provided by the VEC was well used in a variety of media reports during the course of the by-election.

On election night the first polling place results were provided to the media at approximately 7.00 pm, and the last at about 8.30 pm, with a clear indication of the result and swing being evident by about 8.00 pm.

This compares favourably with other by-elections and was particularly pleasing given the high profile nature of this by-election.

VEC personnel



Returning officer's office staff (left to right): Margaret Kapetanovski, Andrea Hughes, Ann Dougan and Kim Muhlen-Schulte.

VEC support

The role of the VEC at the by-election was to support the returning officer by providing:

- advice on election management;
- equipment and furniture, telephone and facsimile installation, ballot boxes, voting screens and polling place furniture;
- Help Desk support and assistance for the VEC's election management system and other technical issues;
- electoral materials, including polling place and office manuals and forms;
- a voter information campaign for the by-election;
- assistance with public and media relations; and
- electoral rolls for use in polling places.

Employment of staff

The returning officer employed 102 staff to work as election officials on election day. Training was conducted for the thirteen polling place managers (PPMs) appointed for the by-election.

The training enabled the returning officer to:

- explain arrangements for preliminary counting of votes and for the two-candidate-preferred distribution of votes;
- emphasise procedures and draw the PPMs' attention to by-election requirements;
- explain polling place staffing and equipment arrangements; and
- discuss issues raised by the PPMs.

The returning officer was very satisfied with the level of support provided by the VEC.

Counting the votes and return of the writ

Votes were counted in the polling places and progressively relayed to the

returning officer after 6.00 pm on election night. All pre-poll and postal votes on hand were also counted in the returning officer's office on election night. A recheck of ballot papers was completed on the Sunday after election day which meant that the final results, including the preference distribution, were available by Monday 13 December.

Eighty-four declaration votes were checked after election day, using the State Roll System to determine the eligibility of voters whose names could not be found on the by-election roll.

On 13 December 1999, the returning officer declared Mr Bob Stensholt (Australian Labor Party) elected, and the Acting Electoral Commissioner returned the writ to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

On 14 December 1999, Mr Stensholt was duly sworn-in by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly as the Member for the Electoral District of Burwood.

Appendices

Appendix 1

Detailed voting statistics

Burwood District by-election: 11 December 1999

Total number of electors enrolled:	34,964
Formal votes:	29,767
Informal votes:	741 (2.43% of total votes)
Total votes:	30,508 (87.26% of electors enrolled)

Number of first-preference votes polled by each candidate

Polling place	STENSHOLT, Bob Australian Labor Party	McLEAN, Lana Liberal	CROHN, Philip Australian Greens	FERWERDA, Peter Democratic Labor Party (DLP) of Australia	MAYNE, Stephen	Informal votes	Total votes
Alamein	549	289	54	11	50	32	985
Ashburton	1151	978	174	44	191	58	2596
Ashwood	1853	1312	193	37	162	104	3661
Burwood	466	458	75	27	98	17	1141
Burwood Central	994	856	146	43	168	71	2278
Chatham South	327	373	97	19	49	17	882
Elgar Park	877	923	171	26	147	45	2189
Glen Iris	908	1182	153	30	260	60	2593
Glen Iris South	576	661	95	21	164	44	1561
Hartwell	851	814	145	30	147	59	2046
Highfield Park	1187	1285	221	60	255	54	3062
Jordanville South	1380	659	69	20	94	73	2295
Wattle Park	901	710	149	26	121	49	1956
Ordinary votes	12020	10500	1742	394	1906	683	27245
Postal votes	1289	1385	130	54	64	43	2965
Section	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Unenrolled votes	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Special hospitals	96	168	3	5	5	15	292
Total	13410	12054	1875	453	1975	741	30508
Percentage of formal vote	45.05%	40.49%	6.30%	1.52%	6.63%		

Distribution of preference votes

Burwood District by-election: 11 December 1999

Total formal first-preference votes polled for all candidates:	29,767
Number of votes required to constitute an absolute majority (50% + 1 of first-preference votes):	14,884
Number of informal votes:	741

Candidates' names (in ballot paper order)	STENSHOLT, Bob	McLEAN, Lana	CROHN, Philip	FERWERDA, Peter	MAYNE, Stephen	Total
Total first-preference votes recorded for each candidate	13410	12054	1875	453	1975	29767
Transfer of 453 ballot papers of FERWERDA, Peter (1st excluded candidate)	114	122	106		111	453
Progressive total	13524	12176	1981		2086	29767
Transfer of 1981 ballot papers of CROHN, Philip (2nd excluded candidate)	1183	309			489	1981
Progressive total	14707	12485			2575	29767
Transfer of 2575 ballot papers of MAYNE, Stephen (3rd excluded candidate)	1256	1319				2575
Final total	15963	13804				29767
Percentage of formal vote	53.63%	46.37%				

Name of elected candidate: STENSHOLT, Bob

Two-party-preferred vote:

Labor:	15,963	53.63%
Coalition:	13,804	46.37%

Two-candidate-preferred summary

Burwood District by-election: 11 December 1999

These results are the indicative two-candidate-preferred (2CP) count. The Electoral Commissioner may direct the returning officer to conduct a two-candidate-preferred count, under which the preferences on ballot papers for 'minor' candidates are distributed to the two candidates considered by the Electoral Commissioner to be the most likely to be in the lead on election night. The purpose of the two-candidate-preferred count is to provide an early indication of the result of the election, to provide two-party-preferred statistics by polling place, and, if no preference distribution is required, to provide a two-party-preferred statistic for the electorate.

Polling place	STENSHOLT, Bob	McLEAN, Lana	Informal votes	Total
Alamein	626	327	32	985
Ashburton	1399	1139	58	2596
Ashwood	2090	1467	104	3661
Burwood	572	551	18	1141
Burwood Central	1195	1013	67	2275
Chatham South	437	427	18	882
Elgar Park	1077	1067	45	2189
Glen Iris	1163	1375	55	2593
Glen Iris South	744	773	44	1561
Hartwell	1051	936	59	2046
Highfield Park	1486	1522	54	3062
Jordanville South	1499	724	72	2295
Wattle Park	1094	813	49	1956
Ordinary votes	14433	12134	675	27242
Postal votes	1438	1484	43	2965
Section	1	1	0	2
Unenrolled votes	4	0	0	4
Special hospital	102	175	15	292
Total	15978	13794	733	30505
Percentage of formal vote	53.67%	46.33%		

Appendix 2

Registered how-to-vote cards

This appendix shows samples of how-to-vote cards that were registered for the by-election.

How-to-vote cards were registered on behalf of the following organisations:

Australian Labor Party–Victorian Branch

Liberal Party of Australia–Victorian Division

The Australian Greens–Victoria

Stephen Mayne

**Let's get on
with the job**

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Burwood by-election
Write ballot paper

1 STENSHOLT, Bob
AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

5 McLEAN, Lana

2 CROHN, Phillip

3 FERWERDA, Peter

4 MAYNE, Stephen

BOB STENSHOLT

To vote Labor, number
all the boxes as shown.
If you make a mistake, ask
for a new ballot paper.

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ALP Labor

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LANA McLEAN
LISTENING. RESPONDING.
WORKING.

Make sure your vote counts.
Number every square just like this...

- | | |
|----------|---------------------|
| 5 | STENSHOLT, Bob |
| 1 | McLEAN, Lana |
| 2 | CROHN, Philip |
| 3 | FERWERDA, Peter |
| 4 | MAYNE, Stephen |

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Printed by Fast Impressions, 2 Kembla Street, Cheltenham 3192.
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*Legislative Assembly
BURWOOD DISTRICT*

2 STENSCHOLT, Bob
AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

3 McLEAN, Lana
LIBERAL


1 **CROHN, Philip**
AUSTRALIAN GREENS

4 FERWERDA, Peter
DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY

5 MAYNE, Stephen

THE GREENS

RESCUE THE FUTURE
Vote for the Australian Greens



- open and accountable government
- planning based on environmental and community principles
- adequately funded hospitals and health care
- well funded schools, preschools and community child care
- better public transport and bicycle facilities
- protection of parks and reserves

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How To Vote For Stephen Mayne

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STENSCHOLT

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McLEAN

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CROHN

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FERWERDA

2



If YOU prefer
Labor

STEPHEN MAYNE



If YOU prefer
Liberal

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Registered By Returning Officer Burwood District

Appendix 3

Voter information leaflet

A voter information leaflet was delivered to households in the Burwood District during the by-election period. The leaflet, which was distributed from 23 to 25 November 1999 (the week after nominations closed), informed people of:

- the date of the by-election;
- the fact that voting was compulsory;
- when and where to vote on election day;
- how to obtain a postal vote;
- where to vote in person before election day; and
- how to vote correctly.

<p>Polling places</p> <p>On election day, Saturday, 11 December 1999, you can vote at any polling place listed below from 8 am to 6 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Alamein Craig Family Centre, 7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton *Ashburton Ashburton Primary School, Fakenham Road, Ashburton *Ashwood Ashwood Secondary College, Vannam Drive, Ashwood *Burwood Burwood Pre-school, 48a Alfred Road, Burwood **Burwood Central St Benedict's Primary School, 3-9 Central Avenue, Burwood *Chatham South Church of Christ, The Avenue, Surrey Hills **Elgar Park St Theodores Hall, 109 Broughton Road, Surrey Hills *Glen Iris Glen Iris Primary School, 170 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris **Glen Iris South Glen Iris Church of Christ Hall, 16 St George's Crescent, Ashburton **Hartwell Hartwell Primary School, Cnr Oberwyl Road & Milverton Street, Burwood *Highfield Park St Dominics Catholic School, 145 Highfield Road, Camberwell East *Jordanville South St Mary Magdalen's Primary School, Bambil Street, Chadstone *Wattle Park Box Hill South Family Centre, Cnr Riversdale Road & Station Street, Box Hill South <p>* Disabled access ** Access with assistance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Your guide to the BURWOOD by-election</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 11 December 1999 Voting is compulsory</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Victorian Electoral Commission </p>
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A by-election is being held in the Burwood District due to the resignation of the Hon Jeff Kennett, MP on 3 November 1999.

Voting for the Burwood by-election is on Saturday, 11 December 1999, from 8 am to 6 pm.

Polling places are listed on the back of this leaflet.

What to do if you can't get to a polling place on 11 December 1999

If you can't get to a polling place on Saturday, 11 December 1999, you can vote before election day in person or by post.

Voting in person

You can vote at these two offices:

Returning Officer's Office
1/621 Camberwell Road
Camberwell

OR

Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 8, 505 Little Collins Street
Melbourne.

Hours:

Mon, 22 Nov:	2 pm to 5 pm
Tue, 23 to Fri, 26 Nov:	8.30 am to 5 pm
Mon, 29 Nov to Fri, 3 Dec:	8.30 am to 5 pm
Mon, 6 to Thu, 9 Dec:	8.30 am to 5 pm
Fri, 10 Dec:	8.30 am to 6 pm

Voting by post

You can pick up an application for a postal vote at any post office in the Burwood District, or you can telephone the election hotline on **13 18 32** and ask for an application form to be sent to you. Alternatively, you could download an application form from www.vec.vic.gov.au

Post your completed application form as soon as possible.

How to vote

Read the instructions on the ballot paper before you vote. Choose the person you want to see elected and write the number **1** in the box next to that person's name. Then write **2** in the box next to your second choice, **3** in the box next to your third choice and so on, until all the boxes have been filled in.

All the boxes must be filled in.

Voting is compulsory

If you are on the electoral roll for Burwood District, you must vote in this election or you may be fined.

Enquiries

Telephone the Victorian Electoral Commission election hotline on 13 18 32 (for the cost of a local call).

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Appendix 4

Advertisements

The advertisements included in Appendix 4 appeared in the following newspapers:

Metropolitan dailies:

- *Herald Sun*
- *The Age*

Local newspapers:

- *Monash Journal*
- *Progress Press*
- *Waverley Gazette*
- *Whitehorse Gazette*
- *Whitehorse Journal*

Enrolment information: 'Electoral Roll Closes 6pm Monday'*(The Age and Herald Sun)*

BURWOOD BY-ELECTION ELECTORAL ROLL CLOSSES 6 PM MONDAY



A by-election for the State Electoral District of Burwood will be held on Saturday, 11 December 1999. If you're an Australian citizen 18 years of age or over, living in the District of Burwood and you are not enrolled, or if

you have changed your address and have not updated your enrolment details, then enrol to vote now. (open Friday and Monday)

Just go to one of the following offices and enrol on the spot:

Camberwell, Suite 1, Level 2, 695 Burke Road

Camberwell, 1/621, Camberwell Road

(also open Saturday)

Malvern, 1343 Malvern Road


Melbourne, Level 8, 505 Little Collins Street

Remember, the roll closes at 6 pm sharp this Monday, 15 November.

For enrolment information, please phone 13 18 32 from 8.30 am to 5 pm.

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Issue of writ and notice of election

(*The Age and Herald Sun*)

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
BY-ELECTION
DISTRICT OF BURWOOD**

On Thursday, 11 November 1999, I received from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Alex Andrianopoulos, MP, a writ for the election of one Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Burwood.

The writ specifies the following dates for the by-election:

Close of roll: Monday, 15 November 1999


Close of nominations: Monday, 22 November 1999

Polling day: Saturday, 11 December 1999

Return of the writ: on or before Friday, 31 December 1999

This notice is placed as required by Section 155A of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1958*.

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505 Little Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000.

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Nominations information

(*The Age and Herald Sun*)

Nominations for the Burwood by-election



**Nominations close at
12 noon on Monday,
22 November 1999**

If you wish to be a candidate for the Burwood by-election taking place on Saturday, 11 December 1999, you should contact:


Mr Brian Ritchie
Returning Officer
1/621 Camberwell Road
Camberwell

Nomination forms and a *Candidate's Handbook* are available from the Returning Officer.

Nominations must be received by 12 noon on Monday, 22 November 1999. We recommend that candidates nominate well before the deadline.

**For nomination enquiries,
please telephone 9809 4931.**

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Voting before election day

(Metropolitan daily newspapers and local newspapers)

Burwood by-election Saturday, 11 December 1999



What to do if you can't get to a polling place on election day

If you can't get to a polling place on Saturday, 11 December 1999, you can vote before election day in person or by post.

How to vote in person

You can vote from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday at:

Returning Officer's Office
1/621 Camberwell Road
Camberwell

OR

Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 8, 505 Little Collins Street
Melbourne

Both offices will also be open until 6:00 pm on Friday, 10 December 1999.

How to vote by post

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Post your completed application form as soon as possible.

VOTING IS COMPULSORY

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You may be fined if you don't vote.

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- Српски 9209 0107 Serbian • Soomali 9209 0108 Somali • Español 9209 0109 Spanish • Türkçe 9209 0110 Turkish
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Polling place information

(Local newspapers)



Burwood by-election
Saturday, 11 December 1999

When to vote
From 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturday, 11 December 1999

Where to vote
You can vote at any polling place listed below.

- * **Alamein**, Craig Family Centre, 7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton
- * **Ashburton**, Ashburton Primary School, Fakenham Road, Ashburton
- * **Ashwood**, Ashwood Secondary College, Vannam Drive, Ashwood
- * **Burwood**, Burwood Pre-school, 48a Alfred Road, Burwood
- ** **Burwood Central**, St Benedict's Primary School, 3-9 Central Avenue, Burwood
- * **Chatham South**, Church of Christ, The Avenue, Surrey Hills
- ** **Elgar Park**, St Theodores Hall, 109 Broughton Road, Surrey Hills
- * **Glen Iris**, Glen Iris Primary School, 170 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris
- ** **Glen Iris South**, Glen Iris Church of Christ Hall, 16 St George's Crescent, Ashburton
- ** **Hartwell**, Hartwell Primary School, Cnr Oberwyl Road & Milverton Street, Burwood
- * **Highfield Park**, St Dominics Catholic School, 145 Highfield Road, Camberwell East
- * **Jordanville South**, St Mary Magdalen's Primary School, Bambil Street, Chadstone
- * **Wattle Park**, Box Hill South Family Centre, Cnr Riversdale Road & Station Street, Box Hill South

* Disabled access ** Access with assistance

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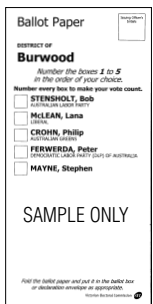
How to vote
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Election day information

(The Age and Herald Sun)

**Burwood by-election
TODAY - Saturday, 11 December 1999**



When to vote

From 8.00 am to 6.00 pm today

Where to vote

You can vote at any polling place listed below.

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How to vote

The ballot paper that you will be given today will look like the sample.

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Ballot Paper

DISTRICT OF
Burwood

Number the boxes 1 to 5 in the order of your choice.
Number every box to make your vote count.

STENSHOLT, Bob
PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

McLEAN, Lana
LIBERAL

CROHN, Philip
PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

FERWERDA, Peter
PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (CLP) OF AUSTRALIA

HAYNE, Stephen

SAMPLE ONLY

Put the ballot paper and put it in the ballot box or deposit box envelope in appropriate.

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