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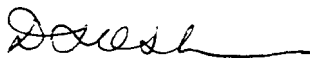


Electoral Commission of Queensland

DETAILS OF POLLING AT THE KURWONGBAH BY-ELECTION HELD ON 24 MAY 1997

**The Honourable Denver Beanland MLA
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice**

Pursuant to section 19(2) of the *Electoral Act* 1992, I am pleased to submit for presentation to Parliament, the details of polling at the Kurwongbah By-Election held on 24 May 1997.



**D J O'Shea
Electoral Commissioner**

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Introduction

On 28 April 1997 Her Excellency, the Governor, issued the writ for a by-election for the electoral district of Kurwongbah to fill the vacancy in Parliament following the resignation of Mrs M R Woodgate.

This is the second by-election during the term of the 48th Parliament, following Lytton in October 1996 (Mundingburra 1996 is classified as a **new** election) and the 369th for the Queensland Parliament since 1860.

Mrs Linda Lavarch (A.L.P.) won the Kurwongbah By-Election on preferences (fifth count) on 24 May 1997 with a majority, following the full distribution of preferences of 3,884 or 60.20% of the two party preferred vote.

The scope and detail of this report has been extended as a service to stakeholders and clients. Changes to counting procedures now make possible the calculation of two party preferred percentages by polling booth and vote type. Also presented for the first time are data drawn from the election night, notional, two candidate preferred count which shows distributions of preferences and rates of exhaustion for individual candidates.



Kurwongbah FastFacts

1 Administration

Returning Officer	Geoff HARDIKER
Assistant Returning Officer:	Libby GLADWIN
District Geographic Classification:	Outer Metropolitan
Polling Booths (Including Brisbane):	11
Pre-Poll Centres:	3
Declared Institutions:	1
No. of Polling Officials:	65
Rate of Public Funding for Parties and Candidates:	\$1.11754 per eligible vote.

2 Kurwongbah Demographic Profile (Based on 1991 Census data)

Demographic Attributes	Kurwongbah	State Mean	Difference from State Mean	Comparative Ranking (of 89 Districts)
Percentage of Population 18+	65.17%	72.65%	- 7.48%	86
Proportion of Australian Citizens 18+	63.99%	71.78%	- 7.79%	84
Same Address Five 'fears Ago	53.18%	50.00%	+3.18%	35
Overseas Born	15.63%	17.45%	- 1.82%	51
Language Other than English	3.22%	7.00%	- 3.78%	68
Employed by Government	24.92%	22.47%	+2.45%	30

3 Enrolment

Kurwongbah Electors as at Close of Rolls:	2 May 1997
Total Enrolment:	25,431
Female:	13,026 (51.22%)
Male:	12,405 (48.78%)
State Mean (30 April 1997):	23,684
Kurwongbah Comparative Ranking:	23 of 89

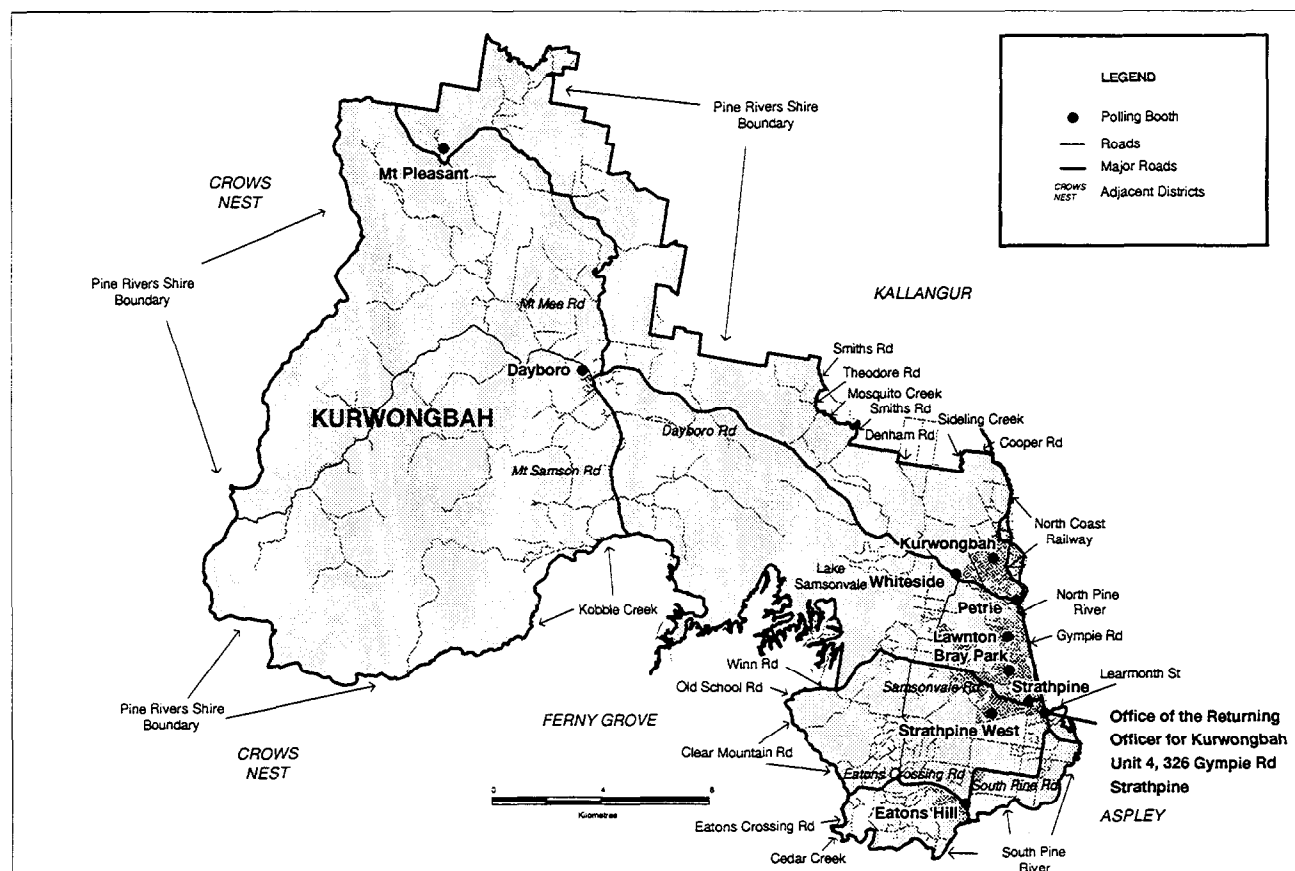


Kurwongbah Timetable

Issue of Writ	Monday - 28 April 1997
Close of Rolls	5:00 pm Friday - 2 May 1997
Close of Nominations	12:00 noon Tuesday - 6 May 1997
Pre-Poll Voting	
Declaration (In Person)	<i>Start:</i> Monday - 12 May 1997 <i>End:</i> 6:00 pm Friday - 23 May 1997
Declaration (Postal)	<i>Applications Start:</i> Monday - 28 April 1997 <i>Applications Close:</i> 6:00 pm Thursday - 22 May 1997 <i>Voting Starts:</i> Wednesday - 7 May 1997 <i>Voting Closes:</i> 6.00 pm Saturday - 24 May 1997 <i>Cut-Off for Return of Ballot Papers:</i> Tuesday - 3 June 1997
Electoral Visitor	<i>Start:</i> Wednesday - 7 May 1997 <i>Applications Close:</i> 6:00 pm Thursday - 22 May 1997
Declared Institution	<i>Start:</i> Tuesday - 13 May 1997 <i>End:</i> 6:00 pm Saturday - 24 May 1997
Polling Day	8:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday - 24 May 1997
Deadline Return of Writ	Monday - 30 June 1997 (Writ actually returned Thursday - 29 May 1997)



Figure (1) Kurwongbah District Boundaries, Polling Booths and Electoral Office



POLLING BOOTHS

No.	Polling Booth Name	Address
1	*Bray Park	Bray Park State School - Hopetoun Street BRAY PARK
2	*Brisbane	Electoral Commission of Queensland Level 6 - Forestry House - 160 Mary Street BRISBANE
3	*Dayboro	Dayboro State School - McKenzie Street DAYBORO
4	*Eatons Hill	South Pine Community Church - Eatons Crossing Road (near corner of South Pine Road) EATONS HILL
5	*Kurwongbah	Kurwongbah State School - Eacham Street PETRIE
6	*Lawnton	Lawnton State School - Todds Road LAWNTON
7	Mount Pleasant	School of Arts Hall MOUNT PLEASANT
8	Petrie	School of Arts Hall - Anzac Avenue PETRIE
9	*Strathpine	St Faiths Anglican Church - corner Samsonvale Road and Sutherland Drive STRATHPINE
10	*Strathpine West	Strathpine West State School - Garbala Drive STRATHPINE
11	Whiteside	North Pine Country Park - Dayboro Road WHITESIDE

* Disabled access.

DECLARED INSTITUTION

Pine Woods Hostel

260 Francis Road LAWNTON



Kurwongbah Statistical Returns 1997

Table (1) First Preference Votes Polled for each Candidate

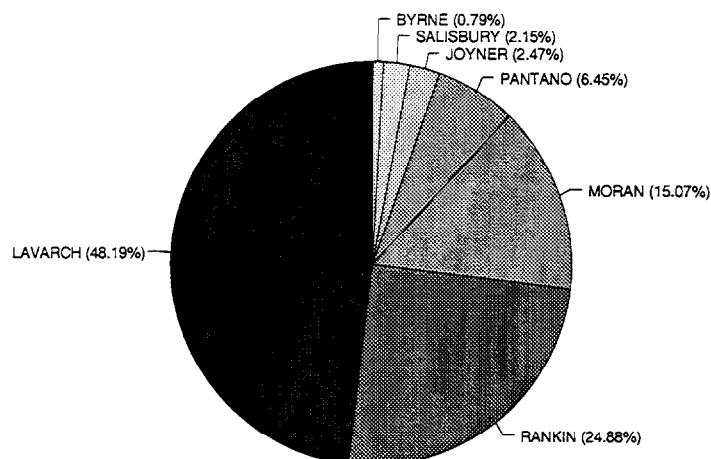
		PANTANO Kim		MORAN Yvonne		JOYNER Rona M		BYRNE Peter		RANKIN Peter G		SALISBURY Bev		LAVARCH Linda								% of Total		Two Party	
Booth		The Greens								Liberal		Shooters		A.L.P. (Elected)		Total Formal	Informal		Total	District	ALP		LIB		
No.	Polling Booth	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	Votes	%	Votes	Votes	Votes	Votes	Votes	Votes	
1	Bray Park	296	7.00%	702	16.60%	104	2.46%	36	0.85%	858	20.29%	88	2.08%	2,144	50.71%	4,228	105	2.42%	4,333	20.19%	65.10%	34.90%			
2	Dayboro	70	6.17%	206	18.15%	34	3.00%	6	0.53%	388	34.19%	46	4.05%	385	33.82%	1,135	21	1.82%	1,156	5.39%	45.56%	54.44%			
3	Eatons Hill	302	10.34%	352	12.05%	78	2.67%	20	0.68%	922	31.56%	44	1.51%	1,203	41.18%	2,921	47	1.58%	2,968	13.83%	52.88%	47.12%			
4	Kurwongbah	114	5.97%	276	14.47%	44	2.31%	18	0.94%	381	19.97%	47	2.46%	1,028	53.88%	1,908	20	1.04%	1,928	8.99%	66.75%	33.25%			
5	Lawnton	157	5.20%	428	14.17%	89	2.95%	23	0.76%	642	21.25%	64	2.12%	1,618	53.66%	3,021	76	2.45%	3,097	14.43%	64.81%	35.19%			
6	Mount Pleasant	5	5.62%	21	23.60%	1	1.12%			34	38.20%	1	1.12%	27	30.34%	89	1	1.11%	90	0.42%	38.75%	61.25%			
7	Petrie	125	6.38%	328	16.73%	52	2.65%	18	0.92%	523	26.68%	41	2.09%	873	44.64%	1,960	37	1.85%	1,997	9.31%	57.03%	42.97%			
8	Strathpine	57	4.12%	183	13.24%	35	2.53%	9	0.65%	353	25.54%	28	2.03%	717	51.88%	1,382	27	1.92%	1,409	6.57%	61.54%	38.46%			
9	Strathpine West	113	6.21%	336	18.47%	46	2.53%	19	1.04%	374	20.56%	39	2.14%	892	48.04%	1,819	42	2.26%	1,861	8.67%	62.95%	37.05%			
10	Whiteside	40	5.79%	149	21.56%	12	1.74%	2	0.29%	193	27.93%	7	1.01%	288	41.68%	691	12	1.71%	703	3.28%	51.27%	48.73%			
Polling Booths Total		1,279	6.68%	2,981	15.56%	495	2.58%	151	0.79%	4,668	24.37%	405	2.11%	9,175	47.90%	19,154	388	1.99%	19,542	91.08%	60.26%	39.74%			
Postal Votes, Special Postal Votes and Declaration (Unenrolled) Votes		36	4.17%	51	5.91%	14	1.62%	7	0.81%	292	33.84%	20	2.32%	443	51.33%	863	7	0.80%	870	4.05%	57.93%	42.07%			
Pre-Poll (in Person) Votes		40	4.22%	135	14.24%	12	1.27%	9	0.95%	258	27.22%	26	2.74%	468	49.37%	948	5	0.52%	953	4.44%	59.72%	40.28%			
Polling Day Absent Votes		4	26.67%	4	26.67%					2	13.33%			6	33.33%	15			15	0.07%	63.64%	36.36%			
Electoral Visit Votes				1	1.92%					11	21.15%	1	1.92%	39	75.00%	52			52	0.24%	76.47%	23.53%			
Declared Institution Votes				1	4.17%					7	29.17%			18	66.67%	24			24	0.11%	69.56%	30.44%			
Declaration and Pre-Poll Total		80	4.21%	192	10.09%	26	1.37%	16	0.84%	570	29.97%	47	2.47%	971	51.05%	1,902	12	0.63%	1,914	8.92%	59.54%	40.46%			
District Total		1,359	6.45%	3,173	15.07%	521	2.47%	167	0.79%	5,238	24.88%	452	2.15%	10,146	48.19%	21,056	400	1.86%	21,456	100.00%	60.20%	39.80%			

Table (2) Distribution of Preferences

Preference Count	PANTANO Klm		MORAN Yvonne		JOYNER Rona M		BYRNE Peter		RANKIN Peter G		SALISBURY Bev		LAVARCH Linda		Votes remaining in count	Exhausted Votes	Total Formal Votes
	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%			
First Preference Votes	1,359	6.45%	3,173	15.07%	521	2.47%	167	0.79%	5,238	24.88%	452	2.15%	10,146	48.19%	21,056		21,056
Byrne Excluded	23	24.21%	17	17.89%	17	17.89%			18	18.95%	10	10.53%	10	10.53%	95	72	167
Total	1,382	6.59%	3,190	15.20%	538	2.56%			5,256	25.05%	462	2.20%	10,156	48.40%	20,984	72	21,056
Salisbury Excluded	46	18.70%	74	30.08%	26	10.57%			39	15.85%			61	24.80%	246	216	462
Total	1,428	6.88%	3,264	15.72%	564	2.72%			5,295	25.50%			10,217	49.20%	20,768	288	21,056
Joyner Excluded	36	8.89%	285	70.37%					48	11.85%			38	8.89%	405	159	564
Total	1,464	7.10%	3,549	17.22%					5,343	25.93%			10,253	49.75%	20,609	447	21,056
Pantano Excluded			289	30.33%					137	14.38%			527	55.30%	953	511	1,464
Total			3,838	19.10%					5,480	27.27%			10,780	53.64%	20,098	958	21,056
Moran Excluded								2,100	75.43%				684	24.67%	2,784	1,054	3,838
District Total								7,580	39.80%				11,484	60.20%	19,044	2,012	21,056

Kurwongbah Electoral District Profile

Percentage of First Preference Votes



Geography

GeoClass:	Outer Metropolitan
Area:	412 Km ²
In Federal Divisions:	Dickson and Longman
Includes LGA:	Pine Rivers Shire Council

Summary Statistics 1992 - 1995 - 1997

Seat Status: Safe A.L.P.
Change: Safe A.L.P. ⇒ Marginal A.L.P. ⇒ Safe A.L.P.
Won on: Preferences (5th Count)

Variable	1992	1995	1997	Change (1992-1997)
Close of Roll	22,376	23,789	25,431	+ 13.65%
Candidates	4	5	7	+ 3
TPP (A.L.P.)	63.06%	55.90%	60.20%	- 2.86%
Informal	2.06%	1.44%	1.86%	- 0.20%
Turnout	93.78%	92.99%	84.37%	- 9.41%

History

Derivation of Name: Aboriginal (*habitat of native bird*)

Previously Held: A.L.P. (1992 -)

First Proclaimed: 1991

Current Member: L Lavarch, A.L.P. (1997 -)



Table (3) Kurwongbah Full Distribution of Preferences and Rates of Exhaustion

Count	Candidates in Order of Exclusion	% of Live Votes at each Exclusion	Distribution of Preferences to Candidates Remaining in the Count						Exhausted Votes
			Salisbury (SHOOTERS)	Joyner	Pantano (GREENS)	Moran	Rankin (LIB)	Lavarch (A.L.P.)	
2	Byrne	0.79%	5.99%	10.18%	13.77%	10.18%	10.78%	5.99%	43.11%
3	Salisbury (SHOOTERS)	2.20%		5.63%	9.96%	16.02%	8.44%	13.20%	46.75%
4	Joyner	2.72%			6.38%	50.63%	8.51%	6.38%	28.19%
5	Pantano (GREENS)	7.10%				19.74%	9.36%	36.00%	34.90%
6	Moran	19.10%					54.72%	17.82%	27.46%
	All excluded candidates	26.94% (Total Formal Votes)					41.29%	23.24%	35.47%

The Kurwongbah By-Election was won on preferences at the 5th count (**bold horizontal line**) by the A.L.P. candidate (Lavarch) who secured 60.20% of the *Two Party Preferred Vote*. This table summarises the distribution of preferences and rates of exhaustion of votes cast for the five (5) candidates excluded during the full preferential count.

The percentage of "Live Votes at each Exclusion" calculated for each excluded candidate is that candidate's share of the *total votes remaining in the count before exclusion*. It would be misleading to total these figures as if they were all percentages of first preference votes because there would be some double-counting.

The final row shows the division between Rankin (41.29%) and Lavarch (23.24%) of the 5,672 primary votes (26.94% of total formal) cast for the five (5) excluded candidates, together with the overall rate of exhaustion (35.47%).

Table (4) Kurwongbah Two Candidate Preferred Distribution of Preferences and Rates of Exhaustion

Candidates in Order of Exclusion	Ordinary Votes	% Total Ordinary Votes	Rankin (LIB)	Lavarch (A.L.P.)	Exhausted Votes
Byrne	151	0.79%	31.13%	21.85%	47.02%
Salisbury	405	2.11%	27.16%	21.73%	51.11%
Joyner	495	2.58%	36.57%	16.16%	47.27%
Pantano	1,279	6.68%	18.22%	44.25%	37.53%
Moran	2,981	15.56%	55.82%	15.43%	28.75%
Total	5,311	27.73%	42.08%	23.10%	34.81%

Data here are derived from the election night, notional, *Two Candidate Preferred Count*. This analysis avoids the multiple counting of ballot papers required by the full preferential count as presented above in Table (3).

The final row shows the division between Rankin (42.08%) and Lavarch (23.10%) of the 5,311 ordinary primary votes (27.73% of formal ordinary votes) cast for the five excluded candidates, together with the overall rate of exhaustion (34.81%). The bottom line differs from the results of Table (3) because the election night, notional count omits Declaration and Pre-Poll votes, in this case a total 361 extraordinary votes cast for the five (5) excluded candidates.



Table (5) Kurwongbah Two Party Preferred Vote by Excluded Candidate by Vote Type

Candidates In Order of Exclusion	% Total Primary Votes	Ordinary Votes - Polling Booths																		Declaration and Pre-Poll Votes		Total Votes			
		Bray Park		Dayboro		Etone Hill		Kurwongbah		Lawnton		Mt Pleasant		Petrie		Strathpine		Strathpine West						Whiteside	
		ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib	ALP	Lib
Byrne	0.79%	41%	59%	33%	67%	45%	55%	33%	67%	62%	38%	-	-	20%	80%	60%	40%	27%	73%	100%	0%	50%	50%	42%	58%
Salisbury	2.15%	58%	42%	33%	67%	39%	61%	33%	67%	47%	53%	0%	100%	32%	68%	50%	50%	33%	67%	100%	0%	38%	62%	44%	56%
Joyner	2.47%	37%	63%	25%	75%	23%	77%	23%	77%	20%	80%	0%	100%	36%	64%	38%	62%	48%	52%	33%	67%	7%	93%	29%	71%
Pantano	6.45%	70%	30%	83%	17%	72%	28%	71%	29%	70%	30%	67%	33%	68%	32%	69%	31%	68%	32%	67%	33%	49%	51%	70%	30%
Moran	15.07%	26%	74%	17%	83%	15%	85%	24%	76%	21%	79%	14%	86%	25%	75%	20%	80%	26%	74%	11%	89%	24%	76%	22%	78%
Sub-Total	26.94%	39%	61%	32%	68%	38%	62%	35%	65%	33%	67%	21%	79%	35%	65%	35%	65%	36%	64%	24%	76%	30%	70%	36%	64%
TPP Total: (Lavarch and Rankin added)	100%	65%	35%	46%	54%	53%	47%	67%	33%	65%	35%	39%	61%	57%	43%	62%	38%	63%	37%	51%	49%	60%	40%	60%	40%

The Two Party Preferred (TPP) statistic indicates the division of support for the A.L.P. on the one hand and the National/Liberal coalition on the other. TPP percentages are calculated from the base of votes remaining in the count (total formal minus exhausted votes).

Ballot papers have been initially ascribed to candidates according to first preference votes. TPP percentages have been calculated by investigation of the distribution of later preferences on these ballot papers to either the A.L.P. or Liberal candidates. Exhausted votes have been removed from the count.

Data here are derived from the election night, notional, two candidate preferred count conducted by polling booth officials, supplemented by a special notional count of Declaration and Pre-Poll Votes. The final row includes the primary vote for Lavarch (A.L.P.) and Rankin (Liberal), and provides overall TPP percentages by polling booth and vote type.