

Shop Distributive and Allied Employees' Association
(Queensland Branch) Union of Employees

Certificate of Election

The Queensland Industrial Registrar issued a Decision, pursuant to the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 that the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) conduct an election for the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees' Association (Queensland Branch) Union of Employees for the following positions:

Office	No. of Positions
President	1
Vice-President.....	1
Secretary-Treasurer	1
Assistant Secretary	1
District Representatives	
Greater Brisbane Area	5
Southern and Western Districts..... (Gold Coast Logan City, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Warwick and Roma Districts)	2
Northern Districts	2
(Sunshine Coast, Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg Districts)	
Central Division.....	1

Table 1 – Positions of office

A Notice of Election detailing the election arrangements was advertised in the Courier Mail and the Notice of Election and Nomination Form was published on the ECQ's website on Monday, 4 May 2026. The timetable for the election was advertised as follows:

- Nominations open at midday on Monday, 4 May 2026;
- Nominations close at midday on Friday, 22 May 2026;
- Postal Ballot, if required, will open Monday, 8 June 2026;
- Ballot to close at midday on Tuesday, 30 June 2026.

Nominations

Nomination forms were received by the following:

Office	No. of Positions	Nominees
President.....	1	BLYTHE, Cassandra
Vice-President.....	1	FLOOD, Belinda
Secretary-Treasurer	1	POWER, Justin
Assistant Secretary	1	STAPLETON, Anthony
District Representatives		
Greater Brisbane Area.....	5	BURGESS, Kathleen JARRETT, Pierina MARTIN, Robert PULUNGAN, Sharon WEDGWOOD, Margaret
Southern and Western Districts	2	MANASE, Luaipou OCHOLA, Stacy
Northern Districts.....	2	BESWICK, Ellen WOODSIDE, Josh
Central District.....	1	TOWNSEND, Lynn

Table 2 – Summary of Nominations

Following the close of the nomination period, the ECQ made enquiries with the Union regarding the eligibility of the nominees and their nominators. Based on advice received from the Union, the ECQ accepted all candidate nominations.

Ballot

The ECQ was not required to conduct a ballot for this election.

Declaration

I, Elizabeth Bannell, an officer of the Electoral Commission of Queensland assigned to conduct an election by the Industrial Registrar in Decision RIO 2026/24 issued pursuant to the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, declare that:

Cassandra Blythe is elected to the office of President.

Belinda Flood is elected to the office of Vice-President.

Justin Power is elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Anthony Stapleton is elected to the office of Assistant Secretary.

Kathleen Burgess, Pierina Jarrett, Robert Martin, Sharon Pulungan and Margaret Wedgwood are elected to the office of Representatives from the Greater Brisbane Area.

Luaipou Manase and Stacy Ochola are elected to the position of Representatives from the Southern and Western Districts (Gold Coast, Logan City, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Warwick and Roma Districts).

Ellen Beswick and Josh Woodside are elected to the office of Representatives from the Northern Districts (Sunshine Coast, Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg Districts).

Lynn Townsend is elected to the office of Representative from the Area Covered by the Shop Assistants and Storeman and Packers in Retail Stores Award – Central Division.

within the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees' Association (Queensland Branch) Union of Employees in accordance with the rules of the Industrial Organisation.

Elizabeth Bannell
Returning Officer
29 May 2026