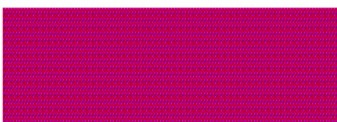




GAVEN

BY-ELECTION 2006



Electoral Commission of Queensland
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DETAILS OF POLLING AT GAVEN BY-ELECTION

Held on SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2006

The Honourable Linda Lavarch MP
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 Gaven By-Election held on 1 April 2006.

DAVID KERSLAKE
Electoral Commissioner
June 2006

GAVEN BY ELECTION

Statistical Returns

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Introduction

On 7 March 2006, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, AC, Governor of Queensland, issued a writ for a by-election in the Electoral District of Gaven to fill a vacancy in Parliament following the resignation of Mr R. L Poole.

This was the third by-election during the term of the 51st Parliament and the 377th for the Queensland Parliament since 1860.

There were six candidates nominated for the Gaven election. Dr Alexander Douglas was elected on the fourth preference count for Gaven.

Following the successful model used at the 2004 general election, a voter information letter was sent to all electors on the roll following the close of rolls on 11 March 2006. The letter detailed the requirement to vote in the by-election and provided information on polling booths and candidates. The Commission is satisfied that this direct approach is the most effective way in which to meet the need to alert electors of the timing and voting obligations associated with an election.

Gaven By-Election 2006 Timetable

Issue of Writ	Tuesday - 7 March 2006
Close of Roll	5:00 PM Saturday - 11 March 2006 s.80(1)(b) not less than 5 days nor more than 7 days after issue of writ
Close of Nominations	12:00 PM Tuesday - 14 March 2006 s.80(1)(c) not less than 8 days nor more than 18 days after issue of writ
Pre- Poll Voting - Declaration (In Person)	Starts: Monday - 20 March 2006 Ends: 6:00 PM Friday - 31 March 2006 s.109(1) begins 3 days after cut-off for nominations
Pre- Poll Voting - Declaration (Postal)	Starts: Tuesday - 7 March 2006 Ends: 6:00 PM Thursday - 30 March 2006
Pre- Poll Voting - Declaration (Postal)	Starts: Wednesday - 15 March 2006 Ends: 6:00 PM Saturday - 1 April 2006 s.110 begins after cut-off for nominations
Pre- Poll Voting - Electoral Visitor	Starts: Tuesday - 7 March 2006 Ends: 6:00 PM Thursday - 30 March 2006
Pre- Poll Voting - Electoral Visitor Voting	Starts: Wednesday - 15 March 2006 Ends: 6:00 PM Saturday - 1 April 2006 s.111 begins after cut-off for nominations
Pre- Poll Voting - Declared Institution	Starts: Tuesday - 21 March 2006 Ends: 6:00 PM Saturday - 1 April 2006 s.94(4) period beginning 11 days before polling day and ending 6.00 pm on polling day
Cut-Off for Lodgement of How-to-Vote Cards to distributed on Polling Day	5:00 PM Friday - 24 March 2006 s.161B Must be lodged no later than 5.00 pm on the Friday that is 7 days before polling day
Polling Day	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday - 1 April 2006 s.80(1)(d) a Saturday not less than 26 days nor more than 56 days after the issue of writ
Cut-Off for Return of Postal Ballot	6:00 PM Tuesday - 11 April 2006 s.116(2)(d) postal envelope received before 6.00 pm on 10th day after polling day for the election
Deadline Return Writ	Monday - 8 May 2006 s.80(1)(e) not more than 84 days after issue of writ
Actual Return of Writ	Thursday - 13 April 2006
Deadline for Challenge	Thursday - 20 April 2006 s.130(3)(a) Within 7 days after day of ACTUAL return of Writ

All section references are to the *Queensland Electoral Act 1992*

Gaven Fastfacts

1. Administration

Returning Officer (RO): Cec McPaul

Assisting the RO: Alicia Castillon

Office Address: Unit 4 12 Ferry Street Nerang Qld 4211
(PO Box 1058 Nerang Qld 4211)

Telephone No: 1300 881 665

Fax No: (07) 55004392

Polling Booths: 10

Pre-Poll Centres: 2 (Office of the RO & ECQ Brisbane)

Declared Institutions: 4

No. of Polling Officials: 79

Rate of Public Funding for Parties and Candidates: \$1.39413 per eligible vote

2. Table (1) Demographic Profile (Based on 2001 Census data)

Demographic Attributes	Gaven	State Mean	Difference from State Mean	Comparative Ranking (of 89 Districts)
Percentage of Population 18+	70.21%	74.47%	-4.26%	72
Proportion of Australian Citizens 18+	69.40%	74.03%	-4.63%	75
Same Address Five Years Ago	35.22%	41.14%	-5.92%	80
Overseas Born	23.27%	16.98%	+6.29%	18
Language Other than English	9.76%	12.00%	-2.24%	39

3. Electors as at Close of Rolls: Saturday 1 April 2006

Total Enrolment: 32,223

Female: 16,922 (52.52%)

Male: 15,301 (47.48%)

Gaven Fastfacts

4. Gaven Close of Nominations: 14 March 2006

Number of Candidates: 6	Female: 0 (00.00%)	Male: 6(100.00%)
Participating Registered Parties:	4 (66.67%)	
Independents:	2 (33.33%)	
Non-Participating Registered Parties:	1	

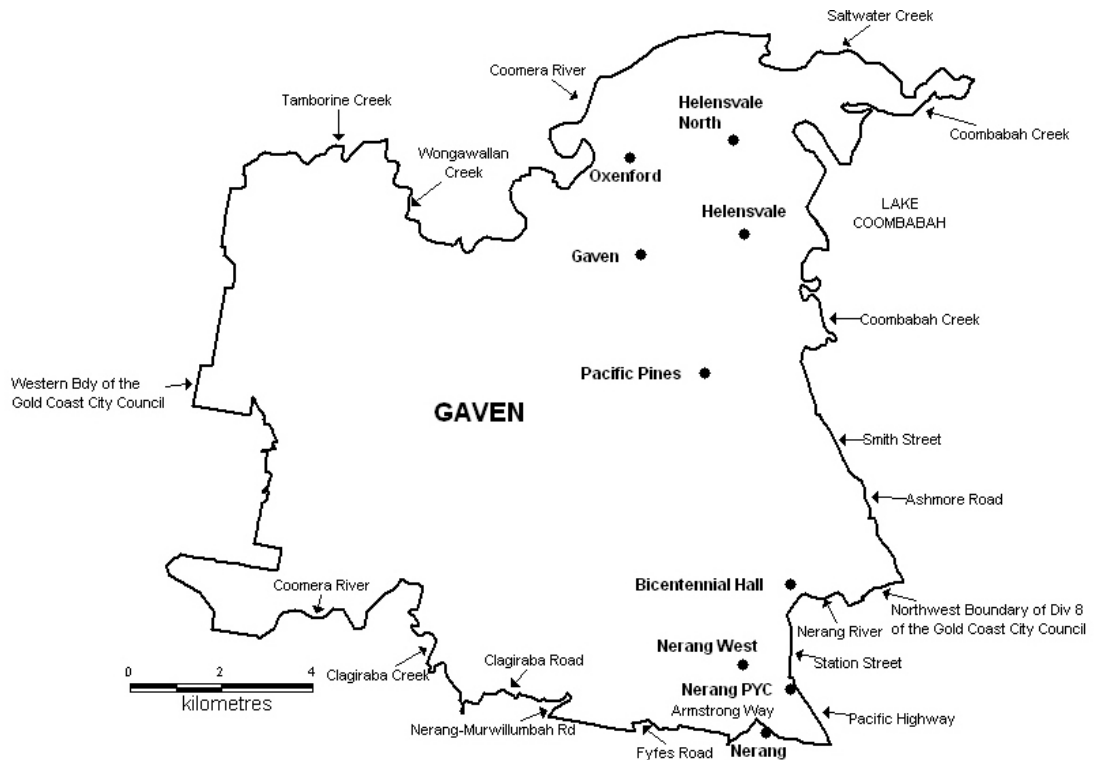
5. Candidates Names in Ballot Paper Order

- RYMAN Glen (The Greens)
- RILEY Daren
- DOUGLAS Alex (The Nationals)
- CONNOLLY Phil
- MOIR Steve (One Nation)
- GRAY Phil (Australian Labor Party)

6. Results

Total Formal Votes	25,902 (96.44% of the Total Votes)		
Total Informal Votes	956 (3.56% of the Total Votes)		
Votes	Total	26,858	
	Female	14317 (53.3%)	Male 12,543 (46.7%)
District Turnout	Total	83.35%	
	Female	84.60%	Male 81.98%
Election Result	Seat won on fourth preference count by Alex Douglas (The Nationals)		
Seat Status	2001 - 2006 (ALP) 2006 - (Nationals)		

Figure (1) Gaven District Boundaries and Polling Booths Map



No.	Polling Booth Name	Address
1	* Bicentennial Hall	GCCC Bicentennial Hall – Nerang-Southport Road NERANG
2	* Brisbane	ECQ, Foyer – 160 Mary Street BRISBANE
3	* Gaven	State School – Universal Street GAVEN HEIGHTS
4	+ Helensvale	State School – Lindfield Road HELENSVALE
5	+ Helensvale North	State School – Helensvale Road HELENSVALE
6	Nerang	William Duncan State School – Alexander Drive NERANG
7	* Nerang PYC	Police Youth Club – Cayuga Road NERANG
8	+ Nerang West	Nerang State High School – Weedens Road NERANG
9	* Oxenford	State School – Michigan Drive OXENFORD
10	* Pacific Pines	State High School – Archipelago Street PACIFIC PINES

Wheelchair access - * Full; + Assisted

Gaven Declared Institutions

Declared Institution Name	Address
Homestead Aged Care Facility	80 Billabirra Crescent NERANG
Melody Park Retirement Resort	261 Gilston Road NERANG
Nerang Nursing Centre	6 Mylor Street NERANG
St James Park Care Centre	40-44 Helensvale Road HELENSVALE

Gaven Electoral District

First Preference Votes Polled for each Candidate at each Polling Booth

Booth No.	Polling Booth	RYMAN		RILEY		DOUGLAS		CONNOLLY		MOIR		GRAY		Total Formal Votes	Informal Votes	Total Votes	% of Total District Votes
		Glen GRN	%	Daren	%	Alex NPA	%	Phil	%	Steve ONP	%	Phil ALP	%				
1	Bicentennial Hall	181	10.62%	183	10.74%	666	39.08%	78	4.58%	36	2.11%	560	32.86%	1,704	65	1,769	6.59%
2	Brisbane	10	34.48%	1	3.45%	6	20.69%	1	3.45%	1	3.45%	10	34.48%	29	0	29	0.11%
3	Gaven	169	8.93%	187	9.88%	616	32.54%	33	1.74%	37	1.95%	851	44.96%	1,893	84	1,977	7.36%
4	Helensvale	195	6.40%	230	7.55%	1,240	40.68%	64	2.10%	63	2.07%	1,256	41.21%	3,048	112	3,160	11.77%
5	Helensvale North	261	7.37%	184	5.20%	1,674	47.27%	79	2.23%	95	2.68%	1,248	35.24%	3,541	160	3,701	13.78%
6	Nerang	98	9.35%	78	7.44%	458	43.70%	30	2.86%	22	2.10%	362	34.54%	1,048	38	1,086	4.04%
7	Nerang PYC	167	9.22%	126	6.95%	744	41.06%	46	2.54%	55	3.04%	674	37.20%	1,812	75	1,887	7.03%
8	Nerang West	268	8.74%	229	7.47%	1,340	43.71%	82	2.67%	90	2.94%	1,057	34.47%	3,066	116	3,182	11.85%
9	Oxenford	217	8.00%	181	6.67%	1,264	46.61%	74	2.73%	71	2.62%	905	33.37%	2,712	112	2,824	10.51%
10	Pacific Pines	222	6.39%	412	11.86%	1,252	36.05%	77	2.22%	94	2.71%	1,416	40.77%	3,473	137	3,610	13.44%
Polling Booth Totals		1,788	8.01%	1,811	8.11%	9,260	41.48%	564	2.53%	564	2.53%	8,339	37.35%	22,326	899	23,225	86.47%

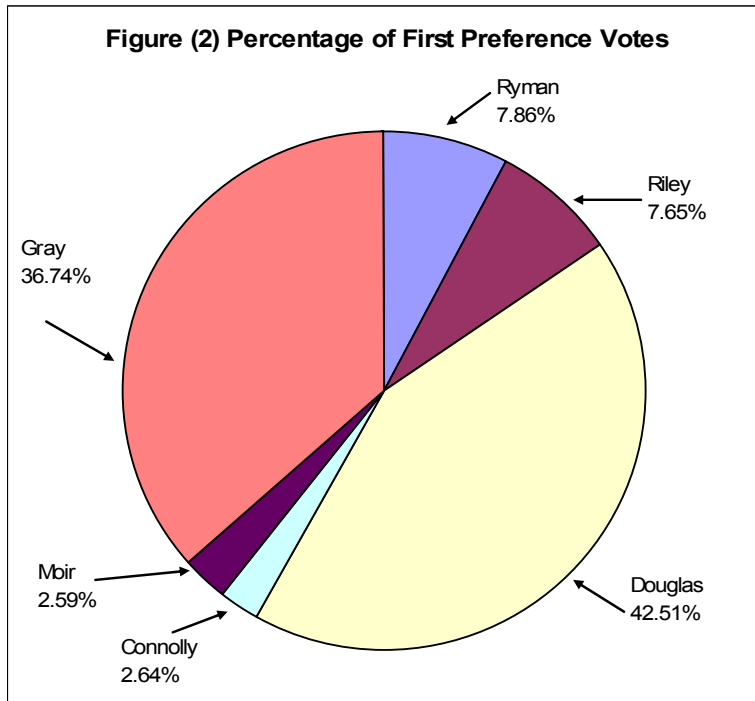
Postal, Special Postal, Unenrolled Votes	155	6.29%	109	4.42%	1,243	50.43%	77	3.12%	91	3.69%	790	32.05%	2,465	35	2,500	9.31%
Pre-Poll (In Person) Votes	89	8.57%	56	5.39%	475	45.72%	38	3.66%	16	1.54%	365	35.13%	1,039	15	1,054	3.92%
Electoral Visit Votes	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6	54.55%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	45.45%	11	0	11	0.04%
Declared Institution Votes	4	6.56%	6	9.84%	28	45.90%	4	6.56%	1	1.64%	18	29.51%	61	7	68	0.25%
Declaration and Pre-Poll Votes Totals	248	6.94%	171	4.78%	1,752	48.99%	119	3.33%	108	3.02%	1,178	32.94%	3,576	57	3,633	13.53%

Total First Preference Votes	2,036	7.86%	1,982	7.65%	11,012	42.51%	683	2.64%	672	2.59%	9,517	36.74%	25,902	956	26,858	100.00%
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Distribution of Preferences

Preference Distribution	RYMAN		RILEY		DOUGLAS		CONNOLLY		MOIR		GRAY		Total Formal Votes			
	Glen	%	Daren	%	Alex	%	Phil	%	Steve	%	Phil	%				
First Preference Votes	2,036	7.86%	1,982	7.65%	11,012	42.51%	683	2.64%	672	2.59%	9,517	36.74%	25,902			
Moir Excluded	51	21.16%	80	33.20%	51	21.16%	26	10.79%			33	13.69%	241	431	64.14%	672
Total	2,087	8.19%	2,062	8.10%	11,063	43.43%	709	2.78%			9,550	37.49%	25,471	431	25,902	
Connolly Excluded	27	12.74%	79	37.26%	73	34.43%					33	15.57%	212	497	70.10%	709
Total	2,114	8.46%	2,141	8.57%	11,136	44.59%					9,583	38.37%	24,974	928	25,902	
Ryman Excluded			243	29.56%	152	18.49%					427	51.95%	822	1,292	61.12%	2,114
Total			2,384	10.07%	11,288	47.66%					10,010	42.27%	23,682	2,220	25,902	
Riley Excluded					519	62.30%					314	37.70%	833	1,551	65.06%	2,384
District Total					11,807	53.35%					10,324	46.65%	22,131	3,771	25,902	

Gaven Electoral District Profile [includes Figure 2]



Geography	
GeoClass:	Provincial
Area:	159 km ²
In Federal Division :-	Fadden and Moncrieff
Includes LGAs:-	Gold Coast City Council

Summary Statistics 07/02/2004 – 1/04/2006

Seat Status: Marginal (Nationals)
Change: No change – Marginal (NPA)
Won On: Preferences (4th Count)

Variable	07/02/2004	1/04/2006	Change
Close of Roll	29,040	32,223	10.96%
Candidates	4	6	2
Informal	2.90%	3.56%	+0.66%
Turnout	90.69%	83.35%	-7.34%

Figure (3) Notional Two Candidate Preferred Vote by Polling Booth Map

