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**DETAILS OF POLLING AT MULGRAVE
BY-ELECTION**

Held on SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 1998

The Honourable Matt Foley MLA
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and
Minister for The Arts

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 Mulgrave By-Election held on 5 December 1998.



D J O'Shea
Electoral Commissioner
May 1999

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Statistical Returns

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Introduction

On 10 November 1998 His Excellency the Governor, issued the writ for a by-election for the electoral district of Mulgrave to fill the vacancy in Parliament following the resignation of Mr C Rappolt.

This is the first by-election during the term of the 49th Parliament and the 370th for the Queensland Parliament since 1860.

Mr Warren Pitt (A.L.P.) won the Mulgrave by-election on preferences at the third count.

Mulgrave FastFacts

1 Administration

Returning Officer	David SYME
Assistant Returning Officer	Terry TIBBITS
District Geographic Classification	Rural
Polling Booths (Including Brisbane)	22
Pre-Poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	7
No. of Polling Officials	76
Rate of Public Funding for Parties and Candidates	\$1.13903 per eligible vote:

2 Mulgrave Demographic Profile (Based on 1996 Census data)

Demographic Attributes	Mulgrave	State Mean	Difference from State Mean	Comparative Ranking (of 89 Districts)
Percentage of Population 18+	69.20%	73.78%	-4.58%	78
Proportion of Australian Citizens 18+	68.69%	73.02%	-4.33%	74
Same Address Five Years Ago	42.57%	47.01%	-4.44%	69
Overseas Born	14.10%	17.41%	-3.31%	58
Language Other than English	7.84%	7.16%	+0.68%	30
Employed by Government	18.20%	19.09%	-0.89%	49

3 Enrolment

- Mulgrave Electors as at Close of Rolls: 14 November 1998
- Total Enrolment 26,253
 - Female 13,231 (50.39%)
 - Male 13,022 (49.61)
- State Mean (31 October 1998) 24,737
- Mulgrave Comparative Ranking 30 of 89

4 Candidates

Mulgrave Close of Nominations	17 November 1998
• Number of Candidates	5
Female	1 (20%)
Male	4 (80%)
• Participating Registered Parties	4 (80%)
Independents	1 (20%)
Non-Participating Registered Parties	7
Candidate Names in Draw Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BONIFACE, Peter (Pauline Hanson's One Nation) • WILSON, Naomi (Queensland Nationals) • MATHISON, Norm • METCALFE, Jonathan (The Greens) • PITT, Warren (A.L.P.)

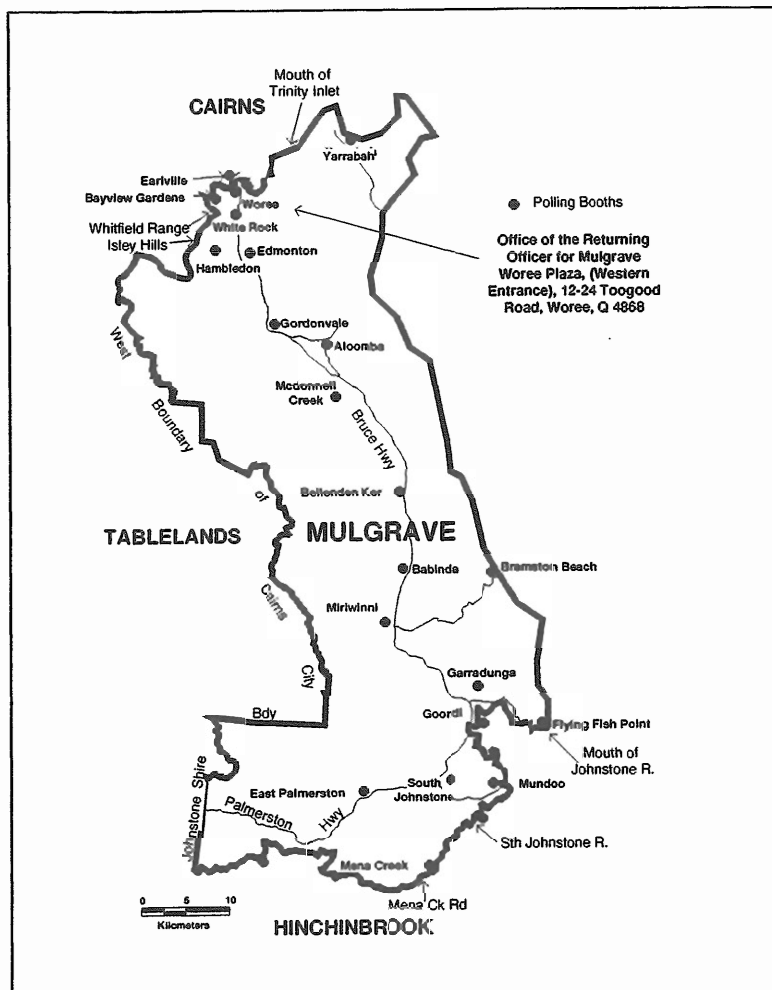
5 Results

Total Formal Votes	22,305 (98.99% of the Total Votes)
Total Informal Votes	228 (1.01 of Total Votes)
Votes	Total 22,533
	Female 11,492/50.87%
	Male 11,072/49.13%
District Turnout	Total 85.83%
	Female 86.63%
	Male 85.02%
Election Result	Seat won on preferences (3rd Count) by Warren Pitt (A.L.P.)
Two Party Preferred Vote	(A.L.P. - 50.63%) (Nationals - 49.37%)
Seat Status	1992 (Safe A.L.P.) 1995 (Marginal N.P.A.) 1998 General Election (Marginal Pauline Hanson's One Nation) 1998 By-Election (Marginal A.L.P.)

MULGRAVE TIMETABLE

Issue of Writ	Tuesday – 10 November 1998
Close of Rolls	5.00 pm Saturday – 14 November 1998
Close of Nominations for Candidates	12.00 noon Tuesday – 17 November 1998
Pre-Poll Voting:	
Declaration (In Person)	Start: Monday – 23 November 1998 End: 6.00 pm - Friday 4 December 1998
Declaration (Postal)	Applications Close: 6.00 pm Thursday 3 December 1998 Start: Wednesday – 18 November 1998 End: 6.00 pm Saturday – 5 December 1998 Cut-Off for Return of Ballot Papers: 6.00 pm Tuesday – 15 December 1998
Electoral Visitor	Start: Wednesday – 18 November 1998 Applications Close: 6.00 pm Thursday – 3 December 1998
Declared Institution	Start: Tuesday – 24 November 1998 End: 6.00 pm Saturday – 5 December 1998
Polling Day	8.00 am - 6.00 pm Saturday – 5 December 1998
Deadline Return of Writ	Saturday – 16 January 1999 (Writ actually returned Thursday 10 December 1998)
Deadline for Challenge	Within 7 days after day of ACTUAL return of Writ

Figure (1) Mulgrave District Boundary, Polling Booths and Electoral Office



POLLING BOOTHS

No.	Polling Booth Name	Address
1	Aloomba	State School, Nelson Street ALOOMBA
2	*Babinda	RSL Hall BABINDA
3	Bayview Gardens	St Gerard Majella's School, 63 Anderson Road BAYVIEW GARDENS
4	Bellenden Ker	State School, Harvey Creek Road BELLENDEN KER
5	*Bramston Beach	Fire Station BRAMSTON BEACH
6	*Brisbane	ECQ, Level 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street BRISBANE
7	*Earlvile	Our Lady Help of Christians School, 18 Balaclava Rd EARLVILLE
8	*East Palmerston	State School, Palmerston Highway PALMERSTON EAST
9	*Edmonton	Fretwell Park Sports Ground, Roberts Road EDMONTON
10	Flying Fish Point	State School, Maud Street FLYING FISH POINT
11	Garradunga	Progress Hall, Garradunga Road GARRADUNGA
12	Goondi	State School, Maple Street INNISFAIL
13	Gordonvale	State School Hall, 26 George Street GORDONVALE
14	*Hambleton	State School, 79-81 Stokes Street EDMONTON
15	McDonnell Creek	State School, Bruce Highway DEERAL
16	Mena Creek	State School, Mena Creek Road MENA CREEK
17	*Miriwinni	State School, Bruce Highway MIRIWINNI
18	Mundoo	State School, Cardier Road WANGAN
19	South Johnstone	State School, East Avenue SOUTH JOHNSTONE
20	*White Rock	State School, Progress Road WHITE ROCK
21	*Woree	State High School, Rigg Street WOREE
22	*Yarrabah	State School, Gribble Street YARRABAH

* Disabled Access

Mulgrave Electoral District

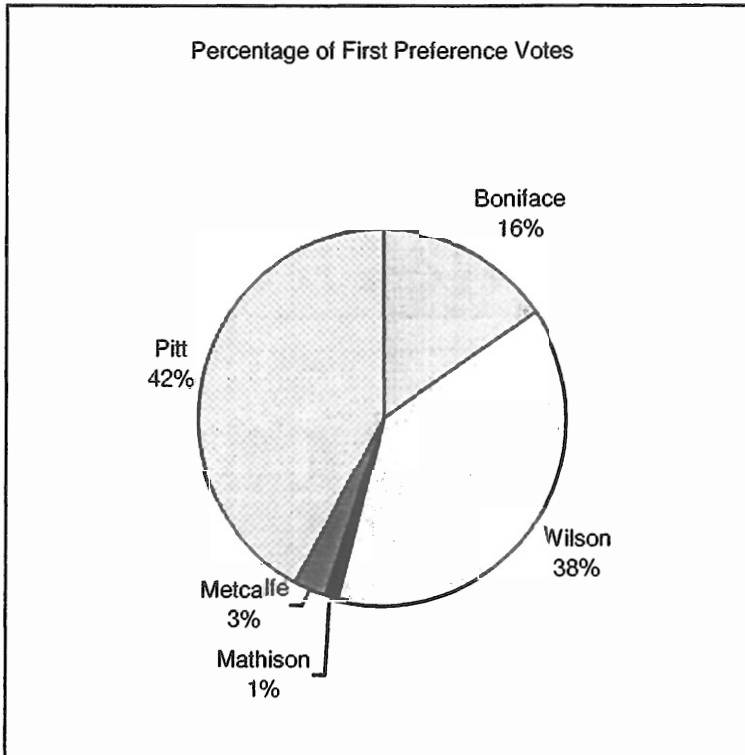
First Preference Votes Polled for each Candidate at each Polling Booth

Booth No.	Polling Booth	BONIFACE Peter ONP		WILSON Naomi NPA		MATHISON Norm		METCALFE Jonathan GRN		PITT Warren ALP		Total Formal Votes	Informal		Total Votes	% of Total District Votes
		Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%		Votes	%		
1	Aloomba	38	13.82%	142	51.64%	2	0.73%	5	1.82%	88	32.00%	275	1	0.36%	276	1.22%
2	Babinda	136	16.50%	270	32.77%	5	0.61%	14	1.70%	399	48.42%	824	5	0.60%	829	3.68%
3	Bayview Gardens	180	14.81%	539	44.36%	12	0.99%	44	3.62%	440	36.21%	1,215	16	1.30%	1,231	5.46%
4	Bellenden Ker	25	20.49%	72	59.02%			1	0.82%	24	19.67%	122	2	1.61%	124	0.55%
5	Bramston Beach	16	18.60%	47	54.65%	2	2.33%	1	1.16%	20	23.26%	86	1	1.15%	87	0.39%
6	Brisbane			6	42.86%			1	7.14%	7	50.00%	14			14	0.06%
7	Earlville	60	13.79%	171	39.31%	3	0.69%	20	4.60%	181	41.61%	435	6	1.36%	441	1.96%
8	East Palmerston	35	17.59%	107	53.77%	16	8.04%	3	1.51%	38	19.10%	199	2	1.00%	201	0.89%
9	Edmonton	493	15.08%	1,239	37.90%	18	0.55%	99	3.03%	1,420	43.44%	3,269	35	1.06%	3,304	14.66%
10	Flying Fish Point	62	18.56%	127	38.02%	13	3.89%	9	2.69%	123	36.83%	334	1	0.30%	335	1.49%
11	Garradunga	46	17.83%	156	60.47%	5	1.94%	4	1.55%	47	18.22%	258	2	0.77%	260	1.15%
12	Goondi	87	13.00%	322	48.13%	28	4.19%	8	1.20%	224	33.48%	669	5	0.74%	674	2.99%
13	Gordonvale	443	15.71%	1,033	36.64%	24	0.85%	75	2.66%	1,244	44.13%	2,819	26	0.91%	2,845	12.63%
14	Hambledon	424	16.58%	961	37.58%	16	0.63%	54	2.11%	1,102	43.10%	2,557	27	1.04%	2,584	11.47%
15	McDonnell Creek	61	26.75%	106	46.49%	1	0.44%	4	1.75%	56	24.56%	228	2	0.87%	230	1.02%
16	Mena Creek	30	19.48%	79	51.30%	8	5.19%			37	24.03%	154	1	0.65%	155	0.69%
17	Miriwinni	108	22.18%	248	50.92%	8	1.64%	10	2.05%	113	23.20%	487	1	0.20%	488	2.17%
18	Mundoo	84	15.73%	237	44.38%	22	4.12%	5	0.94%	186	34.83%	534	2	0.37%	536	2.38%
19	South Johnstone	58	13.62%	167	39.20%	27	6.34%	4	0.94%	170	39.91%	426	7	1.62%	433	1.92%
20	White Rock	323	18.00%	559	31.16%	15	0.84%	81	4.52%	816	45.48%	1,794	17	0.94%	1,811	8.04%
21	Woree	497	16.35%	1,184	38.96%	17	0.56%	94	3.09%	1,247	41.03%	3,039	40	1.30%	3,079	13.66%
22	Yarrabah	14	1.77%	51	6.44%	4	0.51%	5	0.63%	718	90.66%	792	15	1.86%	807	3.58%
Polling Booth Totals		3,220	15.68%	7,823	38.11%	246	1.20%	541	2.64%	8,700	42.38%	20,530	214	1.03%	20,744	92.06%
Postal, Special Postal, Unenrolled Votes		95	12.86%	329	44.52%	5	0.68%	10	1.35%	300	40.60%	739	5	0.67%	744	3.30%
Pre-Poll (In Person) Votes		147	15.98%	361	39.24%	14	1.52%	22	2.39%	376	40.87%	920	6	0.65%	926	4.11%
Polling Day Absent Votes																
Electoral Visit Votes		1	6.67%	7	46.67%					7	46.67%	15			15	0.07%
Declared Institution Votes		7	6.93%	30	29.70%	1	0.99%			63	62.38%	101	3	2.88%	104	0.46%
Declaration and Pre-Poll Votes Total		250	14.08%	727	40.96%	20	1.13%	32	1.80%	746	42.03%	1,775	14	0.78%	1,789	7.94%
Total First Preferences Votes		3,470	15.56%	8,550	38.33%	266	1.19%	573	2.57%	9,446	42.35%	22,305	228	1.01%	22,533	100.00%

Distribution of Preferences

Preference Distribution	BONIFACE Peter		WILSON Naomi		MATHISON Norm		METCALFE Jonathan		PITT Warren		Votes remaining in count	Exhausted Votes	Total Formal Votes	
	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes	%				
First Preference Votes	3,470	15.56%	8,550	38.33%	266	1.19%	573	2.57%	9,446	42.35%	22,305		22,305	
MATHISON Excluded	100	52.08%	39	20.31%			25	13.02%	28	14.58%	192	74	27.82%	266
Total	3,570	16.06%	8,589	38.64%			598	2.69%	9,474	42.62%	22,231	74	0.33%	22,305
METCALFE Excluded	44	9.63%	92	20.13%					321	70.24%	457	141	23.58%	598
Total	3,614	16.36%	8,681	39.30%					9,795	44.34%	22,090	215	0.96%	22,305
BONIFACE Excluded			1,454	70.82%					599	29.18%	2,053	1,561	43.19%	3,614
District Total			10,135	49.37%					10,394	50.63%	20,529	1,776	7.96%	22,305

Mulgrave Electoral District Profile



Geography

GeoClass: Rural

Area: 2177 km²

In Federal Divisions :- Kennedy and Leichhardt

Includes LGA :- Johnstone Shire, Yarrabah Community and Cairns City Councils

Summary Statistics 1995 – 1998

Seat Status: Marginal (ALP)
Change: Marginal (NPA) → Marginal (ONP) → Marginal (ALP)
Won On: Preferences (3rd Count)

Variable	1995	1998*	1998**	Change
Close of Roll	22,444	24,906	26,253	+ 16.97%
Candidates	4	4	5	+ 1
TPP				
Informal	1.60%	1.21%	1.01%	- 0.51%
Turnout	90.74%	92.94%	85.83%	- 4.91%

* State General Election – 13/6/98
 ** Mulgrave By-Election – 5/12/98

History

First Proclaimed: 1872; name dropped

Previously Held:
 Ministerialist (1878 – 1886)
 Independent (1886 – 1888)
 Country (1950 – 1953)
 A.L.P. (1953 – 1957)
 Queensland Labor Party (1957 – 1957)
 Country/National (1957 – 1989)
 A.L.P. (1989 – 1995)
 National (1995 – 1998)
 Pauline Hanson's One Nation (1998 – 1998)
 A.L.P. (1998 -)

Current Member: W. Pitt, A.L.P. (1998 -)

Mulgrave Full Distribution of Preferences and Rates of Exhaustion

Count	Candidates in Order of Exclusion	% Live Votes at each Exclusion	Distribution of Preferences to Candidates Remaining in the Count				Exhausted Votes
			Metcalfe (GRN)	Boniface (ONP)	Wilson (NPA)	Pitt (ALP)	
2	Mathison	1.19	9.40	37.59	14.66	10.53	27.82
3	Metcalfe	2.69		7.36	15.38	53.68	23.58
4	Boniface	16.36			40.23	16.57	43.19
	All excluded candidates	19.32 (Total Formal Votes)			36.78	22.00	41.22

The Mulgrave By-Election was won on preferences at the 3rd count by the A.L.P. candidate (Pitt) who secured 50.63% of the Two Party Preferred Vote. This table summarises the distribution of preferences and rates of exhaustion of votes cast for the three candidates excluded during the full preference 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 Wilson (36.78%) and Pitt (22.00%) of the 4309 primary votes (19.32% of total formal) cast for the three excluded candidates, together with the overall rate of exhaustion (41.22%)

Mulgrave Two Candidate Preferred Distribution of Preferences and Rates of Exhaustion

Candidates in Order of Exclusion	Ordinary Votes	% Total Ordinary Votes	Wilson (NPA)	Pitt (A.L.P.)	Exhausted Votes
Mathison	246	1.20%	39.68%	16.59%	43.72%
Metcalfe	541	2.64%	38.87%	23.48%	37.65%
Boniface	3220	15.69%	17.81%	57.33%	24.86%
Total	4007	19.52%	36.69%	22.50%	40.81%

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 Wilson (36.69%) and Pitt (22.50%) of the 4007 ordinary primary votes (19.52% of formal ordinary votes) cast for the three excluded candidates, together with the overall rate of exhaustion (40.81%). 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 302 extraordinary votes cast for the three excluded candidates.

Mulgrave Two Party Preferred Vote by Excluded Candidate by Vote Type

Candidates In Order of Exclusion	Ordinary Votes - Polling Booths																	
	Aloomba		Babinda		Bayview Gardens		Bellenden Ker		Bramston Beach		Brisbane		Earlville		East Palmerston			
	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat		
Mathison	0%	100%	40%	60%	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%	11%	89%		
Metcalfe	75%	25%	58%	42%	74%	26%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	77%	23%	0%	0%	100%		
Boniface	40%	60%	27%	73%	27%	73%	29%	71%	13%	88%	0%	36%	64%	37%	63%			
Sub Total	44%	56%	33%	67%	39%	61%	33%	67%	11%	89%	0%	50%	50%	28%	72%			
TPP Total: (Wilson and Pitt added)	39%	61%	57%	43%	44%	56%	26%	74%	28%	72%	54%	46%	49%	26%	74%			

Candidates In Order of Exclusion	Ordinary Votes - Polling Booths																	
	Edmonton		Flying Fish Point		Garradunga		Goondi		Gordonvale		Hambledon		McDonnell Creek		Mena Creek			
	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat		
Mathison	46%	54%	43%	57%	0%	0%	19%	81%	71%	29%	38%	63%	0%	100%	43%	57%		
Metcalfe	69%	31%	75%	25%	100%	0%	25%	75%	89%	11%	82%	18%	50%	50%	0%	0%		
Boniface	28%	72%	23%	77%	7%	93%	24%	76%	32%	68%	33%	67%	20%	80%	9%	91%		
Sub Total	37%	63%	34%	66%	16%	84%	23%	77%	45%	55%	40%	60%	21%	79%	17%	83%		
TPP Total: (Wilson and Pitt added)	51%	49%	47%	53%	22%	78%	39%	61%	53%	47%	52%	48%	32%	68%	29%	71%		

Candidates In Order of Exclusion	Ordinary Votes - Polling Booths																	
	Miriwinna		Mundoo		South Johnstone		White Rock		Woree		Yarambah		Declaration and Pre-Poll Votes		Total Votes			
	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat	ALP	Nat		
Mathison	80%	20%	29%	71%	59%	41%	73%	27%	67%	33%	100%	0%	64%	36%	39%	61%		
Metcalfe	0%	100%	67%	33%	50%	50%	4%	96%	20%	80%	80%	20%	63%	38%	76%	24%		
Boniface	66%	34%	81%	19%	85%	15%	27%	73%	61%	39%	98%	2%	22%	78%	29%	71%		
Sub Total	28%	72%	24%	76%	32%	68%	46%	54%	39%	61%	47%	53%	31%	69%	37%	63%		
TPP Total: (Wilson and Pitt added)	31%	69%	41%	59%	48%	52%	57%	43%	50%	50%	92%	8%	49%	51%	51%	49%		

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 National 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 Pitt (A.L.P.) and Wilson (National), and provides overall TPP percentages by polling booth and vote type.

Figure (2) Mulgrave Two Party Preferred Vote by Polling Booth

