

2019 Presidents Report

ALP Abroad works to ensure that overseas Australians vote Labor. It has done so at every election since 1975. Formally launched by Gough Whitlam at Camden Town Hall in 1976 as ALP UK Society, and rebranded since 2004 as ALP Abroad, it has run entirely on volunteer efforts. This report highlights our activities in the Federal election and other activities in 2019.

While the result of the Federal election itself was a disappointment, the importance of the Overseas Vote to Labor in close contests was again demonstrated in Ben Chifley's former seat of Macquarie this election where the 65/35 two party advantage from overseas votes played a part in Labor's come from behind win in Macquarie. Like in Herbert in 2016 where Labor was behind until the last batch of overseas voters won the seat for Labor. We make a difference.

Membership is also great opportunity to meet likeminded Australians and for your membership you would have received free entry to our

- Tour of Parliament in November 2018
- Christmas Party
- Anthony Albanese launch of our Federal 2019 campaign
- 2019 Federal Election watch
- Discussion of Federal election review with Wayne Swan and Paul Erickson.



Our campaign launch photo opposite Tower Bridge

Our Volunteer effort

Staffing the London polling station between May 7th and May 17th could not have been done without the help of the 51 people (up from 43 in 2016) who volunteered to help listed below.

Alex Snowball	18. Martin Thirlaway	35. Lachlan Richards
2. Will Bibby	19. Ken Penton	36. Max Freedman
3. Mike Steele	20. Ryan Turner	37. Harinder Singh
4. Aman Gaur	21.Lucy Gannon	38. Sascha Silberstein
5. Will Jenkins	22. Gareth Myton	39. Joel Northcott
6. Dean Thompson	23. Toby Foster	40. Leopold Bryant
7. Jacinta Atkins	24. Kurt Hopkins	41. Justin Randle.
8. Elise Atkins	25. Phil Benjamin	42. Eric Sheng
9. David Power	26. Andrew Falconer	43. Georgia Campbell
10. Catherine West MP	27. Sam Wills	44. Andrew Harden
11.Ben Williams	28. Louise Scarce	45. Roz Kelly
12. Amy Le Ray	29. Alex Logan	46. Hannah Betherton
13. Justin Ditton	30. Charles Armitage	47. Andrew Whiley
14. Isaac Wright	31.Shane Hill	48. Fiona Reynolds
15. Esther Hood	32. Alicia Turner	49. John Spellar MP
16. James Bidgood	33. Sophie Nyaguy	50. Garret Bray
17. Adam Jogee	34. Vanessa Picker	51. Paul Smith

We had the strongest volunteer presence of any party. While our materials were positive, the Liberals had mostly negative materials. Special thanks must be made to our booth coordinator Mike Steele who has worked on every election since 1980 Australia House, making this his 15th election and Alicia Turner who travelled down from Scotland to be booth co-ordinator in week 2.



People who also deserve a special mention for essential work in the campaign are,

- Tiiram Sunderland for being our Treasurer and finally sorting our bank accounts!
- Nick James for organising our election party at the Camden Eye so we could watch the results live on Saturday Morning at no cost.
- Justin Ditton, Kurt Hopkins and Isaac Wright for help set up election party.
- Ben Waters for managing our website content
- Kurt Hopkins for helping load and unload our booth signs and how to votes.
- David Saunderson online advertisements and collecting the money at the election party.
- Jane Atkins for our campaign photo by the Tower Bridge.
- Elias Hallaj, who as International officer in the National campaign provided an outstanding level of support to the overseas campaign.

The campaign globally had around 100 volunteers .With Elias's help we were able to ensure there were ALP volunteers handing out How to votes at the following locations with co-ordinators listed.

Hong KongBrad NewmanSingaporeSusie IrvineBangkokNicholas HeWashingtonJames Booth

Rome Will Brydie-Watson
Tokyo John Bosworth
Wellington Mitchell Keast
Paris Alison Bunting
Tel Aviv Simone McDonnell

Phnom Penh Mandy Cheung
Dublin Ben Aveling
New York Ryan Hamilton
New Dehli Susan Cherian
Berlin Amelia Freelander
Toronto Shane Spooner

Los Angeles Brian Lau

Vancouver Morgan Stewart

Auckland Telsa Unga Jakarta Roksana Khan



Alison Bunting and the Paris team

What ALP Abroad did in London

As part of the London campaign we printed

- 38 Correx A2 Posters for polling booths (30 London)
- 75 Campaign T-shirts (60 London)
- 8250 12 page How to votes(7000 London)

We also placed 3 online advertisements in Australian Times. We supported volunteer groups in Paris, Berlin, Rome and Dublin and the Malta Labor Party with how to votes, poster and t-shirts with funds mostly supplied by National secretariat which we topped up out of our own funds.

The campaign launch on March 10th with Anthony Albanese was attended the by over 40 volunteers and highlighted the positive role visiting MP's can play in building volunteer



OVER 40 PEOPLE
ATTENDED THE ALP
ABROAD
CAMPAIGN LAUNCH
AT THE HOPE
FITZROVIA LAUNCH
WITH ANTHONY
ALBANESE MP, ON
MARCH 10TH
ANTHONY IS IN THE
FOREGROUND WITH
CATHERINE WEST
MP AND PAUL SMITH

Since the election, we have elected a new Treasurer Esther Hood who has helped us set digital access to our account and a new website officer David McGregor who has been liaising with the ALP software provider Magenta lines about our website which will need to be upgraded in 2020.

A highlight post election was ALP President Wayne swan and National Secretary Paul Erickson discussing the review of the Federal election campaign with ALP Abroad. Thanks to Louise Scarce, Justin Ditton and Kurt Hopkins for help in running the event.

We expect an election in Queensland in the second half of 2020 and will be running events in 2020 which your ideas and enthusiasm are welcome so please join in. I would like to thank all members for their contributions and for the officers elected last year who have moved and won't be standing this year including Tiiram Sunderland, Ben waters, Will Bibby and Aman Gaur. Lastly I would like to thank Angelo Sommariva for agreeing to be our returning officer again this year.



ALP President Wayne Swan and ALP National Secretary Paul Erickson at ALP Abroad