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Cockburn's new East Ward councillor sworn in following Extraordinary Election

The City of Cockburn has a new councillor among its ranks following an Extraordinary Election on 2 May.

Aubin Grove resident Lara Kirkwood is the City's new East Ward representative, polling 43% of the vote.

The election was called after the sudden death of former Councillor, Steven Portelli, on 26 January, 2018.

More than 24% of the ward's 22,823 eligible voters participated in the WA Electoral Commission poll which attracted four candidates.

The final results were:

Lara Kirkwood – 2,409 votes, or 43.09% of the poll

Tarun Dewan – 1,802 votes (32.23%)

Ian Whitfield – 806 votes (14.42%)

Tony Toledo – 574 votes (10.27%).

Ms Kirkwood was sworn in on 2 May and her term expires on 19 October, 2019.

For more information visit the WA Electoral Commission website at www.elections.wa.gov.au

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