



Kentish Council

2018 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

The 2018 Kentish Council election was conducted by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are published on the TEC website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

2018 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 8 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6pm Thursday 13 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 24 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 25 September
Ballot material received by electors	8–12 October
Polling period	8–30 October
Close of poll	10am Tuesday 30 October

Councillor casual vacancies

Councillor casual vacancies are filled by recount. Only unelected candidates from the relevant election may contest a recount. If there are no unelected candidates able to contest the recount, or the casual vacancy is also for the mayoral position, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

No casual vacancies are filled within 6 months of the next ordinary election, unless the vacancy results in the council unable to have a quorum.

Elector polls

A council may hold an elector poll on any issue it determines. A council may also be required to hold an elector poll following petitions from electors in accordance with Part 6 of the Act. A council is not bound by the result of an elector poll.

Electoral system

Elections for councillor positions are conducted using a system modelled on the Hare-Clark method of proportional representation used in Tasmanian House of Assembly elections.

Mayoral and deputy mayoral elections use a preferential system similar to that used for Tasmanian Legislative Council and federal House of Representatives elections.

Voting in Tasmanian local government elections is not compulsory.

Andrew Hawkey ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER July 2019

Report on the 2018 Kentish Council Elections

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

4 816 Kentish electors were enrolled for the 2018 elections, comprising 4 704 (97.67%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 112 (2.33%) from the General Manager's roll.

60.67% of Kentish electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 58.72% statewide.

Kentish Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

Prior to the 2018 elections

Mayor

THWAITES, Don

Deputy Mayor

WILSON, Tim

9 Councillors

THWAITES, Don

LANE, Penny

WILSON, Tim

HABERLE, Kate

CASSIDY, Linda

RICHARDS, Phillip

HUGHES, Terry

WILLOCK, Annie

BLENKHORN, Rodney James

Following the 2018 elections

Mayor

WILSON, Tim

Deputy Mayor

THWAITES, Don

9 Councillors

THWAITES, Don

WILSON, Tim

HABERLE, Kate

LANE, Penny

MAWER, Stephen

RICHARDS, Phillip

CASSIDY, Linda

BLENKHORN, Rodney

MEIJER, Nicole

The candidates

Kentish Council

enrolment 4 816

Councillor	12 candidates (9 to be elected)	
BLENKHORN, Rodney		Railton
CANNELL, Elisabeth		Acacia Hills
CASSIDY, Linda		Railton
HABERLE, Kate		Sheffield
HUGHES, Terry		Nook
LANE, Penny		Barrington
MAWER, Stephen		Sheffield
MEIJER, Nicole		Claude Road
RICHARDS, Phillip		Wilmot
THWAITES, Don		Paradise
WILLOCK, Annie		Lorinna
WILSON, Tim		Sheffield

Mayor	1 candidate – no ballot required	
WILSON, Tim		Sheffield

Deputy Mayor	4 candidates	
BLENKHORN, Rodney		Railton
HABERLE, Kate		Sheffield
MAWER, Stephen		Sheffield
THWAITES, Don		Paradise

Kentish Council - 2018 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Electors enrolled: 4 816

Declarations rejected: 30

Number to be elected: 9

Declarations returned: 2 922

Declarations admitted: 2 892

Returning Officer: Maree Stones

Response rate: 60.67%

Rejection rate: 1.03%

Count	BLENKHORN	CANNELL	CASSIDY	HABERLE	HUGHES	LANE	MAWER	MEIJER	RICHARDS	THWAITES
1	180.00	43.00	184.00	368.00	106.00	264.00	236.00	125.00	196.00	528.00
2	38.20	3.26	27.48		28.42	75.94	25.15	16.77	15.84	- 246.00
	218.20	46.26	211.48	368.00	134.42	339.94	261.15	141.77	211.84	282.00
3	23.49	10.53	22.68		27.54		24.30	31.18	38.07	
	241.69	56.79	234.16	368.00	161.96	339.94	285.45	172.95	249.91	282.00
4	10.98	6.54	16.59	- 86.00	18.22			10.74	14.72	
	252.67	63.33	250.75	282.00	180.18	339.94	285.45	183.69	264.63	282.00
5	8.17	3.55	7.82		13.86	- 57.94		7.82	10.66	
	260.84	66.88	258.57	282.00	194.04	282.00	285.45	191.51	275.29	282.00
6	0.63	0.11	0.46		0.74		- 3.45	0.51	0.80	
	261.47	66.99	259.03	282.00	194.78	282.00	282.00	192.02	276.09	282.00
7	3.00	- 43.00	9.00		3.00			12.00	8.00	
	264.47	23.99	268.03	282.00	197.78	282.00	282.00	204.02	284.09	282.00
8 to 12	2.37	- 23.99	8.60		6.68			4.59		
	266.84	0.00	276.63	282.00	204.46	282.00	282.00	208.61	284.09	282.00
13	1.04		0.26		0.78			0.00	- 2.09	
	267.88		276.89	282.00	205.24	282.00	282.00	208.61	282.00	282.00
14	17.00		34.00		16.00			49.00		
	284.88		310.89	282.00	221.24	282.00	282.00	257.61	282.00	282.00
15 to 18					18.03			26.35		
	284.88		310.89	282.00	239.27	282.00	282.00	283.96	282.00	282.00

Ballot paper adjustment: 6

Total ballot papers: 2 886

Formal Votes: 2 812

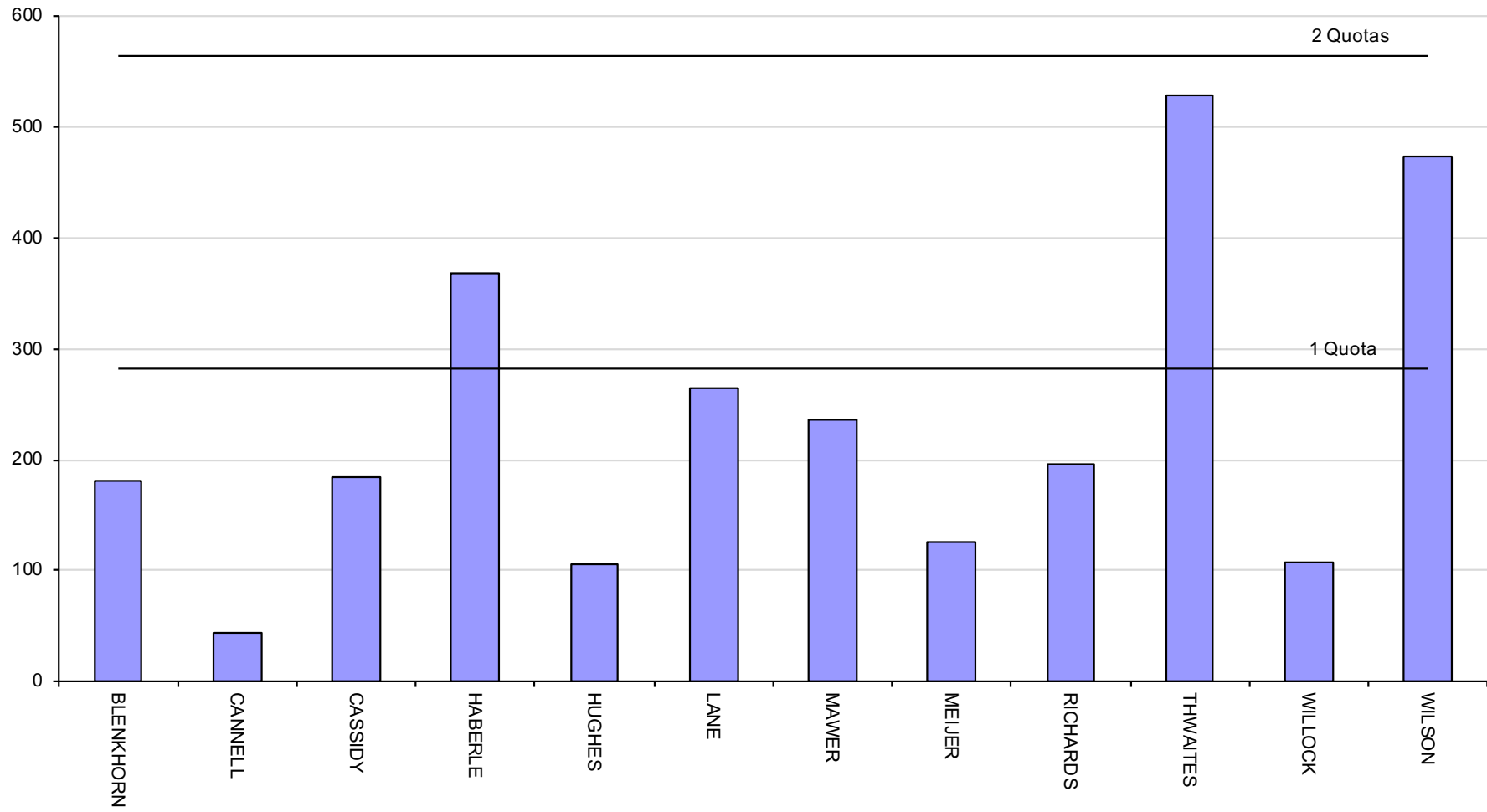
Informal ballot papers: 74

Informality rate: 2.56%

Quota = 282

WILLOCK	WILSON	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
108.00	474.00		0.00	2812.00	THWAITES elected 1, WILSON elected 2, HABERLE elected 3
14.90			0.04		THWAITES' surplus distributed
122.90	474.00		0.04	2812.00	LANE elected 4
14.17	- 192.00		0.04		WILSON's surplus distributed
137.07	282.00		0.08	2812.00	MAWER elected 5
8.17			0.04		HABERLE's surplus distributed
145.24	282.00		0.12	2812.00	
6.04			0.02		LANE's surplus distributed
151.28	282.00		0.14	2812.00	
0.17			0.03		MAWER's surplus distributed
151.45	282.00		0.17	2812.00	
8.00			0.00		CANNELL part excluded
159.45	282.00		0.17	2812.00	RICHARDS elected 6
1.68			0.07		CANNELL excluded
161.13	282.00		0.24	2812.00	
0.00			0.01		RICHARDS' surplus distributed
161.13	282.00		0.25	2812.00	
- 116.00			0.00		WILLOCK part excluded
45.13	282.00		0.25	2812.00	CASSIDY elected 7, BLENKHORN elected 8
- 44.96		0.58	0.00		WILLOCK part excluded
0.17	282.00	0.58	0.25	2812.00	MEJER elected 9

2018 Kentish Councillor election - first preferences



Kentish Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Returning Officer: Maree Stones

Mayor — Tim Wilson (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2 892

Ballot paper adjustment: 14

Total ballot papers: 2 878

Formal Votes: 2 855

Informal ballot papers: 23

Informality rate: 0.80%

		BLENKHORN	HABERLE	MAWER	THWAITES	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	268	889	357	1341	0	2855	1428	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	-268	81	75	101	11			BLENKHORN excluded
	Progress Total	0	970	432	1442	11	2855	1423	THWAITES elected

2018 Kentish Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

