



Latrobe Council

2000 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every second (even) year elections are held in all 29 councils for the positions of mayor and deputy mayor and half the councillor positions. Where required, by-elections are held concurrently for vacancies that have occurred since the last elections.

The Tasmanian Electoral Office (TEO) supervises the conduct of elections in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. Elections by postal ballot have been held in 1994, 1996, 1999 (deferred from 1998) and 2000, with the next elections due in October 2002.

Following recent changes to the Act, mayors and deputy mayors were elected directly by the electors in each municipal area for the first time in 2000.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are available from the TEO and are posted on the TEO website www.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2000 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 16 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 21 September
Nomination period	25 September— 12 noon on 4 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 4 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 5 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	17–20 October
Polling period	17–31 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 31 October

Casual vacancies

Casual vacancies are filled by recount where possible, unless the vacancy occurs within 6 months of a forthcoming election. Only unelected candidates from the relevant election may contest a recount. A candidate elected at a recount serves until the next council election. If a recount is not possible, a by-election is held—with the candidate elected to serve for the remainder of the term of office of the original councillor.

Electoral polls

A council may hold an elector poll on any issue it determines. It 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

Voting in Tasmanian local government elections is not compulsory.

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.

Report on the 2000 Latrobe Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms and 4 Councillors for 4 year terms.

5882 Latrobe electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 5813 (98.82%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 69 (1.17%) from the General Manager's roll.

61.25% of Latrobe electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

By-Election

A by-election was held between the 1999 and 2000 elections. Councillor John Perkins resigned on 3 November 2000. The ballot closed at 10 am Thursday 21 December 2000. Three candidates contested the by-election. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2000 elections

Mayor

★ CAMPBELL, Robert W (Bert) * SassafRAS
GAFFNEY, Michael Latrobe

Deputy Mayor

★ ROCKLIFF, Rick SassafRAS
SIMS, Garry Wesley Vale

Councillors

★ BEVERIDGE, Rob* Hawley Beach
★ CAMPBELL, Robert W (Bert) * SassafRAS
CHRISTY, Walter Maxwell Shearwater
DARBYSHIRE, Pat Port Sorell
★ HUGHES, John* Northdown
★ THORNE, Des* Port Sorell

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Latrobe Councillors following the 2000 elections

Mayor

term ends 2002
CAMPBELL Robert W (Bert)

Deputy Mayor

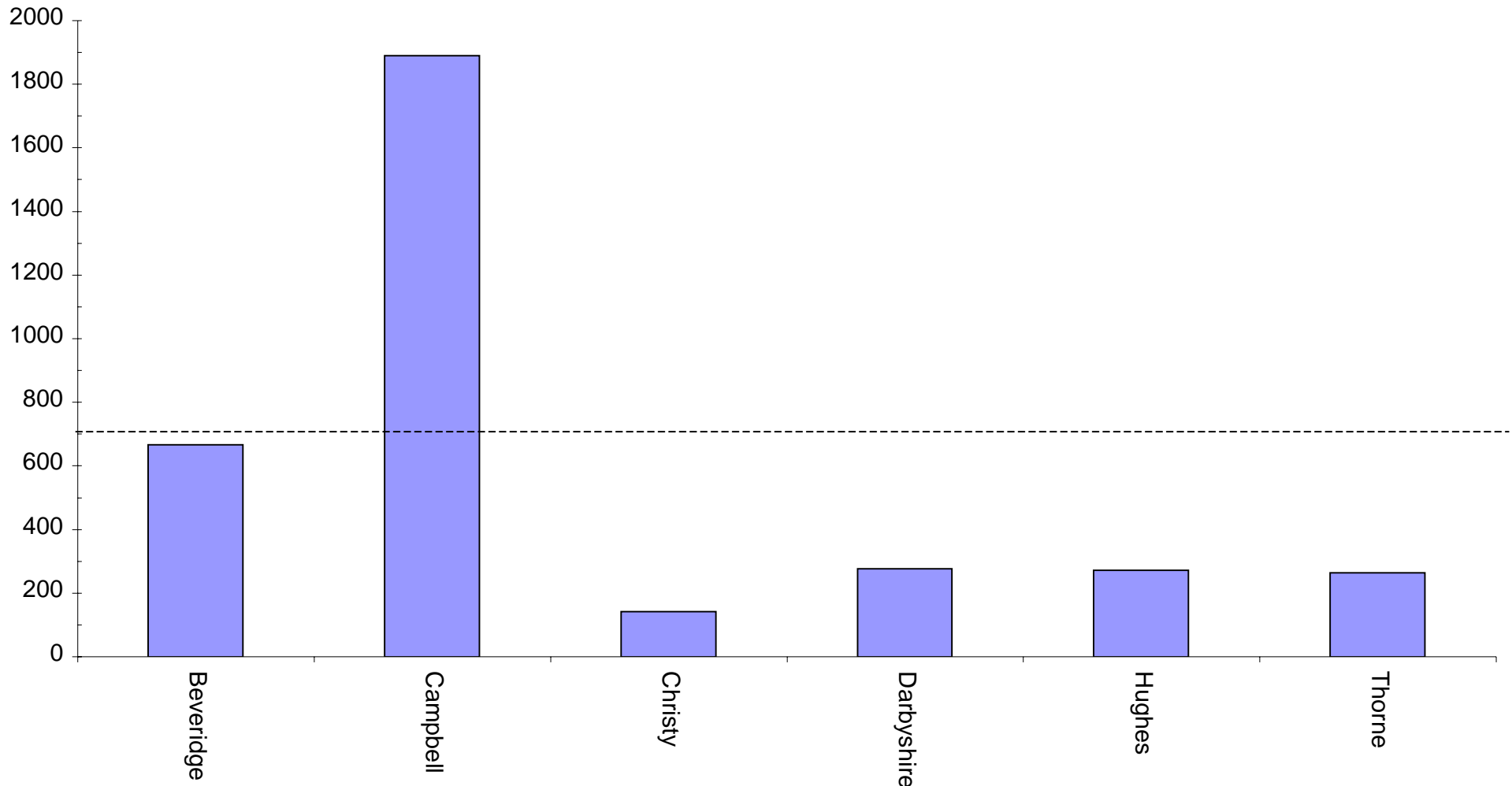
term ends 2002
ROCKLIFF Rick

9 Councillors

term ends 2004
CAMPBELL Robert W (Bert)
BEVERIDGE Rob
HUGHES John
THORNE Des

term ends 2002
GAFFNEY Michael
ROCKLIFF Rick
SIMS Garry
PARKER Dudley
McLAREN Michael

2000 Councillor first preferences



Councillor distribution of preferences

Latrobe Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Number to be elected : 4

Returning Officer : Mr Julian Type

Electors enrolled : 5 882
 Declarations returned : 3 603
 Response 61.25%

Declarations rejected : 51
 Declarations admitted : 3 552
 Rejection rate : 1.41%

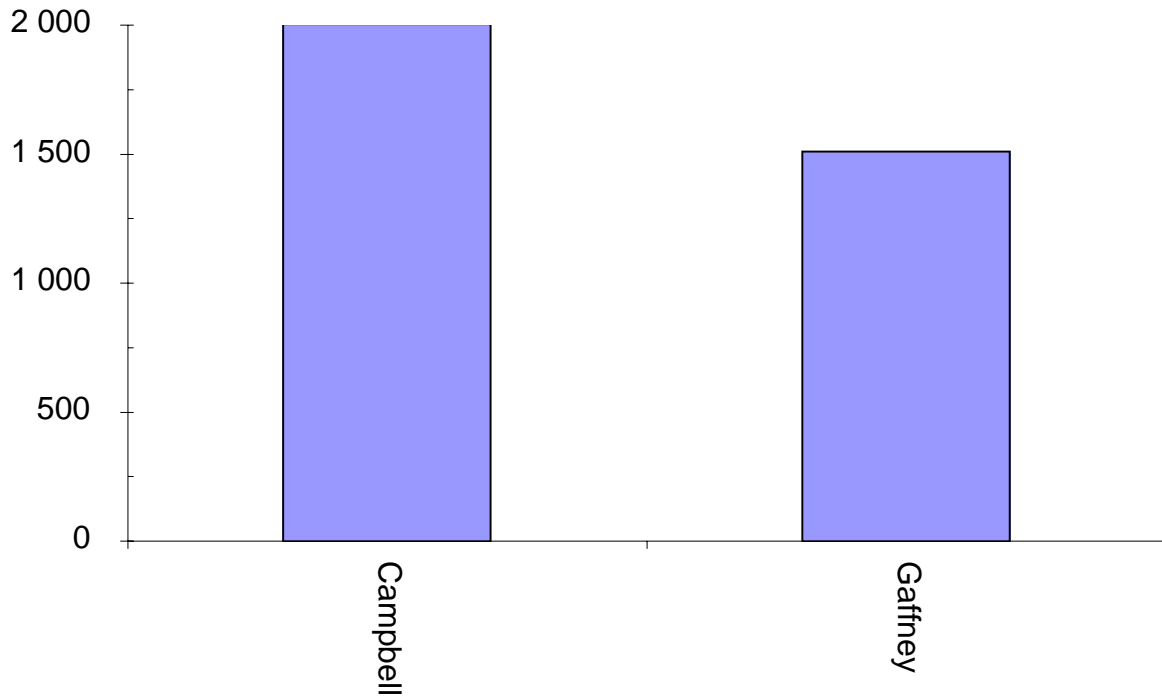
Ballot paper adjustment : 1
 Total ballot papers : 3 551
 Formal votes : 3 506
 Informal ballot papers : 45
 Informality rate : 1.26%

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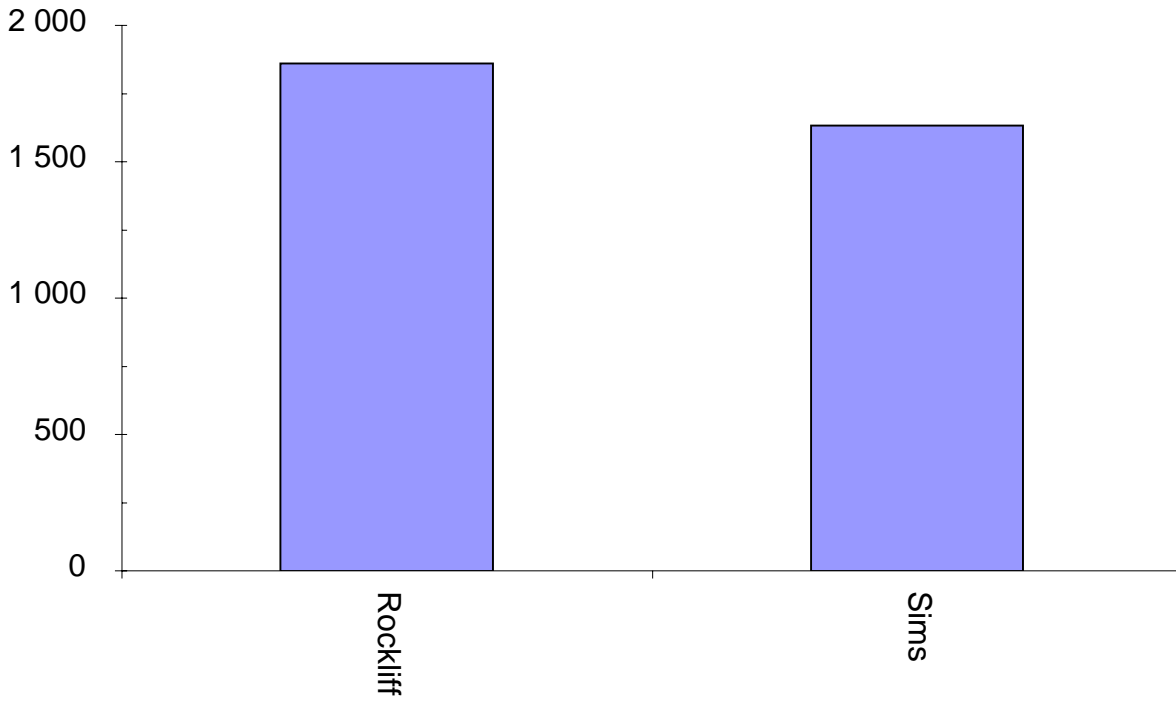
CANDIDATES

	Beveridge	Campbell	Christy	Darbyshire	Hughes	Thorne	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1 Total	666.00	1 889.00	141.00	276.00	271.00	263.00			3 506.00	Campbell elected 1
Count 2 Votes transferred	635.91	-1 187.00	72.89	91.74	191.02	195.42		0.02		Campbell's surplus distributed
Progress totals	1 301.91	702.00	213.89	367.74	462.02	468.42		0.02	3 506.00	Beveridge elected 2
Count 3 Votes transferred	- 599.91		68.17	106.70	237.71	187.32		0.01		Beveridge's surplus distributed
Progress totals	702.00	702.00	282.06	474.44	699.73	645.74		0.03	3 506.00	Christy excluded
Count 4 Votes transferred			- 141.00	64.00	45.00	32.00		0.00		Christy's votes distributed
Progress totals	702.00	702.00	141.06	538.44	744.73	677.74		0.03	3 506.00	Hughes elected 3
Count 5 Votes transferred			- 72.89	43.35		27.02	2.51	0.01		Christy's votes distributed
Progress totals	702.00	702.00	68.17	581.79	744.73	704.76	2.51	0.04	3 506.00	Thorne elected 4

Latrobe Council – 2000 Mayor first preferences



Latrobe Council – 2000 Deputy Mayor first preferences



Latrobe Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Returning Officer : Mr Julian Type

Electors enrolled : 5 882

Declarations returned : 3 603

Response 61.25%

Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 1

Total ballot papers : 3 551

Formal votes : 3 511

Informal ballot papers : 40

Informality Rate : 1.12%

		CANDIDATES		Total Votes	Remarks
		Campbell	Garfney		
Count 1	Total	2 002	1 509	3 511	Campbell Elected

Deputy Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 1

Total ballot papers : 3 551

Formal votes : 3 492

Informal ballot papers : 59

Informality Rate : 1.66%

		CANDIDATES		Total Votes	Remarks
		Rockliff	Sims		
Count 1	Total	1 860	1 632	3 492	Rockliff Elected

Latrobe Council

By-election due to the resignation of Councillor **John Perkins**

By-election polling closed at noon Tuesday 21 December 1999

Electors enrolled: 5886	Declarations rejected: 31	Adjustment: 0	Formal votes: 2905
Declarations returned: 2943	Declarations admitted: 2912	Total ballot papers: 2912	Informal ballot papers: 7
Response rate: 50.00%	Rejection rate: 1.06%		Informality rate: 0.24

CANDIDATES

		BEVERIDGE Rob	HOLLIDAY Keith	McCulloch Marie	Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	First preferences	1 368	414	1 123		2 905	1 453	
Count 2	Votes transferred	205	- 414	200	6			Holliday Excluded
	Progressive total	1 573	0	1 323	6	2 902	1 449	Beveridge Elected