



West Coast 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.

Elector 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 West Coast Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms and 5 Councillors for 4 year terms.

3688 West Coast electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 3621 (98.18%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 67 (1.81%) from the General Manager's roll.

71.06% of West Coast electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

Recount

One recount was held between the 1999 and 2000 elections. Councillor Ian Jamieson resigned from the West Coast Council on 13 July 1999. Two unelected candidates from the 1996 West Coast election consented to contest the recount. The recount took place at noon Monday 26 July 1999. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2000 elections

Mayor

DRAKE, Anne Rosebery
! GERRITY, Darryl Strahan
VICKERS, Ted Zeehan

Deputy Mayor

! STEBBINGS, Glenda Queenstown

Councillors

! DRAKE, Anne* Rosebery
! GARDINER, Brian Strahan
MEDWIN, Alwyn (Al) Rosebery
! REID, Peter Queenstown
RIDSDALE, Marilyn Queenstown
SHEA, Ray Queenstown
! VICKERS, Ted* Zeehan
! WALLER, Murray D* Queenstown

! denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

West Coast Councillors following the 2000 elections

Mayor

term ends 2002
GERRITY Darryl

Deputy Mayor

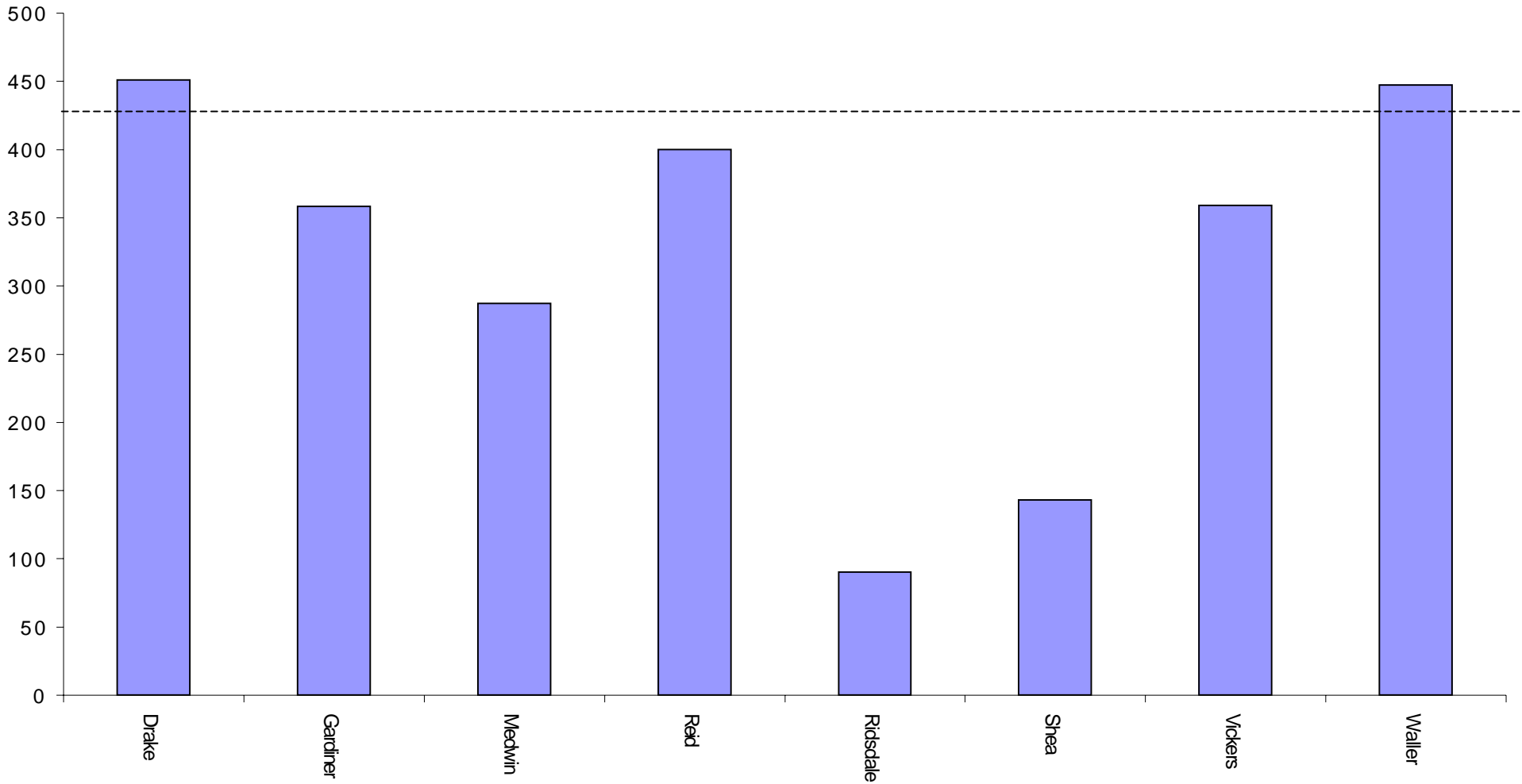
term ends 2002
STEBBINGS Glenda

9 Councillors

term ends 2004
DRAKE Anne
WALLER Murray D
REID Peter
GARDINER Brian
VICKERS Ted

term ends 2002
McGUSHIN Gerry
GERRITY Darryl
STEBBINGS Glenda
McKAY Lewis James

West Coast Council - 2000 Councillor first preferences



Councillor distribution of preferences

West Coast Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Number to be elected : 5

Returning Officer : Mr Julian Type

Electors enrolled : 3 688

Declarations returned : 2 621

Response 71.06%

Declarations rejected : 46

Declarations admitted : 2 575

Rejection rate : 1.75%

Ballot paper adjustment : 1

Total ballot papers : 2 574

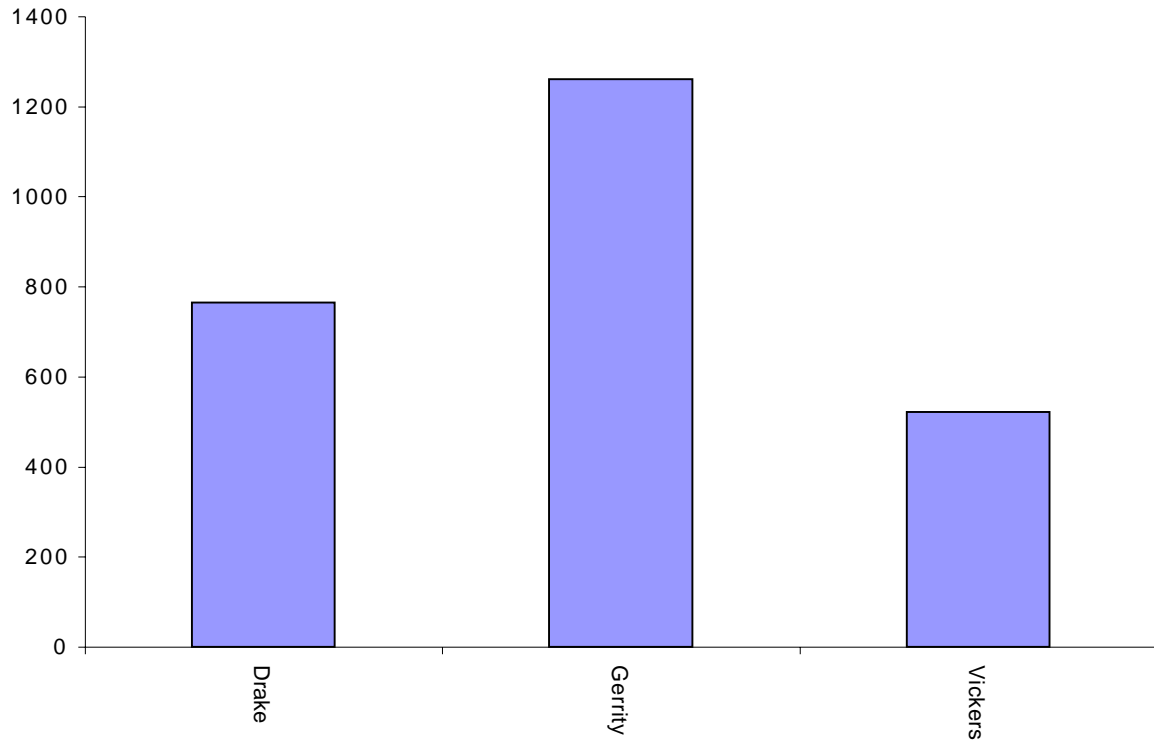
Formal votes : 2 535

Informal ballot papers : 39

Informality rate : 1.51%

		CANDIDATES								Quota = 423			
		DRAKE	GARDINER	MEDWIN	REID	RIDSDALE	SHEA	VICKERS	WALLER	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total	451.00	358.00	287.00	400.00	90.00	143.00	359.00	447.00			2 535.00	DRAKE elected 1, WALLER elected 2
Count 2	Votes transferred	- 28.00	3.47	9.56	2.42	2.48	2.54	7.51		0.02			DRAKE's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	423.00	361.47	296.56	402.42	92.48	145.54	366.51	447.00	0.02		2 535.00	
Count 3	Votes transferred		3.97	1.93	7.03	1.61	5.31	4.13	- 24.00	0.02			WALLER's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	423.00	365.44	298.49	409.45	94.09	150.85	370.64	423.00	0.04		2 535.00	
Count 4	Votes transferred		25.00	20.00	25.00	- 90.00	13.00	7.00		0.00			RIDSDALE part excluded
	Progress totals	423.00	390.44	318.49	434.45	4.09	163.85	377.64	423.00	0.04		2 535.00	REID elected 3
Counts 5 to 6	Votes transferred		1.19	0.60		- 4.09	1.47	0.79		0.04			RIDSDALE fully excluded
	Progress totals	423.00	391.63	319.09	434.45	0.00	165.32	378.43	423.00	0.08		2 535.00	
Count 7	Votes transferred		3.20	1.83	- 11.45		5.95	0.45		0.02			REID's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	423.00	394.83	320.92	423.00		171.27	378.88	423.00	0.10		2 535.00	
Count 8	Votes transferred		79.00	31.00			- 156.00	44.00		2.00	0.00		SHEA part excluded
	Progress totals	423.00	473.83	351.92	423.00		15.27	422.88	423.00	2.00	0.10	2 535.00	GARDINER elected 4
Count 9	Votes transferred			3.66			- 5.95	2.29		0.00	0.00		SHEA part excluded
	Progress totals	423.00	473.83	355.58	423.00		9.32	425.17	423.00	2.00	0.10	2 535.00	VICKERS elected 5

West Coast Council - 2000 mayor first preferences



West Coast Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Returning Officer : Mr Julian Type

Electors enrolled : 3 688

Declarations returned : 2 621

Response 71.06%

Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 1

Total ballot papers : 2 574

Formal votes : 2 547

Informal ballot papers : 27

Informality Rate : 1.04%

		CANDIDATES			Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Remarks
		Drake	Gerrity	Vickers			
Count 1	Total	765	1 261	521		2 547	
Count 2	Votes transferred	332	156	- 521	33		Vickers excluded
	Progress totals	1 097	1 417	0	33	2 547	Gerrity Elected

Deputy Mayor — Glenda Stebbings

Elected Unopposed

West Coast Council

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor **Ian Jamieson**

Recount conducted at noon Monday 26 July 1999

Distribution of preferences (multiplied by 100)

		CANDIDATES						
		SMITH Brian	APPLEBY Graham	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Jamieson Distribution	20 686	6 753	170	2	27 611	13 720	SMITH Elected