



# West Coast Council

## 2002 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), 2000 and 2002, with the next elections due in October 2004.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are elected directly by the electors in each municipal area.

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](http://www.electoral.tas.gov.au).

### 2002 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 14 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 19 September
Nomination period	23 September— 12 noon on 2 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 2 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 3 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	15–18 October
Polling period	15–29 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 29 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 2002 West Coast Council Election

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

3 677 West Coast electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 3 597 (97.82%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 80 (2.18%) from the General Manager's roll.

69.84% of West Coast electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2002 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ GERRITY, Darryl*	Strahan	★ GERRITY, Darryl*	Strahan
		HALL, Sarah	Queenstown
		★ McGUSHIN, Gerry*	Queenstown
		McKAY, Lewis James*	Tullah
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ MEDWIN, Alwyn Robert	Rosebery
DRAKE, Anne	Rosebery	ROSE, Allen	Zeehan
ROSE, Allen	Zeehan	★ STEBBINGS, Glenda*	Queenstown
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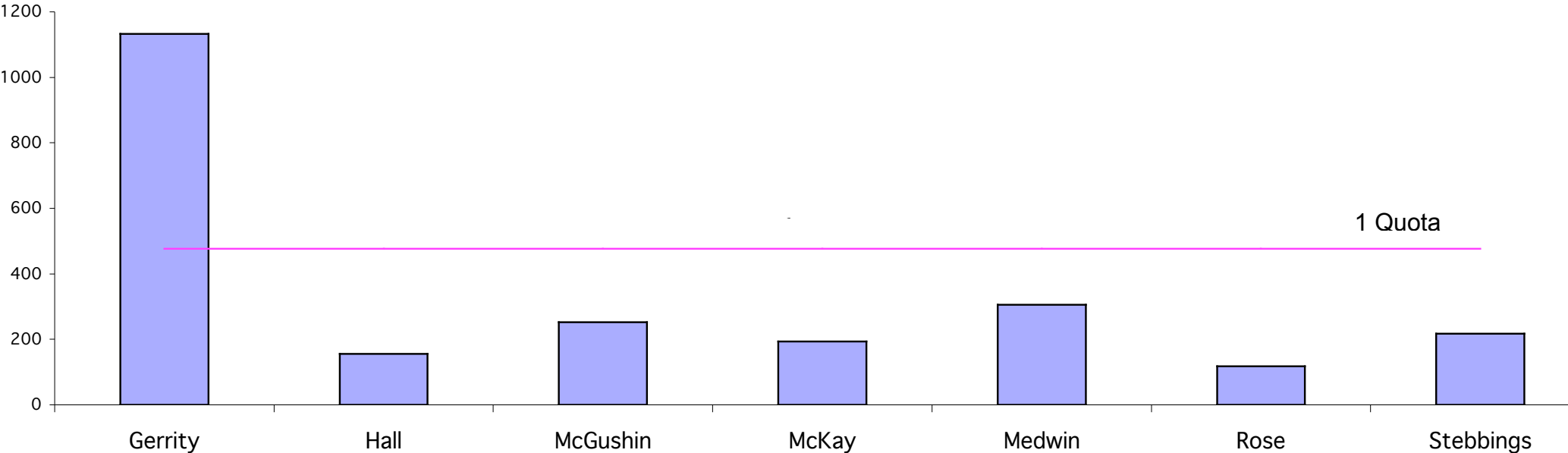
★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

### West Coast Councillors following the 2002 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2004</i>	<i>term ends 2006</i>	<i>term ends 2004</i>
GERRITY Darryl	GERRITY Darryl	DRAKE Anne
	McGUSHIN Gerry	WALLER Murray D
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	MEDWIN Alwyn Robert	REID Peter
<i>term ends 2004</i>	STEBBINGS Glenda	GARDINER Brian
STEBBINGS Glenda		VICKERS Ted

West Coast Councillor 2002 First Preferences



## West Coast Council

Electors enrolled: 3677

Declarations rejected: 171

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Formal Votes: 2377

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Declarations returned: 2568

Declarations admitted: 2397

Total ballot papers: 2397

Informal ballot papers: 20

Number to be elected: 4

Response: 69.84%

Rejection rate: 6.66%

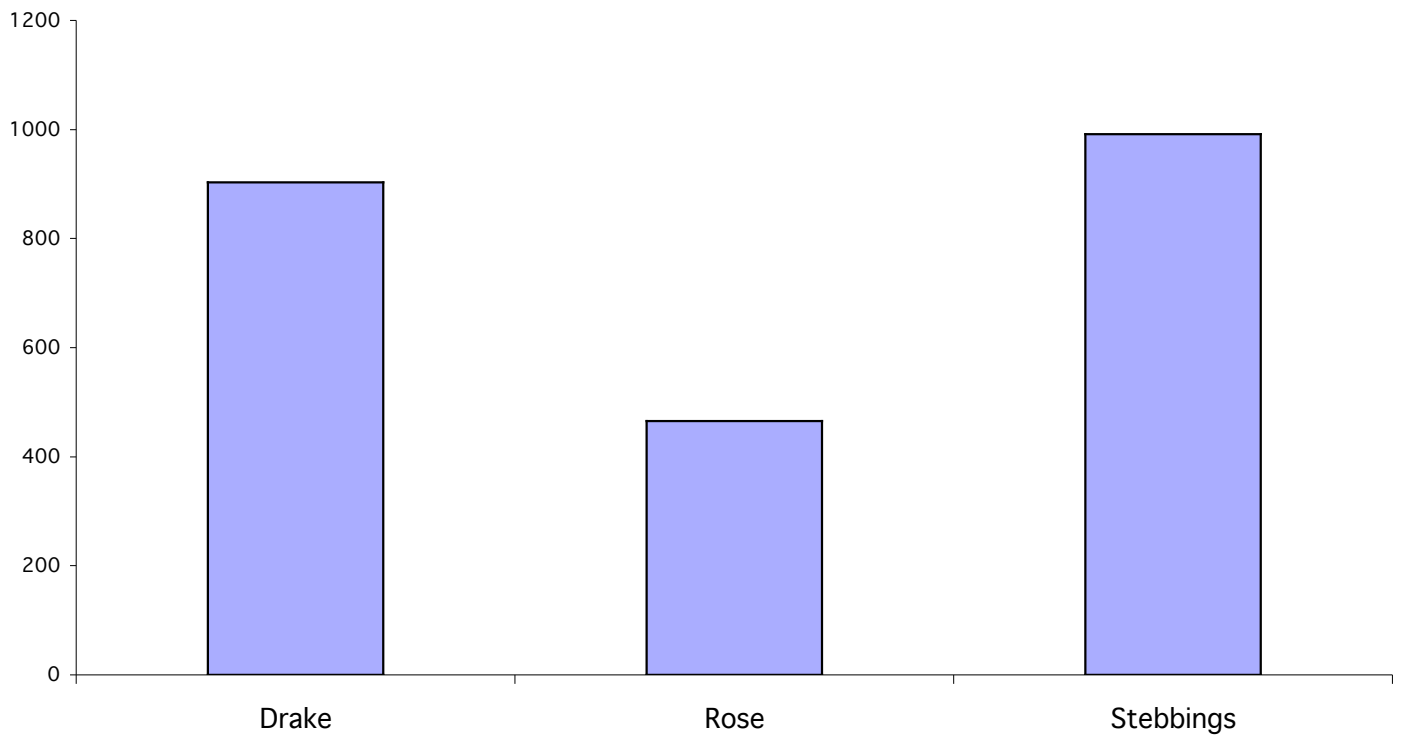
Informality rate: 0.83%

Returning Officer: Mr Julian Type

Quota= 476

		Candidates							Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		Gerrity	Hall	McGushin	McKay	Medwin	Rose	Stebbings				
Count 1	Total	1133.00	156.00	253.00	194.00	306.00	118.00	217.00	0.00	0.00	2377	<b>GERRITY elected 1</b>
Count 2	Votes transferred	-657.00	74.80	224.99	40.01	69.00	61.46	186.72	0.00	0.02		GERRITY's surplus distributed
Count 3	Progress totals	476.00	230.80	477.99	234.01	375.00	179.46	403.72	0.00	0.02	2377	<b>McGUSHIN elected 2</b>
	Votes transferred		0.26	-1.99	0.18	0.21	0.27	1.05	0.00	0.02		McGUSHIN's surplus distributed
Count 4 to 6	Progress totals	476.00	231.06	476.00	234.19	375.21	179.73	404.77	0.00	0.04	2377	ROSE excluded
	Votes transferred		52.86		27.32	49.33	-179.73	50.18	0.00	0.04		ROSE's votes distributed
Count 7	Progress totals	476.00	283.92	476.00	261.51	424.54	0.00	454.95	0.00	0.08	2377	ROSE fully excluded, McKAY excluded
	Votes transferred		50.00		-212.00	99.00		63.00	0.00	0.00		McKAY's votes distributed
Count 8	Progress totals	476.00	333.92	476.00	49.51	523.54		517.95	0.00	0.08	2377	<b>MEDWIN elected 3, STEBBINGS electec 4, McKAY partially excluded</b>

West Coast Deputy Mayor 2002 First Preferences



# Mayor—Darryl Gerrity

## Elected unopposed

### West Coast Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Returning Officer: Mr Julian Type

Declarations admitted: 2397

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Total ballot papers: 2397

Formal votes: 2359

Informal ballot papers: 38

Informality rate: 1.59%

### Deputy Mayor

		Candidates			Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		Drake	Rose	Stebbings				
Count 1	Total	903	465	991	0	2359	1180	Rose excluded
Count 2	Votes transferred	189	-465	224	52			
	Progress totals	1092	0	1215	52	2359	1154	<b>Stebbings elected</b>