



Flinders Council

2011 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 municipal areas for the positions of mayor and deputy mayor and half the councillors. Where required, by-elections are held concurrently for vacancies that have occurred since the last elections.

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) supervises the conduct of elections in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. Elections by postal ballot have been held approximately biennially since 1994, with the next elections due in October 2013.

Since 2000, mayors and deputy mayors have been elected directly by the electors in all municipal areas. Previously, in most councils, mayors and deputy mayors were elected by the councillors at the first meeting of a new council.

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

2011 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September–12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 25 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 2011 Flinders Council Election

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

765 Flinders electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 651 (85.10%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 114 (14.90%) from the General Manager's roll.

77.52% of Flinders electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

By-elections

A by-election was held between the 2009 and 2011 elections following the resignation of Margaret Wheatley on 16 December 2010. The ballot closed at 10am Tuesday 22 February 2011. Three candidates contested the councillor by-election. Full details are provided at the back of this report.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ COX, Carol*	Lady Barron	★ COBHAM, Marc*	Emita
		★ COX, Carol*	Lady Barron
Deputy Mayor		FENNER, Chris	Lady Barron
★ GRIMSHAW, Michael*	Lackrana	GARTH, Catherine	Leeka
		GRIMSHAW, Michael*	Lackrana
		★ RHODES, Peter Frank	Whitemark
		STOCKTON, Ken	Lady Barron
		★ WILLIS, Gerald	Ranga

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Flinders Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor	7 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
COX, Carol	COX, Carol	WILLIAMS, David
Deputy Mayor	COBHAM, Marc	ROBERTS, Mary-Anne
<i>term ends 2013</i>	RHODES, Peter Frank	WISE, Ronald Leslie
GRIMSHAW, Michael [#]	WILLIS, Gerald	

[#] denotes Mr Grimshaw is unable to accept the position of Deputy Mayor as he was not elected as a Councillor.

Flinders Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Number to be elected: 4

Returning Officer: Ms Sarah Dixon

Electors enrolled: 765

Declarations returned: 593

Response: 77.52%

Declarations rejected: 11

Declarations admitted: 582

Rejection rate: 1.85%

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Total ballot papers: 579

Formal Votes: 578

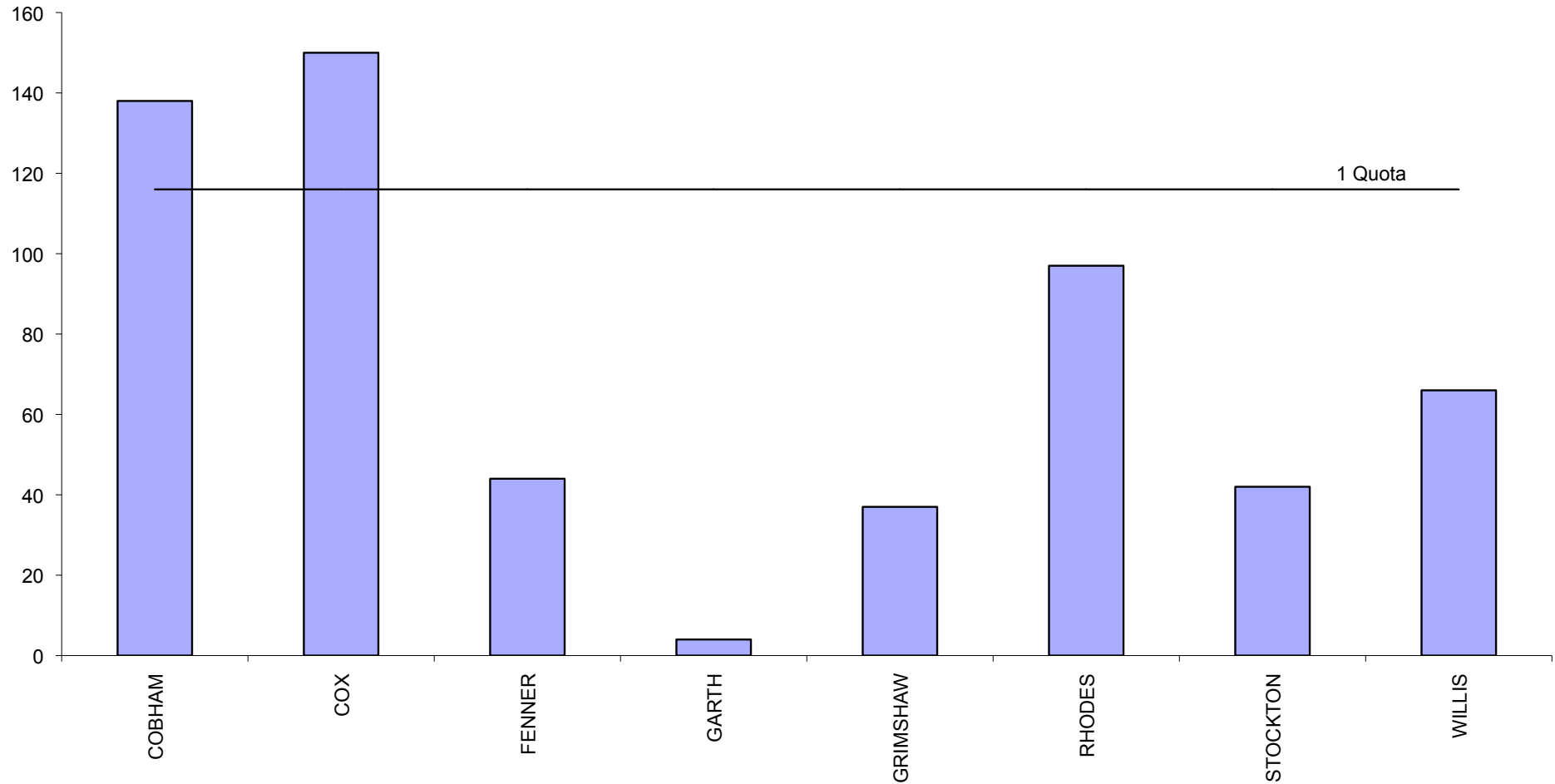
Informal ballot papers: 1

Informality rate: 0.17%

Quota = 116

Count	COBHAM	COX	FENNER	GARTH	GRIMSHAW	RHODES	STOCKTON	WILLIS	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	138.00	150.00	44.00	4.00	37.00	97.00	42.00	66.00			578.00	COX elected 1, COBHAM elected 2
2		- 34.00	5.43	0.45	13.14	3.85	6.11	4.98		0.04	578.00	COX's surplus distributed
3	138.00	116.00	49.43	4.45	50.14	100.85	48.11	70.98		0.04	578.00	
	- 22.00		3.82	0.79	4.62	4.46	4.62	3.66		0.03	578.00	COBHAM's surplus distributed
4 to 6	116.00	116.00	53.25	5.24	54.76	105.31	52.73	74.64		0.07	578.00	
			0.15	- 5.24	0.31	3.00	0.00	1.76		0.02	578.00	GARTH excluded
7	116.00	116.00	53.40	0.00	55.07	108.31	52.73	76.40		0.09	578.00	
			13.00		1.00	9.00	- 42.00	19.00		0.00	578.00	STOCKTON part excluded
8 to 9	116.00	116.00	66.40		56.07	117.31	10.73	95.40		0.09	578.00	RHODES elected 3
			3.92		2.08		- 10.73	4.17	0.53	0.03	578.00	STOCKTON excluded
10	116.00	116.00	70.32		58.15	117.31	0.00	99.57	0.53	0.12	578.00	
			0.43		0.00	- 1.31		0.87	0.00	0.01	578.00	RHODES' surplus distributed
11 to 12	116.00	116.00	70.75		58.15	116.00		100.44	0.53	0.13	578.00	
			31.83		- 52.27			19.98	0.45	0.01	578.00	GRIMSHAW part excluded
	116.00	116.00	102.58		5.88	116.00		120.42	0.98	0.14	578.00	WILLIS elected 4

2011 Flinders Councillor election - first preferences



Flinders Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Ms Sarah Dixon

Mayor — Carol Cox (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor — Michael Grimshaw (elected unopposed)

Please note: Mr Grimshaw is unable to accept the position of Deputy Mayor as he was not elected as a Councillor.

2011 Flinders Council by-election

Polling closed: 10 am Tuesday 22 February 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Andrew Hawkey

By-election due to the resignation of Councillor Margaret Wheatley

Councillor elected to serve until the 2013 ordinary election.

Total ballot papers: 496

Formal votes: 495

Informal ballot papers: 1 (0.20%)

Candidates

		GARTH Catherine	TRESEMER David	WISE Ronald Leslie	Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	First preferences	75	129	291		495	248	WISE elected