



Flinders Council

2014 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Tasmania's local government elections were held in September-October 2014. These were the first all-in, all-out elections conducted since the enactment on 20 June 2013 of the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2013* and the making of the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2013*, the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2014* and the *Local Government (Elections) Order 2013*.

The effect of these was to defer the elections, originally scheduled for 2013, until 2014 when all councillors and aldermen, and mayors and deputy mayors, would be elected for a four year term ending in 2018. The terms of office of councillors elected in both 2009 and 2011 ended in 2014.

There was also a reduction in the number of councillors or aldermen to be elected to nine councils in 2014 (see statewide *Local government election report 2014* for further details).

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 quadrennial elections due in October 2018.

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.

2014 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 13 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 18 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 29 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 30 September
Ballot material received by electors	14–17 October
Polling period	14–28 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 28 October

Casual vacancies for councillor/alderman

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. If a recount is not possible, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

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 2014 Flinders Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 7 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

776 Flinders electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 658 (84.79%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 118 (15.21%) from the General Manager's roll.

81.31% of Flinders electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58% statewide.

Flinders Councillors following the 2014 elections

Mayor

COX, Carol D

Deputy Mayor

COBHAM, Marc

7 Councillors

COX, Carol D

WILLIS, Gerald

COBHAM, Marc

WILLIAMS, David

STOCKTON, Ken

RHODES, Chris

RHODES, Peter Frank

The candidates

Flinders Council

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Councillor	12 candidates (7 to be elected)	
CARIS, Sean		Flinders Island
COBHAM, Marc ^{*^}		Emita
COX, Carol D ^{*^}		Lady Barron
DICK, John L		Killiecrankie
GARDNER, John		Cape Barren Island
LA GRUE, Bill		Whitemark
RHODES, Chris [*]		Lackrana
RHODES, Peter Frank ^{*^}		Whitemark
ROBERTS, Mary-Anne [^]		Killiecrankie
STOCKTON, Ken [*]		Emita
WILLIAMS, David ^{*^}		Lady Barron
WILLIS, Gerald ^{*^}		Lady Barron

Mayor	2 candidates	
COX, Carol D ^{*^}		Lady Barron
WILLIS, Gerald		Lady Barron

Deputy Mayor	3 candidates	
COBHAM, Marc [*]		Emita
RHODES, Peter Frank		Whitemark
WILLIAMS, David		Lady Barron

* denotes elected candidate

^ denotes seeking re-election

Flinders Council - 2014 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2014*

Electors enrolled: 776

Declarations rejected: 8

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Formal Votes: 618

Number to be elected: 7

Declarations returned: 631

Declarations admitted: 623

Total ballot papers: 621

Informal ballot papers: 3

Returning Officer: Davin Foulkes

Response rate: 81.31%

Rejection rate: 1.27%

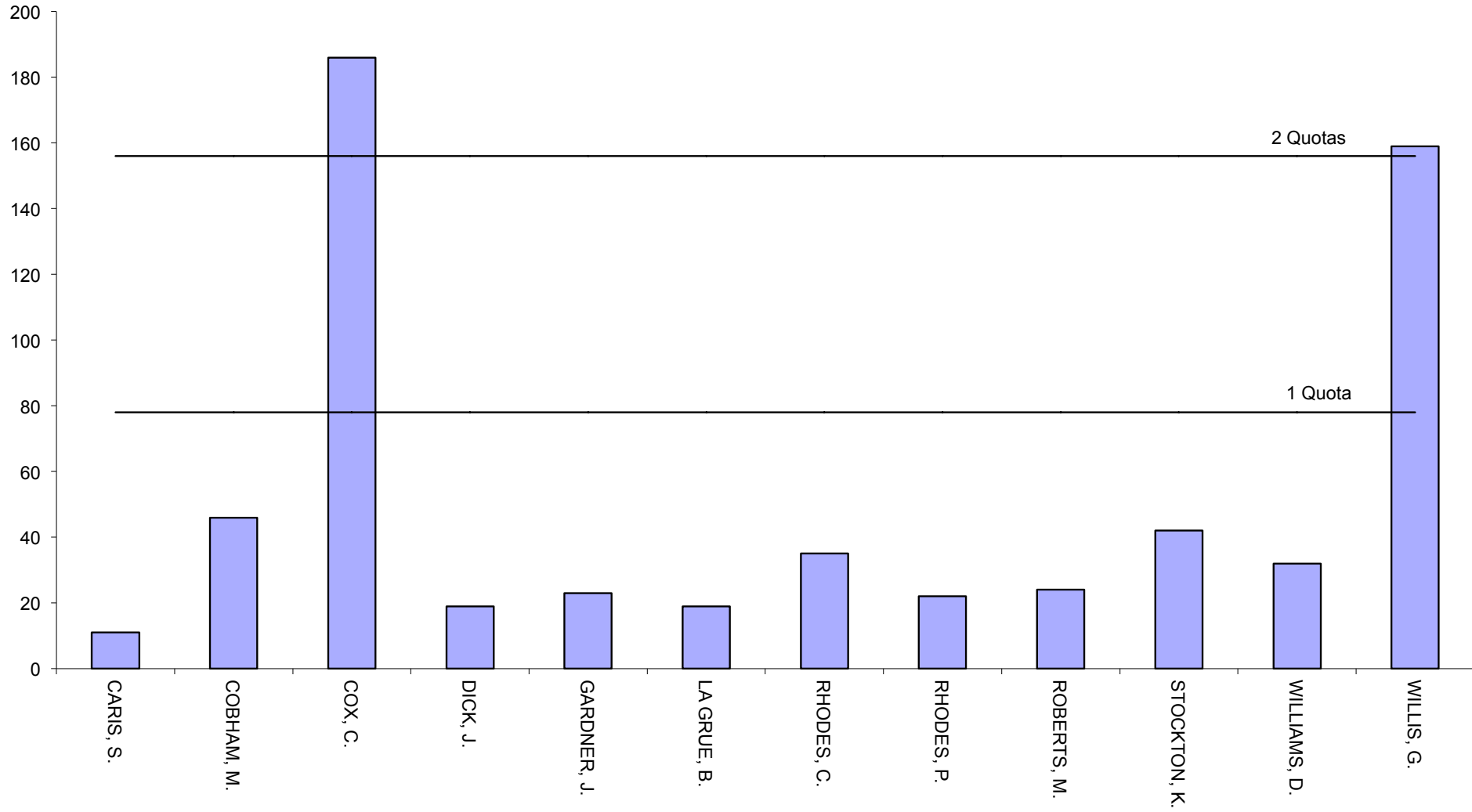
Informality rate: 0.48%

Quota = 78

Count	CARIS, S.	COBHAM, M.	COX, C.	DICK, J.	GARDNER, J.	LA GRUE, B.	RHODES, C.	RHODES, P.	ROBERTS, M.	STOCKTON, K.	WILLIAMS, D.	WILLIS, G.	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	11.00	46.00	186.00	19.00	23.00	19.00	35.00	22.00	24.00	42.00	32.00	159.00		0.00	618.00	COX, C. elected 1, WILLIS, G. elected 2
2	3.48	35.41	- 108.00	1.16	0.58	3.48	5.80	1.74	8.12	6.38	41.80			0.05		COX, C.'s surplus distributed
	14.48	81.41	78.00	20.16	23.58	22.48	40.80	23.74	32.12	48.38	73.80	159.00		0.05	618.00	COBHAM, M. elected 3
3	1.01			3.56	0.50	2.54	12.22	22.41	4.58	23.94	10.18	- 81.00		0.06		WILLIS, G.'s surplus distributed
	15.49	81.41	78.00	23.72	24.08	25.02	53.02	46.15	36.70	72.32	83.98	78.00		0.11	618.00	WILLIAMS, D. elected 4
4	0.11	- 3.41		0.27	0.16	0.22	0.05	0.22	1.84	0.50				0.04		COBHAM, M.'s surplus distributed
	15.60	78.00	78.00	23.99	24.24	25.24	53.07	46.37	38.54	72.82	83.98	78.00		0.15	618.00	
5	0.00			0.00	0.00	2.69	0.00	1.19	0.59	1.49	- 5.98			0.02		WILLIAMS, D.'s surplus distributed
	15.60	78.00	78.00	23.99	24.24	27.93	53.07	47.56	39.13	74.31	78.00	78.00		0.17	618.00	
6 to 9	- 15.60			2.63	1.00	3.00	5.75	1.00	1.21	1.00				0.01		CARIS, S. excluded
	0.00	78.00	78.00	26.62	25.24	30.93	58.82	48.56	40.34	75.31	78.00	78.00		0.18	618.00	
10 to 13				4.00	- 25.24	0.00	9.00	4.00	7.24	1.00				0.00		GARDNER, J. excluded
		78.00	78.00	30.62	0.00	30.93	67.82	52.56	47.58	76.31	78.00	78.00		0.18	618.00	
14				- 25.00		4.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	14.00				0.00		DICK, J. part excluded
		78.00	78.00	5.62		34.93	69.82	55.56	49.58	90.31	78.00	78.00		0.18	618.00	STOCKTON, K. elected 5
15 to 17				- 5.62		1.81	1.13	2.10	0.55					0.03		DICK, J. excluded
		78.00	78.00	0.00		36.74	70.95	57.66	50.13	90.31	78.00	78.00		0.21	618.00	
18						3.51	1.75	7.03	0.00	- 12.31				0.02		STOCKTON, K.'s surplus distributed
		78.00	78.00			40.25	72.70	64.69	50.13	78.00	78.00	78.00		0.23	618.00	
19 to 20						- 29.51	5.75	9.75	14.00					0.01		LA GRUE, B. part excluded
		78.00	78.00			10.74	78.45	74.44	64.13	78.00	78.00	78.00		0.24	618.00	RHODES, C. elected 6
21 to 23						- 10.30		4.38	5.40				0.50	0.02		LA GRUE, B. part excluded
		78.00	78.00			0.44	78.45	78.82	69.53	78.00	78.00	78.00	0.50	0.26	618.00	RHODES, P. elected 7

* denotes close of poll was adjourned by 48 hours to 10am on Thursday 30 October 2014

2014 Flinders Councillor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2014*

Returning Officer: Davin Foulkes

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 623

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Total ballot papers: 621

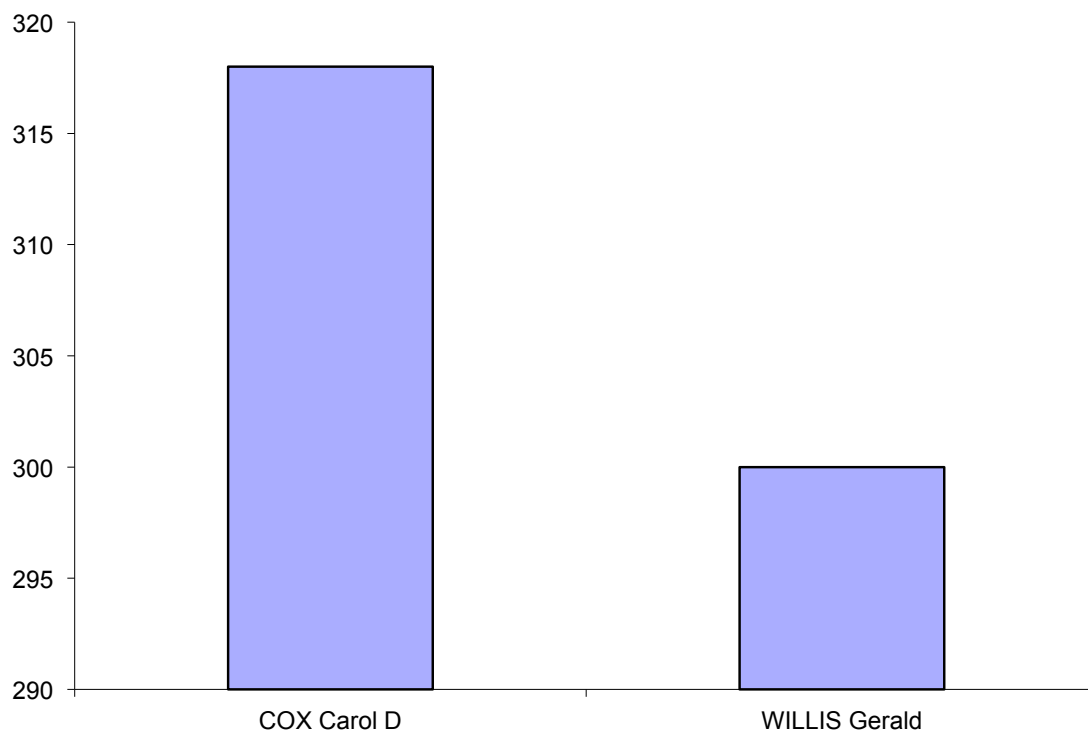
Formal Votes: 618

Informal ballot papers: 3

Informality rate: 0.48%

		COX Carol D	WILLIS Gerald	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	First preferences	318	300	618	310	COX elected

2014 Flinders Mayor election - first preferences



Flinders Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2014*

Returning Officer: Davin Foulkes

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 623

Formal Votes: 618

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Informal ballot papers: 3

Total ballot papers: 621

Informality rate: 0.48%

		COBHAM Marc	RHODES Peter Frank	WILLIAMS David	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	233	154	231	0	618	310	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	65	-154	66	23			RHODES excluded
	Progress Total	298	0	297	23	618	298	COBHAM elected

2014 Flinders Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

