## Circular Head Council

## 2022 ELECTION REPORT

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## Local government elections in Tasmania

This booklet provides election details for the 2022 Circular Head Council election, which was conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

This booklet also contains details of any casual vacancies or elector polls that were conducted between the 2018 and 2022 council elections.

Statewide election results are published on the TEC website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

## 2022 Election timetable

Notice of election published
Nominations opened
Electoral rolls closed
Nominations closed
Nominations announced
Ballot material received by electors
Polling period
Close of poll

Saturday 3 September
Monday 5 September
Thursday 8 September
Monday 19 September
Tuesday 20 September
3-7 October
3-25 October
2pm Tuesday 25 October

## Councillor casual vacancies

Councillor casual vacancies are filled by recount. Only unelected candidates from the relevant election may contest a recount. If there are no unelected candidates able to contest the recount, or the casual vacancy is also for the mayoral position, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.
No casual vacancies are filled within 6 months of the next ordinary election, unless the vacancy results in the council unable to have a quorum.

## Elector polls

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

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.

Voting in Tasmanian local government elections is compulsory.

## Report on the 2022 Circular Head Council elections

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.
5,694 Circular Head electors were enrolled for the 2022 elections, comprising 5,620 (98.70\%) from the State House of Assembly roll and $74(1.30 \%)$ from the General Manager's roll.
84.26\% of Circular Head Council electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with $84.79 \%$ statewide.

## Circular Head Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

## Prior to the 2022 election

## Mayor

QUILLIAM, Daryl
Deputy Mayor
BERECHREE, Norman
Councillors
QUILLIAM, Daryl
BERECHREE, Norman
POPOWSKI, Ashley
IVES-HERES, Stafford
OLDAKER, John Henry
BLIZZARD, Gerard
WOODWARD, David (Woody)
ETTLIN, Kathleen
HINE, Tony*

## Following the 2022 election

## Mayor

BLIZZARD, Gerard
Deputy Mayor
DAWES, Annette
Councillors
BLIZZARD, Gerard
DAWES, Annette
OLDAKER, John
POPOWSKI, Ashley
COLLINS, Sally
PILKINGTON, Steve
HINE, Tony
DABNER, Mark
FLOWERS, Rodney
*elected by recount

## Recounts between the 2018 and 2022 elections

A recount was conducted on 1 November 2021, to fill a vacancy for councillor on the Circular Head Council following the resignation of Councillor Betty Kay on 18 October 2021.

Three unelected candidates from the 2018 Circular Head Council election contested the recount.
An abstract of the count is at the back of this report.

## The candidates

Circular Head Council

## Councillor

| BLIZZARD, Gerard | Smithton |
| :--- | ---: |
| COLLINS, Sally | Stanley |
| DABNER, Mark | Smithton |
| DAWES, Annette | Irishtown |
| FLOWERS, Rodney | Forest |
| HERES, Ian | Marrawah |
| HINE, Tony | Smithton |
| LONG, Isaac | Stanley |
| McNAB, John | Rocky Cape |
| OLDAKER, John | Smithton |
| PILKINGTON, Steve | Redpa |
| POPOWSKI, Ashley | Smithton |
| WELLS, Melissa | Forest |
| Mayor | 3 candidates |
| BLIZZARD, Gerard | Smithton |
| OLDAKER, John | Smithton |
| PILKINGTON, Steve | Redpa |
| Deputy Mayor | 4 candidates |
| DAWES, Annette | Irishtown |
| HINE, Tony | Smithton |
| POPOWSKI, Ashley | Smithton |
| WELLS, Melissa | Forest |

## Circular Head Council - 2022 Councillor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022
Returning officer: Mike Leyden
Number to be elected: 9

Candidates

| Count | BLIZZARD | COLLINS | DABNER | DAWES | FLOWERS | HERES | HINE | LONG | MCNAB |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Electors enrolled: | 5,694 | Declarations admitted: | 4,734 | Informal ballot papers: | 113 |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Declarations returned: | 4,798 | Rejection rate: | $1.33 \%$ | Informality rate: | $2.41 \%$ |  |
| Response rate: | $84.26 \%$ | Ballot paper adjustment: | 51 | Formal ballot papers: | 4,750 |  |
| Declarations rejected: | 64 | Total ballot papers: | 4,683 |  | Quota $=$ | 458 |

Candidates (cont.)
OLDAKER PILKINGTON POPOWSKI WELLS $\begin{gathered}\text { Votes Loss (Gain) } \\ \text { Exhausted by Fraction }\end{gathered}$ Total Votes Remarks

| 550.00 | 313.00 | 361.00 | 225.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | $4,570.00$ | BLIZZARD elected 1, <br> DAWES elected 2, |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| OLDAKER elected 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Circular Head Council - Councillor election - first preferences
First preferences by councillor candidate


## Circular Head Council - Mayor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022
Returning officer: Mike Leyden


First preferences by mayor candidate


## Circular Head Council - Deputy Mayor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022
Returning officer: Mike Leyden

| Electors enrolled: | 5,694 | Ballot paper adjustment: | 17 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Declarations returned: | 4,798 | Total ballot papers: | 4,717 |
| Response rate: | $84.26 \%$ | Informal ballot papers: | 140 |
| Declarations rejected: | 64 | Informality rate: | $2.97 \%$ |
| Declarations admitted: | 4,734 | Formal ballot papers: | 4,577 |


|  |  | Candidates |  |  |  | Exhausted votes | Formal votes | Absolute majority | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | DAWES Annette | HINE <br> Tony | POPOWSKI Ashley | WELLS <br> Melissa |  |  |  |  |
| Count 1 | First preferences | 2,094 | 748 | 1,271 | 464 |  | 4,577 | 2,289 |  |
| Count 2 | Votes transferred | 225 | 96 | 103 | -464 | 40 |  |  | WELLS excluded |
|  | Total votes | 2,319 | 844 | 1,374 | 0 | 40 | 4,577 | 2,269 | DAWES elected |
|  | Percentage | 51.11\% | 18.60\% | 30.28\% |  |  |  |  |  |

First preferences by deputy mayor candidate


## Circular Head Council - recount results

## Recount due to resignation of Councillor Betty Kay

Recount conducted 1 November 2021

|  |  | Candidates |  |  | Exhausted votes | Lost (gain) by Fraction | Total votes (the quota) | Absolute majority | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Brad GAWNE | Tony HINE | Rebecca TYERS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Counts 1-6 | Kay distribution | 50.48 | 203.65 | 100.12 | 1.70 | 0.05 | 356.00 | 177.16 | HINE elected |
|  | Percentage | 14.24\% | 57.48\% | 28.26\% |  |  |  |  |  |

