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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.

#### 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 Clarence City Council Election**

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 6 Councillors (Aldermen) for 4 year terms.

 $36\,328$  Clarence City electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising  $35\,958$  (98.98%) from the State House of Assembly roll and  $370\,(1.02\%)$  from the General Manager's roll.

53.24% of Clarence City electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

#### Candidates at the 2002 elections

Mayor

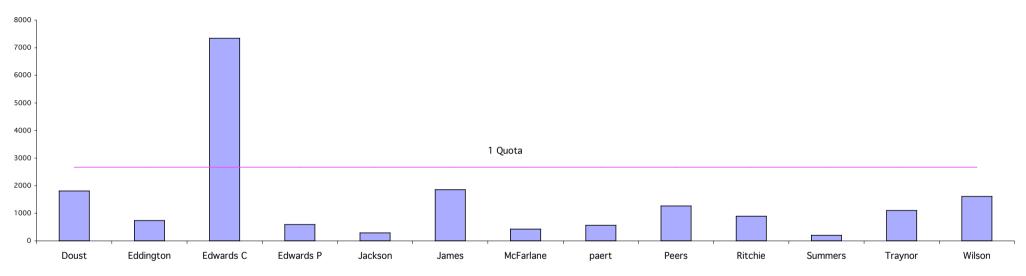
|   | Mayor                  |             |   | Councillors (Aldermen) |                  |
|---|------------------------|-------------|---|------------------------|------------------|
|   | CHIPMAN, Doug          | Bellerive   | * | DOUST, Doug*           | Cambridge        |
| * | EDWARDS, Cathy*        | Cambridge   |   | EDDINGTON, David       | Richmond         |
|   | JAMES, Richard         | Lindisfarne | * | EDWARDS, Cathy*        | Cambridge        |
|   | TRAYNOR, David         | Cremorne    |   | EDWARDS, Peter         | Rosny            |
|   |                        |             |   | JACKSON, David         | Bellerive        |
|   |                        |             | * | JAMES, Richard*        | Lindisfarne      |
|   | Danish Massa           |             |   | McFARLANE, Kay         | Clarendon Vale   |
|   | Deputy Mayor           |             |   | PEART, Kim             | Lauderdale       |
| * | CAMPBELL, Jock *       | Sandford    | * | PEERS, John Phillip*   | Rose Bay         |
|   | PEERS, John Phillip    | Rose Bay    |   | RITCHIE, Joe           | Rose Bay         |
|   | WILSON, Deidre         | Lindisfarne |   | SUMMERS, Greg          | Seven Mile Beach |
|   |                        |             | * | TRAYNOR, David*        | Cremorne         |
|   | ★ denotes elected cand | idate       | * | WILSON, Deidre*        | Lindisfarne      |
|   | * denotes seeking re-e | lection     |   |                        |                  |

# Clarence City Councillors following the 2002 elections

| wayor          | Councillors (Aldermen) |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| term ends 2004 | term ends 2006         | term ends 2004        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EDWARDS Cathy  | EDWARDS Cathy          | CAMPBELL Jock         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deputy Mayor   | DOUST Doug             | McMANUS Martin        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| term ends 2004 | WILSON Deidre          | CHIPMAN Doug          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | JAMES Richard          | RYAN Bill             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAMPBELL Jock  | PEERS John Phillip     | <b>EVANS Beverley</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | TRAYNOR David          | BLOMELEY Brendan      |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Councillors (Alderman)

#### Clarence City Councillor 2002 First Preferences



Clarence City Council

Polling closed at 10am 29 October 2002

Number to be elected: 6

Returning Officer: Mrs Sally Ridgeway

Electors enrolled: 36328

Declarations returned: 19340

Declarations rejected: 254

Declarations admitted: 19086

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

Total ballot papers: 19078

Formal Votes: 18675 Informal ballot papers: 403

Response: 53.24%

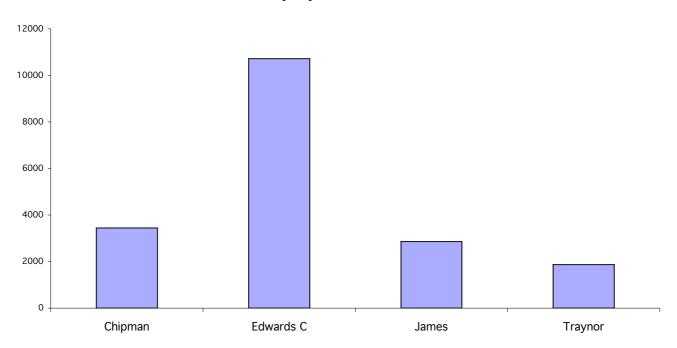
Rejection rate: 1.31%

Informality rate: 2.11%

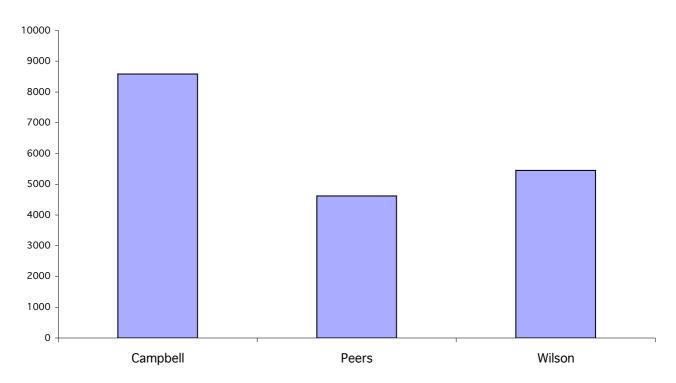
Quota= 2668

|                |                   | Candidates |           |           |           |         |         |           |         | Quota- 2000 |          |         |         |         |           |                            |                  |   |
|----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------|---|
|                |                   | Doust      | Eddington | Edwards C | Edwards P | Jackson | James   | McFarlane | Peart   | Peers       | Ritchie  | Summers | Traynor | Wilson  | Exhausted | Loss (Gain)<br>by fraction | Total Votes      | Remarks   |
| Count 1        | Total             | 1807.00    | 734.00    | 7341.00   | 592.00    | 289.00  | 1853.00 | 429.00    | 563.00  | 1267.00     | 894.00   | 196.00  | 1103.00 | 1607.00 | 0.00      | 0.00                       | 18675 <b>ED</b>  | WARDS, C. elected 1   |
| Count 2        | Votes Transferred | 784.24     | 516.25    | -4673.00  | 337.37    | 120.94  | 664.56  | 166.14    | 163.59  | 604.73      | 162.95   | 47.10   | 546.16  | 558.90  | 0.00      | 0.07                       | ED               | WARDS, C.'s surplus distributed                                       |
| Count 3 to 4   | Progress totals   | 2591.24    | 1250.25   | 2668.00   | 929.37    | 409.94  | 2517.56 | 595.14    | 726.59  | 1871.73     | 1056.95  | 243.10  | 1649.16 | 2165.90 | 0.00      | 0.07                       | 18675 SU         | MMERS, G. excluded  |
|                | Votes Transferred | 15.90      | 7.27      |           | 11.09     | 12.90   | 13.54   | 33.18     | 26.09   | 23.36       | 30.00    | -243.10 | 16.72   | 53.00   | 0.00      | 0.05                       | SU               | MMERS, G.'s votes distributed   |
| Count 5 to 6   | Progress totals   | 2607.14    | 1257.52   | 2668.00   | 940.46    | 422.84  | 2531.10 | 628.32    | 752.68  | 1895.09     | 1086.95  | 0.00    | 1665.88 | 2218.90 | 0.00      | 0.12                       | 18675 SU         | MMERS, G. fully excluded, JACKSON, D. excluded                        |
|                | Votes Transferred | 59.73      | 55.18     |           | 51.82     | -422.84 | 46.64   | 11.72     | 25.18   | 38.18       | 51.73    |         | 52.18   | 30.45   | 0.00      | 0.03                       | JA               | CKSON, D.'s votes distributed   |
| Count 7        | Progress totals   | 2666.87    | 1312.70   | 2668.00   | 992.28    | 0.00    | 2577.74 | 640.04    | 777.86  | 1933.27     | 1138.68  |         | 1718.06 | 2249.35 | 0.00      | 0.15                       | 18675 JA         | CKSON, D. fully excluded, MCFARLANE, P. excluded                      |
|                | Votes Transferred | 31.00      | 19.00     |           | 15.00     | _       | 21.00   | -465.00   | 59.00   | 20.00       | 18.00    |         | 11.00   | 271.00  | 0.00      | 0.00                       | МС               | CFARLANE, P.'s votes distributed                                      |
| Count 8        | Progress totals   | 2697.87    | 1331.70   | 2668.00   | 1007.28   |         | 2598.74 | 175.04    | 836.86  | 1953.27     | 1156.68  |         | 1729.06 | 2520.35 | 0.00      | 0.15                       | 18675 <b>DC</b>  | OUST, D. elected 2, MCFARLANE, P. partially excluded                  |
|                | Votes Transferred |            | 13.36     |           | 8.27      | _       | 9.54    | -175.04   | 23.55   | 9.54        | 11.45    |         | 17.82   | 81.47   | 0.00      | 0.04                       | МС               | CFARLANE, P.'s votes distributed                                      |
| Count 9        | Progress totals   | 2697.87    | 1345.06   | 2668.00   | 1015.55   |         | 2608.28 | 0.00      | 860.41  | 1962.81     | 1168.13  |         | 1746.88 | 2601.82 | 0.00      | 0.19                       | 18675 MC         | CFARLANE, P. fully excluded   |
|                | Votes Transferred | -29.87     | 0.96      |           | 2.89      | _       | 3.85    | _         | 1.92    | 2.89        | 3.85     |         | 7.70    | 5.78    | 0.00      | 0.03                       | DC               | OUST, D.'s surplus distributed  |
| Count 10       | Progress totals   | 2668.00    | 1346.02   | 2668.00   | 1018.44   |         | 2612.13 |           | 862.33  | 1965.70     | 1171.98  |         | 1754.58 | 2607.60 | 0.00      | 0.22                       | 18675 PE         | ART, K. excluded  |
|                | Votes Transferred |            | 60.00     |           | 45.00     | _       | 93.00   | _         | -665.00 | 57.00       | 84.00    |         | 71.00   | 254.00  | 1.00      | 0.00                       | PE               | ART, K.'s votes distributed   |
| Count 11 to 12 | Progress totals   | 2668.00    | 1406.02   | 2668.00   | 1063.44   |         | 2705.13 |           | 197.33  | 2022.70     | 1255.98  |         | 1825.58 | 2861.60 | 1.00      | 0.22                       | 18675 <b>W</b> l | LSON, D. elected 3, JAMES, R. elected 4, PEART, K. partially excluded |
|                | Votes Transferred |            | 34.37     |           | 46.46     |         |         | _         | -197.33 | 38.19       | 34.38    |         | 42.64   |         | 1.27      | 0.02                       | PE               | ART, K.'s votes distributed   |
| Count 13       | Progress totals   | 2668.00    | 1440.39   | 2668.00   | 1109.90   |         | 2705.13 |           | 0.00    | 2060.89     | 1290.36  |         | 1868.22 | 2861.60 | 2.27      | 0.24                       | 18675 PE         | ART, K. fully excluded  |
|                | Votes Transferred |            | 23.62     |           | 28.20     |         |         |           |         | 49.54       | 42.68    |         | 43.44   | -193.60 | 6.09      | 0.03                       | WI               | LSON, D.'s surplus distributed  |
| Count 14       | Progress totals   | 2668.00    | 1464.01   | 2668.00   | 1138.10   |         | 2705.13 |           |         | 2110.43     | 1333.04  |         | 1911.66 | 2668.00 | 8.36      | 0.27                       | 18675            |   |
|                | Votes Transferred |            | 4.39      |           | 10.38     |         | -37.13  |           |         | 7.98        | 3.59     |         | 9.58    |         | 1.19      | 0.02                       | JA               | MES, R.'s surplus distributed   |
| Count 15 to 19 | Progress totals   | 2668.00    | 1468.40   | 2668.00   | 1148.48   |         | 2668.00 |           |         | 2118.41     | 1336.63  |         | 1921.24 | 2668.00 | 9.55      | 0.29                       | 18675 ED         | WARDS, P. excluded  |
|                | Votes Transferred |            | 278.23    |           | -1148.48  |         |         |           |         | 318.97      | 209.25   |         | 321.52  |         | 20.45     | 0.06                       | ED               | WARDS, P.'s votes distributed   |
| Count 20       | Progress totals   | 2668.00    | 1746.63   | 2668.00   | 0.00      |         | 2668.00 |           |         | 2437.38     | 1545.88  |         | 2242.76 | 2668.00 | 30.00     | 0.35                       | 18675 ED         | WARDS, P. fully excluded, RITCHIE, M. excluded                        |
|                | Votes Transferred |            | 271.00    |           |           |         |         |           |         | 450.00      | -1180.00 |         | 404.00  |         | 55.00     | 0.00                       | RIT              | TCHIE, M.'s votes distributed   |
| Count 21 to 22 | Progress totals   | 2668.00    | 2017.63   | 2668.00   |           |         | 2668.00 |           |         | 2887.38     | 365.88   |         | 2646.76 | 2668.00 | 85.00     | 0.35                       | 18675 <b>PE</b>  | ERS, J. elected 5, RITCHIE, M. partially excluded                     |
|                | Votes Transferred |            | 20.77     |           |           |         |         |           |         |             | -60.84   | ,       | 30.72   |         | 9.34      | 0.01                       | RIT              | TCHIE, M.'s votes distributed   |
| Count 23       | Progress totals   | 2668.00    | 2038.40   | 2668.00   |           |         | 2668.00 |           |         | 2887.38     | 305.04   |         | 2677.48 | 2668.00 | 94.34     | 0.36                       | 18675 <b>TR</b>  | AYNOR, D. elected 6, RITCHIE, M. partially excluded                   |

## Clarence City Mayor 2002 First Preferences



## Clarence City Deputy Mayor 2002 First Preferences



### Clarence City Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002 Returning Officer: Mrs Sally Ridgeway

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 19086

Ballot paper adjustment: 8 Total ballot papers: 19078

Formal votes: 18885

Informal ballot papers: 193
Informality rate: 1.01%

|         |       |         | Candida   | ates  |         |                    |                |                      |             |  |
|---------|-------|---------|-----------|-------|---------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|--|
|         |       | Chipman | Edwards C | James | Traynor | Exhausted<br>Votes | Total<br>Votes | Absolute<br>Majority | Remarks     |  |
| Count 1 | Total | 3442    | 10718     | 2855  | 1870    | 0                  | 18885          | 9443 <b>Edwa</b> i   | rds elected |  |

### Clarence City Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Returning Officer: Mrs Sally Ridgeway

**Deputy Mayor** 

Declarations admitted: 19086

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Total ballot papers: 19077

Formal votes: 18655

Informal ballot papers: 422
Informality rate: 2.21%

|         |                   | Campbell | andidates Pe Wilson |      | Exhausted<br>Votes | Total<br>Votes | Absolute<br>Majority | Remarks         |
|---------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Count 1 | Total             | 8587     | 4617                | 5451 |                    | 18655          | 9328                 |                 |
| Count 2 | Votes transferred | 2414     | -4617               | 1497 | 706                |                | Peers excluded       |                 |
|         | Progress totals   | 11001    | 0                   | 6948 | 706                | 18655          | 8975 <b>C</b>        | ampbell elected |