# Derwent Valley 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.

## 2002 Election timetable

Notice of election published
Electoral rolls closed
Nomination period
Nominations closed
Nominations announced \&
draw for ballot paper positions
Ballot material delivered to electors
Polling period
Close of poll

Saturday 14 September
6 pm Thursday 19 September
23 September- 12 noon on 2 October
12 noon Wednesday 2 October
12 noon Thursday 3 October
15-18 October
15-29 October
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 Derwent Valley Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms and 5 Councillors for 4 year terms.

6555 Derwent Valley electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 6452 ( $98.43 \%$ ) from the State House of Assembly roll and 103 ( $1.57 \%$ ) from the General Manager's roll.
$55.53 \%$ of Derwent Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with $57.48 \%$ statewide.

## Recount

One recount was held between the 2000 and 2002 elections. Councillor Robert Wall resigned from the Derwent Valley Council on 21 June 2001. Nine unelected candidates from the 1998 Derwent Valley election consented to contest the recount. The recount took place at noon Monday 9 July 2001. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2002 elections

| Mayor |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | CRACKNELL, Nick* | Granton |
|  | PARKER, Richard | Lachlan |
| Deputy Mayor |  |  |
| $\square$ | NICHOLSON, Tony* | New Norfolk |
|  | SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne | New Norfolk |
|  | WILLIAMS, Ray | New Norfolk |
| * denotes elected candidate <br> * denotes seeking re-election |  |  |


| Councillors |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BLACKWELL, Leonard* | New Norfolk |
| $\square$ | BROMFIELD, Judy* | New Norfolk |
|  | CLARK, Keith | Macquarie Plains |
|  | COWLEY, Dane | Lachlan |
| $\square$ | CRACKNELL, Nick* | Granton |
| $\square$ | FARRELL, Craig | New Norfolk |
|  | GOSS, Joe | New Norfolk |
|  | GRAHAM, James | New Norfolk |
|  | HARRIS, Ross | New Norfolk |
| $\square$ | KEMP, Leon | New Norfolk |
|  | KTORI, Mike | Glenfern |
|  | MAHONEY, Vic | New Norfolk |
|  | SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne* | New Norfolk |
|  | WILLIAMS, Ray* | New Norfolk |

## Derwent Valley Councillors following the 2002 elections

## Mayor

term ends 2004
CRACKNELL Nick
Deputy Mayor
term ends 2004
NICHOLSON Tony

9 Councillors
term ends 2006
CRACKNELL Nick
KEMP Leon
BROMFIELD Judy
WILLIAMS Ray
FARRELL Craig
term ends 2004
CRAW Hilary
LATHEY Barry
NICHOLSON Tony
PARKER Richard

## Derwent Valley Councillor 2002 First Preferences



## Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 29 October 2002
Number to be elected: 5
Returning Officer: Mr Graham Hyde

Electors enrolled: 6555
Declarations returned: 3640
Response: $55.53 \%$

Declarations rejected: 37
Declarations admitted: 3603
Rejection rate: 1.02\%

Ballot paper adjustment: 0 Total ballot papers: 3603

Formal Votes: 3540 Informal ballot papers: 63 Informality rate: 1.75\%


Derwent Valley Mayor 2002 First Preferences


Derwent Valley Deputy Mayor 2002 First Preferences


## Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002
Declarations admitted: 3603
Returning Officer: Mr Graham Hyde
Ballot paper adjustment: 0
Total ballot papers: 3603
Mayor
Formal votes: 3555
Informal ballot papers: 48
Informality rate: 1.33\%

|  |  | Candidates |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Count 1 | Total | 2507 | 1048 | 0 | 3555 | 1778 | elected |


| Derwent Valley Council |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Polling closed at 10am 2002 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Declarations admitted: 3603 |
| Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ballot paper adjustment: 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total ballot papers: 3603 |
| Deputy Mayor |  |  |  |  |  |  | Formal votes: 3528 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Informal ballot papers: 75 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Informality rate: 2.08\% |
| Candidates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Count 1 Total | 1822 | 736 | 970 | 0 | 3528 | 176 | Nicholson elected |

## Derwent Valley Council - recount for Councillor

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor Robbie Wall 9 July 2001
Ballot Papers multiplied by 100

|  |  | CANDIDATES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Exhausted Votes | Lost by fraction | Total Votes | Remarks |
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| Count 1 | Total | 1569 | 6834 | 3971 | 5448 | 3694 | 4525 | 4432 | 1662 | 4709 | 92 | 5 | 36941 | Distribution of Wall |
| Count 2 |  | -1569 | 92 | 277 | 277 | 184 | 184 | 184 | 0 | 277 | 92 | 2 |  | Bartlett excluded |
|  | Total | 0 | 6926 | 4248 | 5725 | 3878 | 4709 | 4616 | 1662 | 4986 | 184 | 7 | 36941 |  |
| Count 3 |  |  | 92 | 277 | 184 | 277 | 184 | 369 | -1662 | 277 | 0 | 2 |  | Thurgood excluded |
|  | Total |  | 7018 | 4525 | 5909 | 4155 | 4893 | 4985 | 0 | 5263 | 184 | 9 | 36941 |  |
| Count 4 |  |  | 369 | 184 | 461 | -4155 | 369 | 1754 |  | 923 | 92 | 3 |  | Crump excluded |
|  | Total |  | 7387 | 4709 | 6370 | 0 | 5262 | 6739 |  | 6186 | 276 | 12 | 36941 |  |
| Count 5 |  |  | 369 | -4709 | 1108 |  | 461 | 1385 |  | 923 | 461 | 2 |  | Beresford excluded |
|  | Total |  | 7756 | 0 | 7478 |  | 5723 | 8124 |  | 7109 | 737 | 14 | 36941 |  |
| Count 6 |  |  | 646 |  | 1292 |  | -5723 | 1200 |  | 1847 | 738 | 0 |  | Eiszele excluded |
|  | Total |  | 8402 |  | 8770 |  | 0 | 9324 |  | 8956 | 1475 | 14 | 36941 |  |
| Count 7 |  |  | -8402 |  | 2401 |  |  | 2493 |  | 1939 | 1569 | 0 |  | Bean excluded |
|  | Total |  | 0 |  | 11171 |  |  | 11817 |  | 10895 | 3044 | 14 | 36941 |  |
| Count 8 |  |  |  |  | 3878 |  |  | 3971 |  | -10895 | 3047 | -1 |  | Urbanc excluded |
|  | Total |  |  |  | 15049 |  |  | 15788 |  | 0 | 6091 | 13 | 36941 | Shoobridge Elected |

