#  <br> Clarence City Council 2005 election report 

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## Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years 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 Commission (TEC) 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, 2002, 2005 (deferred from 2004) with the next elections due in October 2007.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are 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.electoral.tas.gov.au.

## 2005 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 10 September
6 pm Thursday 15 September
12 September- 12 noon on 26 September
12 noon Monday 26 September

12 noon Tuesday 27 September
11-14 October
11-25 October
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 2005 Clarence City Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 7 Councillors (Aldermen), 6 of which for 4 year terms and 1 casual position for 2 years.

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 36624 Clarence City electors were enrolled, comprising 36251 ( $98.98 \%$ ) from the State House of Assembly roll and 373 (1.02\%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Clarence City electors returning their ballot papers was $52.11 \%$, in comparison with $58.52 \%$ statewide.

## Recounts

Two recounts were held between the 2002 and 2005 elections. Councillor (Alderman) Bill Ryan resigned from the Clarence City Council on Monday 25 October 2004. Four unelected candidates from the 2000 Clarence City Council election contested the recount. The recount took place at noon Wednesday 3 November 2004. The other recount took place at noon Thursday 10 March 2005 following the resignation of Councillor (Alderman) Deidre Wilson on Tuesday 1 March 2005. Six unelected candidates from the 2002 Clarence City Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

| Mayor |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BLOMELEY, Brendan | Sandy Bay |
| $\square$ | CAMPBELL, Jock | Sandford |
|  | CHIPMAN, Doug | Bellerive |
| Deputy Mayor |  |  |
|  | EVANS, Beverley | Lenah Valley |
|  | JAMES, Richard | Lindisfarne |
| $\square$ | McMANUS, Martin | Lindisfarne |
|  | PEERS, John | Rose Bay |
| $\star$ denotes elected candidate |  |  |
| * denotes seeking re-election |  |  |
| $\wedge$ denotes filled casual vacancy |  |  |


| Councillors (Aldermen) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | BLOMELEY, Brendan* | Sandy Bay |
| $\square$ | CAMPBELL, Jock* | Sandford |
|  | CANNOCK, Barry | Bellerive |
| $\square$ | CHIPMAN, Doug* | Bellerive |
|  | CUSICK, Don | Rose Bay |
|  | DODGE, Geoff | Otago |
|  | EDWARDS, Peter | Rosny |
| ${ }^{1}$ | EVANS, Beverley* | Lenah Valley |
|  | EVANS, Rodney | Lindisfarne |
|  | FIGG, Michael | Lauderdale |
|  | JACKSON, David* | Bellerive |
|  | KEANE, Greg | Rokeby |
|  | LE SAGE, Lance | Bellerive |
| $\square$ | McFARLANE, Kay* | Clarendon Vale |
| $\square$ | McMANUS, Martin* | Lindisfarne |
| $\square$ | MULDER, Tony | Bellerive |
|  | PEART, Kim | Lauderdale |
|  | SUMMERS, Greg | Seven Mile Beach |

## Clarence City Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor
term ends 2007
CAMPBELL, Jock
Deputy Mayor
term ends 2007
McMANUS, Martin

12 Councillors (Aldermen)
term ends 2009
CAMPBELL, Jock
CHIPMAN, Doug
McMANUS, Martin
BLOMELEY, Brendan
McFARLANE, Kay
MULDER, Tony
term ends 2007
EDWARDS, Cathy
DOUST, Doug
JAMES, Richard
PEERS, John Phillip
TRAYNOR, David
EVANS, Beverley

Clarence City Councillor (Aldermen) 2005 First Preferences


Clarence City Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005
Number to be elected: 7
Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Electors enrolled: 36624
Declarations returned: 19086
Response: 52.11\%

Declarations rejected: 341
Declarations admitted: 18745 Rejection rate: 1.79\%



## Clarence City Council

Polling closed at 10 am 25 October 2005
Declarations admitted: 18745
Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Mayor
Ballot paper adjustment: 23
Total ballot papers: 18722
Formal Votes: 18461
nformal ballot papers: 261
Informality rate: 1.39\%

|  |  | Candidates |  |  | Exhausted |  | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
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| Count 1 | Total | 3213 | 8729 | 6519 | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | Progress Totals | 3213 | 8729 | 6519 | 0 | 18461 | 9232 | BLOMELEY excluded |
| Count 2 | Votes Transferred | -3213 | 1366 | 1488 | 359 |  |  | BLOMELEY's votes distributed |
|  | Progress Totals | 0 | 10095 | 8007 | 359 | 18461 | 9052 | CAMPBELL elected |

## Clarence City Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005
Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 18745
Ballot paper adjustment: 22
Total ballot papers: 18723
Formal Votes: 18504
nformal ballot papers: 219
nformality rate: 1.17\%

|  |  | Candidates |  |  |  | Exhausted |  | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
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| Count 1 | Total | 3068 | 5483 | 5799 | 4154 | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | Progress Totals | 3068 | 5483 | 5799 | 4154 | 0 | 18504 | 9253 | EVANS excluded |
| Count 2 | Votes Transferred | -3068 | 907 | 908 | 820 | 433 |  |  | EVAN's votes distributed |
|  | Progress Totals | 0 | 6390 | 6707 | 4974 | 433 | 18504 | 9037 | PEERS excluded |
| Count 3 | Votes Transferred |  | 1924 | 2496 | -4974 | 554 |  |  | PEERS' votes distributed |
|  | Progress Totals |  | 8314 | 9203 | 0 | 987 | 18504 | 8760 | McMANUS elected |

## Clarence City Mayor 2005 First Preferences



Clarence City Deputy Mayor 2005 First Preferences


## Clarence City Council - Recount

## Recount due to resignation of Alderman Bill Ryan

|  |  | 3 November 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | JACKSON David | Le SAGE Lance | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PEART } \\ & \text { Kim } \end{aligned}$ | SUMMERS Greg | Exhausted Votes | Lost by fraction | Total Votes | Absolute majority | Remarks |
| Counts 1 to 18 | Total | 1087.98 | 343.87 | 464.36 | 490.28 | 195.26 | 0.25 | 2582 | 1194 | Distribution of Ryan |
| Counts 19 to 35 |  | 136.91 | -343.87 | 63.50 | 125.06 | 18.32 | 0.08 |  |  | Le Sage excluded |
|  | Total | 1224.89 | 0 | 527.86 | 615.34 | 213.58 | 0.33 | 2582 | 1185 | Jackson Elected |

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10 March 2005


