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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.

Bruce Taylor ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER January 2006

## Report on the 2005 Launceston 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.
For the 2005 Local Government elections, 44877 Launceston City electors were enrolled, comprising 44355 ( $98.84 \%$ ) from the State House of Assembly roll and 522 (1.16\%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Launceston City electors returning their ballot papers was $60.27 \%$, in comparison with $58.52 \%$ statewide.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

| Mayor |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| DEAN, Ivan | Newnham |
| DICKENSON, Janie* | Trevallyn |
| McKENDRICK, Robin | Norwood |
| SANDS, Ted | Kings Meadows |


| Councillors (Aldermen) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | ARMITAGE, Rosemary | St Leonards |
|  | BALL, Jeremy | Launceston |
| $\square$ | BEAMS, Graeme* | Launceston |
|  | BROOKES, George | Waverley |
|  | CHOI, Jin-oh | Launceston |
| $\square$ | DICKENSON, Janie* | Trevallyn |
|  | FISHER, Kieran E | East Launceston |
|  | GREENWOOD, Alan David | Norwood |
|  | LINDSAY, Paul | Youngtown |
| $\square$ | McKENDRICK, Robin* | Norwood |
|  | MITCHELL, Lyn | Newnham |
|  | NEIL, Rex | Mowbray |
|  | RUNDLE, Tim | Trevallyn |
| $\square$ | SANDS, Ted | Kings Meadows |
|  | SHIPP, Ray* | Newnham |
|  | SOWARD, Rob | South Launceston |
|  | VAN NOORD, Wayne | Dilston |
| $\square$ | VAN ZETTEN, Albert | Launceston |
|  | WALTERS, Joan* | Trevallyn |

## Launceston City Councillors following the 2005 elections

## Mayor

term ends 2007
DEAN, Ivan
Deputy Mayor
term ends 2007
CAMPBELL, Jodie

12 Councillors (Aldermen)
term ends 2009
DICKENSON, Janie
VAN ZETTEN, Albert
McKENDRICK, Robin
ARMITAGE, Rosemary
SANDS, Ted
BEAMS, Graeme
term ends 2007
DEAN, Ivan
WADDLE, Annette
CAMPBELL, Jodie
PECK, Tony
SMART, Margot
NOTT, Frank


Ballot paper adjustment: 13 Total ballot papers: 26692

Formal Votes: 26050
Informal ballot papers: 642
Informality rate: 2.41\%

Quota $=3722$

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 949.00 | 1485.00 | 702.00 | 1222.00 | 736.00 | 3372.00 | 605.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |  |
| 949.00 | 1485.00 | 702.00 | 1222.00 | 736.00 | 3372.00 | 605.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 26050.00 | DICKENSON elected 1 |
| 132.49 | 158.62 | 187.05 | 172.83 | 68.76 | 377.31 | 343.38 | 0.00 | 0.10 |  | DICKENSON's surplus distributed |
| 1081.49 | 1643.62 | 889.05 | 1394.83 | 804.76 | 3749.31 | 948.38 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 26050.00 | van ZETTEN elected 2 |
| 1.55 | 1.89 | 0.96 | 2.15 | 1.46 | -27.31 | 2.95 | 0.00 | 0.08 |  | van ZETTEN's surplus distributed |
| 1083.04 | 1645.51 | 890.01 | 1396.98 | 806.22 | 3722.00 | 951.33 | 0.00 | 0.18 | 26050.00 | GREENWOOD excluded |
| 13.00 | 15.00 | 17.91 | 17.92 | 14.61 |  | 35.82 | 0.00 | 0.13 |  | GREENWOOD's votes distributed |
| 1096.04 | 1660.51 | 907.92 | 1414.90 | 820.83 | 3722.00 | 987.15 | 0.00 | 0.31 | 26050.00 | GREENWOOD fully excluded, LINDSAY excluded |
| 17.04 | 19.23 | 7.91 | 20.12 | 19.72 |  | 19.35 | 0.00 | 0.10 |  | LINDSAY's votes distributed |
| 1113.08 | 1679.74 | 915.83 | 1435.02 | 840.55 | 3722.00 | 1006.50 | 0.00 | 0.41 | 26050.00 | LINDSAY fully excluded, CHOI excluded |
| 16.61 | 20.64 | 24.04 | 25.69 | 36.01 |  | 34.49 | 0.00 | 0.10 |  | CHOl 's votes distributed |
| 1129.69 | 1700.38 | 939.87 | 1460.71 | 876.56 | 3722.00 | 1040.99 | 0.00 | 0.51 | 26050.00 | CHOI fully excluded, NEIL excluded |
| 21.84 | 41.72 | 38.53 | 45.26 | 32.25 |  | 29.19 | 0.00 | 0.07 |  | NEIL's votes distributed |
| 1151.53 | 1742.10 | 978.40 | 1505.97 | 908.81 | 3722.00 | 1070.18 | 0.00 | 0.58 | 26050.00 | NEIL fully excluded, MITCHELL excluded |
| 39.98 | 66.34 | 38.16 | 66.32 | 69.39 |  | 107.60 | 0.00 | 0.07 |  | MITCHELL's votes distributed |
| 1191.51 | 1808.44 | 1016.56 | 1572.29 | 978.20 | 3722.00 | 1177.78 | 0.00 | 0.65 | 26050.00 | MITCHELL fully excluded, FISHER excluded |
| 91.03 | 76.38 | 35.71 | 89.12 | 71.35 |  | 88.77 | 1.48 | 0.07 |  | FISHER's votes distributed |
| 1282.54 | 1884.82 | 1052.27 | 1661.41 | 1049.55 | 3722.00 | 1266.55 | 1.48 | 0.72 | 26050.00 | FISHER fully excluded, van NOORD excluded |
| 57.01 | 119.38 | 60.28 | 155.35 | -1049.55 |  | 76.83 | 6.04 | 0.02 |  | van NOORD's votes distributed |
| 1339.55 | 2004.20 | 1112.55 | 1816.76 | 0.00 | 3722.00 | 1343.38 | 7.52 | 0.74 | 26050.00 | van NOORD fully excluded, SHIPP excluded |
| 64.00 | 107.00 | -885.00 | 62.00 |  |  | 61.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 |  | SHIPP's votes distributed |
| 1403.55 | 2111.20 | 227.55 | 1878.76 |  | 3722.00 | 1404.38 | 8.52 | 0.74 | 26050.00 | McKENDRICK elected 3, SHIPP partially excluded |
| 24.81 | 35.00 | - 227.55 | 15.25 |  |  | 25.37 | 4.12 | 0.03 |  | SHIPP's votes distributed |
| 1428.36 | 2146.20 | 0.00 | 1894.01 |  | 3722.00 | 1429.75 | 12.64 | 0.77 | 26050.00 | SHIPP fully excluded |
| 12.52 | 23.34 |  | 8.54 |  |  | 7.97 | 1.70 | 0.05 |  | McKENDRICK's surplus distributed |
| 1440.88 | 2169.54 |  | 1902.55 |  | 3722.00 | 1437.72 | 14.34 | 0.82 | 26050.00 | WALTERS excluded |
| 150.60 | 167.34 |  | 157.66 |  |  | - 1437.72 | 36.88 | 0.05 |  | WALTERS' votes distributed |
| 1591.48 | 2336.88 |  | 2060.21 |  | 3722.00 | 0.00 | 51.22 | 0.87 | 26050.00 | WALTERS fully excluded, RUNDLE excluded |
| -1591.48 | 243.08 |  | 245.25 |  |  |  | 55.18 | 0.02 |  | RUNDLE's votes distributed |
| 0.00 | 2579.96 |  | 2305.46 |  | 3722.00 |  | 106.40 | 0.89 | 26050.00 | RUNDLE fully excluded, BROOKES excluded |
|  | 447.95 |  | 306.80 |  |  |  | 64.16 | (0.01) |  | BROOKES' votes distributed |
|  | 3027.91 |  | 2612.26 |  | 3722.00 |  | 170.56 | 0.88 | 26050.00 | BROOKES fully excluded, BALL excluded |
|  | 380.00 |  | 514.00 |  |  |  | 180.00 | 0.00 |  | BALL's votes distributed |
|  | 3407.91 |  | 3126.26 |  | 3722.00 |  | 350.56 | 0.88 | 26050.00 | ARMITAGE elected 4, BALL partially excluded |
|  | 124.84 |  | 207.34 |  |  |  | 151.18 | (0.07) |  | BALL's votes distributed |
|  | 3532.75 |  | 3333.60 |  | 3722.00 |  | 501.74 | 0.81 | 26050.00 | BALL fully excluded |
|  | 87.46 |  | 116.43 |  |  |  | 83.00 | 0.02 |  | ARMITAGE's surplus distributed |
|  | 3620.21 |  | 3450.03 |  | 3722.00 |  | 584.74 | 0.83 | 26050.00 | SANDS elected 5, BEAMS elected 6 |

## Launceston City Councillor (Aldermen) 2005 First Preferences



## Launceston City Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005
Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Declarations admitted: 26705
Ballot paper adjustment: 14
Total ballot papers: 26691
Formal Votes: 26430
Informal ballot papers: 261
Informality rate: 0.98\%

|  |  | Candidates |  |  |  | Exhausted |  | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{0} \\ & \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \infty \\ & \sum_{0}^{\infty} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  | Total Votes |  |  |
| Count 1 | Total | 7321 | 9926 | 5700 | 3483 | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | Progress Totals | 7321 | 9926 | 5700 | 3483 | 0 | 26430 | 13216 | SANDS excluded |
| Count 2 | Votes Transferred | 1192 | 618 | 1099 | -3483 | 574 |  |  | SANDS' votes distributed |
|  | Progress Totals | 8513 | 10544 | 6799 | 0 | 574 | 26430 | 12929 | McKENDRICK excluded |
| Count 3 | Votes Transferred | 4168 | 1696 | -6799 |  | 935 |  |  | McKENDRICK's votes distributed |
|  | Progress Totals | 12681 | 12240 | 0 |  | 1509 | 26430 | 12461 | DEAN elected |

## Launceston City Council

| Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005 | Declarations admitted: 26705 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers | Ballot paper adjustment: 17 |
| Deputy Mayor | Total ballot papers: 26688 |
|  | Formal Votes: 26335 |
|  | Informal ballot papers: 353 |


|  |  | Candidates |  |  |  |  |  | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
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|  |  | 8 8 3 0 品 $=$ | ${ }_{3}^{7}$ | O I O | $\sum_{8}$ O 0 in | Exhausted | Total Votes |  |  |
| Count 1 | Total | 8792 | 6063 | 4183 | 7297 | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | Progress Totals | 8792 | 6063 | 4183 | 7297 | 0 | 26335 | 13168 | SHIPP excluded |
| Count 2 | Votes Transferred | 831 | 1540 | -4183 | 1186 | 626 |  |  | SHIPP's votes distributed |
|  | Progress Totals | 9623 | 7603 | 0 | 8483 | 626 | 26335 | 12855 | NOTT excluded |
| Count 3 | Votes Transferred | 3766 | -7603 |  | 2822 | 1015 |  |  | NOTT's votes distributed |
|  | Progress Totals | 13389 | 0 |  | 11305 | 1641 | 26335 | 12348 | CAMPBELL elected |

## Launceston City Mayor 2005 First Preferences



Launceston City Deputy Mayor 2005 First Preferences


