



Latrobe Council

2011 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 municipal areas for the positions of mayor and deputy mayor and half the councillors. 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 approximately biennially since 1994, with the next elections due in October 2013.

Since 2000, mayors and deputy mayors have been 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.tec.tas.gov.au.

2011 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September–12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	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 2011 Latrobe Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 6 Councillors, 5 of which for 4 year terms, and 1 casual position for 2 years.

7366 Latrobe electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 7308 (99.21%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 58 (0.79%) from the General Manager's roll.

57.79% of Latrobe electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Recounts

A recount was conducted on 14 July 2010, to fill a vacancy for Councillor on the Latrobe Council following the resignation of Stephen Dick. Three unelected candidates from the 2007 Latrobe Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided at the back of this report.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ GAFFNEY, Michael*	Latrobe	★ DENNISON, Dayna*	Shearwater
PERKINS, John Lewis	Latrobe	★ FRESHNEY, Peter John	Shearwater
		★ GAFFNEY, Michael*	Latrobe
		GOSS, Patrick J	Latrobe
Deputy Mayor		★ PERKINS, John Lewis*	Latrobe
★ ROCKLIFF, Rick*	Sassafras	★ ROCKLIFF, Rick*	Sassafras
		^★ SIMS, Garry*	Wesley Vale
		SOWERBY, Peter	Latrobe
		STUART, Lynette D*	Shearwater
		WICKS, Gerrad	Latrobe

★ denotes elected candidate
 * denotes seeking re-election
 ^ denotes filled casual vacancy

Latrobe Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
GAFFNEY, Michael	GAFFNEY, Michael	BEVERIDGE, Rob
	PERKINS, John Lewis	YOUNG, Lesley
Deputy Mayor	ROCKLIFF, Rick	McLAREN, Mike
<i>term ends 2013</i>	DENNISON, Dayna	SIMS, Garry
ROCKLIFF, Rick	FRESHNEY, Peter John	

Latrobe Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 7 366

Declarations rejected: 53

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Formal Votes: 4 143

Number to be elected: 6

Declarations returned: 4 257

Declarations admitted: 4 204

Total ballot papers: 4 202

Informal ballot papers: 59

Returning Officer: Mr Peter Weldon

Response: 57.79%

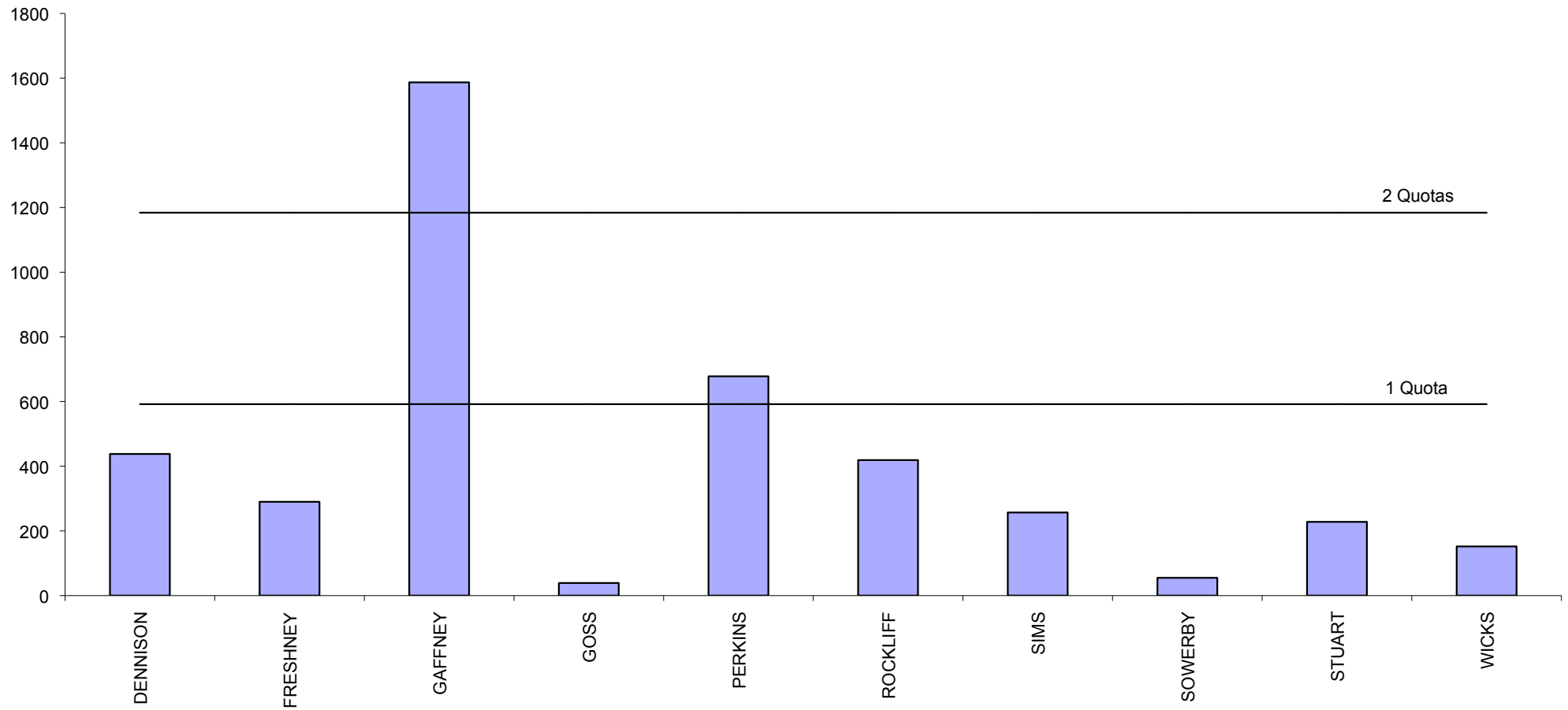
Rejection rate: 1.25%

Informality rate: 1.40%

Quota = 592

Count	DENNISON	FRESHNEY	GAFFNEY	GOSS	PERKINS	ROCKLIFF	SIMS	SOWERBY	STUART	WICKS	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	438.00	290.00	1587.00	39.00	678.00	419.00	257.00	55.00	228.00	152.00			4143.00	GAFFNEY elected 1, PERKINS elected 2
2	161.75	163.01	- 995.00	13.79		322.88	166.14	18.18	94.04	55.17		0.04		GAFFNEY's surplus distributed
	599.75	453.01	592.00	52.79	678.00	741.88	423.14	73.18	322.04	207.17		0.04	4143.00	ROCKLIFF elected 3, DENNISON elected 4
3		25.24		3.93	- 86.00		29.42	3.55	13.44	10.40		0.02		PERKINS' surplus distributed
	599.75	478.25	592.00	56.72	592.00	741.88	452.56	76.73	335.48	217.57		0.06	4143.00	
4		38.99		4.65		- 149.88	56.45	4.36	27.35	18.04		0.04		ROCKLIFF's surplus distributed
	599.75	517.24	592.00	61.37	592.00	592.00	509.01	81.09	362.83	235.61		0.10	4143.00	
5	- 7.75	1.92		0.33			1.44	0.39	2.91	0.75		0.01		DENNISON's surplus distributed
	592.00	519.16	592.00	61.70	592.00	592.00	510.45	81.48	365.74	236.36		0.11	4143.00	
6 to 10		9.35		- 61.70			10.83	7.91	22.38	11.19		0.04		GOSS excluded
	592.00	528.51	592.00	0.00	592.00	592.00	521.28	89.39	388.12	247.55		0.15	4143.00	
11 to 15		17.17					16.29	- 89.39	29.56	26.30	0.03	0.04		SOWERBY excluded
	592.00	545.68	592.00		592.00	592.00	537.57	0.00	417.68	273.85	0.03	0.19	4143.00	
16		65.00					54.00		59.00	- 179.00	1.00	0.00		WICKS part excluded
	592.00	610.68	592.00		592.00	592.00	591.57		476.68	94.85	1.03	0.19	4143.00	FRESHNEY elected 5
17							32.60		30.09	- 63.31	0.62	0.00		WICKS part excluded
	592.00	610.68	592.00		592.00	592.00	624.17		506.77	31.54	1.65	0.19	4143.00	SIMS elected 6

2011 Latrobe Councillor election - first preferences



Latrobe Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Peter Weldon

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4 204

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Total ballot papers: 4 202

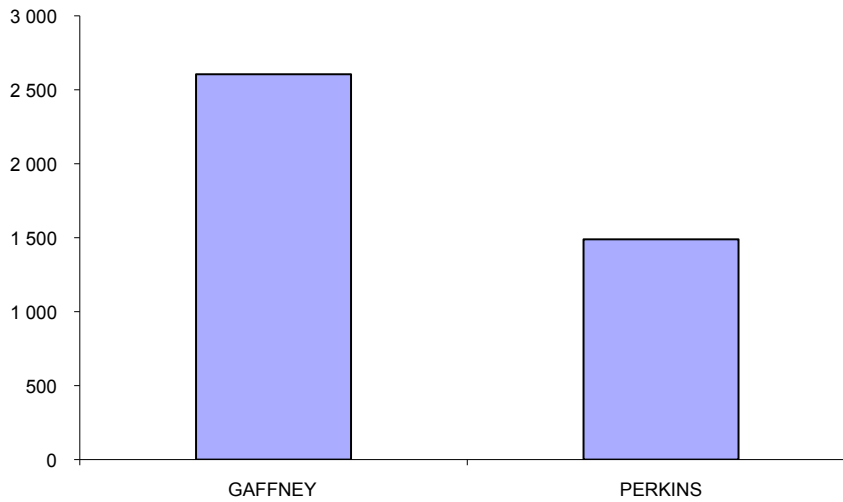
Formal Votes: 4 094

Informal ballot papers: 108

Informality rate: 2.57%

Count 1	First Preferences	Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		GAFFNEY	PERKINS			
		2 605	1 489	4 094	2 048	GAFFNEY elected

2011 Latrobe Mayor election - first preferences



Deputy Mayor — Rick Rockliff (elected unopposed)

Latrobe Council Recount

Recount due to resignation of Stephen Dick

14 July 2010

		Candidates							
		ALLISON Shayne	DENNISON Dayna	WICKS Gerrad	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Total	93.64	381.78	309.28	15.28	0.02	800.00	392.36	Distribution of DICK
Count 2	Votes transferred	- 93.64	41.01	52.46	0.14	0.03			ALLISON excluded
	Progress total	0.00	422.79	361.74	15.42	0.05	800.00	392.27	DENNISON elected