



Brighton Council

2014 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Tasmania's local government elections were held in September-October 2014. These were the first all-in, all-out elections conducted since the enactment on 20 June 2013 of the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2013* and the making of the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2013*, the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2014* and the *Local Government (Elections) Order 2013*.

The effect of these was to defer the elections, originally scheduled for 2013, until 2014 when all councillors and aldermen, and mayors and deputy mayors, would be elected for a four year term ending in 2018. The terms of office of councillors elected in both 2009 and 2011 ended in 2014.

There was also a reduction in the number of councillors or aldermen to be elected to nine councils in 2014 (see statewide *Local government election report 2014* for further details).

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 quadrennial elections due in October 2018.

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.

2014 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 13 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 18 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 29 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 30 September
Ballot material received by electors	14–17 October
Polling period	14–28 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 28 October

Casual vacancies for councillor/alderman

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. If a recount is not possible, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

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 2014 Brighton Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

10 737 Brighton electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 10 654 (99.23%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 83 (0.77%) from the General Manager's roll.

47.53% of Brighton electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58% statewide.

Brighton Councillors following the 2014 elections

Mayor

FOSTER, Tony

Deputy Mayor

CURRAN, Barbara

9 Councillors

FOSTER, Tony

OWEN, Phil

CURRAN, Barbara

JEFFRIES, Moya

GRAY, Leigh

GEARD, Peter

GARLICK, Wayne

TAYLOR, Geoff

WILLIAMS, Sonya

The candidates

Brighton Council

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Councillor	15 candidates (9 to be elected)	
CURRAN, Barbara [*] ^		Brighton
DE BOMFORD, Paul		Pontville
FOSTER, Tony [*] ^		Pontville
FRANKLIN, Shane Basil		Gagebrook
GARLICK, Wayne [*] ^		Honeywood
GEARD, Peter [*] ^		Brighton
GORDON, Michael		Brighton
GRAY, Leigh [*] ^		Brighton
HANSCH, Barry John		Brighton
HIGGINS, Keith		Bridgewater
JEFFRIES, Moya [*] ^		Brighton
MURTAGH, Tennille		Bridgewater
OWEN, Phil [*] ^		Old Beach
TAYLOR, Geoff [*] ^		Brighton
WILLIAMS, Sonya [*] ^		Gagebrook

Mayor	2 candidates	
FOSTER, Tony [*] ^		Pontville
OWEN, Phil		Old Beach

Deputy Mayor	5 candidates	
CURRAN, Barbara [*]		Brighton
GARLICK, Wayne		Honeywood
GEARD, Peter		Brighton
GRAY, Leigh		Brighton
JEFFRIES, Moya		Brighton

* denotes elected candidate

^ denotes seeking re-election

Brighton Council - 2014 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Electors enrolled: 10 737

Declarations rejected: 111

Number to be elected: 9

Declarations returned: 5 103

Declarations admitted: 4 992

Returning Officer: Maree Ward

Response rate: 47.53%

Rejection rate: 2.18%

Count	CURRAN	DE BOMFORD	FOSTER	FRANKLIN	GARLICK	GEARD	GORDON	GRAY	HANSCH	HIGGINS	JEFFRIES
1	667.00	96.00	1524.00	47.00	202.00	203.00	169.00	203.00	68.00	104.00	240.00
2		31.63	- 1048.00	15.12	175.35	162.97	35.75	179.48	29.56	24.75	169.85
3	667.00	127.63	476.00	62.12	377.35	365.97	204.75	382.48	97.56	128.75	409.85
4		9.84		8.38	28.79	40.09	13.48	42.64	10.20	10.93	56.13
5	667.00	137.47	476.00	70.50	406.14	406.06	218.23	425.12	107.76	139.68	465.98
6	- 191.00	6.87		3.14	14.89	26.34	10.30	24.62	4.58	10.02	45.81
7	476.00	144.34	476.00	73.64	421.03	432.40	228.53	449.74	112.34	149.70	511.79
8		0.89		0.22	5.36	4.69	1.78	3.80	1.56	0.89	- 35.79
9	476.00	145.23	476.00	73.86	426.39	437.09	230.31	453.54	113.90	150.59	476.00
10		9.04		- 73.86	8.88	7.30	8.15	4.28	8.09	8.58	
11	476.00	154.27	476.00	0.00	435.27	444.39	238.46	457.82	121.99	159.17	476.00
12		8.06			27.92	12.61	11.75	13.72	- 121.99	12.00	
13	476.00	162.33	476.00		463.19	457.00	250.21	471.54	0.00	171.17	476.00
14		- 106.00			11.00	24.00	14.00	14.00		9.00	
15	476.00	56.33	476.00		474.19	481.00	264.21	485.54		180.17	476.00
16		- 36.44			10.31		4.81			6.87	
17	476.00	19.89	476.00		484.50	481.00	269.02	485.54		187.04	476.00
18		- 19.89					5.28			3.85	
19	476.00	0.00	476.00		484.50	481.00	274.30	485.54		190.89	476.00
20							1.36	- 9.54		1.36	
21	476.00		476.00		484.50	481.00	275.66	476.00		192.25	476.00
22						- 5.00	1.24			0.62	
23	476.00		476.00		484.50	476.00	276.90	476.00		192.87	476.00
24					- 8.50		1.69			1.13	
25	476.00		476.00		476.00	476.00	278.59	476.00		194.00	476.00
26							39.80			- 192.05	
27	476.00		476.00		476.00	476.00	318.39	476.00		1.95	476.00
28							0.64			- 1.95	
29	476.00		476.00		476.00	476.00	319.03	476.00		0.00	476.00
30							0.04				
31	476.00		476.00		476.00	476.00	319.07	476.00			476.00
32							95.62				
33	476.00		476.00		476.00	476.00	414.69	476.00			476.00

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Total ballot papers: 4 990

Formal Votes: 4 757

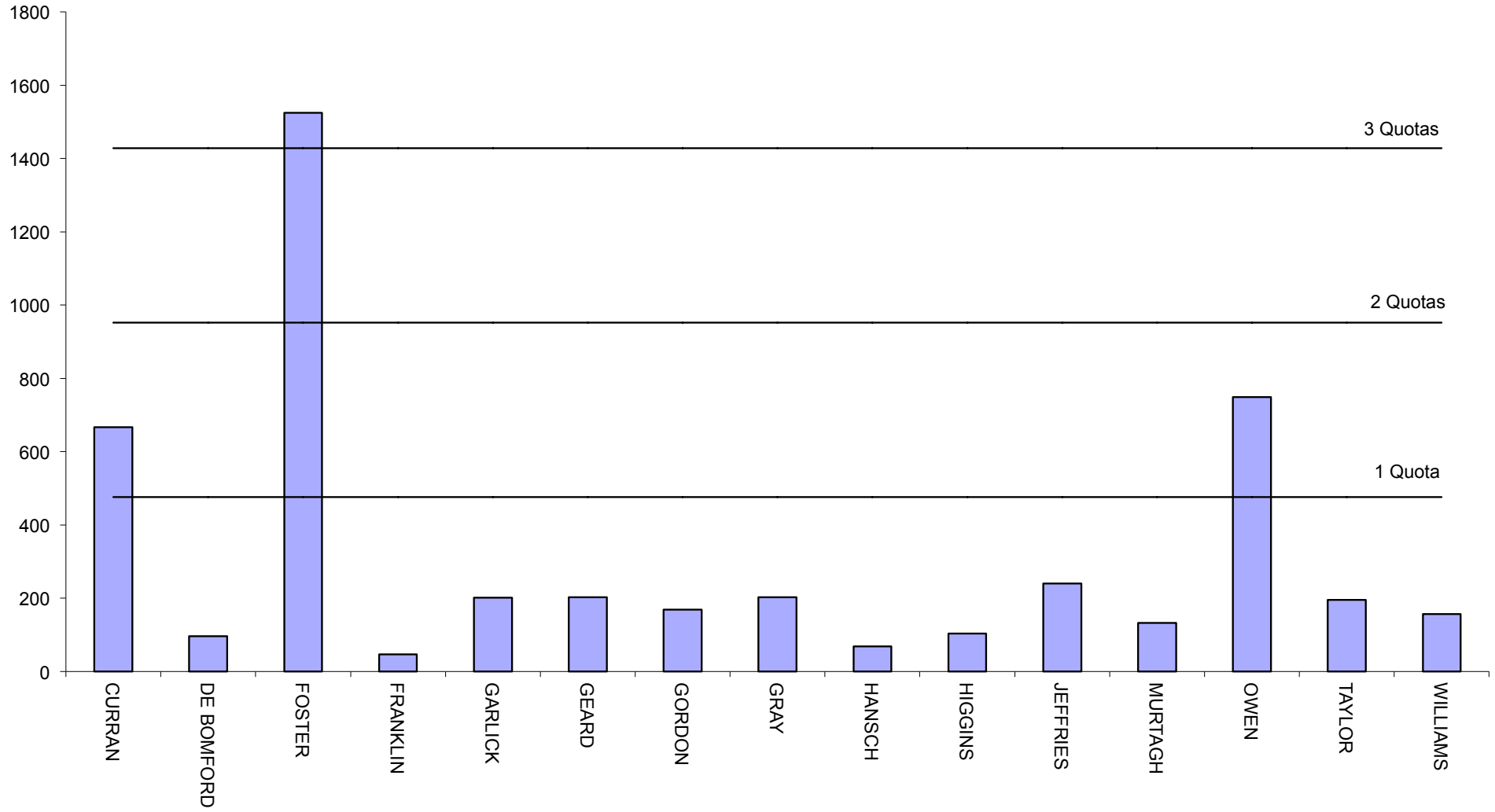
Informal ballot papers: 233

Informality rate: 4.67%

Quota = 476

MURTAGH	OWEN	TAYLOR	WILLIAMS	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
133.00	749.00	195.00	157.00		0.00	4757.00	FOSTER elected 1, OWEN elected 2, CURRAN elected 3
31.63		126.53	65.32		0.06		FOSTER's surplus distributed
164.63	749.00	321.53	222.32		0.06	4757.00	
14.94	- 273.00	20.04	17.49		0.05		OWEN's surplus distributed
179.57	476.00	341.57	239.81		0.11	4757.00	
8.87		17.75	17.75		0.06		CURRAN's surplus distributed
188.44	476.00	359.32	257.56		0.17	4757.00	JEFFRIES elected 4
5.59		3.35	7.60		0.06		JEFFRIES' surplus distributed
194.03	476.00	362.67	265.16		0.23	4757.00	
9.08		4.06	6.30		0.10		FRANKLIN excluded
203.11	476.00	366.73	271.46		0.33	4757.00	
12.21		17.15	6.47		0.10		HANSCH excluded
215.32	476.00	383.88	277.93		0.43	4757.00	
16.00		11.00	7.00		0.00		DE BOMFORD part excluded
231.32	476.00	394.88	284.93		0.43	4757.00	GRAY elected 5, GEARD elected 6
3.43		6.18	4.81		0.03		DE BOMFORD part excluded
234.75	476.00	401.06	289.74		0.46	4757.00	GARLICK elected 7
3.10		4.26	3.39		0.01		DE BOMFORD excluded
237.85	476.00	405.32	293.13		0.47	4757.00	
2.04		2.04	2.72		0.02		GRAY's surplus distributed
239.89	476.00	407.36	295.85		0.49	4757.00	
1.45		1.24	0.41		0.04		GEARD's surplus distributed
241.34	476.00	408.60	296.26		0.53	4757.00	
2.83		0.56	2.26		0.03		GARLICK's surplus distributed
244.17	476.00	409.16	298.52		0.56	4757.00	
51.48		66.91	32.18	1.68	0.00		HIGGINS part excluded
295.65	476.00	476.07	330.70	1.68	0.56	4757.00	TAYLOR elected 8
0.44			0.85	0.00	0.02		HIGGINS excluded
296.09	476.00	476.07	331.55	1.68	0.58	4757.00	
0.00		- 0.07	0.01	0.00	0.02		TAYLOR's surplus distributed
296.09	476.00	476.00	331.56	1.68	0.60	4757.00	
- 248.36			149.38	3.37	(0.01)		MURTAGH part excluded
47.73	476.00	476.00	480.94	5.05	0.59	4757.00	WILLIAMS elected 9

2014 Brighton Councillor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Maree Ward

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4 992

Formal Votes: 4 910

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

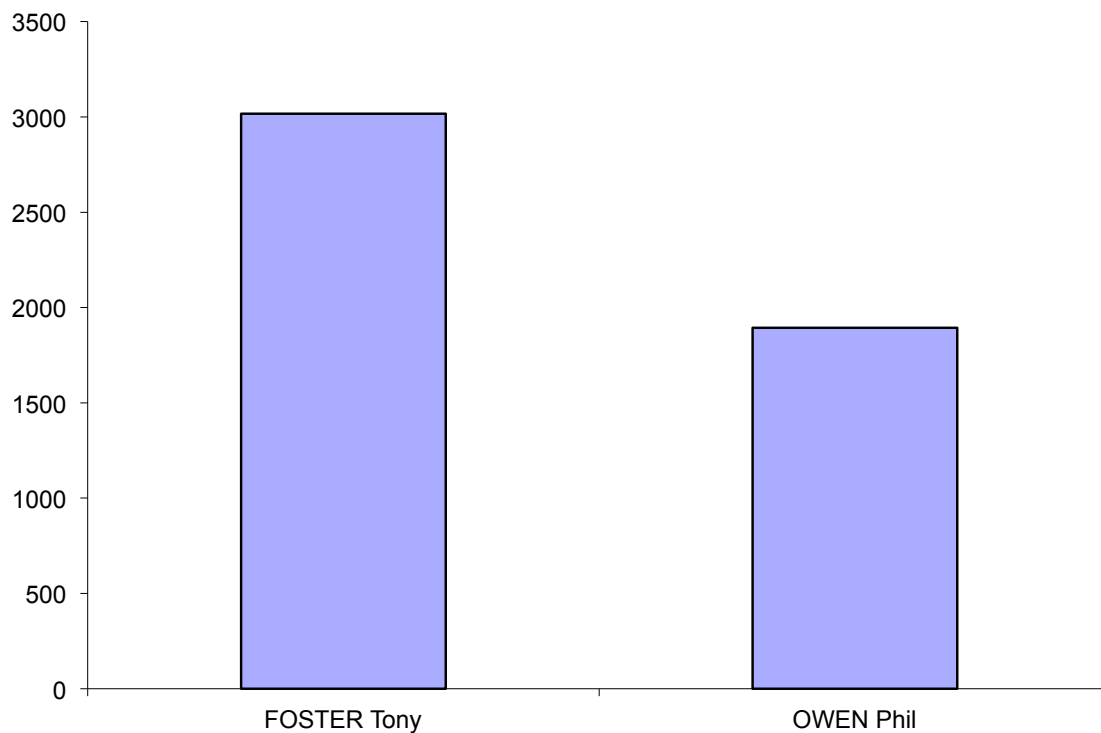
Informal ballot papers: 80

Total ballot papers: 4 990

Informality rate: 1.60%

		FOSTER Tony	OWEN Phil	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	First preferences	3017	1893	4910	2456	FOSTER elected

2014 Brighton Mayor election - first preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Maree Ward

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4 992

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Total ballot papers: 4 990

Formal Votes: 4 899

Informal ballot papers: 91

Informality rate: 1.82%

		CURRAN Barbara	GARLICK Wayne	GEARD Peter	GRAY Leigh	JEFFRIES Moya	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	1721	785	731	806	856	0	4899	2450	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	156	157	-731	202	120	96			GEARD Excluded
	Progress Total	1877	942	0	1008	976	96	4899	2402	
Count 3	Votes transferred	246	-942		333	275	88			GARLICK excluded
	Progress Total	2123	0		1341	1251	184	4899	2358	
Count 4	Votes transferred	794			362	-1251	95			JEFFRIES excluded
	Progress Total	2917			1703	0	279	4899	2311	CURRAN elected

2014 Brighton Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

