



Brighton Council

2000 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) and 2000, with the next elections due in October 2002.

Following recent changes to the Act, mayors and deputy mayors were elected directly by the electors in each municipal area for the first time in 2000.

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.

2000 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 16 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 21 September
Nomination period	25 September— 12 noon on 4 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 4 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 5 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	17–20 October
Polling period	17–31 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 31 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 2000 Brighton Council Election

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

7920 Brighton electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 7850 (99.11%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 70 (0.88%) from the General Manager's roll.

50.17% of Brighton electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

Recounts

Two recounts were held between the 1999 and 2000 elections.

Councillor Leigh Cowley resigned from the Brighton Council on 2 November 1999. Seven unelected candidates from the 1999 Brighton election consented to contest the recount. The recount took place at noon Monday 15 November 1999.

Councillor Darren Purcell resigned on 7 February 2000. Four unelected candidates from the 1996 Brighton election consented to contest the recount. The recount took place at noon Monday 21 February 2000.

Full details of both recounts are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2000 elections

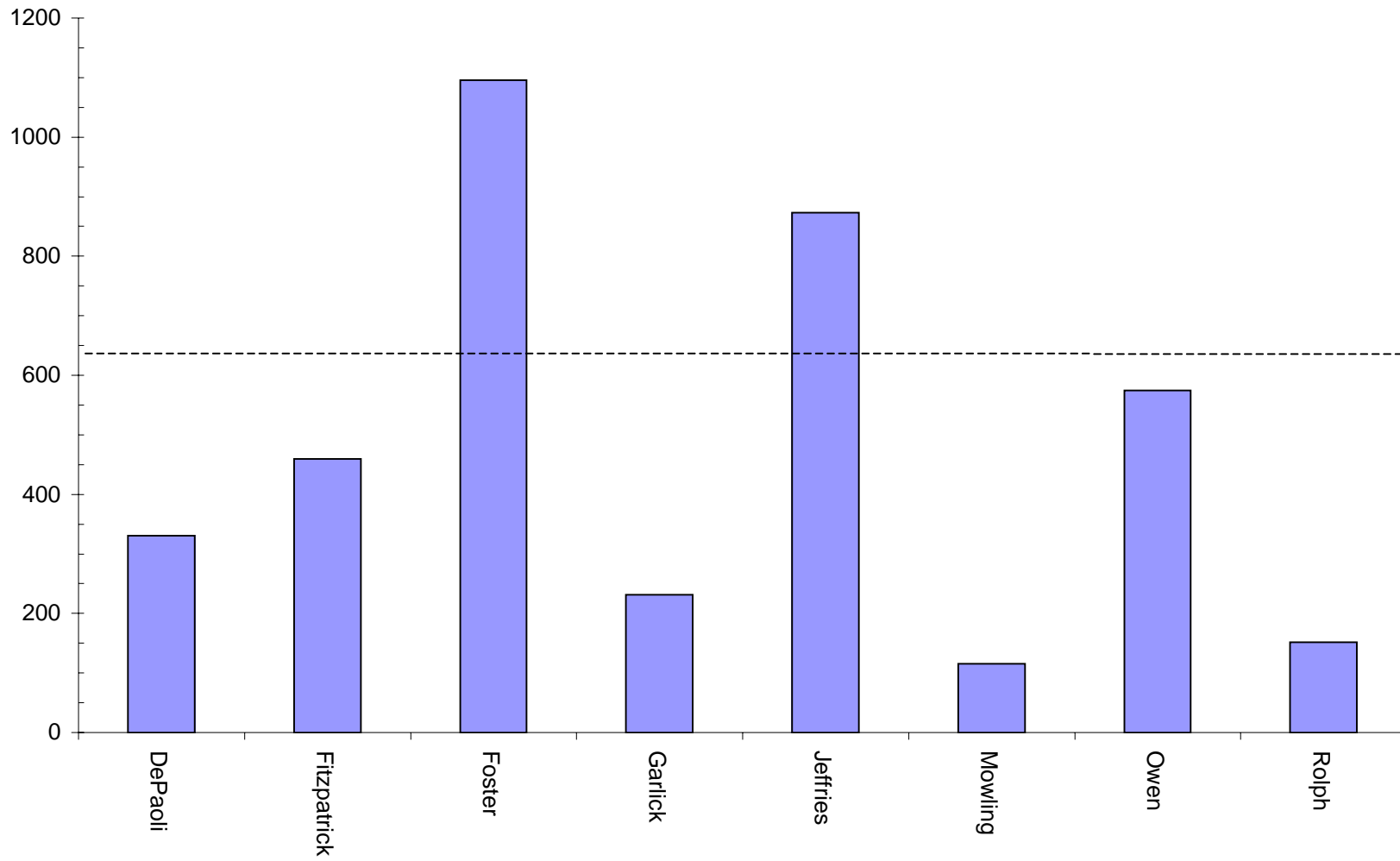
Mayor		Councillors	
* FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville	* DePAOLI, Matt	Brighton
		* FITZPATRICK, Cris	Gagebrook
		* FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville
		GARLICK, Wayne*	Bridgewater
Deputy Mayor		* JEFFRIES, Ted*	Brighton
* JEFFRIES, Ted*	Brighton	MOWLING, Frances	Dromedary
OWEN, Philip	Old Beach	* OWEN, Philip*	Old Beach
		ROLPH, David*	Bridgewater

* denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Brighton Councillors following the 2000 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2002</i>	<i>term ends 2004</i>	<i>term ends 2002</i>
FOSTER Tony	FOSTER Tony	GEARD Peter J
Deputy Mayor	JEFFRIES Ted	RAINBIRD Lois A
<i>term ends 2002</i>	OWEN Philip	TAYLOR Geoff
JEFFRIES Ted	FITZPATRICK Cris	CURRAN Barbara
	DePAOLI Matt	

Brighton Council - 2000 Councillor first preferences



Councillor distribution of preferences

Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Number to be elected : 5

Returning Officer : Mr Graham Hyde

Electors enrolled : 7 920

Declarations rejected : 60

Ballot paper adjustment : 2

Formal votes : 3 828

Declarations returned : 3 974

Declarations admitted : 3 914

Total ballot papers : 3 912

Informal ballot papers : 84

Response 50.17%

Rejection rate : 1.51%

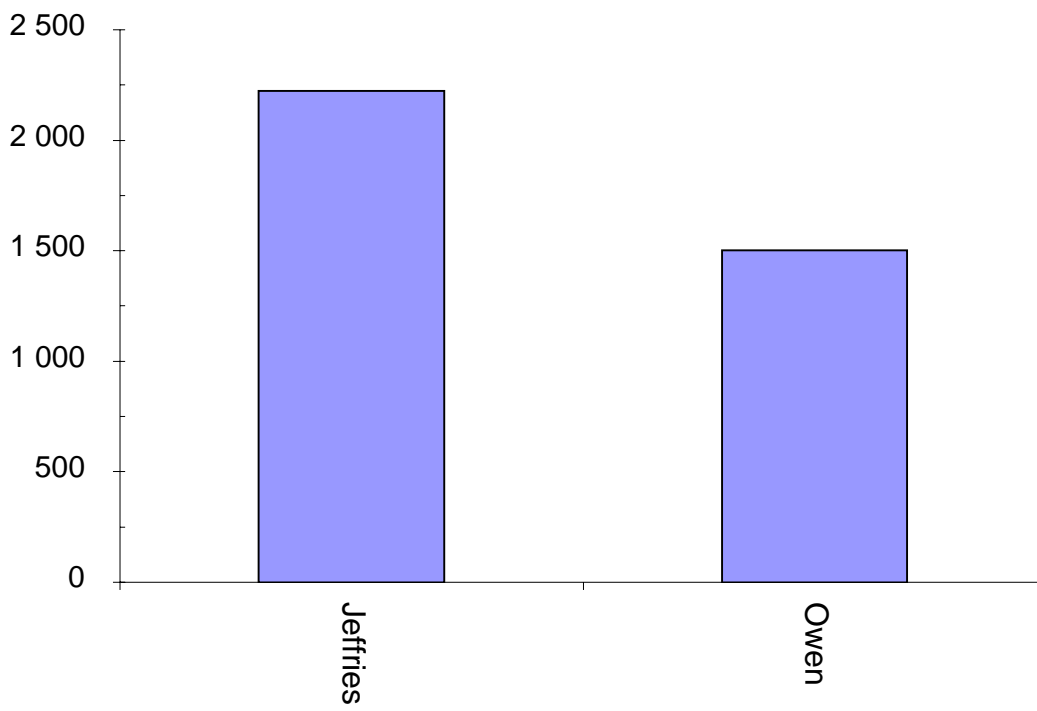
Informality rate : 2.14%

CANDIDATES

Quota = 639

	DePaoli	Fitzpatrick	Foster	Garlick	Jeffries	Mowling	Owen	Rolph	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	330.00	459.00	1 095.00	231.00	873.00	115.00	574.00	151.00			3 828.00	Foster elected 1, Jeffries elected 2
Count 2	75.37	66.21	-456.00	58.71		26.65	198.64	30.39		0.03		Foster's surplus distributed
Progress totals	405.37	525.21	639.00	289.71	873.00	141.65	772.64	181.39		0.03	3 828.00	Owen elected 3
Count 3	68.61	51.19		57.36	-234.00	20.63		36.18		0.03		Jeffries' surplus distributed
Progress totals	473.98	576.40	639.00	347.07	639.00	162.28	772.64	217.57		0.06	3 828.00	
Count 4	31.09	33.05		34.18		16.81	-133.64	18.49		0.02		Owen's surplus distributed
Progress totals	505.07	609.45	639.00	381.25	639.00	179.09	639.00	236.06		0.08	3 828.00	
Count 5	31.00	36.00		36.00		-115.00		12.00		0.00		Mowing part excluded
Progress totals	536.07	645.45	639.00	417.25	639.00	64.09	639.00	248.06		0.08	3 828.00	Fitzpatrick elected 4
Counts 6 to 8	18.90			29.08		-64.09		14.71	1.37	0.03		Mowing fully excluded
Progress totals	554.97	645.45	639.00	446.33	639.00	0.00	639.00	262.77	1.37	0.11	3 828.00	
Count 9	1.07	-6.45		3.58				1.79	0.00	0.01		Fitzpatrick's surplus distributed
Progress totals	556.04	639.00	639.00	449.91	639.00		639.00	264.56	1.37	0.12	3 828.00	
Counts 10 to 11	91.15			103.82				-197.97	3.00	0.00		Rolph part excluded
Progress totals	647.19	639.00	639.00	553.73	639.00		639.00	66.59	4.37	0.12	3 828.00	DePaoli elected 5

Brighton Council — 2000 Deputy Mayor first preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Returning Officer : Mr Graham Hyde

Electors enrolled : 7 920

Declarations returned : 3 974

Response 50.17 %

Mayor — Tony Foster

Elected unopposed

Deputy Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 8

Total ballot papers : 3 906

Formal votes : 3 721

Informal ballot papers : 185

Informality Rate : 4.73%

		CANDIDATES		Total Votes	Remarks
		Jeffries	Owen		
Count 1	Total	2 221	1 500	3 721	Jeffries elected

Brighton Council

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor **Leigh Cowley**

Recount conducted at noon Monday 15 November 1999

Distribution of preferences (multiplied by 100)

		CANDIDATES											
		ANDREWS Mary	FITZPATRICK Cris	GARLICK Wayne	JAMIESON Pauline	MULLER Cheryl	van ZUTPHEN Robert	WOOD Mandy	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1 to 5	Cowley distribution	5 500	14 797	17 669	7 850	4 697	3 847	6 320	400	4	61 084	30 341	
Counts 6 to 8	Votes transferred	600	828	1 006	312	100	-3 847	700	300	1			van Zutphen excluded
	Progressive total	6 100	15 625	18 675	8 162	4 797	0	7 020	700	5	61 084	30 190	
Counts 9 to 12	Votes transferred	700	1 000	1 238	1 059	-4 797		700	100	0			Muller excluded
	Progressive total	6 800	16 625	19 913	9 221	0		7 720	800	5	61 084	30 140	
Count 13	Votes transferred	-6 800	1 300	2 000	1 000			1 400	1 100	0			Andrews excluded
	Progressive total	0	17 925	21 913	10 221			9 120	1 900	5	61 084	29 590	
Counts 14 to 17	Votes transferred		2 113	2 376	3 131			-9 120	1 500	0			Wood excluded
	Progressive total		20 038	24 289	13 352			0	3 400	5	61 084	28 840	
Count 18	Votes transferred		8 000	4 200	-13 000				800	0			Jamieson part excluded
	Progressive total		28 038	28 489	352				4 200	5	61 084	28 440	Garlick elected

Brighton Council

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor **Darren Purcell**

Recount conducted at noon Monday 21 February 2000

Distribution of preferences (multiplied by 100)

		CANDIDATES								
		ROLPH David	MITCHELMORE Ross J	ANDREWS Mary	KINGSTON Ian	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Purcell Distribution	14 344	5 004	10 508	8 256	166	3	38 281	19 057	
Count 2	Votes transferred	1 834	-5 004	917	1 584	667	2			Mitchelmore Excluded
	Progressive total	16 178	0	11 425	9 840	833	5	38 281	18 722	
Count 3	Votes transferred	4 587		4 670	-9 840	583	0			Kingston Excluded
	Progressive total	20 765		16 095	0	1 416	5	38 281	18 431	Rolph Elected