

Kentish 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.

Electoral 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 Kentish Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, 5 Councillors for 4 year terms and one by-election for a Councillor for a 2 year term.

3724 Kentish electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 3689 (99.06%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 35 (0.94%) from the General Manager's roll.

64.44% of Kentish electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

Recounts

Five recounts were held between the 1999 and 2000 elections.

Councillors Glen Miles, Roger Gee and Doug Westbrook resigned from the Kentish Council on 30 July 1999. Three unelected candidates from the 1996 Kentish election consented to contest the Miles recount, two consented to contest the Gee recount, and one candidate (from the 1999 Kentish election) consented to contest the Westbrook recount. The three recounts took place at noon Thursday 2 September 1999.

Councillor Carl Cox resigned from the Kentish Council on 2 August 1999. One unelected candidate from the 1996 Kentish election consented to contest the recount. Councillor Robert J Binny was elected unopposed. The recount took place at noon Thursday 2 September 1999.

Councillor Karen Charleston (nee Colbeck) resigned on 31 October 2000. Two unelected candidates from the 1999 Kentish election consented to contest the recount. The recount took place at noon Wednesday 15 November 2000.

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

Candidates at the 2000 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
BROWN, Des	West Kentish	★ BINNY, Robert	Sheffield
DEVERELL, John Andrew*	Sheffield	★ HABERLE, Mike	Sheffield
★ HARREX, Kerry	Sheffield	★ HUGHES, Terry*	South Spreyton
		★ JONES, Cheryl	Sheffield
		JONES, Simon	Sheffield
		MASCARENHAS, Jenny	Sheffield
		★ RALPH, Sam*	Sheffield
		VERHOEFF, Elizabeth	Railton
		WALSH-FOSTER, Sharon	South Spreyton
		★ WILLOCK, Annie	Lorinna
		WILSON, Tim	Sheffield

Deputy Mayor

★ BINNY, Robert Sheffield

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Kentish Councillors following the 2000 elections

Mayor

HARREX Kerry

Deputy Mayor

BINNY Robert

10 Councillors

term ends 2004

HABERLE Mike

JONES Cheryl

HUGHES Terry

BINNY Robert

WILLOCK Annie

term ends 2002

BROWN Des

HARREX Kerry

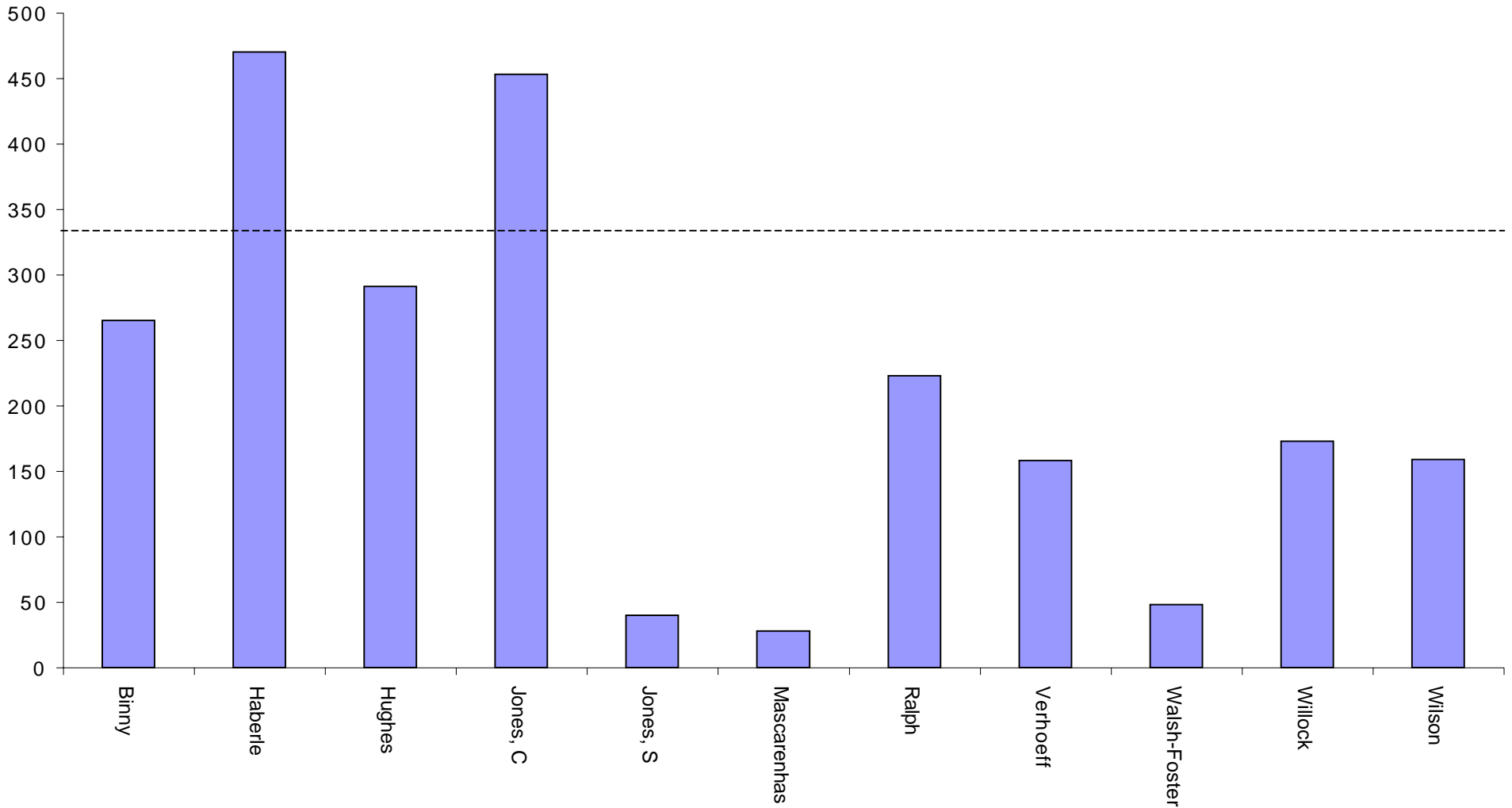
DEVERELL John Andrew

RALPH Sam

CHARLESTON Karen

Note— Councillor Karen Charleston resigned on 31 October 2000 and was replaced by Judy Doroszuk at a recount.

Kentish Council - 2000 Councillor first preferences



Councillor distribution of preferences

Kentish Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Number to be elected : 6

Returning Officer : Mr Stephen Ferris

Electors enrolled : 3 724

Declarations returned : 2 400

Response 64.44%

Declarations rejected : 37

Declarations admitted : 2 363

Rejection rate : 1.54%

Ballot paper adjustment : 1

Total ballot papers : 2 362

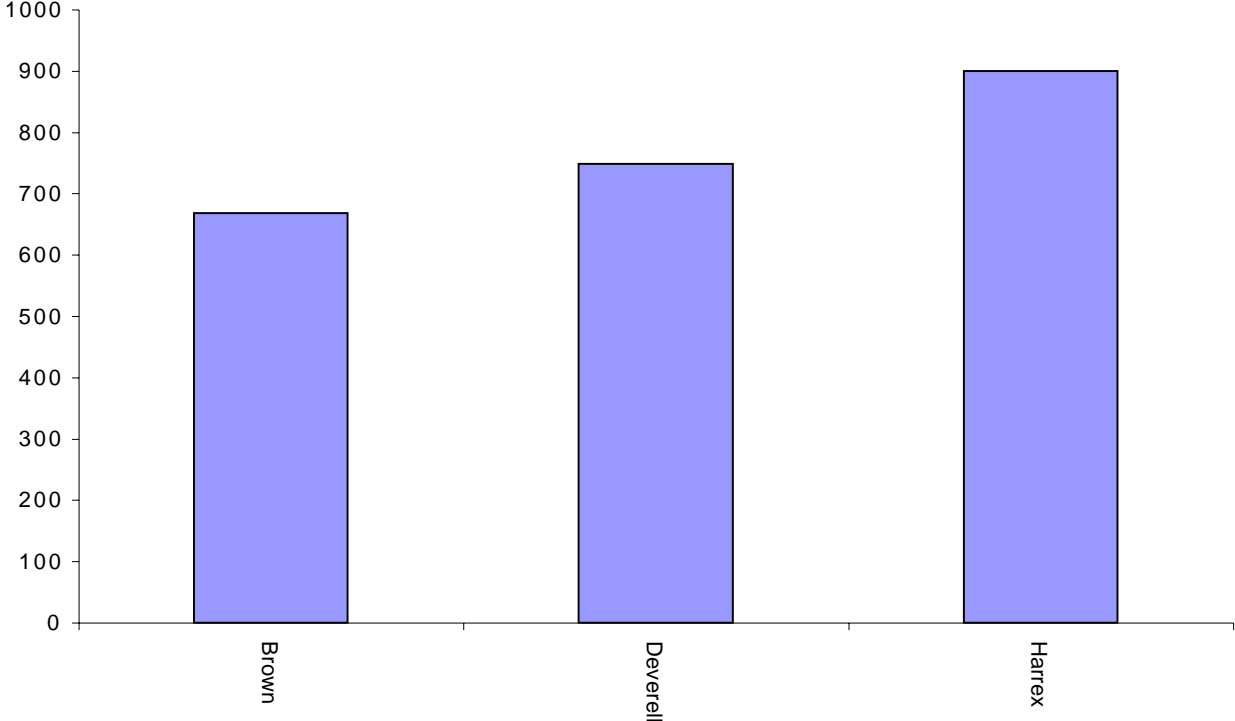
Formal votes : 2 308

Informal ballot papers : 54

Informality rate : 2.28%

		CANDIDATES										Quota = 330				
		Binny	Haberle	Hughes	Jones, C	Jones, S	Mascarenhas	Ralph	Verhoeff	Walsh-Foster	Willcock	Wilson	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total	265.00	470.00	291.00	453.00	40.00	28.00	223.00	158.00	48.00	173.00	159.00			2 308.00	Haberle elected 1, Jones, C. elected 2
Count 2	Votes transferred	23.23	- 140.00	31.27		11.02	3.27	18.17	7.44	5.95	11.91	27.70		0.04		Haberle's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	288.23	330.00	322.27	453.00	51.02	31.27	241.17	165.44	53.95	184.91	186.70		0.04	2 308.00	
Count 3	Votes transferred	16.83		26.33	- 123.00	4.07	3.25	11.40	10.31	9.77	13.30	27.69		0.05		Jones, C.'s surplus distributed
	Progress totals	305.06	330.00	348.60	330.00	55.09	34.52	252.57	175.75	63.72	198.21	214.39		0.09	2 308.00	Hughes elected 3
Count 4	Votes transferred	5.94		- 18.60		0.95	0.95	3.83	1.91	1.72	0.38	2.87		0.05		Hughes's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	311.00	330.00	330.00	330.00	56.04	35.47	256.40	177.66	65.44	198.59	217.26		0.14	2 308.00	
Counts 5 to 8	Votes transferred	2.48				6.08	- 35.47	2.59	2.05	8.29	8.64	5.29		0.05		Mascarenhas excluded
	Progress totals	313.48	330.00	330.00	330.00	62.12	0.00	258.99	179.71	73.73	207.23	222.55		0.19	2 308.00	
Counts 9 to 12	Votes transferred	8.89				- 62.12		9.22	3.59	11.24	11.51	17.62		0.05		Jones, S. Excluded
	Progress totals	322.37	330.00	330.00	330.00	0.00		268.21	183.30	84.97	218.74	240.17		0.24	2 308.00	
Counts 13 to 14	Votes transferred	8.19						10.00	12.48	- 70.83	29.68	10.48		0.00		Walsh-Foster part excluded
	Progress totals	330.56	330.00	330.00	330.00			278.21	195.78	14.14	248.42	250.65		0.24	2 308.00	Binny elected 4
Counts 15 to 16	Votes transferred							2.28	6.30	- 14.14	3.71	1.46	0.38	0.01		Walsh-Foster fully excluded
	Progress totals	330.56	330.00	330.00	330.00			280.49	202.08	0.00	252.13	252.11	0.38	0.25	2 308.00	
Count 17	Votes transferred	- 0.56						0.28	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.28	0.00		Binny's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	330.00	330.00	330.00	330.00			280.77	202.08		252.13	252.11	0.66	0.25	2 308.00	
Count 18	Votes transferred							47.00	- 172.00		88.00	35.00	2.00	0.00		Verhoeff part excluded
	Progress totals	330.00	330.00	330.00	330.00			327.77	30.08		340.13	287.11	2.66	0.25	2 308.00	Willcock elected 5
Count 19	Votes transferred							2.97	- 10.10			5.95	1.19	- 0.01		Verhoeff part excluded
	Progress totals	330.00	330.00	330.00	330.00			330.74	0.00		340.13	293.06	3.85	0.24	2 308.00	Ralph elected 6

Kentish Council - 2000 Mayor first preferences



Kentish Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Returning Officer : Mr Stephen Ferris

Electors enrolled : 3 724

Declarations returned : 2 400

Response 64.44%

Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 1

Total ballot papers :2 362

Formal votes : 2 316

Informal ballot papers : 46

Informality Rate : 1.94%

		CANDIDATES					
		Brown	Deverell	Harrex	Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total	668	748	900		2 316	
Count 2	Votes transferred	- 668	309	288	71		Brown excluded
	Progress totals	0	1 057	1 188	71	2 316	Harrex Elected

Deputy Mayor — Robert Binney

Elected Unopposed

Kentish Council recount

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor Glen Miles

Recount conducted at noon Thursday 2 September 1999

Ballot Papers multiplied by 100

		CANDIDATES			Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		BINNY Robert	RALPH Sam	THOMAS Lyle					
Count 1	Total	9 720	7 050	16 770	273	2	33 815	16 771	
Count 2		2 601	-7 050	3 970	479				Ralph Excluded
	Total	12 321	0	20 740	752	2	33 815	16 531	Thomas Electe

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor Roger Gee

Recount conducted at noon Thursday 2 September 1999

Ballot Papers multiplied by 100

		CANDIDATES		Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		BINNY Robert	RALPH Sam					
Count 1	Total	14 500	16 600	2 000		33 100	15 551	Ralph Elected

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor **Karen Charleston (Colbeck)**

Recount Conducted at noon Wednesday 15 November 2000

Ballot Papers multiplied by 100

		CANDIDATES		Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		DOROSZUK Judy	INDER Brian					
Counts 1 to 5		22 197	15 390	2 864	0	40 451	18 794	Doroszuk Elected