

Dorset Council

2002 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), 2000 and 2002, with the next elections due in October 2004.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are elected directly by the electors in each municipal area.

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.

2002 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 14 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 19 September
Nomination period	23 September— 12 noon on 2 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 2 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 3 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	15–18 October
Polling period	15–29 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 29 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 2002 Dorset Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, 4 Councillors for 4 year terms, and two by-elections for Councillor for 2 year terms.

5 458 Dorset electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 5 161 (94.56%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 297 (5.44%) from the General Manager's roll.

68.89% of Dorset electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

Candidates at the 2002 elections

Mayor

★ PARTRIDGE, Peter William	Scottsdale
RICE, Ron	Bridport
THORNE, Yvonne R*	Derby

Deputy Mayor

★ RATTRAY-WAGNER, Tania	Scottsdale
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- ★ denotes elected candidate
- * denotes seeking re-election

Councillors

★ ARNOLD, Steven	Bridport
★ CARSWELL, John T	Scottsdale
CAVANOUGH, Peter	Springfield
DEANE-SHAW, Tony	Winnaleah
GAY, Dennis	Scottsdale
PROBERT, Jill	Gladstone
★ RATTRAY-WAGNER, Tania*	Scottsdale
★ RICE, Ron*	Bridport
★ THOMPSON, Patricia*	Legerwood
★ WILLIAMS, John	Legerwood

Dorset Councillors following the 2002 elections

Mayor

term ends 2004

PARTRIDGE Peter William

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2004

RATTRAY-WAGNER Tania

9 Councillors

term ends 2006

RATTRAY-WAGNER Tania

CARSWELL John T

ARNOLD Steven

WILLIAMS John

term ends 2004

THORNE Yvonne

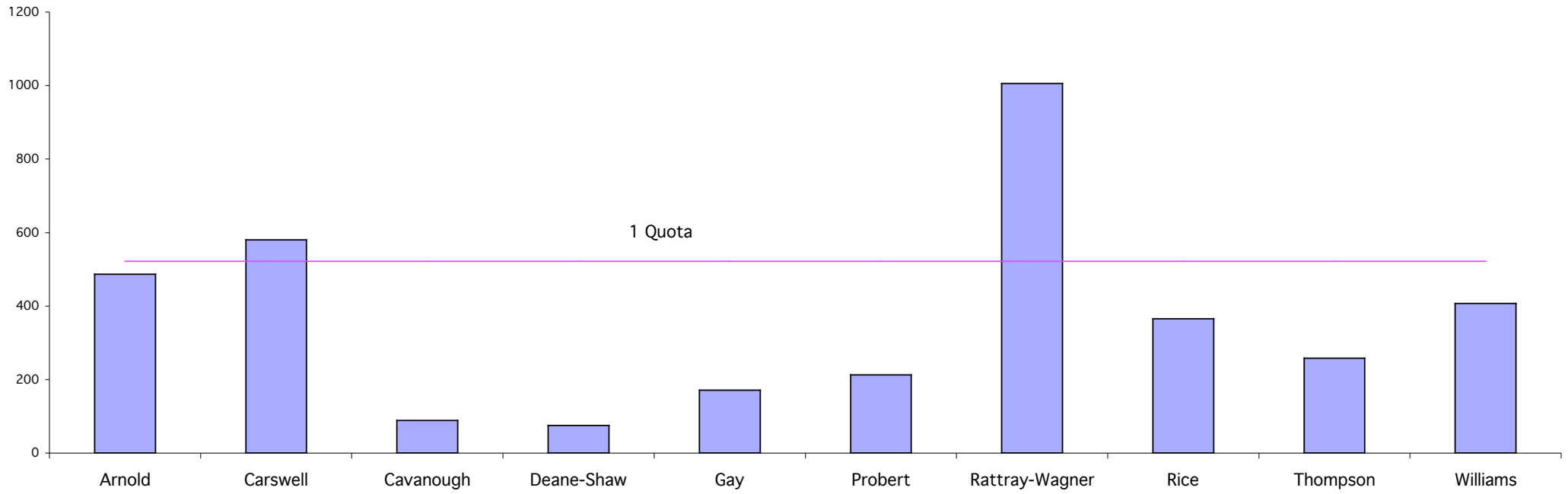
PARTRIDGE Peter William

McLENNAN Roger M

RICE Ron

THOMPSON Patricia

Dorset Councillor 2002 First Preferences



Dorset Council

Polling closed at 10am 29 October 2002

Number to be elected: 6

Returning Officer: Mr Joseph Brewin

Electors enrolled: 5458

Declarations returned: 3760

Response: 68.89%

Declarations rejected: 49

Declarations admitted: 3711

Rejection rate: 1.30%

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 3707

Formal Votes: 3651

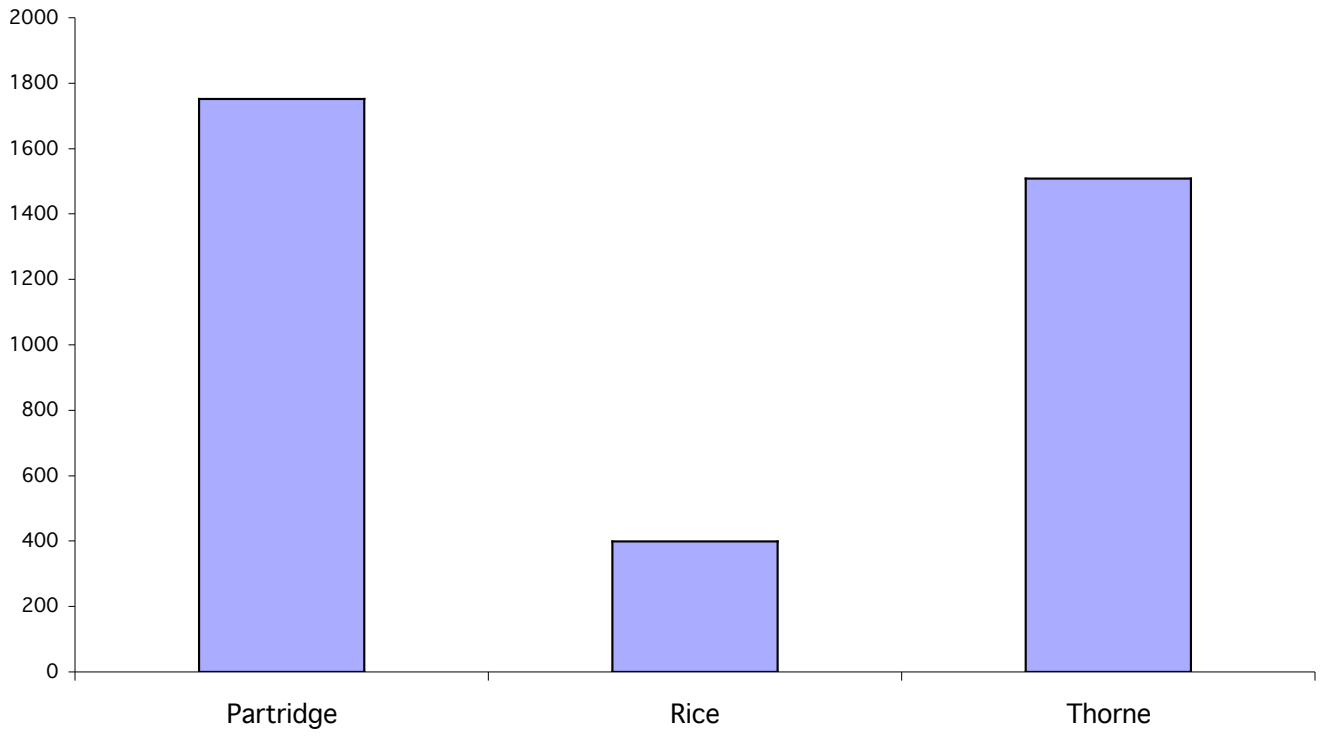
Informal ballot papers: 56

Informality rate: 1.51%

Quota= 522

		Candidates										Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		Arnold	Carswell	Cavanaugh	Deane-Shaw	Gay	Probert	Ratray-Wagner	Rice	Thompson	Williams				
Count 1	Total	487.00	580.00	89.00	75.00	171.00	213.00	1006.00	365.00	258.00	407.00	0.00	0.00	3651	RATTRAY-WAGNER elected 1, CARSWELL elected 2
Count 2	Votes transferred	69.76		18.76	15.39	27.42	58.21	-484.00	77.94	140.00	76.49	0.00	0.03		RATTRAY-WAGNER's surplus distributed
Count 3	Progress totals	556.76	580.00	107.76	90.39	198.42	271.21	522.00	442.94	398.00	483.49	0.00	0.03	3651	ARNOLD elected 3
	Votes transferred		-58.00	6.90	3.40	5.90	4.50		14.10	11.20	12.00	0.00	0.00		CARSWELL's surplus distributed
Count 4	Progress totals	556.76	522.00	114.66	93.79	204.32	275.71	522.00	457.04	409.20	495.49	0.00	0.03	3651	
	Votes transferred	-34.76		2.63	1.43	2.87	5.03		8.63	7.19	6.95	0.00	0.03		ARNOLD's surplus distributed
Count 5 to 8	Progress totals	522.00	522.00	117.29	95.22	207.19	280.74	522.00	465.67	416.39	502.44	0.00	0.06	3651	DEANE-SHAW excluded
	Votes transferred			13.59	-95.22	9.24	25.24		8.17	21.21	17.71	0.00	0.06		DEANE-SHAW's votes distributed
Count 9	Progress totals	522.00	522.00	130.88	0.00	216.43	305.98	522.00	473.84	437.60	520.15	0.00	0.12	3651	DEANE-SHAW fully excluded, CAVANOUGH excluded
	Votes transferred			-101.00		21.00	16.00		25.00	22.00	17.00	0.00	0.00		CAVANOUGH's votes distributed
Count 10 to 1	Progress totals	522.00	522.00	29.88		237.43	321.98	522.00	498.84	459.60	537.15	0.00	0.12	3651	WILLIAMS elected 4 , CAVANOUGH partially excluded
	Votes transferred			-29.88		7.12	2.27		9.88	10.00		0.58	0.03		CAVANOUGH's votes distributed
Count 13	Progress totals	522.00	522.00	0.00		244.55	324.25	522.00	508.72	469.60	537.15	0.58	0.15	3651	CAVANOUGH fully excluded
	Votes transferred					2.67	1.78		1.78	8.91	-15.15	0.00	0.01		WILLIAMS' surplus distributed
Count 14	Progress totals	522.00	522.00			247.22	326.03	522.00	510.50	478.51	522.00	0.58	0.16	3651	GAY excluded
	Votes transferred					-197.00	65.00		66.00	65.00		1.00	0.00		GAY's votes distributed
Count 15	Progress totals	522.00	522.00			50.22	391.03	522.00	576.50	543.51	522.00	1.58	0.16	3651	RICE elected 5, THOMPSON elected 6 , GAY partially excluded

Dorset Mayor 2002 First Preferences



Dorset Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Returning Officer: Mr Joseph Brewin

Declarations admitted: 3711

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 3707

Formal votes: 3658

Informal ballot papers: 49

Informality rate: 1.32%

Mayor

		Candidates			Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		Partridge	Rice	Thorne				
Count 1	Total	1751	399	1508	0	3658	1830	
Count 2	Votes transferred	180	-399	189	30			Rice excluded
	Progress totals	1931	0	1697	30	3658	1815	Partridge elected

**Deputy Mayor— Tania Rattray-Wagner
Elected unopposed**