



Flinders 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 unelcted 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 Flinders Council Election

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

770 Flinders electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 675 (87.66%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 95 (12.34%) from the General Manager's roll.

82.34% of Flinders electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

Candidates at the 2002 elections

Mayor

★ COOPER, Helen D Memana

Deputy Mayor

★ KLUG, Terence Lackrana
MASON, Stephen* Lackrana

Councillors

★ BLUNDSTONE, Kelly Whitemark
★ COOPER, Helen D* Memana
★ DOBLE, Fred* East Melbourne
★ MASON, Lynn* Memana
WHEATLEY, Margaret Killiecrankie

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Flinders Councillors following the 2002 elections

Mayor

term ends 2004
COOPER Helen D

Deputy Mayor

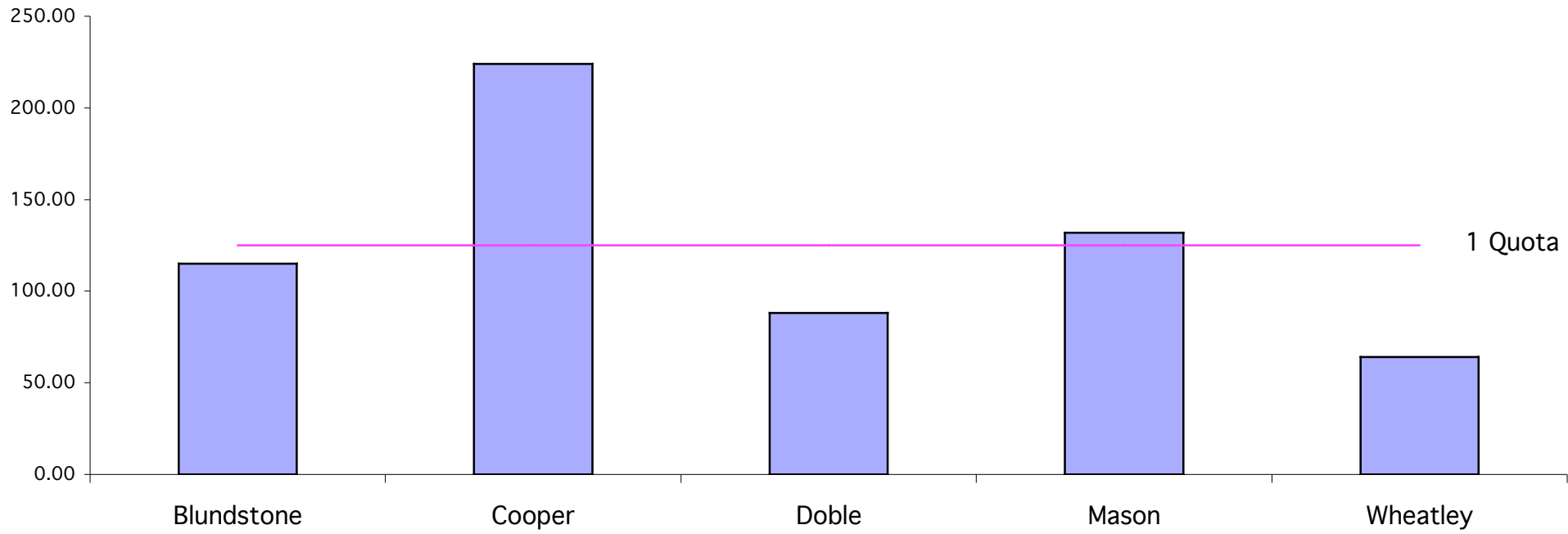
term ends 2004
KLUG Terence

7 Councillors

term ends 2006
COOPER Helen D
MASON Lynn
BLUNDSTONE Kelly
DOBLE Fred

term ends 2004
COX Carol D
MASON Stephen
KLUG Terence George

Flinders Councillor 2002 First Preferences



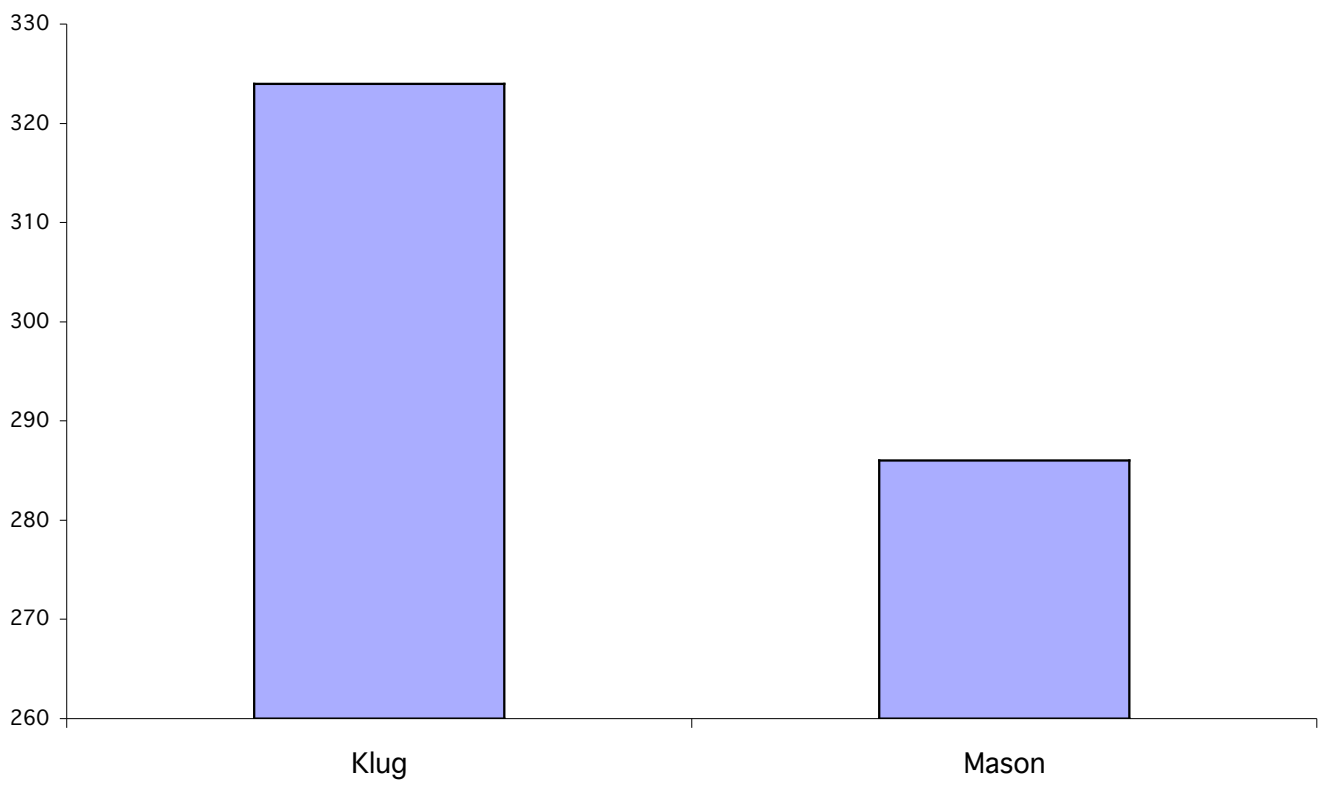
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Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002 Electors enrolled: 770 Declarations rejected: 8 Ballot paper adjustment: 0 Formal Votes: 623
 Number to be elected: 4 Declarations returned: 634 Declarations admitted: 626 Total ballot papers: 626 Informal ballot papers: 3
 Returning Officer: Mr Lee Connors Response: 82.34% Rejection rate: 1.26% Informality rate: 0.48%

Quota= 125

		Candidates					Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		Blundstone	Cooper	Doble	Mason	Wheatley				
Count 1	Total	115.00	224.00	88.00	132.00	64.00	0.00	0.00	623	Cooper elected 1, Mason elected 2
Count 2	Votes transferred	62.75	-99.00	19.88		16.35	0.00	0.02		Cooper's surplus distributed
Count 3	Progress totals	177.75	125.00	107.88	132.00	80.35	0.00	0.02	623	Blundstone elected 3
	Votes transferred			2.96	-7.00	3.97	0.05	0.02		Mason's surplus distributed
Count 4	Progress totals	177.75	125.00	110.84	125.00	84.32	0.05	0.04	623	
	Votes transferred	-52.75		31.57		20.80	0.37	0.01		Blundstone's surplus distributed
Count 5	Progress totals	125.00	125.00	142.41	125.00	105.12	0.42	0.05	623	Doble elected 4

Flinders Deputy Mayor 2002 First Preferences



Mayor— Helen D Cooper

Elected unopposed

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Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Returning Officer: Mr Lee Connors

Declarations admitted: 626

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Total ballot papers: 626

Formal votes: 610

Informal ballot papers: 16

Informality rate: 2.56%

Deputy Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		Klug	Mason				
Count 1	Total	324	286	0	610	306	Klug elected