



Latrobe Council

2005 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years 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 Commission (TEC) 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, 2002, 2005 (deferred from 2004) with the next elections due in October 2007.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are elected directly by the electors in all municipal areas. Previously, in most councils, mayors and deputy mayors were elected by the councillors at the first meeting of a new council.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are available from the TEC and are posted on the TEC website www.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2005 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September— 12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 25 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 2005 Latrobe Council Election

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

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 6411 Latrobe electors were enrolled, comprising 6346 (98.99%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 65 (1.01%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Latrobe electors returning their ballot papers was 57.60%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

By-Election

A by-election was held between the 2002 and 2005 elections following the death of Mayor, Councillor Bert Campbell on Thursday 16 January 2003. The ballot closed at 10am Tuesday 18 March 2003. Three candidates contested the mayoral by-election and five candidates contested the councillor by-election. Full details are provided on the back page.

Recounts

One recount was held between the 2002 and 2005 elections due to the death of Councillor Des Thorne on Saturday 14 February 2004. Only one unelected candidate from the 2000 Latrobe Council election contested the recount and was therefore elected unopposed on Tuesday 2 March 2004. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ GAFFNEY, Michael *	Latrobe	★ BEVERIDGE, Rob *	Hawley Beach
		★ DARBYSHIRE, Pat	Port Sorell
		★ DICK, Stephen	Port Sorell
		HUGHES, John*	Northdown
Deputy Mayor		★ McLAREN, Mike	Latrobe
★ ROCKLIFF, Rick*	Sassafras	NEWMAN, John	Latrobe
		STUART, Lynette D.	Shearwater
		SULLIVAN, Brendan	Port Sorell

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Latrobe Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor

term ends 2007

GAFFNEY, Michael

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2007

ROCKLIFF, Rick

9 Councillors

term ends 2009

BEVERIDGE, Rob

McLAREN, Mike

DICK, Stephen

DARBYSHIRE, Pat

term ends 2007

GAFFNEY, Mike

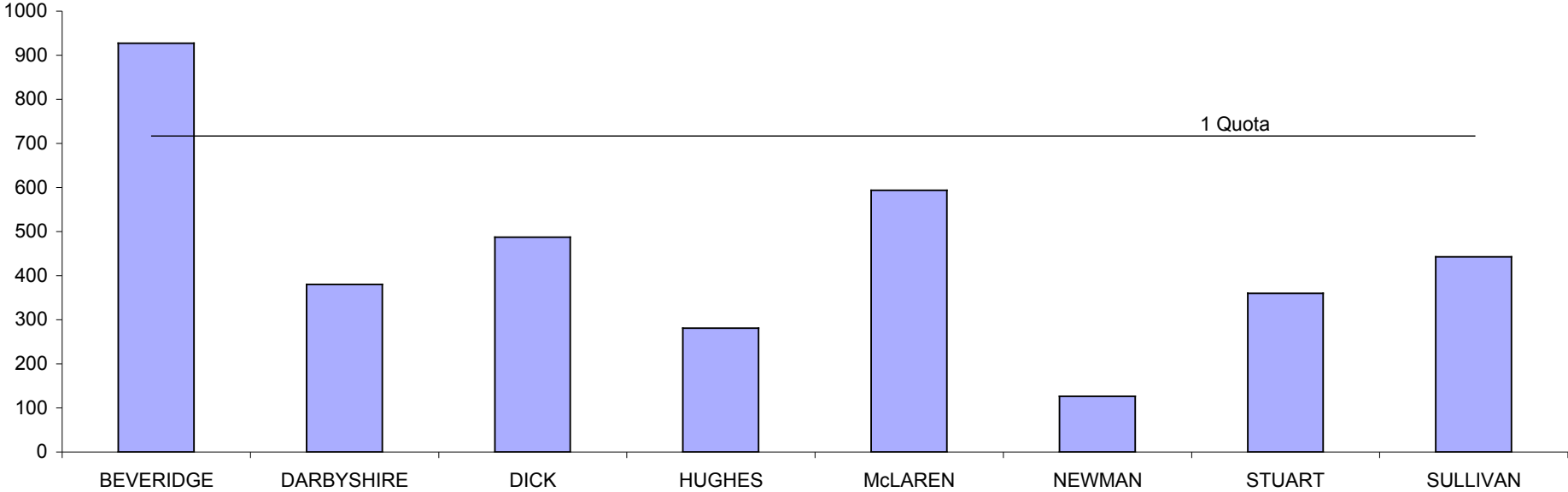
ROCKLIFF, Rick

SIMS, Garry

PARKER, Dudley

PERKINS, John

Latrobe Councillor 2005 First Preferences



Latrobe Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005
 Number to be elected: 4
 Returning Officer: Ms Electra Papas

Electors enrolled: 6411
 Declarations returned: 3693
 Response: 57.60%

Declarations rejected: 62
 Declarations admitted: 3631
 Rejection rate: 1.68%

Ballot paper adjustment: 1
 Total ballot papers: 3630

Formal Votes: 3598
 Informal ballot papers: 32
 Informality rate: 0.88%

Quota = 720

		Candidates								Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		BEVERIDGE	DARBYSHIRE	DICK	HUGHES	McLAREN	NEWMAN	STUART	SULLIVAN				
Count 1	Total	927.00	380.00	487.00	281.00	594.00	126.00	360.00	443.00	0.00	0.00		
	Progress Totals	927.00	380.00	487.00	281.00	594.00	126.00	360.00	443.00	0.00	0.00	3598.00	BEVERIDGE elected 1
Count 2	Votes Transferred	- 207.00	27.68	38.40	24.78	56.04	8.93	23.66	27.46	0.00	0.05		BEVERIDGE's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	720.00	407.68	525.40	305.78	650.04	134.93	383.66	470.46	0.00	0.05	3598.00	NEWMAN excluded
Count 3 to 4	Votes Transferred		25.66	22.56	14.89	39.79	- 134.93	25.56	6.44	0.00	0.03		NEWMAN's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	720.00	433.34	547.96	320.67	689.83	0.00	409.22	476.90	0.00	0.08	3598.00	NEWMAN fully excluded, HUGHES excluded
Count 5	Votes Transferred		48.00	60.00	- 295.00	76.00		73.00	38.00	0.00	0.00		HUGHES' votes distributed
	Progress Totals	720.00	481.34	607.96	25.67	765.83		482.22	514.90	0.00	0.08	3598.00	McLAREN elected 2 , HUGHES partially excluded
Count 6	Votes Transferred		6.02	6.92	- 25.67			5.13	6.92	0.66	0.02		HUGHES' votes distributed
	Progress Totals	720.00	487.36	614.88	0.00	765.83		487.35	521.82	0.66	0.10	3598.00	HUGHES fully excluded
Count 7	Votes Transferred		15.07	7.83		- 45.83		12.66	9.64	0.60	0.03		McLAREN's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	720.00	502.43	622.71		720.00		500.01	531.46	1.26	0.13	3598.00	STUART excluded
Count 8	Votes Transferred		167.00	157.00				- 457.00	125.00	8.00	0.00		STUART's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	720.00	669.43	779.71		720.00		43.01	656.46	9.26	0.13	3598.00	DICK elected 3 , STUART partially excluded
Count 9 to 10	Votes Transferred		19.71					- 43.01	20.60	2.69	0.01		STUART's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	720.00	689.14	779.71		720.00		0.00	677.06	11.95	0.14	3598.00	STUART fully excluded
Count 11	Votes Transferred		22.81	- 59.71					33.46	3.42	0.02		DICK's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	720.00	711.95	720.00		720.00			710.52	15.37	0.16	3598.00	DARBYSHIRE elected 4

**2005 Latrobe Mayor— Mike Gaffney
Elected unopposed**

**2005 Latrobe Deputy Mayor— Rick Rockliff
Elected unopposed**

2003 Latrobe Council By-Election Election of Councillor

Councillor distribution of preferences

Polling closed 10am, Tuesday 18 March 2003

Returning Officer: Bob Batchelor

Electors enrolled: 6 065

Declarations returned: 3 691

Response rate: 60.85%

	BISSETT Julie	DICK Stephen	McLAREN Mike	RADFORD Sharni	WEEKS Mandy	Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	270	859	1043	985	435		3592	1797	Primary Votes
Count 2	-270	52	43	61	91	23			Bissett Excluded
	0	911	1086	1046	526	23	3592	1785	
Count 3		87	158	217	-526	64			Weeks Excluded
		998	1244	1263	0	87	3592	1753	
Count 4		-998	475	428		95			Dick Excluded
		0	1719	1691		182	3592	1706	McLaren Elected

2003 Latrobe Council By-Election Election of Mayor

Mayor distribution of preferences

Polling closed 10am, Tuesday 18 March 2003

Returning Officer: Bob Batchelor

Electors enrolled: 6 065

Declarations returned: 3 691

Response rate: 60.85%

	CANDIDATES			Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
	GAFFNEY Mike	PERKINS John	SIMS Garry				
Count 1	1732	712	1184		3628	1815	Primary Votes
Count 2	296	-712	323	93			Perkins Excluded
	2028	0	1507	93	3628	1768	Gaffney Elected

Latrobe Council recount

Recount due to the death of Councillor Des Thorne

2 March 2004

Pat Darbyshire elected unopposed