



Brighton Council

2011 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 municipal areas for the positions of mayor and deputy mayor and half the councillors. 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 approximately biennially since 1994, with the next elections due in October 2013.

Since 2000, mayors and deputy mayors have been 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.tec.tas.gov.au.

2011 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 2011 Brighton Council Election

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

10 229 Brighton electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 10 148 (99.21%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 81 (0.79%) from the General Manager's roll.

52.30% of Brighton electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville	★ CURRAN, Barb*	Brighton
OWEN, Phil	Old Beach	★ GEARD, Peter*	Brighton
		★ JEFFRIES, Moya*	Brighton
Deputy Mayor		JOSEPH, Roger	Old Beach
GEARD, Peter	Brighton	★ TAYLOR, Geoff*	Brighton
JEFFRIES, Moya	Brighton	WHITE, Sharen	Brighton
★ TAYLOR, Geoff*	Brighton		

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Brighton Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
FOSTER, Tony	TAYLOR, Geoff	FOSTER, Tony
	CURRAN, Barb	OWEN, Philip John
Deputy Mayor	GEARD, Peter	GRAY, Leigh
<i>term ends 2013</i>	JEFFRIES, Moya	GARLICK, Wayne
TAYLOR, Geoff		WILLIAMS, Sonya

Brighton Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 10 229

Declarations rejected: 53

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

Formal Votes: 5 165

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 5 350

Declarations admitted: 5 297

Total ballot papers: 5 289

Informal ballot papers: 124

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Response: 52.30%

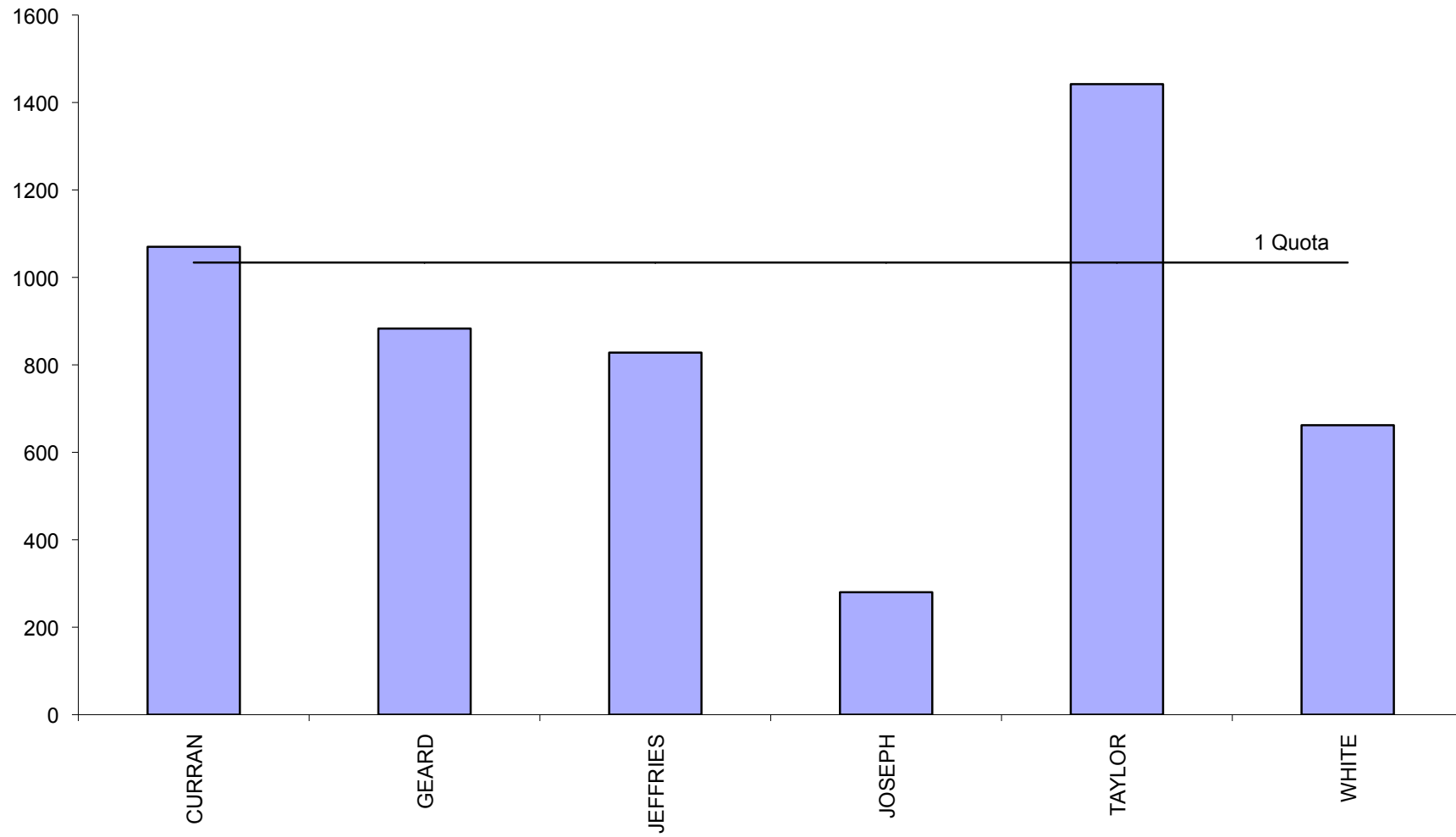
Rejection rate: 0.99%

Informality rate: 2.34%

Quota = 1034

Count	CURRAN	GEARD	JEFFRIES	JOSEPH	TAYLOR	WHITE	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	1070.00	883.00	828.00	280.00	1442.00	662.00			5165.00	TAYLOR elected 1, CURRAN elected 2
2		208.80	98.74	35.65	- 408.00	64.79		0.02		TAYLOR's surplus distributed
	1070.00	1091.80	926.74	315.65	1034.00	726.79		0.02	5165.00	GEARD elected 3
3	- 36.00		16.41	5.95		13.62		0.02		CURRAN's surplus distributed
	1034.00	1091.80	943.15	321.60	1034.00	740.41		0.04	5165.00	
4		- 57.80	27.25	12.68		17.85		0.02		GEARD's surplus distributed
	1034.00	1034.00	970.40	334.28	1034.00	758.26		0.06	5165.00	
5			128.00	- 280.00		149.00	3.00	0.00		JOSEPH part excluded
	1034.00	1034.00	1098.40	54.28	1034.00	907.26	3.00	0.06	5165.00	JEFFRIES elected 4

2011 Brighton Councillor election - first preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5 297

Formal Votes: 5 199

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

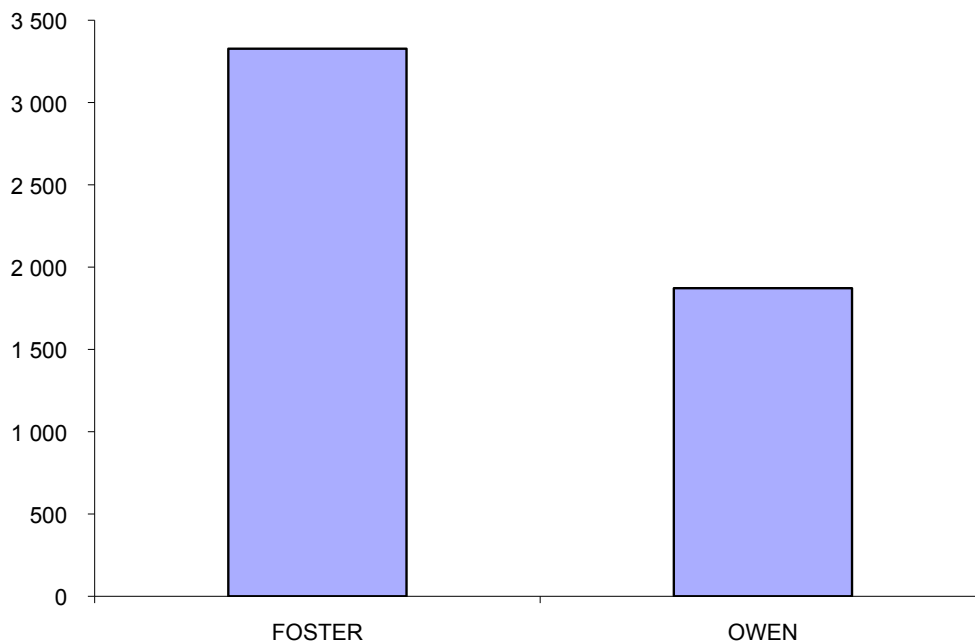
Informal ballot papers: 90

Total ballot papers: 5 289

Informality rate: 1.70%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		FOSTER	OWEN			
Count 1	First Preferences	3 327	1 872	5 199	2 600	FOSTER elected

2011 Brighton Mayor election - first preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5 297

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

Total ballot papers: 5 289

Formal Votes: 5 198

Informal ballot papers: 91

Informality rate: 1.72%

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		GEARD	JEFFRIES	TAYLOR				
Count 1	Progress Total	1 451	1 508	2 239	0	5 198	2 600	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	-1 451	575	782	94			Geard excluded
	Progress Total	0	2 083	3 021	94	5 198	2 553	Taylor elected

2011 Brighton Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

