

Kentish Council

2022 ELECTION REPORT

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Local government elections in Tasmania

This booklet provides election details for the 2022 Kentish Council election, which was conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

This booklet also contains details of any casual vacancies or elector polls that were conducted between the 2018 and 2022 council elections.

Statewide election results are published on the TEC website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

2022 Election timetable

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| Notice of election published | Saturday 3 September |
| Nominations opened | Monday 5 September |
| Electoral rolls closed | Thursday 8 September |
| Nominations closed | Monday 19 September |
| Nominations announced | Tuesday 20 September |
| Ballot material received by electors | 3–7 October |
| Polling period | 3–25 October |
| Close of poll | 2pm Tuesday 25 October |

Councillor casual vacancies

Councillor casual vacancies are filled by recount. Only unelected candidates from the relevant election may contest a recount. If there are no unelected candidates able to contest the recount, or the casual vacancy is also for the mayoral position, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

No casual vacancies are filled within 6 months of the next ordinary election, unless the vacancy results in the council unable to have a quorum.

Elector polls

A council may hold an elector poll on any issue it determines. A council 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

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.

Voting in Tasmanian local government elections is compulsory.

Report on the 2022 Kentish Council elections

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

5,137 Kentish electors were enrolled for the 2022 elections, comprising 5,033 (97.98%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 104 (2.02%) from the General Manager's roll.

86.41% of Kentish Council electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 84.79% statewide.

Kentish Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

Prior to the 2022 election

Mayor

WILSON, Tim

Deputy Mayor

THWAITES, Don

Councillors

THWAITES, Don

WILSON, Tim

HABERLE, Kate

LANE, Penny

MAWER, Stephen

RICHARDS, Phillip

CASSIDY, Linda

BLENKHORN, Rodney

MEIJER, Nicole

Following the 2022 election

Mayor

HABERLE, Kate

Deputy Mayor

LANE, Penny

Councillors

HABERLE, Kate

LANE, Penny

RICHARDS, Phillip

THWAITES, Don

CASSIDY, Linda

BLENKHORN, Rodney

HAIGH, Simone

HUGHES, Terry

DICKINSON, Phil

The candidates

Kentish Council

enrolment 5,137

Councillor

9 Councillors - 10 candidates

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| BLENKHORN, Rodney | Railton |
| CASSIDY, Linda | Railton |
| DICKINSON, Phil | Sheffield |
| HABERLE, Kate | Sheffield |
| HAIGH, Simone | Sheffield |
| HUGHES, Terry | Sheffield |
| LANE, Penny | Barrington |
| RICHARDS, Phillip | Wilmot |
| SIMMONS, Bob | West Kentish |
| THWAITES, Don | Paradise |

Mayor

1 candidate, no ballot required

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|---------------|-----------|
| HABERLE, Kate | Sheffield |
|---------------|-----------|

Deputy Mayor

3 candidates

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|-------------------|------------|
| BLENKHORN, Rodney | Railton |
| LANE, Penny | Barrington |
| RICHARDS, Phillip | Wilmot |

Kentish Council – 2022 Councillor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022

Returning officer: Mike Leyden

Number to be elected: 9

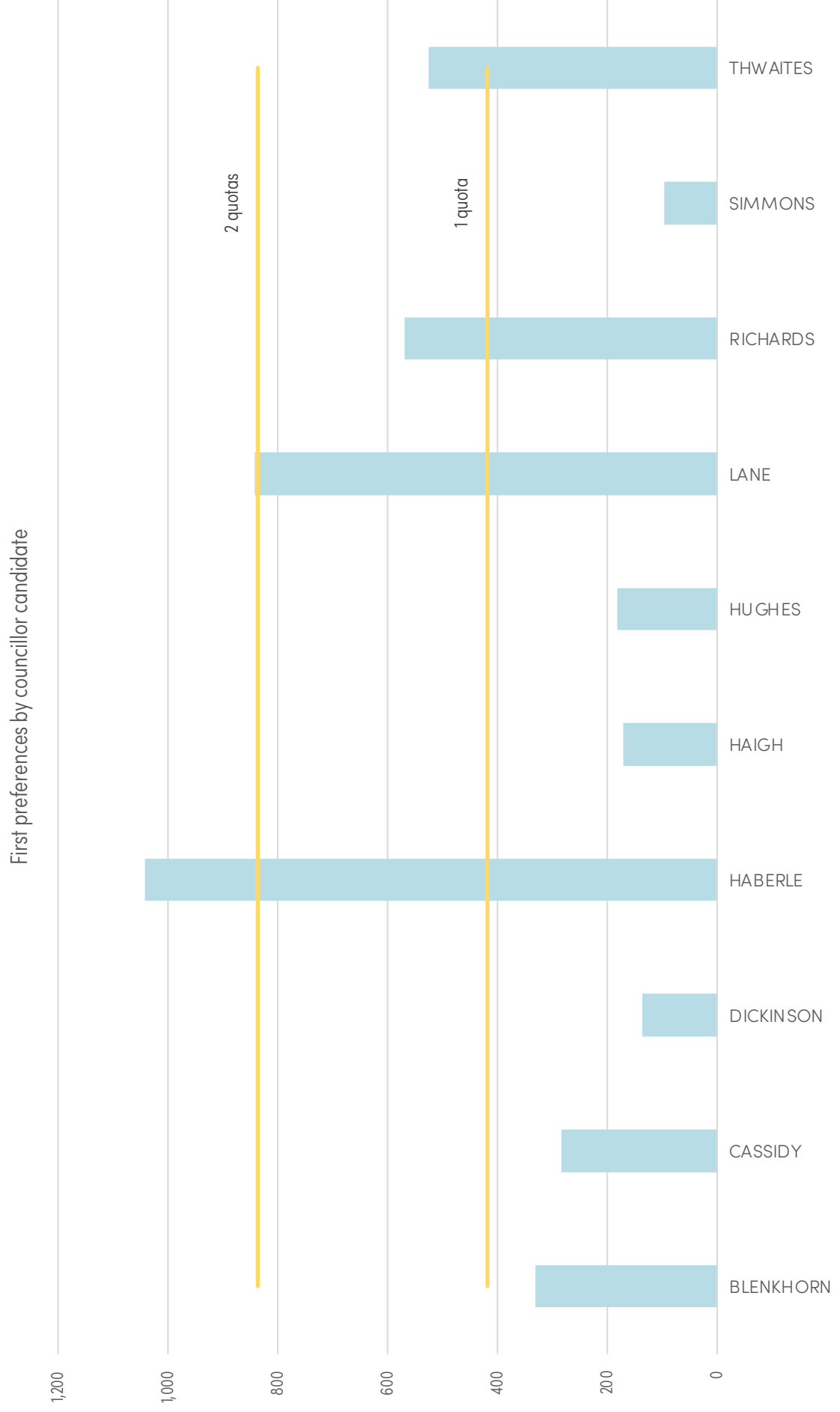
| Count | Candidates | | | | | | |
|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | BLANKHORN | CASSIDY | DICKINSON | HABERLE | HAIGH | HUGHES | LANE |
| 1 | 331.00 | 284.00 | 137.00 | 1,042.00 | 170.00 | 181.00 | 843.00 |
| 2 | 107.19 | 179.05 | 61.68 | -624.00 | 98.80 | 122.76 | |
| | 438.19 | 463.05 | 198.68 | 418.00 | 268.80 | 303.76 | 843.00 |
| 3 | | | 69.06 | | 178.46 | 113.43 | -425.00 |
| | 438.19 | 463.05 | 267.74 | 418.00 | 447.26 | 417.19 | 418.00 |
| 4 | | | 45.37 | | | 59.44 | |
| | 438.19 | 463.05 | 313.11 | 418.00 | 447.26 | 476.63 | 418.00 |
| 5 | | | 52.76 | | | | |
| | 438.19 | 463.05 | 365.87 | 418.00 | 447.26 | 476.63 | 418.00 |
| 6 | | -45.05 | 19.28 | | | | |
| | 438.19 | 418.00 | 385.15 | 418.00 | 447.26 | 476.63 | 418.00 |
| 7 | -20.19 | | 8.45 | | | | |
| | 418.00 | 418.00 | 393.60 | 418.00 | 447.26 | 476.63 | 418.00 |
| 8 | | | 15.20 | | -29.26 | | |
| | 418.00 | 418.00 | 408.80 | 418.00 | 418.00 | 476.63 | 418.00 |
| 9 | | | 26.17 | | | -58.63 | |
| | 418.00 | 418.00 | 434.97 | 418.00 | 418.00 | 418.00 | 418.00 |

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|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Electors enrolled: | 5,137 | Declarations admitted: | 4,377 | Informal ballot papers: | 165 |
| Declarations returned: | 4,439 | Rejection rate: | 1.40% | Informality rate: | 3.80% |
| Response rate: | 86.41% | Ballot paper adjustment: | 33 | Formal ballot papers: | 4,179 |
| Declarations rejected: | 62 | Total ballot papers: | 4,344 | Quota = | 418 |

Candidates (cont.)

| RICHARDS | SIMMONS | THWAITES | Votes Exhausted | Loss (Gain) by Fraction | Total Votes | Remarks |
|----------|---------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| 569.00 | 96.00 | 526.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,179.00 | HABERLE elected 1, LANE elected 2, RICHARDS elected 3, THWAITES elected 4 |
| | 54.49 | | 0.00 | 0.03 | | HABERLE's surplus distributed |
| 569.00 | 150.49 | 526.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 4,179.00 | CASSIDY elected 5, BLENKHORN elected 6 |
| | 52.43 | | 11.59 | 0.03 | | LANE's surplus distributed |
| 569.00 | 202.92 | 526.00 | 11.59 | 0.06 | 4,179.00 | HAIGH elected 7 |
| -151.00 | 34.76 | | 11.41 | 0.02 | | RICHARDS' surplus distributed |
| 418.00 | 237.68 | 526.00 | 23.00 | 0.08 | 4,179.00 | HUGHES elected 8 |
| | 37.98 | -108.00 | 17.24 | 0.02 | | THWAITES' surplus distributed |
| 418.00 | 275.66 | 418.00 | 40.24 | 0.10 | 4,179.00 | |
| | 14.91 | | 10.84 | 0.02 | | CASSIDY's surplus distributed |
| 418.00 | 290.57 | 418.00 | 51.08 | 0.12 | 4,179.00 | |
| | 8.45 | | 3.27 | 0.02 | | BLENKHORN's surplus distributed |
| 418.00 | 299.02 | 418.00 | 54.35 | 0.14 | 4,179.00 | |
| | 7.85 | | 6.19 | 0.02 | | HAIGH's surplus distributed |
| 418.00 | 306.87 | 418.00 | 60.54 | 0.16 | 4,179.00 | |
| | 22.24 | | 10.20 | 0.02 | | HUGHES' surplus distributed |
| 418.00 | 329.11 | 418.00 | 70.74 | 0.18 | 4,179.00 | DICKINSON elected 9 |

Kentish Council – Councillor election – first preferences



Kentish Council – Mayor election

1 candidate – no ballot required.

HABERLE, Kate elected unopposed.

Kentish Council – deputy mayor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022

Returning officer: Mike Leyden

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|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Electors enrolled: | 5,137 | Ballot paper adjustment: | 74 |
| Declarations returned: | 4,439 | Total ballot papers: | 4,303 |
| Response rate: | 86.41% | Informal ballot papers: | 117 |
| Declarations rejected: | 62 | Informality rate: | 2.72% |
| Declarations admitted: | 4,377 | Formal ballot papers: | 4,186 |

| | | Candidates | | | Exhausted votes | Formal votes | Absolute majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | BLANKHORN Rodney | LANE Penny | RICHARDS Phillip | | | | |
| Count 1 | First preferences | 720 | 2,128 | 1,338 | | 4,186 | 2,094 | LANE elected |
| | Percentage | 17.20% | 50.84% | 31.96% | | | | |

