



# Flinders Council

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

Following recent changes to the Act, mayors and deputy mayors were elected directly by the electors in each municipal area for the first time in 2000.

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](http://www.electoral.tas.gov.au).

### 2000 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 16 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 21 September
Nomination period	25 September— 12 noon on 4 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 4 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 5 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	17–20 October
Polling period	17–31 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 31 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 2000 Flinders Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms and 3 Councillors for 4 year terms.

740 Flinders electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 654 (88.37%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 86 (11.62%) from the General Manager's roll.

82.29% of Flinders electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

### Recount

One recount was held between the 1999 and 2000 elections. Councillor Philip Smith resigned from the Flinders Council on 24 January 2000. Two unelected candidates from the 1996 Flinders election consented to contest the recount. The recount took place at noon Monday 7 February 2000. Full details are provided on the back page.

### Candidates at the 2000 elections

#### Mayor

CALVERT, William J F	Lackrana
COOPER, Helen Diane	Memana
★ MASON, Lynn*	Memana

#### Deputy Mayor

KLUG, Terence George	Lackrana
★ MASON, Stephen	Lackrana

#### Councillors

CLARK, John	Lady Barron
★ COX, Carol D	Lady Barron
GRAHAM, Michael*	Whitemark
★ KLUG, Terence George	Lackrana
★ MASON, Stephen*	Lackrana
SYKES, Gary	Whitemark
WILSON, Robert John	Lady Barron

- ★ denotes elected candidate  
\* denotes seeking re-election

## Flinders Councillors following the 2000 elections

#### Mayor

*term ends 2002*  
MASON Lynn

#### Deputy Mayor

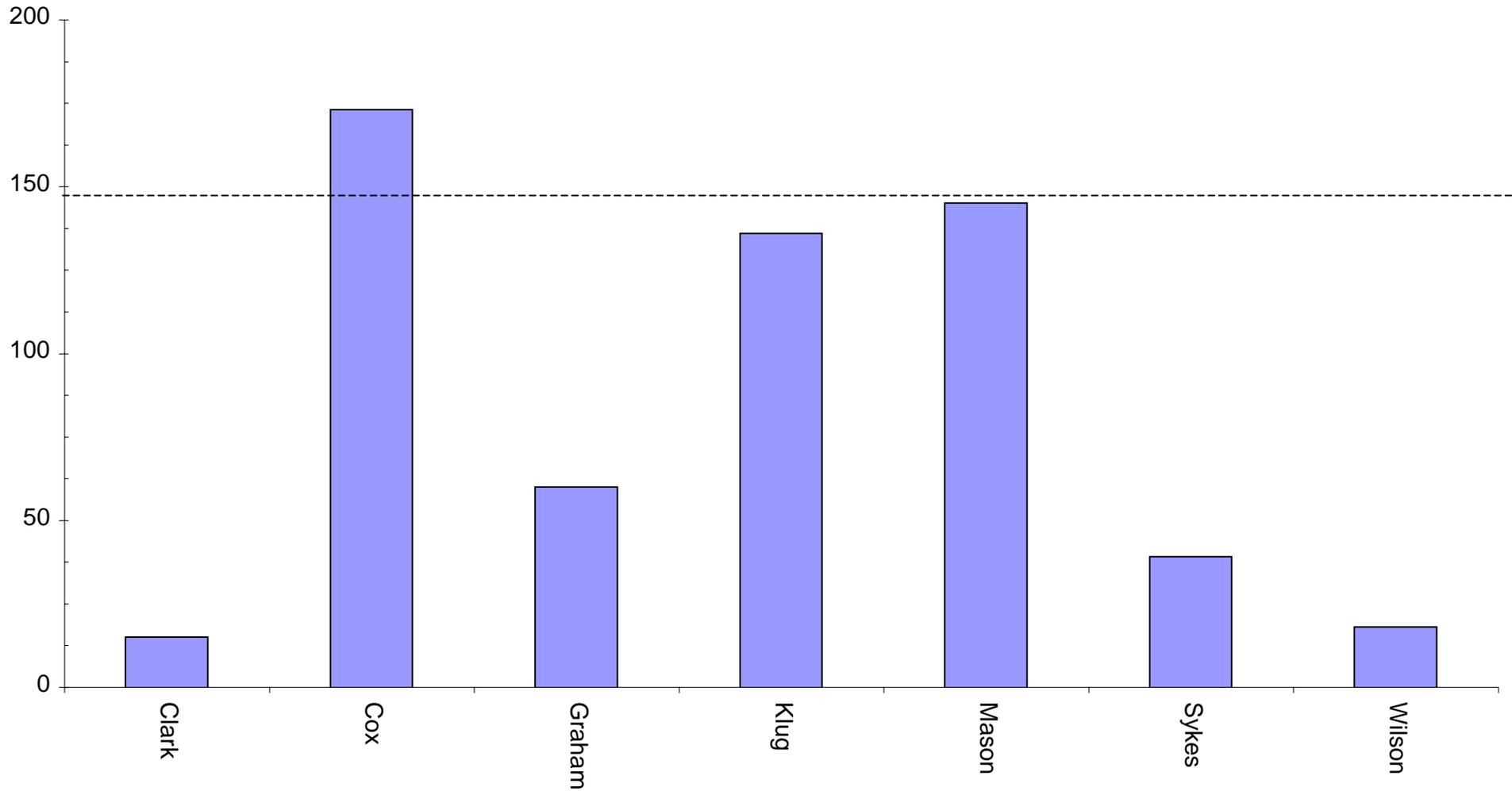
*term ends 2002*  
MASON Stephen

#### 7 Councillors

*term ends 2004*  
COX Carol D  
MASON Stephen  
KLUG Terence George

*term ends 2002*  
CALVERT William John  
COOPER Helen  
DOBLE Fred  
MASON Lynn

## Flinders Council - 2000 Councillor first preferences



## Councillor distributed preferences

### Flinders Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Number to be elected : 3

Returning Officer : Mr Lee Connors

Electors enrolled : 740

Declarations returned : 609

Response 82.29%

Declarations rejected : 17

Declarations admitted : 592

Rejection rate : 2.79%

Ballot paper adjustment : 0

Total ballot papers : 592

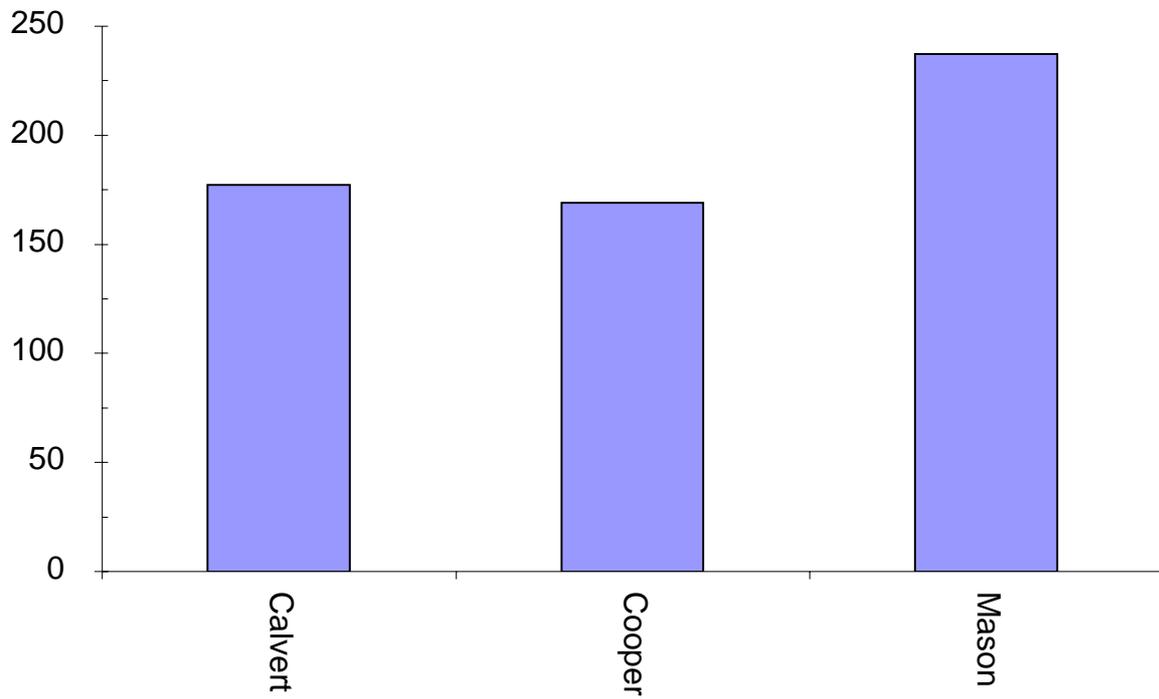
Formal votes : 586

Informal ballot papers : 6

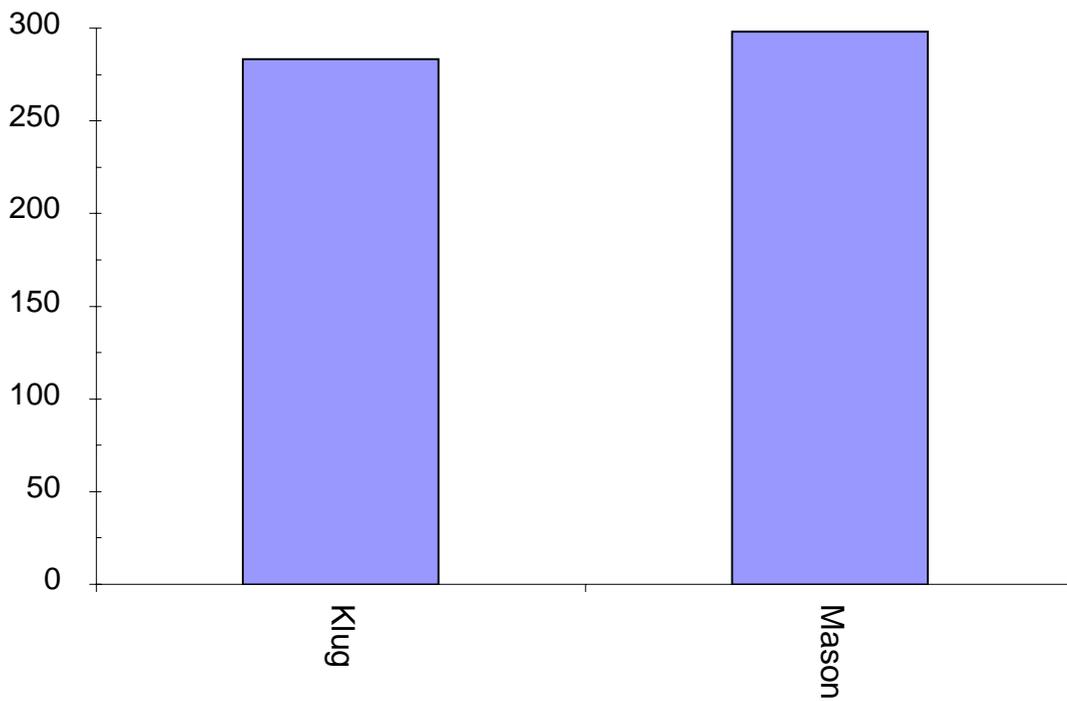
Informality rate : 1.01%

		CANDIDATES							Quota = 147			
		Clark	Cox	Graham	Klug	Mason	Sykes	Wilson	Exhausted	Loss (gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total	15.00	173.00	60.00	136.00	145.00	39.00	18.00			586.00	<b>Cox elected 1</b>
Count 2	Votes transferred	0.90	- 26.00	3.90	8.11	9.01	3.60	0.45		0.03		Cox's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	15.90	147.00	63.90	144.11	154.01	42.60	18.45		0.03	586.00	<b>Mason elected 2</b>
Count 3	Progress totals	0.00		2.92	2.21	- 7.01	1.63	0.23		0.02		Mason's surplus distributed
	Votes transferred	15.90	147.00	66.82	146.32	147.00	44.23	18.68		0.05	586.00	
Counts 4-5	Progress totals	- 15.90		9.15	0.60		3.15	2.00	1.00	0.00		Clark excluded
	Votes transferred	0.00	147.00	75.97	146.92	147.00	47.38	20.68	1.00	0.05	586.00	
Count 6	Progress totals			11.00	3.00		5.00	- 20.00	1.00	0.00		Wilson part excluded
	Votes transferred		147.00	86.97	149.92	147.00	52.38	0.68	2.00	0.05	586.00	<b>Klug elected 3</b>

### Flinders Council – 2000 Mayor first preferences



### Flinders Council – 2000 Deputy Mayor first preferences



# Flinders Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Returning Officer : Mr Lee Connors

Electors enrolled : 740

Declarations returned : 609

Response 82.29%

## Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 17

Total ballot papers : 592

Formal votes : 583

Informal ballot papers : 9

Informality Rate : 1.52%

		CANDIDATES			Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Remarks
		Calvert	Cooper	Mason, L			
Count 1	Total	177	169	237		583	
Count 2	Votes transferred	49	- 169	87	33		Cooper excluded
	Progress totals	226	0	324	33	583	<b>Mason, L. Elected</b>

## Deputy Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 17

Total ballot papers : 592

Formal votes : 581

Informal ballot papers : 11

Informality Rate : 1.85%

		CANDIDATES		Total Votes	Remarks
		Klug	Mason, S		
Count 1	Total	283	298	581	<b>Mason, S. Elected</b>

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## Recount due to the resignation of Councillor **Philip Smith**

Recount conducted at noon Monday 7 February 2000

Distribution of preferences (multiplied by 100)

		CANDIDATES						
		KLUG Terence	SYKES Gary	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Smith distribution	4 030	8 355	294	2	12 681	6 193	<b>Sykes Elected</b>