



Meander Valley 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.

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 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 2000 Meander Valley Council Election

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

12400 Meander Valley electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 12243 (98.73%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 157 (1.26%) from the General Manager's roll.

61.65% of Meander Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

Candidates at the 2000 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
BOOTH, Kim	Meander	CLARKE, Ruth	Westbury
★ HALL, Greg*	Dunorlan	FERGUSON, Michael	Blackstone Heights
		FLITTNER, Nick	Meander
		★ FROST, Pat	Westbury
		★ HALL, Greg*	Dunorlan
		HAYWARD, John	Weegen
		★ JOHNSTONE, Ray*	Prospect Vale
		★ LOONE, Bob*	Chudleigh
		MASTERS, Laurie Thomas*	Blackstone Heights
		O'SULLIVAN, Ingrid	Reedy Marsh
		★ RICHARDSON, Bob	Westbury

Deputy Mayor

★ JOHNSTONE, Ray* Prospect Vale

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Meander Valley Councillors following the 2000 elections

Mayor

term ends 2002

HALL Greg

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2002

JOHNSTONE Ray

9 Councillors

term ends 2004

HALL Greg

LOONE Bob

FROST Pat

JOHNSTONE Ray

RICHARDSON Bob

term ends 2002

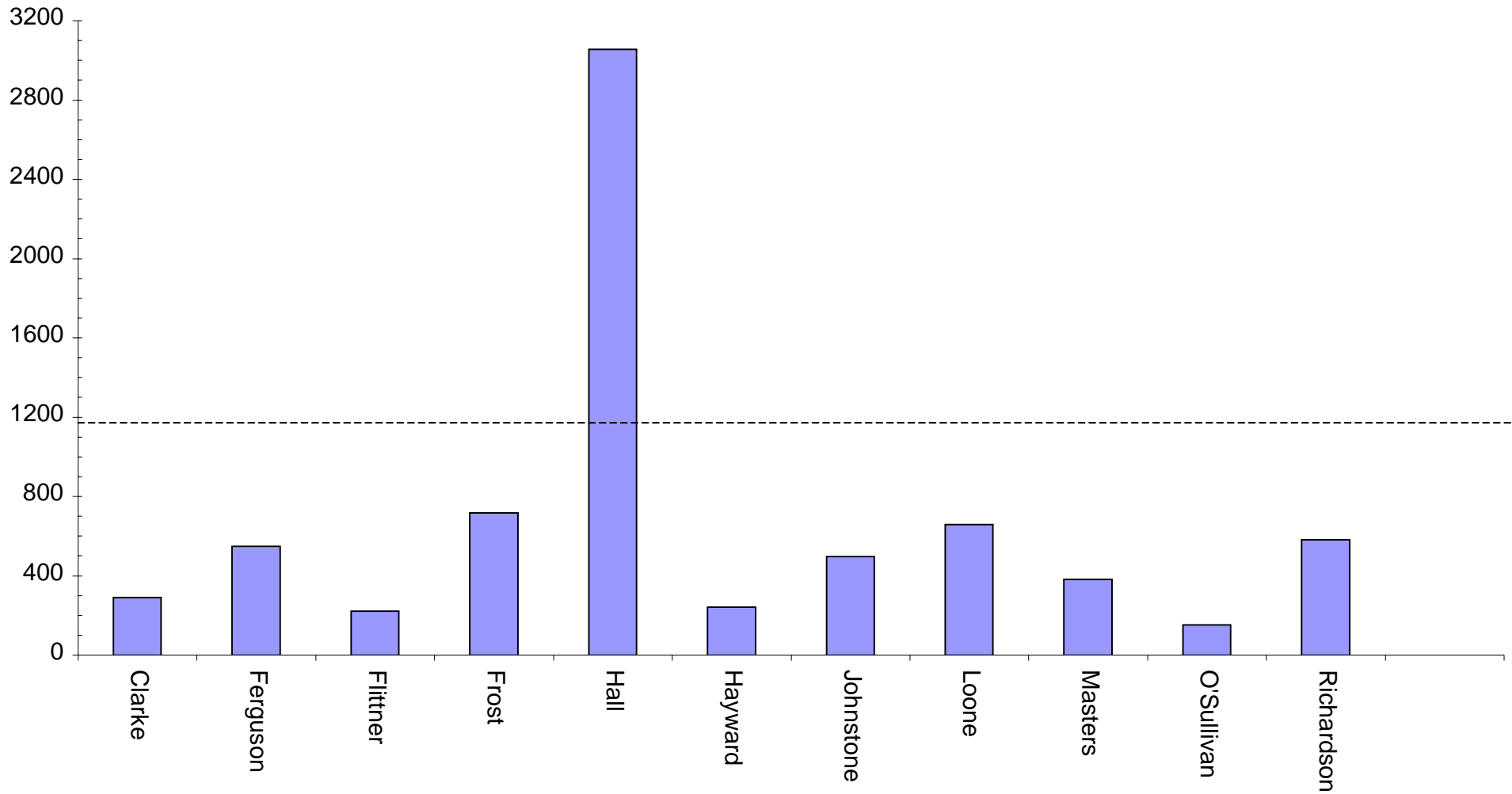
BOOTH Kim

DORNAUF Jenny

SHELTON Mark

BLAIR Stewart

2000 Councillor first preferences



Councillor distribution of preferences

Meander Valley Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000
 Number to be elected : 5

Returning Officer : Mr Stephen Ferris

Electors enrolled : 12 400
 Declarations returned : 7 645
 Response 61.65%

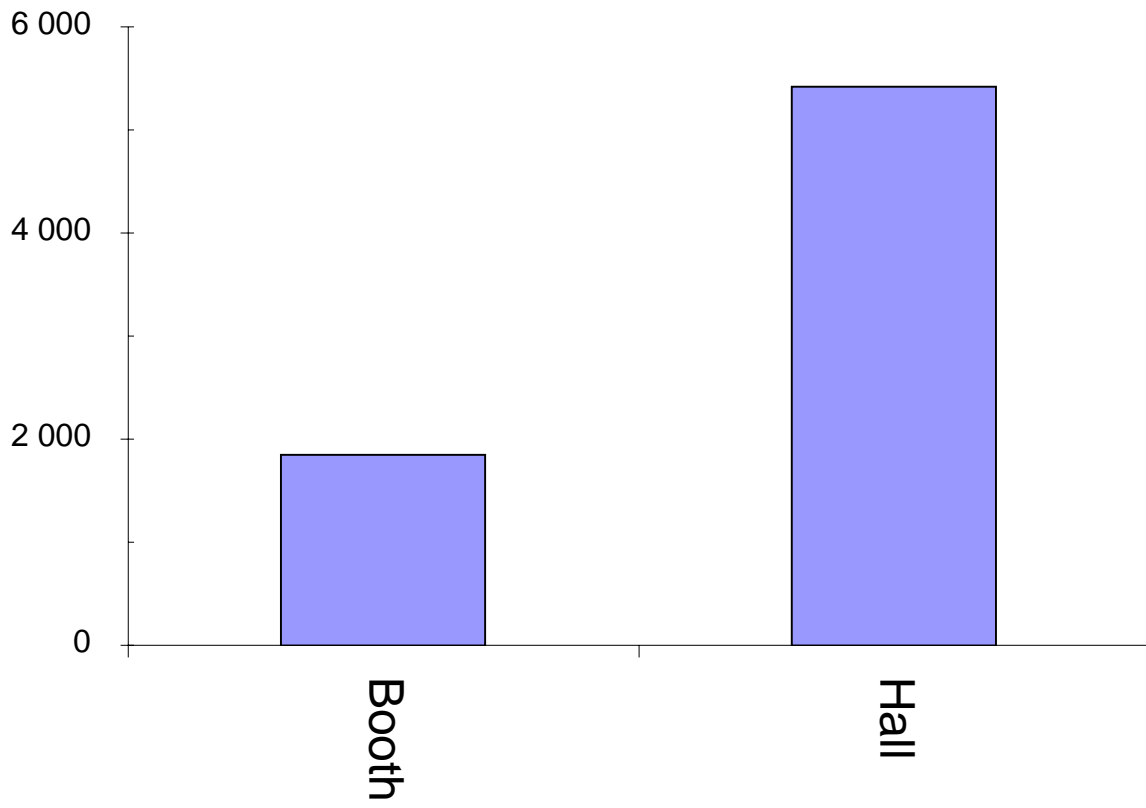
Declarations rejected : 167
 Declarations admitted : 7 478
 Rejection rate : 2.18%

Ballot paper adjustment : 2
 Total ballot papers : 7 476

Formal votes : 7 326
 Informal ballot papers : 150
 Informality rate : 2.00%

	CANDIDATES											Total Votes	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Remarks
	Clarke	Ferguson	Flittner	Frost	Hall	Hayward	Johnstone	Loone	Masters	O'Sullivan	Richardson			
Count 1	288.00	546.00	219.00	716.00	3 055.00	239.00	495.00	657.00	381.00	151.00	579.00	7 326.00	0.06	Hall elected 1
Count 2	70.20	124.80	66.00	327.60	-1 833.00	29.40	362.40	582.60	108.00	28.80	133.20	7 326.00	0.06	Hall's surplus distributed
Count 3	358.20	670.80	285.00	1 043.60	1 222.00	268.40	857.40	1 239.60	489.00	179.80	712.20	7 326.00	0.06	Loone elected 2
Counts 4 to 6	359.68	671.65	285.97	1 048.54	1 222.00	269.19	861.96	1 222.00	490.12	180.59	714.24	7 326.00	0.03	Loone's surplus distributed
Counts 7 to 9	399.73	684.26	322.09	1 067.86	1 222.00	309.17	870.03	1 222.00	505.41	0.00	723.36	7 326.00	0.03	O'Sullivan excluded
Counts 10 to 12	436.82	708.80	431.99	1 150.45	1 222.00	0.00	880.68	1 222.00	529.86	24.45	19.92	7 326.00	0.12	Hayward excluded
Count 13	522.20	803.76	0.00	1 203.68	1 222.00	-309.17	10.65	38.09	110.34	743.28	41.74	7 326.00	0.00	Flittner excluded
Counts 14 to 15	97.20	857.76	1 345.68	1 222.00	1 222.00	918.77	1 222.00	640.20	691.20	125.00	785.02	7 326.00	0.12	Clarke part excluded
Count 16	0.00	878.39	-123.68	1 222.00	1 222.00	26.94	26.94	13.45	704.65	30.01	910.02	7 326.00	0.12	Frost elected 3
Counts 17 to 19	909.74	177.89	1 345.68	1 222.00	1 222.00	979.71	1 222.00	728.16	23.51	40.06	33.41	7 326.00	0.03	Clarke fully excluded
Count 20	1 087.63	0.54	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 001.48	1 222.00	726.51	1.65	980.09	120.84	7 326.00	0.16	Frost's surplus distributed
Count 21	1 088.17	12.54	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	254.58	1 222.00	1 222.00	-1.65	213.56	80.47	7 326.00	0.01	Masters part excluded
	1 100.71		1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 256.06	1 222.00	0.00	0.00	1 193.65	120.84	7 326.00	0.17	Johnstone elected 4
			1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 256.06	1 222.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.25	7 326.00	-0.01	Masters fully excluded
			1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	-34.06	1 222.00	0.00	0.00	1 194.52	121.09	7 326.00	0.16	Johnstone's surplus distributed
			1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	0.00	0.00	16.13	5.37	7 326.00	0.02	Richardson elected 5
			1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	1 222.00	0.00	0.00	1 210.65	126.46	7 326.00	0.18	

Meander Valley Council - 2000 Mayor first preferences



Meander Valley Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Returning Officer : Mr Stephen Ferris

Electors enrolled : 12 400

Declarations returned : 7 645

Response 61.65%

Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 2

Total ballot papers : 7 476

Formal votes : 7 257

Informal ballot papers : 219

Informality Rate : 2.92%

		CANDIDATES		Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total	Booth	Hall		
		1 843	5 414	7 257	Hall Elected

Deputy Mayor — Ray Johnstone

Elected unopposed