



Brighton Council

2002 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), 2000 and 2002, with the next elections due in October 2004.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are elected directly by the electors in each municipal area.

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.

2002 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 14 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 19 September
Nomination period	23 September— 12 noon on 2 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 2 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 3 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	15–18 October
Polling period	15–29 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 29 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 2002 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.

8351 Brighton electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 8309 (99.50%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 42 (0.50%) from the General Manager's roll.

48.37% of Brighton electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

Candidates at the 2002 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville	★ CURRAN, Barbara*	Brighton
HIGGINS, Keith	Brighton	★ FITZPATRICK, Kate	Gagebrook
OWEN, Philip	Old Beach	GARLICK, Wayne	Bridgewater
		★ GEARD, Peter John*	Brighton
		GRAY, Leigh	Brighton
		HASLER, Wayne	Bridgewater
		HENDERSON, Tiff	Bridgewater
		HIGGINS, Keith	Brighton
		JOSEPH, Roger	Old Beach
		MANSER, Helen	Bridgewater
		MILLER, Glenda	Bridgewater
		MOSS, Patrick J	Gagebrook
		PRICE, Heather	Bridgewater
		RAINBIRD, Lois Ailsa*	Bridgewater
		★ TAYLOR, Geoff*	Brighton

Deputy Mayor

★ JEFFRIES, Ted* Brighton

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Brighton Councillors following the 2002 elections

Mayor

term ends 2004

FOSTER Tony

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2004

JEFFRIES Ted

9 Councillors

term ends 2006

CURRAN Barbara

FITZPATRICK Kate

GEARD Peter John

TAYLOR Geoff

term ends 2004

FOSTER Tony

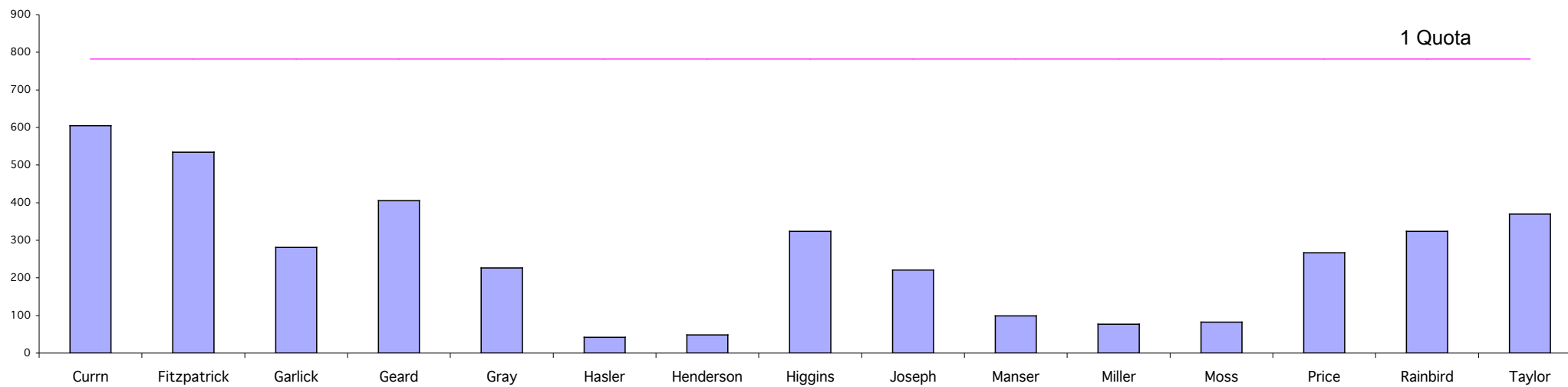
JEFFRIES Ted

OWEN Philip

FITZPATRICK Cris

DePAOLI Matt

Brighton Councillors 2002 First Preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Number to be elected: 4

Returning Officer: Mr Graham Hyde

Electors enrolled: 8351

Declarations returned: 4039

Response: 48.37%

Declarations rejected: 55

Declarations admitted: 3984

Rejection rate: 1.36%

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Total ballot papers: 3984

Formal Votes: 3905

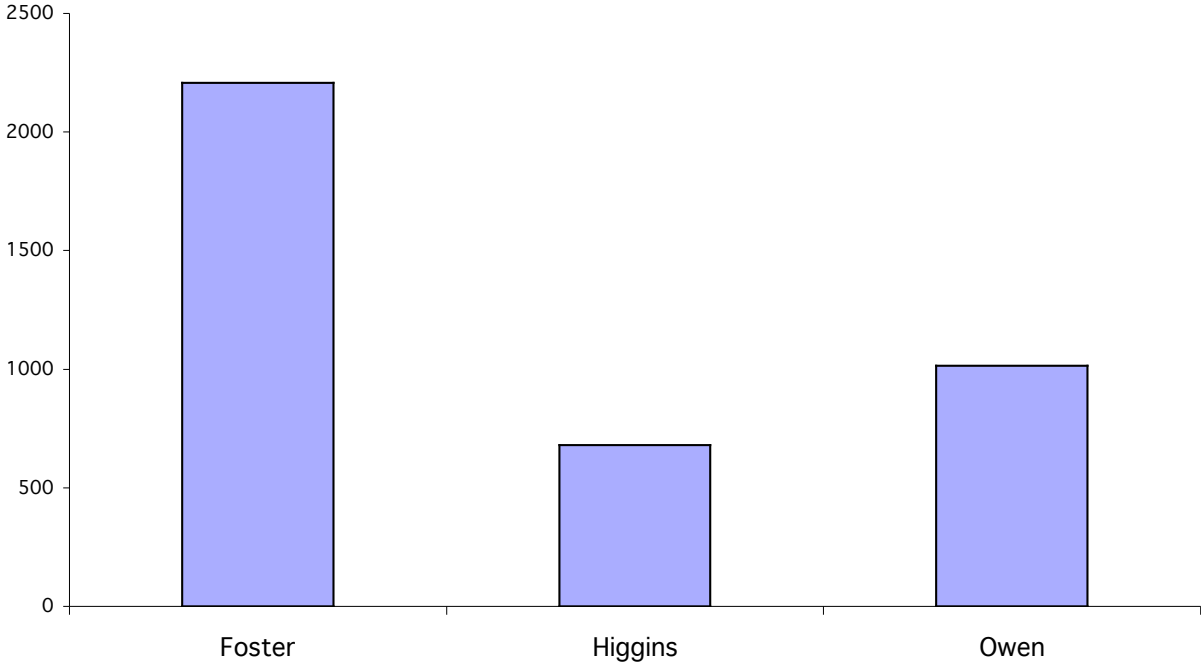
Informal ballot papers: 79

Informality rate: 1.98%

Quota= 782

		Candidates														Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks	
		Curran	Fitzpatrick	Garlick	Geard	Gray	Hasler	Henderson	Higgins	Joseph	Manser	Miller	Moss	Price	Rainbird					Taylor
Count 1	Total	605.00	534.00	281.00	405.00	226.00	42.00	48.00	324.00	221.00	99.00	77.00	82.00	267.00	324.00	370.00	0.00	0.00	3905	Hasler excluded
Count 2	Votes Transferred	1.00	3.00	11.00	4.00	4.00	-42.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	0.00		Hasler's votes distributed
Count 3	Progress totals	606.00	537.00	292.00	409.00	230.00	0.00	51.00	326.00	223.00	100.00	81.00	85.00	268.00	325.00	372.00	0.00	0.00	3905	Hasler fully excluded, Henderson excluded
	Votes Transferred	8.00	8.00	8.00	1.00	6.00		-51.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00		Henderson's votes distributed
Count 4	Progress totals	614.00	545.00	300.00	410.00	236.00		0.00	331.00	224.00	105.00	82.00	88.00	269.00	328.00	373.00	0.00	0.00	3905	Henderson fully excluded, Miller excluded
	Votes Transferred	12.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	3.00			4.00	7.00	6.00	-82.00	3.00	17.00	10.00	7.00	0.00	0.00		Miller's votes distributed
Count 5	Progress totals	626.00	553.00	303.00	412.00	239.00			335.00	231.00	111.00	0.00	91.00	286.00	338.00	380.00	0.00	0.00	3905	Miller fully excluded, Moss excluded
	Votes Transferred	4.00	11.00	11.00	9.00	7.00			14.00	3.00	7.00		-91.00	11.00	9.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		Moss' votes distributed
Count 6	Progress totals	630.00	564.00	314.00	421.00	246.00			349.00	234.00	118.00		0.00	297.00	347.00	385.00	0.00	0.00	3905	Moss fully excluded, Manser excluded
	Votes Transferred	17.00	19.00	10.00	12.00	8.00			4.00	20.00	-118.00			20.00	7.00	1.00	0.00	0.00		Manser's votes distributed
Count 7	Progress totals	647.00	583.00	324.00	433.00	254.00			353.00	254.00	0.00			317.00	354.00	386.00	0.00	0.00	3905	Manser fully excluded, Joseph excluded
	Votes Transferred	53.00	26.00	31.00	27.00	23.00			24.00	-254.00				17.00	34.00	19.00	0.00	0.00		Joseph's votes distributed
Count 8	Progress totals	700.00	609.00	355.00	460.00	277.00			377.00	0.00				334.00	388.00	405.00	0.00	0.00	3905	Joseph fully excluded, Gray excluded
	Votes Transferred	47.00	40.00	31.00	33.00	-277.00			39.00					12.00	27.00	45.00	3.00	0.00		Gray's votes distributed
Count 9	Progress totals	747.00	649.00	386.00	493.00	0.00			416.00					346.00	415.00	450.00	3.00	0.00	3905	Gray fully excluded, Price excluded
	Votes Transferred	45.00	128.00	49.00	35.00				17.00					-346.00	43.00	24.00	5.00	0.00		Price's votes distributed
Count 10	Progress totals	792.00	777.00	435.00	528.00				433.00					0.00	458.00	474.00	8.00	0.00	3905	Price fully excluded, Curran elected 1
	Votes Transferred	-10.00	3.77	2.44	0.88				0.44						1.33	0.88	0.22	0.04		Curran's surplus distributed
Count 11	Progress totals	782.00	780.77	437.44	528.88				433.44						459.33	474.88	8.22	0.04	3905	Higgins excluded
	Votes Transferred		68.00	88.00	102.00				-433.00						71.00	86.00	18.00	0.00		Higgins' votes distributed
Count 12	Progress totals	782.00	848.77	525.44	630.88				0.44						530.33	560.88	26.22	0.04	3905	Fitzpatrick elected 2 , Higgins partially excluded
	Votes Transferred			0.00	0.22				-0.44						0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00		Higgins' votes distributed
Count 13	Progress totals	782.00	848.77	525.44	631.10				0.00						530.33	561.10	26.22	0.04	3905	Higgins fully excluded
	Votes Transferred		-66.77	24.54	13.74										8.83	8.83	10.80	0.03		Fitzpatrick's surplus distributed
Count 14	Progress totals	782.00	782.00	549.98	644.84										539.16	569.93	37.02	0.07	3905	Rainbird excluded
	Votes Transferred			122.00	154.00										-529.00	208.00	45.00	0.00		Rainbird's votes distributed
Count 15 to 16	Progress totals	782.00	782.00	671.98	798.84										10.16	777.93	82.02	0.07	3905	Geard elected 3 , Rainbird partially excluded
	Votes Transferred			5.78											-10.16	4.36	0.00	0.02		Rainbird's votes distributed
Count 17	Progress totals	782.00	782.00	677.76	798.84										0.00	782.29	82.02	0.09	3905	Taylor elected 4

Brighton Mayor 2002 First Preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Returning Officer: Mr Graham Hyde

Declarations admitted: 3984

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Total ballot papers: 3984

Formal votes: 3901

Informal ballot papers: 83

Informality rate: 2.08%

Mayor

		Candidates			Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		Foster	Higgins	Owen				
Count 1	Total	2207	680	1014	0	3901	1951	Foster elected

**Deputy Mayor— Ted Jeffries
Elected unopposed**