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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.

Bruce Taylor CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER June 2003

Report on the 2002 Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, 4 Councillors for 4 year terms, and one by-election for a Councillor for a 2 year term.

3 669 Glamorgan-Spring Bay electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 3 135 (85.45%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 534 (14.55%) from the General Manager's roll.

64.60% of Glamorgan-Spring Bay electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

Recounts

Three recounts were held between the 2000 and 2002 elections.

Councillor Christopher Holloway resigned from the Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council on 30!June 2001. Three unelected candidates from the 2000 Glamorgan-Spring Bay election consented to contest the recount. The recount took place at noon Thursday 16 August 2001.

Councillor Donald Williams resigned on 8 July 2001 and Councillor Kim White resigned on 3 August 2001. Two unelected candidates from the 1999 Glamorgan-Spring Bay election consented to contest the recounts. The recounts took place at noon Thursday 16 August 2001.

Full details of both recounts are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2002 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ ARNOL, Cheryl*	Orford	★ ANDERSEN, Nick	Bicheno
		★ ARNOL, Cheryl*	Orford
		★ BAILEY, Vernon	Orford
Danuty Mayor		★ CRAWFORD, Martin John	Swansea
Deputy Mayor		MACKENZIE, Bridgette	Triabunna
★ JOHNSTON, Craig*	Swansea	★ PARKER, Richard*	Triabunna
MOREY, Peter	Swansea	TUCKER, John S	Swansea
		WHITTON, Geoff	Orford
★ denotes elected ca	andidate		

Mayor

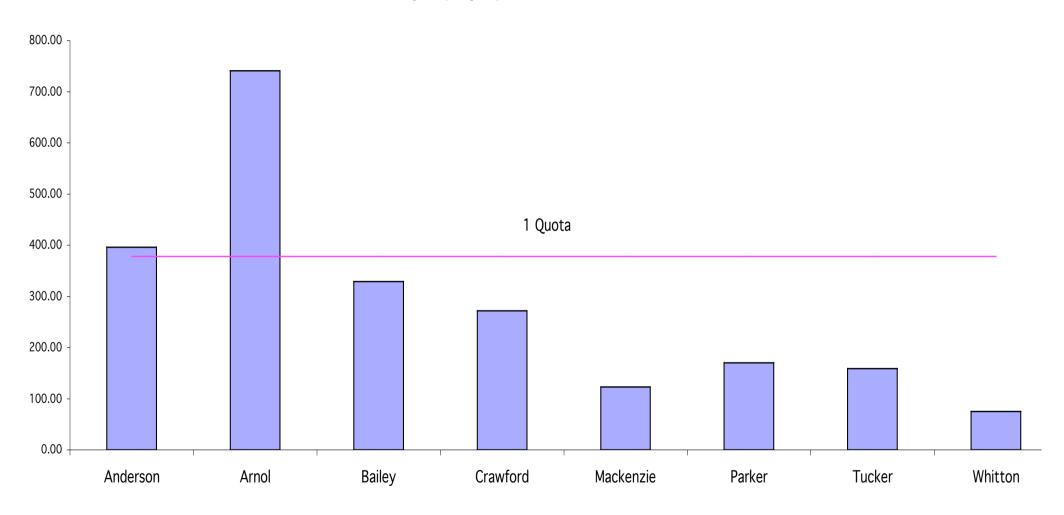
* denotes seeking re-election

Glamorgan-Spring Bay Councillors following the 2002 elections

9 Councillors

Mayor	3 Councillors					
term ends 2004	term ends 2006	term ends 2004				
ARNOL Cheryl	ARNOL Cheryl	BAILEY E A (Bill)				
Doputy Mayor	ANDERSEN Nick	CLARK Russell				
Deputy Mayor term ends 2004	BAILEY Vernon	JOHNSTON Craig				
	CRAWFORD Martin John	MOREY Peter				
JOHNSTON Craig		PARKER Richard				

Glamorgan-Spring Bay 2002 Councillor First Preferences



Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Number to be elected: 5

Returning Officer: Mr Peter Weldon

Electors enrolled: 3669

Response: 64.60%

Declarations rejected: 22

Ballot paper adjustment: 11 Formal Votes: 2265

Declarations returned: 2370

Declarations admitted: 2348

Total ballot papers: 2337 Informal ballot papers: 72

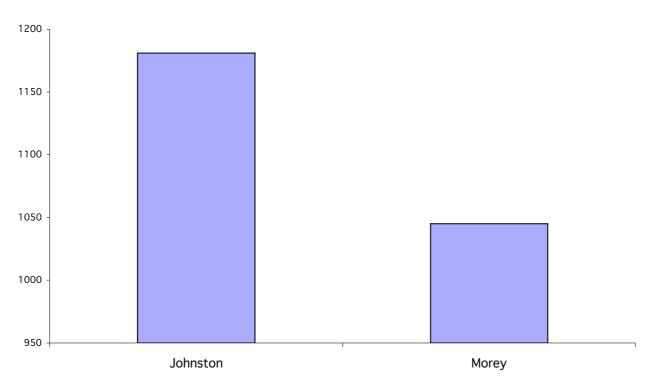
Rejection rate: 0.93%

Informality rate: 3.08%

Quota= 378

		Candidates											
		Anderson	Arnol	Bailey	Crawford	Mackenzie	Parker	Tucker	Whitton	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total	396.00	741.00	329.00	272.00	123.00	170.00	159.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	2265	Arnol elected 1, Anderson elected 2
Count 2	Votes transferred		-363.00	95.52	52.90	48.49	80.82	33.31	51.92	0.00	0.04		Arnol's surplus distributed
Count 3	Progress totals	396.00	378.00	424.52	324.90	171.49	250.82	192.31	126.92	0.00	0.04	2265	Bailey elected 3
	Votes transferred	-18.00			6.04	4.13	1.99	3.45	2.36	0.00	0.03		Anderson's surplus distributed
Count 4	Progress totals	378.00	378.00	424.52	330.94	175.62	252.81	195.76	129.28	0.00	0.07	2265	
	Votes transferred			-46.52	7.15	7.63	14.55	3.10	14.07	0.00	0.02		Bailey's surplus distributed
Count 5 to 8	Progress totals	378.00	378.00	378.00	338.09	183.25	267.36	198.86	143.35	0.00	0.09	2265	Whitton excluded
	Votes transferred				26.39	37.97	52.46	26.47	-143.35	0.00	0.06		Whitton's votes distributed
Count 9	Progress totals	378.00	378.00	378.00	364.48	221.22	319.82	225.33	0.00	0.00	0.15	2265	Whitton fully ecluded, MacKenzie excluded
	Votes transferred				37.00	-145.00	70.00	38.00		0.00	0.00		MacKenzie's votes distributed
Count 10	Progress totals	378.00	378.00	378.00	401.48	76.22	389.82	263.33		0.00	0.15	2265	Crawford elected 4, Parker elected 5, MacKenzie partially excluded

Glamorgan-Spring Bay 2002 Deputy Mayor First Preferences



Mayor— Cheryl Arnol Elected unopposed

Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Returning Officer: Mr Peter Weldon

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2348

Ballot paper adjustment: 12

Total ballot papers: 2336

Formal votes: 2226

Informal ballot papers: 110
Informality rate: 4.71%

		Candid	ates					
		Johnston	Morey	Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks	
Count 1	Total	1181	1045	0	2226	1114 Jol	nnston elected	

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council recount

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor Christopher Holloway 16 August 2001

Ballot papers multiplied by 100

		CA	NDIDATES	3					
		GARRET	MACKENZIE	RUSSELL	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Counts 1 to 5	Total	140.62	90.62	145.03	10.71	0.02	387	189	Distribution of Holloway
Count 6		49.00	-86.00	29.00	8.00				MacKenzie excluded
	Total	189.62	4.62	174.03	18.71	0.02	387	185	Garrett Elected

Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council - recount for Councillors

Recount due to the resignation of Councillors Donald Williams and Kim White 16 August 2001

Councillors— Terry French and Geoff Whitton Elected unopposed