



# Latrobe 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](http://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 Latrobe Council Election

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

6 093 Latrobe electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 6 024 (98.87%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 69 (1.13%) from the General Manager's roll.

62.89% of Latrobe electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2002 elections

#### Mayor

★ CAMPBELL, Robert W (Bert)\*      Sassafras  
GAFFNEY, Michael                      Latrobe

#### Deputy Mayor

★ ROCKLIFF, Rick                      Sassafras

#### Councillors

★ GAFFNEY, Mike\*                      Latrobe  
McLAREN, Mike\*                      Latrobe  
★ PARKER, Dudley\*                      Hawley Beach  
★ PERKINS, John                      Latrobe  
★ ROCKLIFF, Rick\*                      Sassafras  
★ SIMS, Garry\*                      Wesley Vale

★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

## Latrobe Councillors following the 2002 elections

#### Mayor

*term ends 2004*  
CAMPBELL Robert W (Bert)

#### Deputy Mayor

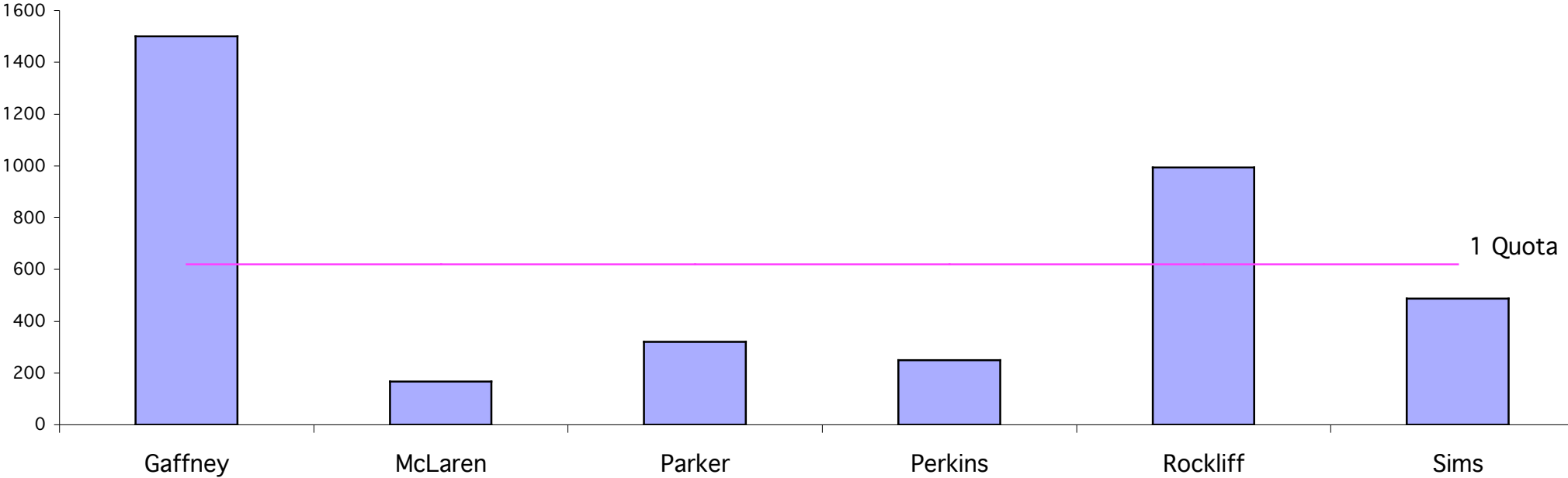
*term ends 2004*  
ROCKLIFF Rick

#### 9 Councillors

*term ends 2006*  
GAFFNEY Mike  
ROCKLIFF Rick  
SIMS Garry  
PARKER Dudley  
PERKINS John

*term ends 2004*  
CAMPBELL Robert W (Bert)  
BEVERIDGE Rob  
HUGHES John  
THORNE Des

Latrobe Councillor 2002 First Preferences



## Latrobe Council

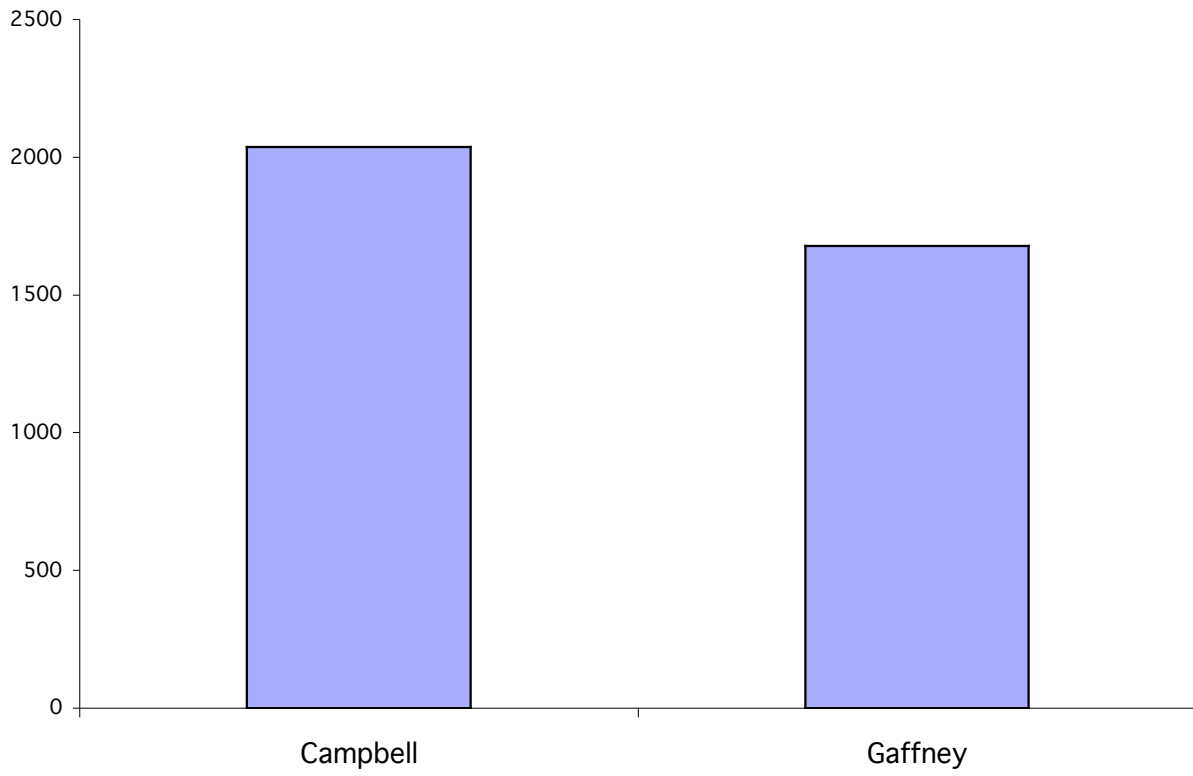
Electors enrolled: 6093      Declarations rejected: 71      Ballot paper adjustment: 2      Formal Votes: 3717  
 Polling closed at 10am 29 October 2002      Declarations returned: 3832      Declarations admitted: 3761      Total ballot papers: 3759      Informal ballot papers: 42  
 Number to be elected: 5      Response: 62.89%      Rejection rate: 1.85%      Informality rate: 1.12%

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Quota= 620

		Candidates						Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		Gaffney	McLaren	Parker	Perkins	Rockliff	Sims				
Count 1	Total	1500.00	166.00	320.00	250.00	994.00	487.00	0.00	0.00	3717.00	<b>Gaffney elected 1, Rockliff elected 2</b>
Count 2	Votes transferred	-880.00	156.05	217.06	230.55		276.31	0.00	0.03		Gaffney's surplus distributed
Count 3	Progress totals	620.00	322.05	537.06	480.55	994.00	763.31	0.00	0.03	3717.00	<b>Sims elected 3</b>
	Votes transferred		100.46	144.48	129.05	-374.00		0.00	0.01		Rockliff's surplus distributed
Count 4	Progress totals	620.00	422.51	681.54	609.60	620.00	763.31	0.00	0.04	3717.00	<b>Parker elected 4</b>
	Votes transferred		72.41		70.89		-143.31	0.00	0.01		Sims' surplus distributed
Count 5	Progress totals	620.00	494.92	681.54	680.49	620.00	620.00	0.00	0.05	3717.00	<b>Perkins elected 5</b>

### Latrobe Mayor 2002 First Preferences



## Latrobe Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Returning Officer: Mr Joseph Brewin

Declarations admitted: 3761

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 3757

Formal votes: 3714

Informal ballot papers: 43

Informality rate: 1.14%

## Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		Campbell	Gaffney				
Count 1	Total	2037	1677	0	3714	1858	<b>Campbell elected</b>

**Deputy Mayor— Rick Rockliff**  
**Elected unopposed**