



# West Coast Council

## 2005 election report

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## Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years 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 Commission (TEC) 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, 2002, 2005 (deferred from 2004) with the next elections due in October 2007.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are elected directly by the electors in all municipal areas. Previously, in most councils, mayors and deputy mayors were elected by the councillors at the first meeting of a new council.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are available from the TEC and are posted on the TEC website [www.electoral.tas.gov.au](http://www.electoral.tas.gov.au).

### 2005 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September— 12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 25 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 2005 West Coast Council Election

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

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 3511 West Coast electors were enrolled, comprising 3454 (98.38%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 57 (1.62%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of West Coast electors returning their ballot papers was 66.76%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2005 elections

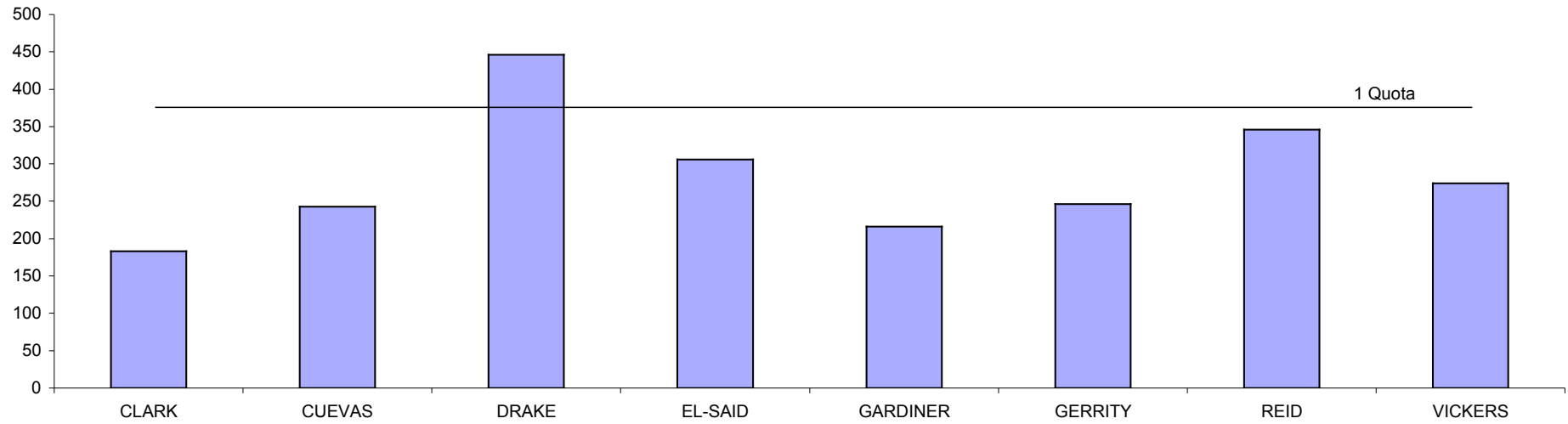
<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★	GERRITY, Darryl*	Strahan	CLARK, Sandra Zeehan
			CUEVAS, Rod Zeehan
			★ DRAKE, Anne* Rosebery
			★ EL-SAÏD, Mo Queenstown
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>			GARDINER, Brian* Strahan
★	DRAKE, Anne	Rosebery	★ GERRITY, Robyn Strahan
			★ REID, Peter* Queenstown
			★ VICKERS, Ted* Zeehan

★ denotes elected candidate  
\* denotes seeking re-election

### West Coast Councillors following the 2005 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2007</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2007</i>
GERRITY, Darryl	DRAKE, Anne	GERRITY, Darryl
	REID, Peter	McGUSHIN, Gerry
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	VICKERS, Ted	MEDWIN, Alwyn Robert
<i>term ends 2007</i>	EL-SAÏD, Mo	STEBBINGS, Glenda
DRAKE, Anne	GERRITY, Robyn	

### West Coast Councillor 2005 First Preferences



**West Coast Council**

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Number to be elected: 5

Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar

Electors enrolled: 3511

Declarations returned: 2344

Response: 66.76%

Declarations rejected: 37

Declarations admitted: 2307

Rejection rate: 1.58%

Ballot paper adjustment: 1

Total ballot papers: 2306

Formal Votes: 2260

Informal ballot papers: 46

Informality rate: 1.99%

Quota = 377

		Candidates							Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		CLARK	CUEVAS	DRAKE	EL-SAID	GARDINER	GERRITY	REID				
Count 1	Total	183.00	243.00	446.00	306.00	216.00	246.00	346.00	274.00	0.00	0.00	
	Progress Totals	183.00	243.00	446.00	306.00	216.00	246.00	346.00	274.00	0.00	0.00	2260.00 <b>DRAKE elected 1</b>
Count 2	Votes Transferred	12.99	5.26	- 69.00	3.09	8.35	8.97	7.89	22.43	0.00	0.02	DRAKE's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	195.99	248.26	377.00	309.09	224.35	254.97	353.89	296.43	0.00	0.02	2260.00 CLARK excluded
Count 3 to 4	Votes Transferred	- 195.99	49.70		34.08	19.54	36.71	24.09	31.85	0.00	0.02	CLARK's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	0.00	297.96	377.00	343.17	243.89	291.68	377.98	328.28	0.00	0.04	2260.00 CLARK fully excluded, <b>REID elected 2</b>
Count 5	Votes Transferred		0.09		0.00	0.49	0.24	- 0.98	0.14	0.00	0.02	REID's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals		298.05	377.00	343.17	244.38	291.92	377.00	328.42	0.00	0.06	2260.00 GARDINER excluded
Count 6	Votes Transferred		38.00		32.00	- 234.00	75.00		89.00	0.00	0.00	GARDINER's votes distributed
	Progress Totals		336.05	377.00	375.17	10.38	366.92	377.00	417.42	0.00	0.06	2260.00 <b>VICKERS elected 3</b> , GARDINER partially excluded
Count 7	Votes Transferred		2.47		3.24	- 9.89	3.86			0.30	0.02	GARDINER's votes distributed
	Progress Totals		338.52	377.00	378.41		370.78	377.00	417.42	0.30	0.08	2260.00 <b>EL-SAID elected 4</b> , GARDINER partially excluded
Count 8	Votes Transferred		0.19			- 0.49	0.29			0.00	0.01	GARDINER's votes distributed
	Progress Totals		338.71	377.00	378.41		371.07	377.00	417.42	0.30	0.09	2260.00 GARDINER fully excluded
Count 9	Votes Transferred		19.07				18.16		- 40.42	3.17	0.02	VICKERS' surplus distributed
	Progress Totals		357.78	377.00	378.41		389.23	377.00	377.00	3.47	0.11	2260.00 <b>GERRITY elected 5</b>

**West Coast Mayor— Darryl Gerrity  
Elected unopposed**

**West Coast Deputy Mayor— Anne Drake  
Elected unopposed**