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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 municipal areas for the positions of mayor and deputy mayor and half the councillors. 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 approximately biennially since 1994, with the next elections due in October 2013.

Since 2000, mayors and deputy mayors have been 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.tec.tas.gov.au.

2011 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.

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Report on the 2011 Kentish Council Election

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

4445 Kentish electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 4325 (97.30%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 120 (2.70%) from the General Manager's roll.

54.22% of Kentish electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Recounts

A recount was conducted on 2 March 2010, to fill a vacancy for Councillor on the Kentish Council following the resignation of Andrew Keddie on 15 February 2010. Ten unelected candidates from the 2007 Kentish Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided at the back of this report.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

	Mayor			Councillors	
★	THWAITES, Don*	Paradise	★	CAMPBELL, Peter Leigh*	Sunnyside
			★	CLARKE, Cait	Railton
	Deputy Mayor			DICKINSON, Phil	Sheffield
	WILLOCK, Annie	Lorinna		JACKSON, Geoff	Nook
★	WILSON, Tim*	Sheffield	★	LANE, Penny*	Barrington
				MADDICK, Newton	Nook
			★	THWAITES, Don*	Paradise
	\star denotes elected candidate		★	WILLOCK, Annie*	Lorinna
	* denotes seeking re-election			WILSON, Wayne	Frankford

Kentish Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors						
term ends 2013	term ends 2015	term ends 2013					
THWAITES, Don	THWAITES, Don	DEVERELL, John					
Deputy Mayor	LANE, Penny	ROBINSON, Bob					
term ends 2013	CAMPBELL, Peter Leigh	WILSON, Tim					
WILSON, Tim	WILLOCK, Annie	WISSE, Bart					
	CLARKE, Cait						

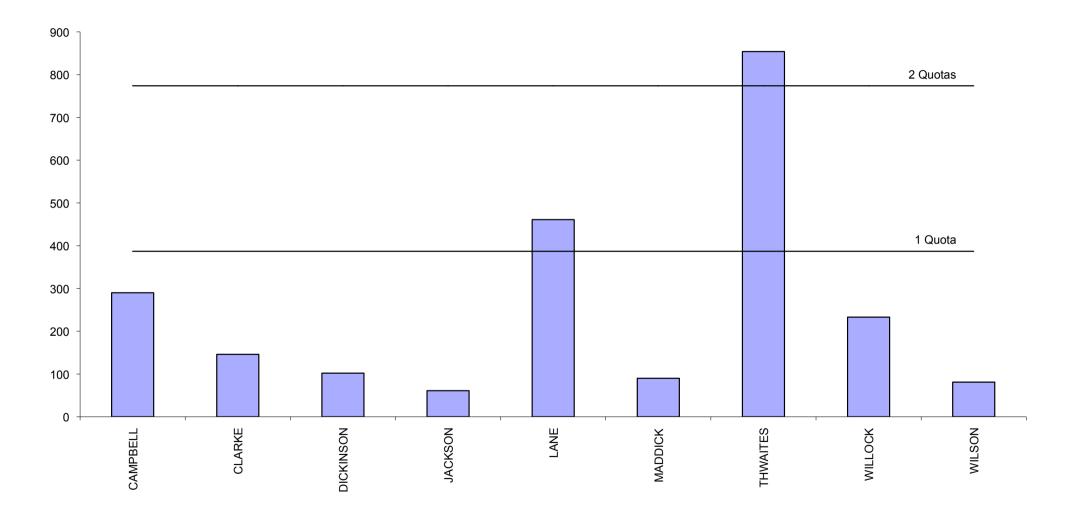
Kentish Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011	Electors enrolled: 4 445	Declarations rejected: 25	Ballot paper adjustment: 5	Formal Votes: 2 318
Number to be elected: 5	Declarations returned: 2 410	Declarations admitted: 2 385	Total ballot papers: 2 380	Informal ballot papers: 62
Returning Officer: Mr Peter Weldon	Response: 54.22%	Rejection rate: 1.04%		Informality rate: 2.61%

Quota = 387

Count	CAMPBELL	CLARKE	DICKINSON	JACKSON	LANE	MADDICK	THWAITES	WILLOCK	WILSON	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	290.00	146.00	102.00	61.00	461.00	90.00	854.00	233.00	81.00			2318.00	THWAITES elected 1, LANE elected 2
2	149.28	60.15	34.99	38.82		45.93	- 467.00	92.96	44.84		0.03		THWAITES' surplus distributed
	439.28	206.15	136.99	99.82	461.00	135.93	387.00	325.96	125.84		0.03	2318.00	CAMPBELL elected 3
3		15.57	7.54	7.86	- 74.00	14.44		20.54	8.02		0.03		LANE's surplus distributed
	439.28	221.72	144.53	107.68	387.00	150.37	387.00	346.50	133.86		0.06	2318.00	
4	- 52.28	9.57	3.63	8.61		14.55		7.85	8.04		0.03		CAMPBELL's surplus distributed
	387.00	231.29	148.16	116.29	387.00	164.92	387.00	354.35	141.90		0.09	2318.00	
5 to 8		23.15	23.26	- 116.29		29.96		10.73	29.14		0.05		JACKSON excluded
	387.00	254.44	171.42	0.00	387.00	194.88	387.00	365.08	171.04		0.14	2318.00	
9		23.00	30.00			18.00		25.00	- 99.00	3.00	0.00		WILSON part excluded
	387.00	277.44	201.42		387.00	212.88	387.00	390.08	72.04	3.00	0.14	2318.00	WILLOCK elected 4
10 to 12		21.57	25.20			23.08			- 72.04	2.15	0.04		WILSON excluded
	387.00	299.01	226.62		387.00	235.96	387.00	390.08	0.00	5.15	0.18	2318.00	
13		0.98	0.98			1.10		- 3.08		0.00	0.02		WILLOCK's surplus distributed
	387.00	299.99	227.60		387.00	237.06	387.00	387.00		5.15	0.20	2318.00	
14 to 15		107.24	- 204.77			86.62				10.92	(0.01)		DICKINSON part excluded
	387.00	407.23	22.83		387.00	323.68	387.00	387.00		16.07	0.19	2318.00	CLARKE elected 5

2011 Kentish Councillor election - first preferences

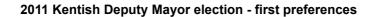


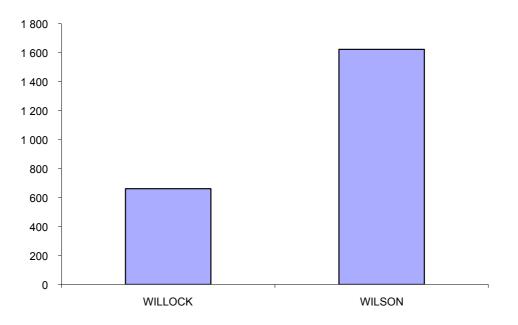
Kentish Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011 Returning Officer: Mr Peter Weldon

Mayor — Don Thwaites (elected unopposed)

Deputy M	layor	Declarations adm	nitted: 2 385	Formal Votes: 2 284					
		Ballot paper adju	istment: 5	Informal ballot papers: 96					
		Total ballot pape	rs: 2 380	Informality rate: 4.03%					
		Candi	dates						
		WILLOCK	WILSON	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks			
Count 1	First Preferences	661	1 623	2 284	1 143	WILSON elected			





Kentish Council Recount

Recount due to resignation of Andrew Keddie

2 March 2010

		BAKOWSKI Mark	BROWN Gordon	HARCOURT- WHITE Robert William	HIBBLE Dave	HILL Andrew	INDER Brian Ernest	TAYLOR Mike	VINNICOMBE Martin	WHITBREAD Waine	WILSON Wayne	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Total	13.72	29.49	22.63	17.83	40.47	64.48	18.52	33.61	31.55	15.77	6.86	0.07	295.00	144.04	Distribution of KEDDIE, BAKOWSKI excluded
Count 2	Votes transferred	- 13.72	2.05	0.68	0.68	1.37	0.00	3.43	2.05	3.43	0.00	0.00	0.03			
	Progress total	0.00	31.54	23.31	18.51	41.84	64.48	21.95	35.66	34.98	15.77	6.86	0.10	295.00	144.03	WILSON excluded
Count 3	Votes transferred		1.37	0.00	2.74	3.43	3.43	1.37	2.05	0.00	- 15.77	1.37	0.01			
	Progress total	-	32.91	23.31	21.25	45.27	67.91	23.32	37.71	34.98	0.00	8.23	0.11	295.00	143.34	HIBBLE excluded
Count 4	Votes transferred		0.68	0.68	- 21.25	2.74	4.80	2.74	2.74	5.48		1.37	0.02			
	Progress total	-	33.59	23.99	0.00	48.01	72.71	26.06	40.45	40.46	_	9.60	0.13	295.00	142.64	HARCOURT-WHITE excluded
Count 5	Votes transferred		0.68	- 23.99		2.74	4.11	3.43	4.80	5.48		2.74	0.01			
	Progress total	-	34.27	0.00	_	50.75	76.82	29.49	45.25	45.94	_	12.34	0.14	295.00	141.27	TAYLOR excluded
Count 6	Votes transferred		2.74	_	_	8.23	3.43	- 29.49	7.54	3.43		4.11	0.01			
	Progress total	_	37.01	_	_	58.98	80.25	0.00	52.79	49.37	_	16.45	0.15	295.00	139.21	BROWN excluded
Count 7	Votes transferred		- 37.01	_		6.86	12.34		8.23	4.11		5.48	(0.01)			
	Progress total	_	0.00	_	_	65.84	92.59		61.02	53.48	_	21.93	0.14	295.00	136.47	WHITBREAD excluded
Count 8	Votes transferred					13.03	13.72		10.97	- 53.48	_	15.77	(0.01)			
	Progress total					78.87	106.31		71.99	0.00		37.70	0.13	295.00	128.59	VINNICOMBE excluded
Count 9	Votes transferred				_	29.49	26.75		- 71.99		_	15.77	(0.02)			
	Progress total				_	108.36	133.06		0.00		_	53.47	0.11	295.00	120.72	INDER elected