



West Coast Council

2011 election report

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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.

Report on the 2011 West Coast Council Election

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

3227 West Coast electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 3167 (98.14%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 60 (1.86%) from the General Manager's roll.

65.73% of West Coast electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ GERRITY, Darryl*	Strahan	★ ELEY, Samantha*	Zeehan
ROSE, Allen	Zeehan	★ GERRITY, Darryl*	Strahan
VICKERS, Phil	Zeehan	LANE, Brandon	Linda
		★ MEDWIN, Al*	Rosebery
		★ O'GRADY, Lyn	Zeehan
Deputy Mayor			
MEDWIN, Al*	Rosebery		
★ REID, Peter	Queenstown		

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

West Coast Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
GERRITY, Darryl	GERRITY, Darryl	VICKERS, Phil
	O'GRADY, Lyn	PITT, Shane Anthony
Deputy Mayor	MEDWIN, Al	ROSE, Allen
<i>term ends 2013</i>	ELEY, Samantha	REID, Peter
REID, Peter		GERRITY, Robyn

West Coast Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 3 227

Declarations rejected: 33

Ballot paper adjustment: 1

Formal Votes: 2 064

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 2 121

Declarations admitted: 2 088

Total ballot papers: 2 087

Informal ballot papers: 23

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Response: 65.73%

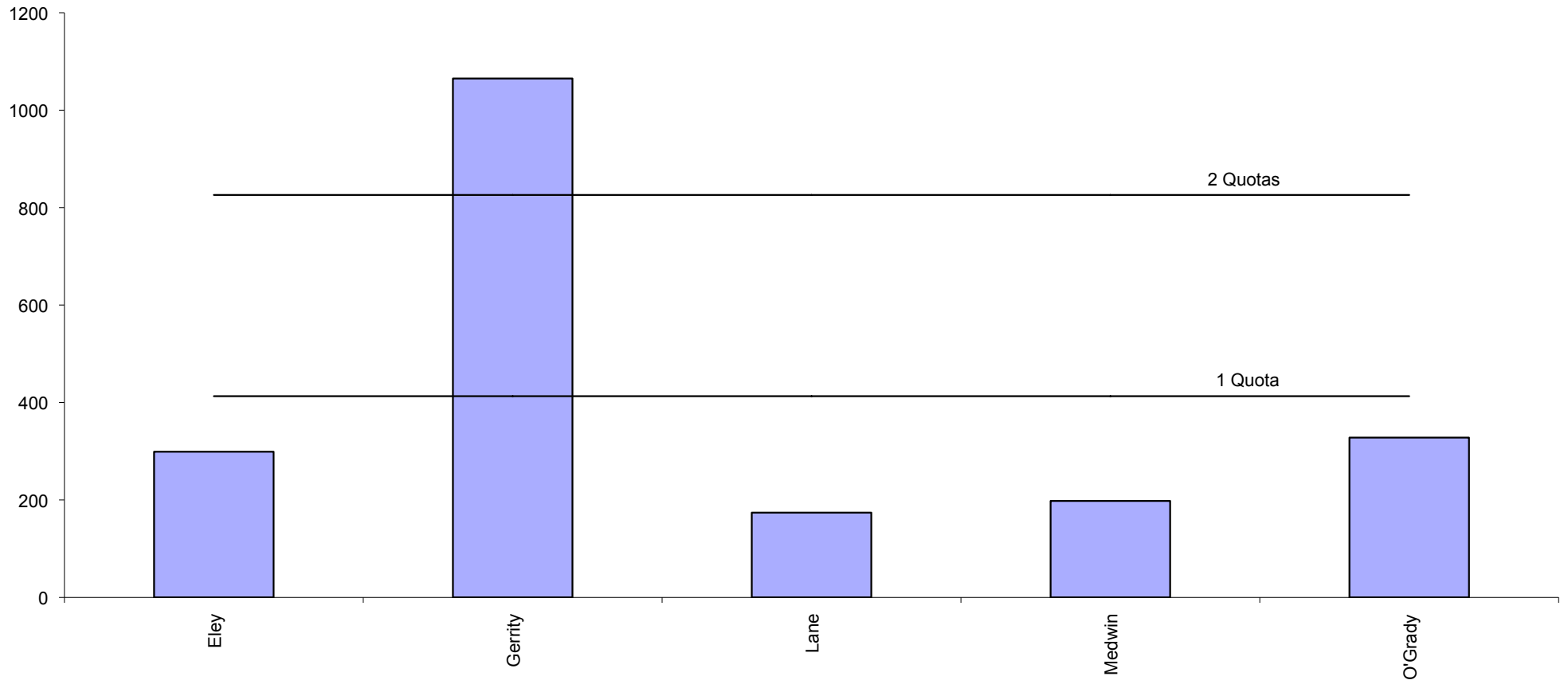
Rejection rate: 1.56%

Informality rate: 1.10%

Quota = 413

Count	Eley	Gerrity	Lane	Medwin	O'Grady	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	299.00	1065.00	174.00	198.00	328.00	0.00	0.00	2064.00	Gerrity elected 1
2	86.93	- 652.00	78.36	272.43	214.27	0.00	0.01		Gerrity's surplus distributed
	385.93	413.00	252.36	470.43	542.27	0.00	0.01	2064.00	O'Grady elected 2, Medwin elected 3
3	80.51		48.75		- 129.27	0.00	0.01		O'Grady's surplus distributed
	466.44	413.00	301.11	470.43	413.00	0.00	0.02	2064.00	Eley elected 4

2011 West Coast Councillor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2 088

Ballot paper adjustment: 1

Total ballot papers: 2 087

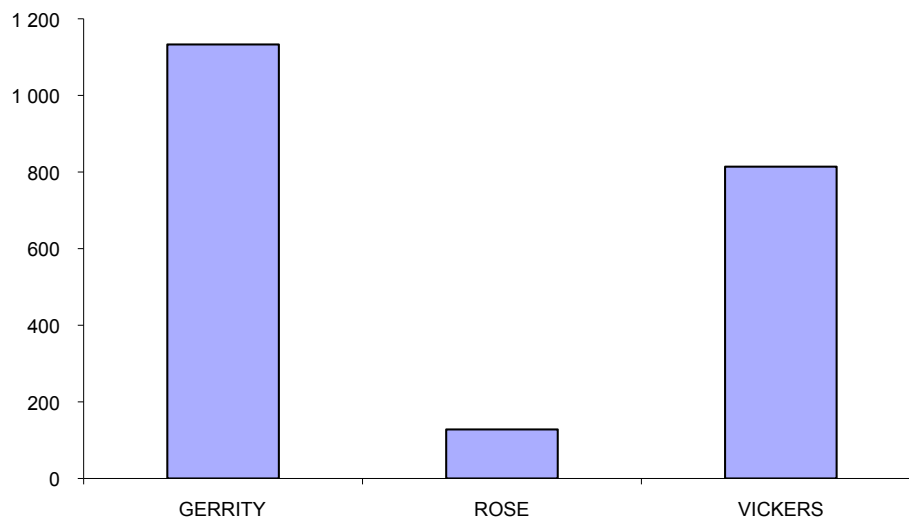
Formal Votes: 2 075

Informal ballot papers: 12

Informality rate: 0.57%

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	GERRITY	ROSE	VICKERS				
		1 133	128	814	0	2 075	1 038	Gerrity elected

2011 West Coast Mayor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2 088

Formal Votes: 2 074

Ballot paper adjustment: 1

Informal ballot papers: 13

Total ballot papers: 2 087

Informality rate: 0.62%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		MEDWIN	REID			
Count 1	First Preferences	930	1 144	2 074	1 038	REID elected

2011 West Coast Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

