



Hobart City Council

2014 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Tasmania's local government elections were held in September-October 2014. These were the first all-in, all-out elections conducted since the enactment on 20 June 2013 of the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2013* and the making of the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2013*, the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2014* and the *Local Government (Elections) Order 2013*.

The effect of these was to defer the elections, originally scheduled for 2013, until 2014 when all councillors and aldermen, and mayors and deputy mayors, would be elected for a four year term ending in 2018. The terms of office of councillors elected in both 2009 and 2011 ended in 2014.

There was also a reduction in the number of councillors or aldermen to be elected to nine councils in 2014 (see statewide *Local government election report 2014* for further details).

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 quadrennial elections due in October 2018.

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.

2014 Election timetable

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Notice of election published | Saturday 13 September |
| Nominations opened | 9am Monday 15 September |
| Electoral rolls closed | 6 pm Thursday 18 September |
| Nominations closed | 12 noon Monday 29 September |
| Nominations announced | 12 noon Tuesday 30 September |
| Ballot material received by electors | 14–17 October |
| Polling period | 14–28 October |
| Close of poll | 10 am Tuesday 28 October |

Casual vacancies for councillor/alderman

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. If a recount is not possible, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

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 2014 Hobart City Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and 12 Councillors (Aldermen), all for 4 year terms.

37 624 Hobart City electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 35 810 (95.18%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 1 814 (4.82%) from the General Manager's roll.

51.70% of Hobart City electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58% statewide.

Recounts

A recount was conducted on 25 May 2012, to fill a vacancy for Councillor (Alderman) on the Hobart City Council following the resignation of Rob Valentine on 14 May 2012. Four unelected candidates from the 2009 Hobart City Council election contested the recount. An abstract of the count is at the back of this report.

Hobart City Councillors (Aldermen) following the 2014 elections

Lord Mayor

HICKEY, Sue

Deputy Lord Mayor

CHRISTIE, Ron

12 Councillors (Aldermen)

HICKEY, Sue

THOMAS, Damon

BURNET, Helen

CHRISTIE, Ron

ZUCCO, Marti

BRISCOE, Jeff

COOPER, Suzy

SEXTON, Peter Thomas

RUZICKA, Eva

REYNOLDS, Anna

DENISON, Tanya Marie

COCKER, Philip

The candidates

Hobart City Council

enrolment 37 624

Councillor (Alderman)

30 candidates

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| ANDREW, Rachel | West Hobart |
| BARLOW, Patrick | West Moonah |
| BRISCOE, Jeff *^ | Hobart |
| BURNET, Helen *^ | North Hobart |
| BURNETT, Simon | Battery Point |
| CAMPBELL, Susan | Rokeby |
| CARROLL, Noel | Sandy Bay |
| CHRISTIE, Ron *^ | Battery Point |
| COCKER, Philip *^ | Dynnyrne |
| CONG, Lin (Rebecca) | Sandy Bay |
| COOPER, Suzy * | Mt Stuart |
| DENISON, Tanya Marie * | Sandy Bay |
| DING, Mao | Battery Point |
| DUTTA, Mike | Sandy Bay |
| FOLEY, Leo ^ | Lenah Valley |
| GRIGGS, Nick | Sandy Bay |
| HARVEY, Bill ^ | Hobart |
| HASTINGS, Matt | South Hobart |
| HICKEY, Sue *^ | Rosetta |
| PENNY, Tim | Kingston Beach |
| PETERSON, Corey James | West Hobart |
| REYNOLDS, Anna * | South Hobart |
| ROFFE, Richard | Sandy Bay |
| RUZICKA, Eva *^ | South Hobart |
| SEXTON, Peter Thomas *^ | Battery Point |
| SIENA, Kasha | South Hobart |
| SMITH, Timothy | New Town |
| STANSFIELD, Philip | Mount Stuart |
| THOMAS, Damon *^ | Sandy Bay |
| ZUCCO, Marti *^ | Geilston Bay |

Lord Mayor

5 candidates

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| BURNET, Helen | North Hobart |
| COCKER, Philip | Dynnyrne |
| COOPER, Suzy | Mt Stuart |
| HICKEY, Sue * | Rosetta |
| THOMAS, Damon ^ | Sandy Bay |

2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The candidates

Deputy Lord Mayor

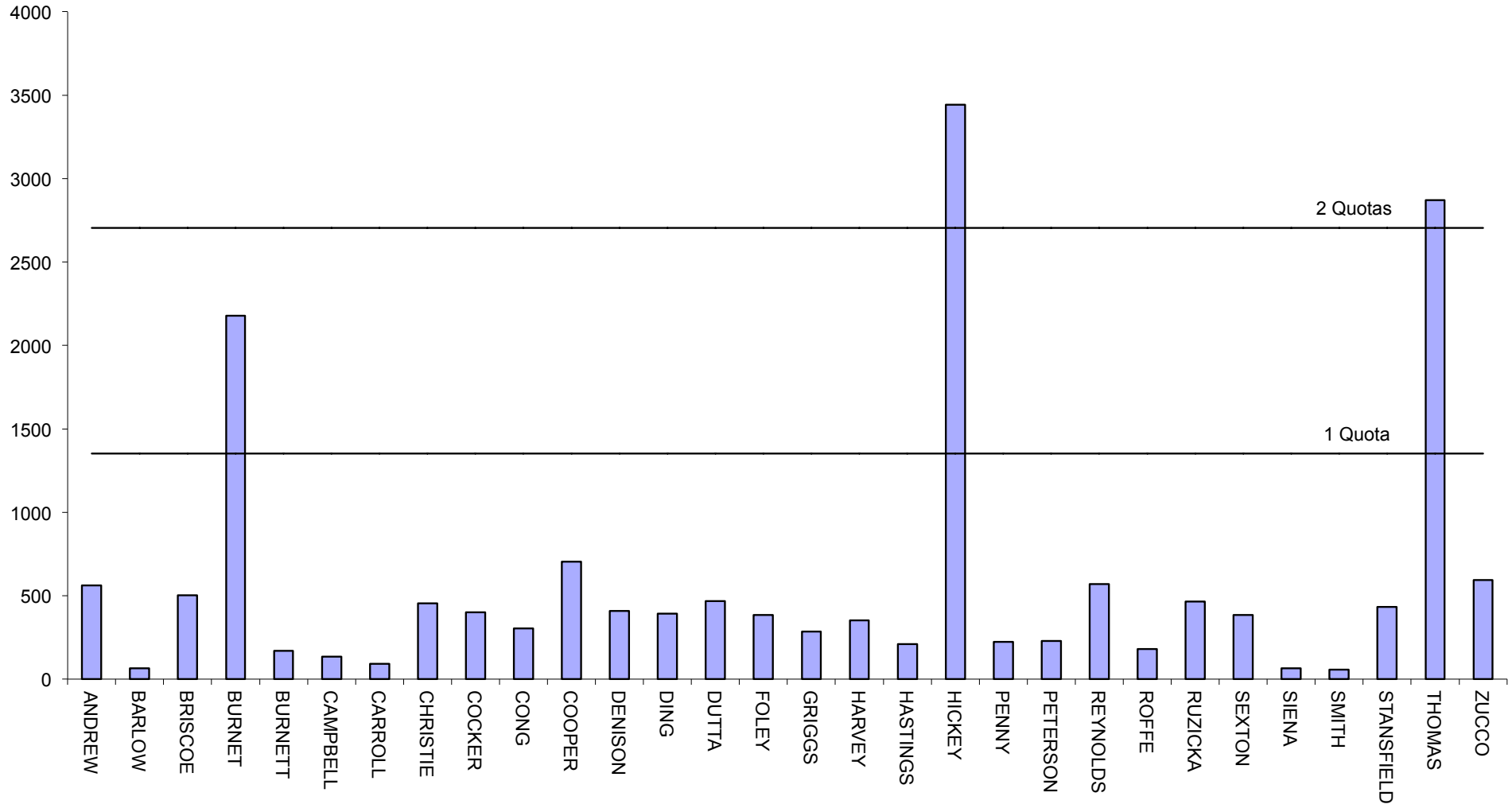
11 candidates

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| BARLOW, Patrick | West Moonah |
| BRISCOE, Jeff | Hobart |
| CAMPBELL, Susan | Rokeby |
| CHRISTIE, Ron *^ | Battery Point |
| DENISON, Tanya Marie | Sandy Bay |
| DING, Mao | Battery Point |
| HARVEY, Bill | Hobart |
| RUZICKA, Eva | South Hobart |
| SEXTON, Peter Thomas | Battery Point |
| SIENA, Kasha | South Hobart |
| ZUCCO, Marti | Geilston Bay |

* denotes elected candidate

^ denotes seeking re-election

2014 Hobart City Councillor election - first preferences



Hobart City Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Maree Fasoli

Lord Mayor

Declarations admitted: 19 128

Ballot paper adjustment: 80

Total ballot papers: 19 048

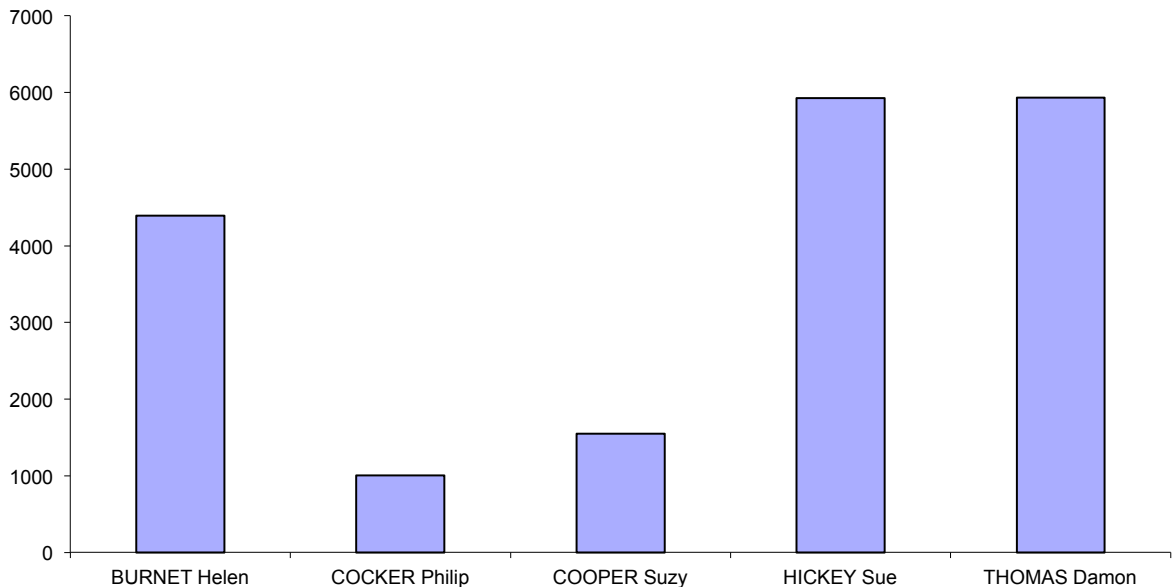
Formal Votes: 18 809

Informal ballot papers: 239

Informality rate: 1.25%

| | | BURNET Helen | COCKER Philip | COOPER Suzy | HICKEY Sue | THOMAS Damon | Exhausted | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Count 1 | Progress Total | 4395 | 1006 | 1550 | 5927 | 5931 | 0 | 18809 | 9405 | First preferences |
| Count 2 | Votes transferred | 482 | -1006 | 161 | 129 | 118 | 116 | | | COCKER excluded |
| | Progress Total | 4877 | 0 | 1711 | 6056 | 6049 | 116 | 18809 | 9347 | |
| Count 3 | Votes transferred | 698 | | -1711 | 480 | 312 | 221 | | | COOPER excluded |
| | Progress Total | 5575 | | 0 | 6536 | 6361 | 337 | 18809 | 9237 | |
| Count 4 | Votes transferred | -5575 | | | 2732 | 2015 | 828 | | | BURNET excluded |
| | Progress Total | 0 | | | 9268 | 8376 | 1165 | 18809 | 8823 | HICKEY elected |

2014 Hobart City Lord Mayor election - first preferences



Hobart City Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Maree Fasoli

Deputy Lord Mayor

Declarations admitted: 19 128

Ballot paper adjustment: 83

Total ballot papers: 19 045

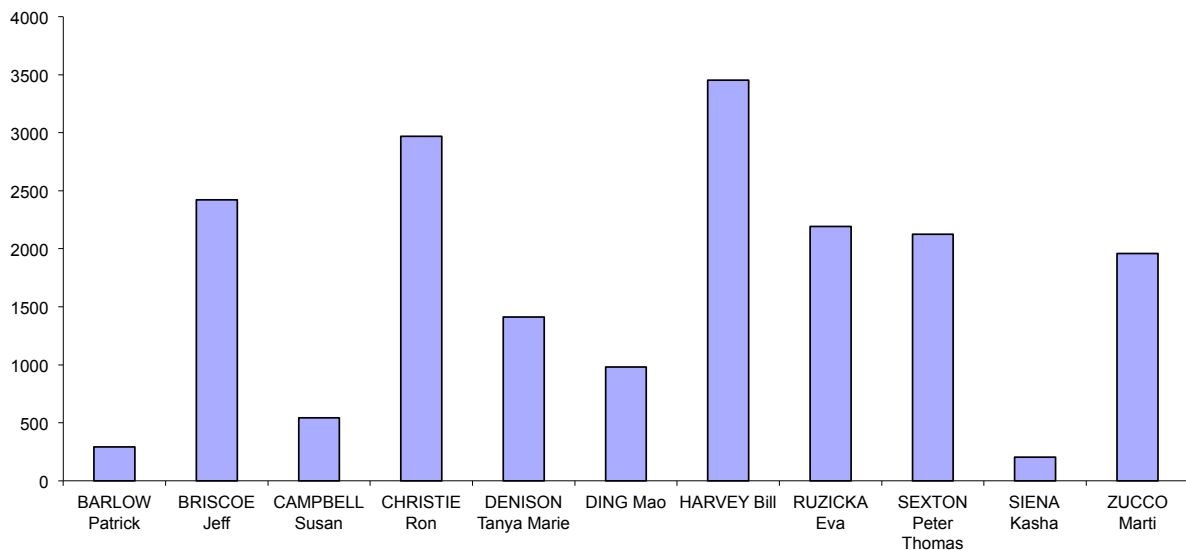
Formal Votes: 18 558

Informal ballot papers: 487

Informality rate: 2.56%

| | | BARLOW Patrick | BRISCOE Jeff | CAMPBELL Susan | CHRISTIE Ron | DENISON Tanya Marie | DING Mao | HARVEY Bill | RUZICKA Eva | SEXTON Peter Thomas | SIENA Kasha | ZUCCO Marti | Exhausted | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
|----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Count 1 | Progress Total | 292 | 2422 | 544 | 2970 | 1412 | 982 | 3454 | 2192 | 2126 | 204 | 1960 | 0 | 18558 | 9280 | First preferences |
| Count 2 | Votes transferred | 10 | 13 | 27 | 25 | 13 | 24 | 10 | 24 | 15 | -204 | 13 | 30 | | | SIENA excluded |
| | Progress Total | 302 | 2435 | 571 | 2995 | 1425 | 1006 | 3464 | 2216 | 2141 | 0 | 1973 | 30 | 18558 | 9265 | |
| Count 3 | Votes transferred | -302 | 58 | 22 | 30 | 33 | 20 | 28 | 24 | 29 | | 18 | 40 | | | BARLOW excluded |
| | Progress Total | 0 | 2493 | 593 | 3025 | 1458 | 1026 | 3492 | 2240 | 2170 | | 1991 | 70 | 18558 | 9245 | |
| Count 4 | Votes transferred | | 49 | -593 | 63 | 108 | 69 | 59 | 113 | 39 | | 21 | 72 | | | CAMPBELL excluded |
| | Progress Total | | 2542 | 0 | 3088 | 1566 | 1095 | 3551 | 2353 | 2209 | | 2012 | 142 | 18558 | 9209 | |
| Count 5 | Votes transferred | | 113 | | 154 | 157 | -1095 | 111 | 138 | 116 | | 91 | 215 | | | DING excluded |
| | Progress Total | | 2655 | | 3242 | 1723 | 0 | 3662 | 2491 | 2325 | | 2103 | 357 | 18558 | 9101 | |
| Count 6 | Votes transferred | | 215 | | 279 | -1723 | | 97 | 312 | 326 | | 180 | 314 | | | DENISON excluded |
| | Progress Total | | 2870 | | 3521 | 0 | | 3759 | 2803 | 2651 | | 2283 | 671 | 18558 | 8944 | |
| Count 7 | Votes transferred | | 351 | | 629 | | | 158 | 257 | 444 | | -2283 | 444 | | | ZUCCO excluded |
| | Progress Total | | 3221 | | 4150 | | | 3917 | 3060 | 3095 | | 0 | 1115 | 18558 | 8722 | |
| Count 8 | Votes transferred | | 634 | | 577 | | | 754 | -3060 | 636 | | | 459 | | | RUZICKA excluded |
| | Progress Total | | 3855 | | 4727 | | | 4671 | 0 | 3731 | | | 1574 | 18558 | 8493 | |
| Count 9 | Votes transferred | | 1240 | | 1248 | | | 614 | | -3731 | | | 629 | | | SEXTON excluded |
| | Progress Total | | 5095 | | 5975 | | | 5285 | | 0 | | | 2203 | 18558 | 8178 | |
| Count 10 | Votes transferred | | -5095 | | 2564 | | | 1733 | | | | | 798 | | | BRISCOE excluded |
| | Progress Total | | 0 | | 8539 | | | 7018 | | | | | 3001 | 18558 | 7779 | CHRISTIE elected |

2014 Hobart City Deputy Lord Mayor election - first preferences



Hobart City Council Councillor Recount

Recount due to resignation of Rob Valentine

25 May 2012

| | | FREEMAN John | HEATLEY Wendy | PETERSON Corey | ROWALLAN Toby | Exhausted Votes | Lost by fraction | Total Votes | Absolute majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Count 1 | Total | 1 176.62 | 537.67 | 546.14 | 247.11 | 106.43 | 0.03 | 2 614.00 | 1 253.78 | Distribution of VALENTINE |
| Count 2 | Votes transferred | 53.76 | 92.06 | 80.65 | - 247.11 | 20.62 | 0.02 | | | ROWALLAN excluded |
| | Progress total | 1 230.38 | 629.73 | 626.79 | 0.00 | 127.05 | 0.05 | 2 614.00 | 1 243.46 | |
| Count 3 | Votes transferred | 123.37 | 455.92 | - 626.79 | | 47.50 | 0.00 | | | PETERSON excluded |
| | Progress total | 1 353.75 | 1 085.65 | 0.00 | | 174.55 | 0.05 | 2 614.00 | 1 219.71 | FREEMAN elected |