



Latrobe 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 Latrobe Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

7 975 Latrobe electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 7 925 (99.37%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 50 (0.63%) from the General Manager's roll.

57.42% of Latrobe electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58% statewide.

Latrobe Councillors following the 2014 elections

Mayor

FRESHNEY, Peter

Deputy Mayor

ROCKLIFF, Rick

9 Councillors

BROWN, Graeme Claude

DENNISON, Dayna

FRESHNEY, Peter

McLAREN, Mike

ROCKLIFF, Rick

SIMS, Garry

WICKS, Gerrad

YOUNG, Lesley

PERKINS, John

2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The candidates

Latrobe Council

enrolment 7 975

Councillor

8 candidates (elected unopposed)

BROWN, Graeme Claude *	Latrobe
DENNISON, Dayna ^	Shearwater
FRESHNEY, Peter ^	Shearwater
McLAREN, Mike ^	Latrobe
ROCKLIFF, Rick ^	Sassafras
SIMS, Garry ^	Wesley Vale
WICKS, Gerrad *	Latrobe
YOUNG, Lesley ^	Sassafras

Councillor

6 candidates (1 to be elected)

ALLISON, Shayne (Cush)	Port Sorell
LILLAS, Ben	Spreyton
MASON, Tim	Northdown
PERKINS, John ^	Latrobe
STOTT, Clinton	Latrobe
WEST, Sancia	Port Sorell

Mayor

2 candidates

FRESHNEY, Peter *	Shearwater
McLAREN, Mike	Latrobe

Deputy Mayor

4 candidates

BROWN, Graeme Claude	Latrobe
DENNISON, Dayna	Shearwater
ROCKLIFF, Rick ^	Sassafras
YOUNG, Lesley	Sassafras

* denotes elected candidate

^ denotes seeking re-election

Latrobe Council - 2014 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Electors enrolled: 7 975

Declarations rejected: 85

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Formal Votes: 4 416

Number to be elected: 1

Declarations returned: 4 579

Declarations admitted: 4 494

Total ballot papers: 4 490

Informal ballot papers: 74

Returning Officer: Paul Eklom

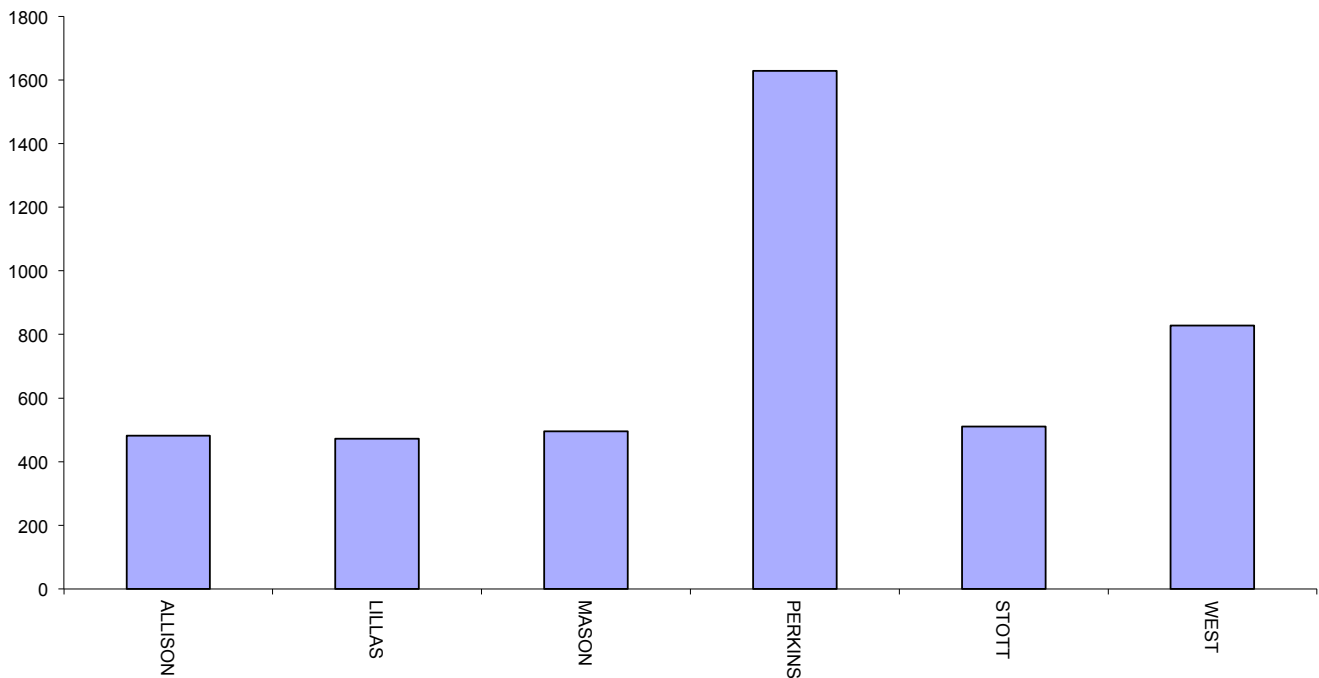
Response rate: 57.42%

Rejection rate: 1.86%

Informality rate: 1.65%

Count	ALLISON	LILLAS	MASON	PERKINS	STOTT	WEST	Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
1	482	472	496	1628	510	828	0	4416	2209	First preference
2	56	-472	65	161	51	84	55			LILLAS excluded
3	538	0	561	1789	561	912	55	4416	2181	
	-538		137	118	87	143	53			ALLISON excluded
4	0		698	1907	648	1055	108	4416	2155	
			175	230	-648	184	59			STOTT excluded
			873	2137	0	1239	167	4416	2125	PERKINS elected

2014 Latrobe Councillor election - first preferences



Latrobe Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Paul Eklom

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4 494

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 4 490

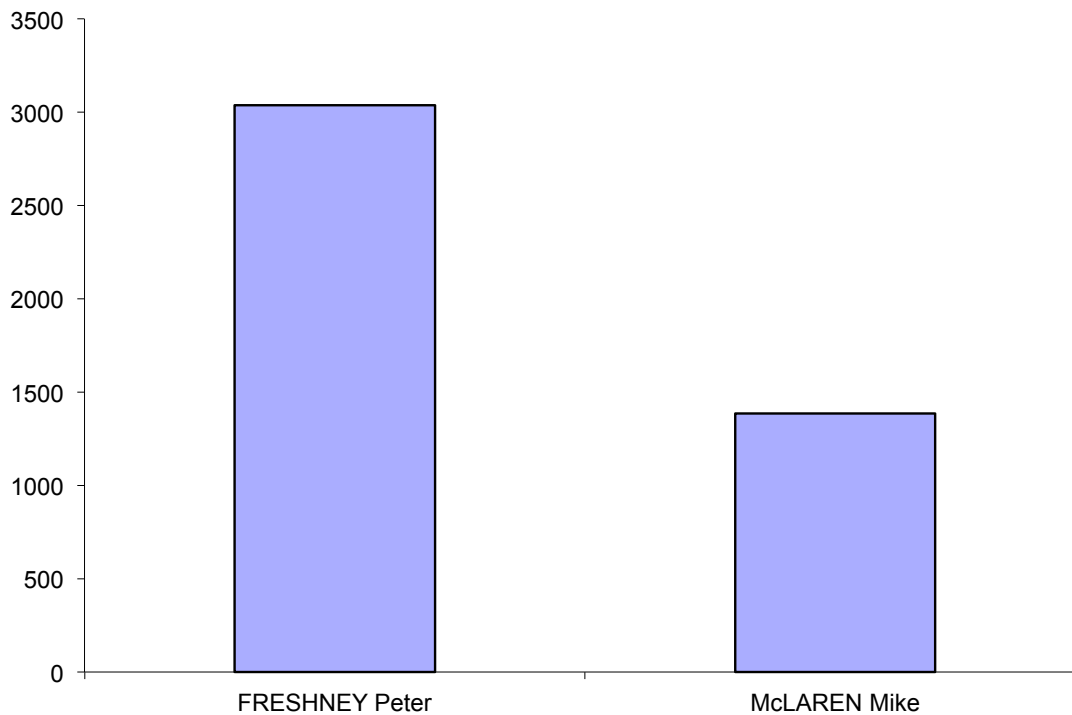
Formal Votes: 4 424

Informal ballot papers: 66

Informality rate: 1.47%

		FRESHNEY Peter	McLAREN Mike	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	First preferences	3038	1386	4424	2213	FRESHNEY elected

2014 Latrobe Mayor election - first preferences



Latrobe Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Paul Eklom

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4 494

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 4 490

Formal Votes: 4 438

Informal ballot papers: 52

Informality rate: 1.16%

		BROWN Graeme Claude	DENNISON Dayna	ROCKLIFF Rick	YOUNG Lesley	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	1354	1050	1557	477	0	4438	2220	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	134	141	162	-477	40			YOUNG excluded
	Progress Total	1488	1191	1719	0	40	4438	2200	
Count 3	Votes transferred	416	-1191	649		126			DENNISON excluded
	Progress Total	1904	0	2368		166	4438	2137	ROCKLIFF elected

2014 Latrobe Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

