



Launceston 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 Launceston City Council Election

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

46 363 Launceston City electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 45 902 (99.01%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 461 (0.99%) from the General Manager's roll.

52.88% of Launceston City electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58% statewide.

Launceston City Councillors (Aldermen) following the 2014 elections

Mayor

van ZETTEN, Albert

Deputy Mayor

SOWARD, Rob

12 Councillors (Aldermen)

van ZETTEN, Albert

McKENZIE, Hugh

GIBSON, Danny

FINLAY, Janie

SOWARD, Rob

SANDS, Ted

COX, Jim

ALEXANDER, Darren

DAWKINS, Andrea

WOOD, Simon

WILLIAMS, Emma

McKENDRICK, Robin

The candidates

Launceston City Council

enrolment 46 363

Mayor

4 candidates

ALEXANDER, Darren	Mowbray
McKENZIE, Hugh	Newstead
SANDS, Ted	Kings Meadows
van ZETTEN, Albert *^	Riverside

Deputy Mayor

5 candidates

COX, Jim	Prospect
ELLISON, Tom	East Launceston
GIBSON, Danny	South Launceston
HARRIS, Alan	Norwood
SOWARD, Rob *	South Launceston

Councillor (Alderman)

25 candidates

ALEXANDER, Darren *	Mowbray
AUSTIN, Mandie	Launceston
BARRETT, Kyle	Relbia
BRADY, Thane	Launceston
CASSIDY, Philippa	East Launceston
COOPER, Leon	St Leonards
COX, Jim *^	Prospect
DAWKINS, Andrea *	Trevallyn
ELLIOTT, Peter	Newstead
ELLISON, Tom	East Launceston
FINLAY, Janie *	South Launceston
GIBSON, Danny *^	South Launceston
HARRIS, Alan	Norwood
HAW, Ruth Caroline	Launceston
JONES, Nick	Trevallyn
McKENDRICK, Robin *^	Norwood
McKENZIE, Hugh *^	Newstead
PECK, Tony ^	Norwood
PREECE, Krista	Newstead
SANDS, Ted *^	Kings Meadows
SOWARD, Rob *^	South Launceston
STOJANSEK, Karina	Trevallyn
van ZETTEN, Albert *^	Riverside
WILLIAMS, Emma *	Trevallyn
WOOD, Simon *	Newstead

* denotes elected candidate, ^ denotes seeking re-election

Launceston City Council - 2014 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Electors enrolled: 46 363

Declarations rejected: 603

Number to be elected: 12

Declarations returned: 24 519

Declarations admitted: 23 916

Returning Officer: Davin Foulkes

Response rate: 52.88%

Rejection rate: 2.46%

Count	ALEXANDER	AUSTIN	BARRETT	BRADY	CASSIDY	COOPER	COX	DAWKINS	ELLIOTT	ELLISON	FINLAY	GIBSON	HARRIS	HAW	JONES	MCKENDRICK
1	1100.00	374.00	597.00	395.00	102.00	166.00	1118.00	796.00	423.00	253.00	1581.00	1335.00	274.00	113.00	295.00	615.00
2	165.47	65.64	72.48	51.28	21.19	10.25	525.83	51.28	55.38	101.20	269.41	598.31	113.50	19.14	41.71	229.07
	1265.47	439.64	669.48	446.28	123.19	176.25	1643.83	847.28	478.38	354.20	1850.41	1933.31	387.50	132.14	336.71	844.07
3	37.11	9.11	7.45	7.45	1.65	1.15	26.67	17.23	14.58	25.35			22.03	1.49	17.39	20.87
	1302.58	448.75	676.93	453.73	124.84	177.40	1670.50	864.51	492.96	379.55	1850.41	1933.31	409.53	133.63	354.10	864.94
4	14.09	8.65	10.38	5.93	3.46	1.73	27.19	14.33	10.87	15.57		- 216.31	10.13	3.95	6.18	21.50
	1316.67	457.40	687.31	459.66	128.30	179.13	1697.69	878.84	503.83	395.12	1850.41	1717.00	419.66	137.58	360.28	886.44
5	5.41	7.44	6.43	4.40	2.03	1.01	25.05	7.11	6.43	6.43	- 133.41		3.38	1.69	5.75	10.83
	1322.08	464.84	693.74	464.06	130.33	180.14	1722.74	885.95	510.26	401.55	1717.00	1717.00	423.04	139.27	366.03	897.27
6	1.45	0.09	0.53	0.58	0.00	0.00		0.96	0.67	1.11			0.92	0.19	1.16	1.06
	1323.53	464.93	694.27	464.64	130.33	180.14	1722.74	886.91	510.93	402.66	1717.00	1717.00	423.96	139.46	367.19	898.33
7	0.57	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.02	0.00		0.04	0.12	0.22			0.13	0.03	0.13	0.22
	1324.10	464.97	694.33	464.75	130.35	180.14	1722.74	886.95	511.05	402.88	1717.00	1717.00	424.09	139.49	367.32	898.55
8	0.31	0.07	0.62	0.23	0.23	0.07	- 5.74	0.31	0.15	0.31			0.23	0.00	0.00	0.69
	1324.41	465.04	694.95	464.98	130.58	180.21	1717.00	887.26	511.20	403.19	1717.00	1717.00	424.32	139.49	367.32	899.24
9 to 15	3.33	15.60	3.06	5.92	- 130.58	5.00		14.54	12.52	6.93			3.69	13.62	5.33	1.92
	1327.74	480.64	698.01	470.90	0.00	185.21	1717.00	901.80	523.72	410.12	1717.00	1717.00	428.01	153.11	372.65	901.16
16 to 22	10.29	12.54	6.68	8.76		4.68		12.03	6.76	15.19			4.36	- 153.11	5.36	5.43
	1338.03	493.18	704.69	479.66		189.89	1717.00	913.83	530.48	425.31	1717.00	1717.00	432.37	0.00	378.01	906.59
23 to 28	10.00	14.92	7.00	11.35		- 189.89		28.75	5.17	10.75			8.52		15.68	20.76
	1348.03	508.10	711.69	491.01		0.00	1717.00	942.58	535.65	436.06	1717.00	1717.00	440.89		393.69	927.35
29 to 36	19.40	39.50	26.73	13.82				51.07	10.94	12.03			25.57		21.23	19.85
	1367.43	547.60	738.42	504.83			1717.00	993.65	546.59	448.09	1717.00	1717.00	466.46		414.92	947.20
37 to 43	36.58	39.76	26.23	15.57				31.95	36.07	35.51			35.04		- 414.92	39.61
	1404.01	587.36	764.65	520.40			1717.00	1025.60	582.66	483.60	1717.00	1717.00	501.50		0.00	986.81
44 to 51	65.50	26.48	28.51	24.48				71.13	54.57	- 483.60			42.49			24.24
	1469.51	613.84	793.16	544.88			1717.00	1096.73	637.23	0.00	1717.00	1717.00	543.99			1011.05
52 to 59	101.25	29.72	28.12	29.85				35.37	65.94				- 543.99			54.96
	1570.76	643.56	821.28	574.73			1717.00	1132.10	703.17		1717.00	1717.00	0.00			1066.01
60 to 67	76.36	50.39	67.47	- 574.73				46.51	39.18							77.43
	1647.12	693.95	888.75	0.00			1717.00	1178.61	742.35		1717.00	1717.00				1143.44
68 to 75	67.40	- 693.95	84.77					137.81	48.16							45.30
	1714.52	0.00	973.52				1717.00	1316.42	790.51		1717.00	1717.00				1188.74
76	121.00		77.00					87.00	- 622.00							74.00
	1835.52		1050.52				1717.00	1403.42	168.51		1717.00	1717.00				1262.74
77 to 83			22.47					24.07	- 168.51							28.91
	1835.52		1072.99				1717.00	1427.49	0.00		1717.00	1717.00				1291.65
84	- 118.52		18.61					7.83								20.56
	1717.00		1091.60				1717.00	1435.32			1717.00	1717.00				1312.21
85 to 93			- 1091.60					200.41								122.28
	1717.00		0.00				1717.00	1635.73			1717.00	1717.00				1434.49
94								304.00								119.00
	1717.00						1717.00	1939.73			1717.00	1717.00				1553.49
95 to 102																60.41
	1717.00						1717.00	1939.73			1717.00	1717.00				1613.90
103								- 222.73								36.63
	1717.00						1717.00	1717.00			1717.00	1717.00				1650.53
104																7.75
	1717.00						1717.00	1717.00			1717.00	1717.00				1658.28
105																36.04
	1717.00						1717.00	1717.00			1717.00	1717.00				1694.32

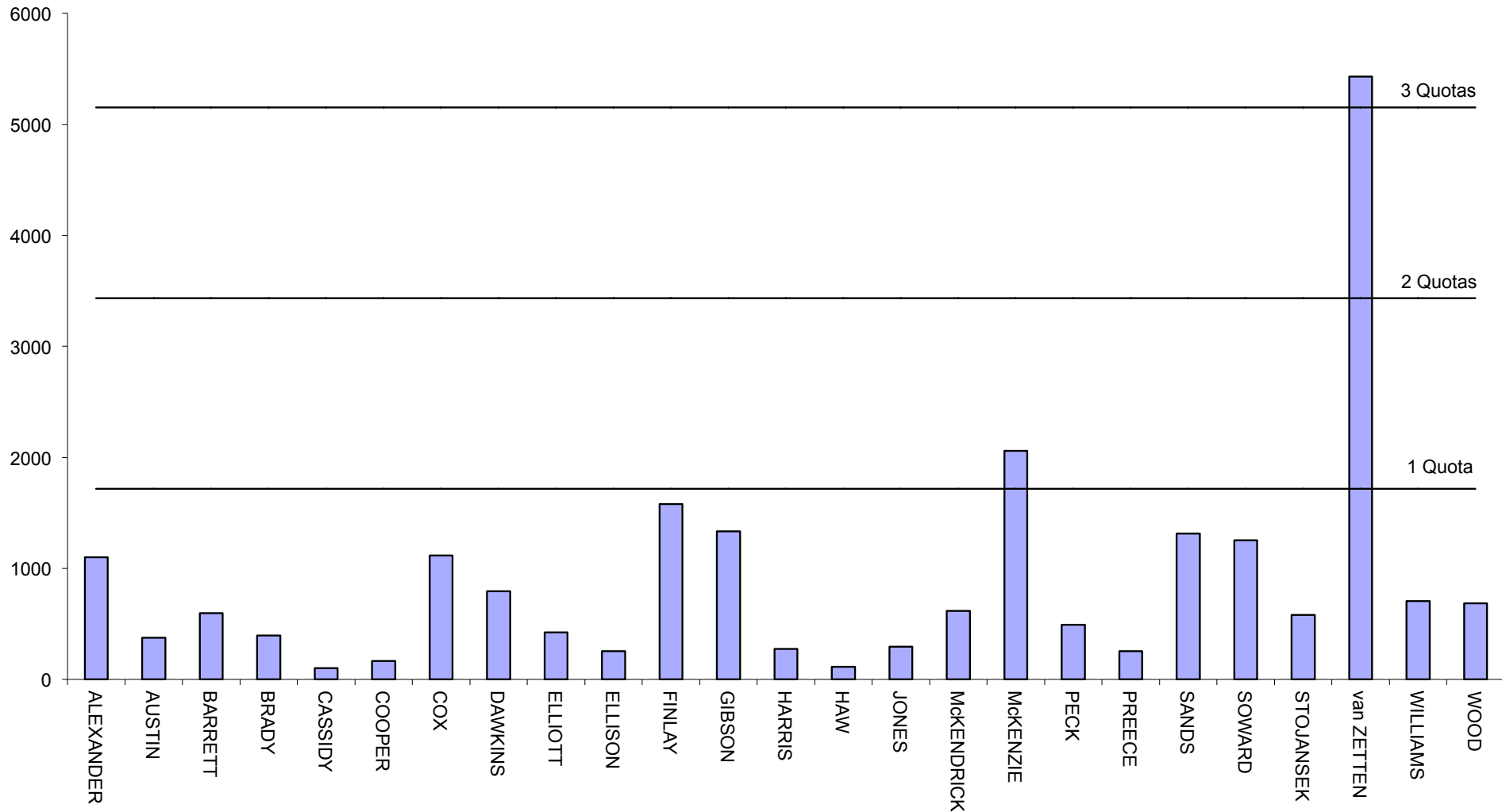
Ballot paper adjustment: 131
 Total ballot papers: 23 785

Formal Votes: 22 312
 Informal ballot papers: 1 473
 Informality rate: 6.19%

Quota = 1 717

MCKENZIE	PECK	PREECE	SANDS	SOWARD	STOJANSEK	van ZETTEN	WILLIAMS	WOOD	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
2058.00	494.00	256.00	1314.00	1253.00	579.00	5430.00	705.00	686.00		0.00	22312.00	van ZETTEN elected 1, MCKENZIE elected 2
	264.62	41.02	371.29	433.52	73.84	- 3713.00	46.49	90.94		0.14		van ZETTEN's surplus distributed
2058.00	758.62	297.02	1685.29	1686.52	652.84	1717.00	751.49	776.94		0.14	22312.00	GIBSON elected 3, FINLAY elected 4
- 341.00	15.90	4.14	33.80	43.08	7.62		4.30	22.53		0.10		MCKENZIE's surplus distributed
1717.00	774.52	301.16	1719.09	1729.60	660.46	1717.00	755.79	799.47		0.24	22312.00	SOWARD elected 5, SANDS elected 6
	20.51	5.68			16.31		7.66	12.11		0.08		GIBSON's surplus distributed
1717.00	795.03	306.84	1719.09	1729.60	676.77	1717.00	763.45	811.58		0.32	22312.00	
	11.17	4.06			12.52		7.11	5.07		0.09		FINLAY's surplus distributed
1717.00	806.20	310.90	1719.09	1729.60	689.29	1717.00	770.56	816.65		0.41	22312.00	COX elected 7
	0.92	0.43		- 12.60	0.62		0.67	1.16		0.08		SOWARD's surplus distributed
1717.00	807.12	311.33	1719.09	1717.00	689.91	1717.00	771.23	817.81		0.49	22312.00	
	0.15	0.04	- 2.09		0.05		0.01	0.11		0.04		SANDS' surplus distributed
1717.00	807.27	311.37	1717.00	1717.00	689.96	1717.00	771.24	817.92		0.53	22312.00	
	1.24	0.23			0.38		0.15	0.46		0.06		COX's surplus distributed
1717.00	808.51	311.60	1717.00	1717.00	690.34	1717.00	771.39	818.38		0.59	22312.00	
	2.17	9.15			12.99		9.54	5.08		0.19		CASSIDY excluded
1717.00	810.68	320.75	1717.00	1717.00	703.33	1717.00	780.93	823.46		0.78	22312.00	
	3.49	30.04			15.86		9.91	1.53		0.20		HAW excluded
1717.00	814.17	350.79	1717.00	1717.00	719.19	1717.00	790.84	824.99		0.98	22312.00	
	4.36	10.36			12.16		24.24	5.76		0.11		COOPER excluded
1717.00	818.53	361.15	1717.00	1717.00	731.35	1717.00	815.08	830.75		1.09	22312.00	
	17.79	- 361.15			44.93		37.34	20.73		0.22		PREECE excluded
1717.00	836.32	0.00	1717.00	1717.00	776.28	1717.00	852.42	851.48		1.31	22312.00	
	34.90				19.50		15.85	48.08		0.27		JONES excluded
1717.00	871.22		1717.00	1717.00	795.78	1717.00	868.27	899.56		1.58	22312.00	
	38.27				35.36		30.37	41.97		0.23		ELLISON excluded
1717.00	909.49		1717.00	1717.00	831.14	1717.00	898.64	941.53		1.81	22312.00	
	62.87				45.31		30.16	60.25		0.19		HARRIS excluded
1717.00	972.36		1717.00	1717.00	876.45	1717.00	928.80	1001.78		2.00	22312.00	
	78.02				44.39		39.82	55.08		0.08		BRADY excluded
1717.00	1050.38		1717.00	1717.00	920.84	1717.00	968.62	1056.86		2.08	22312.00	
	49.75				103.98		106.28	50.43		0.07		AUSTIN excluded
1717.00	1100.13		1717.00	1717.00	1024.82	1717.00	1074.90	1107.29		2.15	22312.00	
	59.00				46.00		43.00	115.00		0.00		ELLIOTT part excluded
1717.00	1159.13		1717.00	1717.00	1070.82	1717.00	1117.90	1222.29		2.15	22312.00	ALEXANDER elected 8
	29.27				20.15		10.19	33.00	0.49	(0.04)		ELLIOTT excluded
1717.00	1188.40		1717.00	1717.00	1090.97	1717.00	1128.09	1255.29	0.49	2.11	22312.00	
	17.63				10.77		9.79	31.34	1.95	0.04		ALEXANDER's surplus distributed
1717.00	1206.03		1717.00	1717.00	1101.74	1717.00	1137.88	1286.63	2.44	2.15	22312.00	
	175.56				147.07		148.32	285.20	12.69	0.07		BARRETT excluded
1717.00	1381.59		1717.00	1717.00	1248.81	1717.00	1286.20	1571.83	15.13	2.22	22312.00	
	106.00				- 1013.00		303.00	169.00	12.00	0.00		STOJANSEK part excluded
1717.00	1487.59		1717.00	1717.00	235.81	1717.00	1589.20	1740.83	27.13	2.22	22312.00	DAWKINS elected 9, WOOD elected 10
	59.40				- 235.81		93.26		22.93	(0.19)		STOJANSEK excluded
1717.00	1546.99		1717.00	1717.00	0.00	1717.00	1682.46	1740.83	50.06	2.03	22312.00	
	29.30						142.13		14.65	0.02		DAWKINS' surplus distributed
1717.00	1576.29		1717.00	1717.00		1717.00	1824.59	1740.83	64.71	2.05	22312.00	WILLIAMS elected 11
	10.29						- 23.83		5.78	0.01		WOOD's surplus distributed
1717.00	1586.58		1717.00	1717.00		1717.00	1824.59	1717.00	70.49	2.06	22312.00	
	38.26						- 107.59		33.27	0.02		WILLIAMS' surplus distributed
1717.00	1624.84		1717.00	1717.00		1717.00	1717.00	1717.00	103.76	2.08	22312.00	MCKENDRICK elected 12

2014 Launceston City Councillor election - first preferences



Launceston City Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Davin Foulkes

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 23 916

Formal Votes: 23 285

Ballot paper adjustment: 86

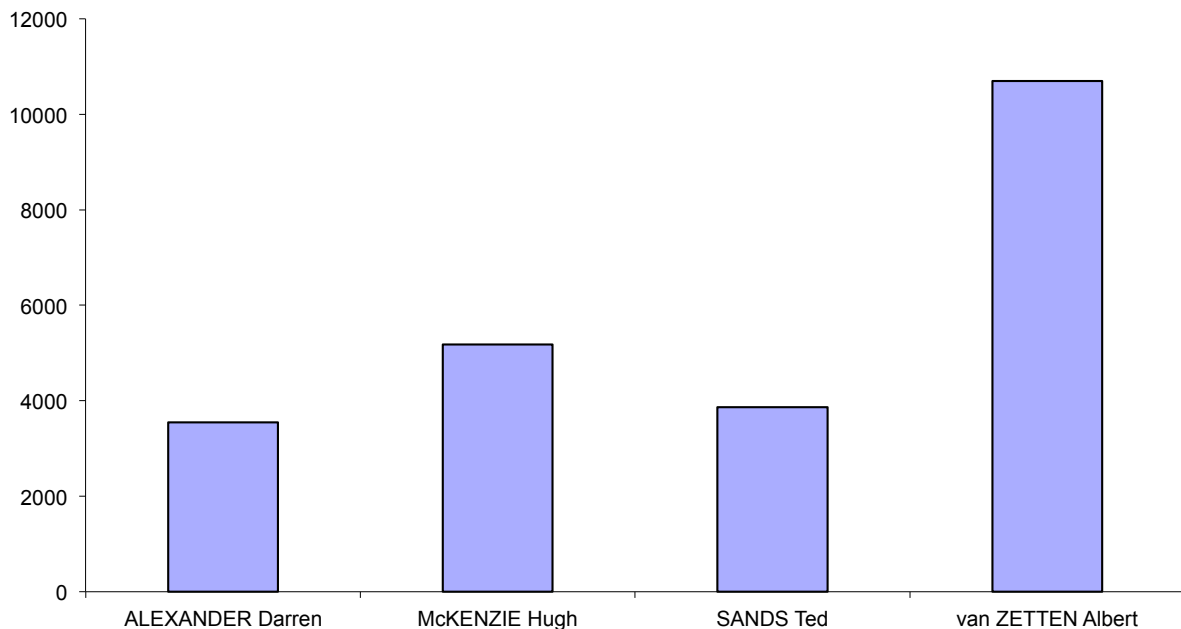
Informal ballot papers: 545

Total ballot papers: 23 830

Informality rate: 2.29%

		ALEXANDER Darren	McKENZIE Hugh	SANDS Ted	van ZETTEN Albert	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	3547	5176	3865	10697	0	23285	11643	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	-3547	1473	888	795	391			ALEXANDER excluded
	Progress Total	0	6649	4753	11492	391	23285	11448	van ZETTEN elected

2014 Launceston City Mayor election - first preferences



Launceston City Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Davin Foulkes

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 23 916

Formal Votes: 23 127

Ballot paper adjustment: 86

Informal ballot papers: 703

Total ballot papers: 23 830

Informality rate: 2.95%

		COX Jim	ELLISON Tom	GIBSON Danny	HARRIS Alan	SOWARD Rob	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	5133	2778	6502	2288	6446	0	23147	11574	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	336	581	575	-2288	461	335			HARRIS excluded
	Progress Total	5469	3359	7077	0	6907	335	23147	11407	
Count 3	Votes transferred	598	-3359	1224		1129	408			ELLISON excluded
	Progress Total	6067	0	8301		8036	743	23147	11203	
Count 4	Votes transferred	-6067		2485		2849	733			COX excluded
	Progress Total	0		10786		10885	1476	23147	10836	SOWARD elected

2014 Launceston City Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

