

# 2020 Macedon Ranges Shire Council Election: Results, Vote Distribution & Statistics

*Some disappointments as a good councillor (Gayfer) and some good candidates miss out, and as Geoff Neil is elected in East ward.*

*Overall though it looks like a councillor group has been elected which has potential to excel, and to continue to keep the progressive momentum going in tune with community values and requirements, and not go backwards towards the Shire's dark pre-2016 past.*

## Official Election Results : Macedon Ranges Shire, 2020

*in order of election*

### East Ward

Death, Annette

West, Bill

Neil, Geoff

### South Ward

Guthrie, Rob

Bonanno, Dominic

Moore, Anne

### West Ward

Anderson, Jennifer

Pearce, Janet

Ridgeway, Mark

3 of 5 councillors standing for re-election were re-elected

4 new councillors

2 former councillors (i.e. not in 2016 council)

4 women (1 less than in 2016) / 5 men

## MRRA Summary of Vote Distribution and Counting

*Information is sourced from VEC 2020 and 2016 election result distribution sheets.*

Note: Two candidates (Rob Guthrie in South Ward and Annette Death in East Ward) were elected on primary votes. The remaining successful candidates were elected through distribution of preferences.

## East Ward 2020

**Enrolment:** 12,211 [11,683 in 2016]

**Total Votes Counted / Voter Turnout:** 10,166 (83.25% of the total enrolment) [9,120 (78.06%) in 2016]

**Formal Votes:** 9,826 [8,661 in 2016]

**Informal Votes:** 340 / 3.34% [459 / 5% in 2016]

**Quota:** 2,457 (the number of votes each candidate needed to be elected) [2,166 in 2016]

### East ward: Primary (First Preference) Votes (final) - listed by highest number of primary votes

Candidate	Primary Vote	%
Death	2,647	26.94%
West	1,833	18.65%
Neil	1,590	16.18%
Gayfer	1,571	15.99%
Bleek	1,346	13.70%
Alford-Kerr	839	8.54%
Total Formal Votes	9,826	

### East ward: MRRA Summary of how primary votes and preferences were distributed (see also [VEC official 2020 Excel distribution](#))

One candidate achieved a quota on primary votes, and this **ELECTED DEATH** (2,647 votes - 190 more than (surplus to) the quota).

- **Death's** surplus (190 votes) was distributed, going to Gayfer (72 / 37.9%), West (32 / 16.8%), Neil (31 / 16.3%), Bleek (27 / 14.2%), and Alford-Kerr (24 / 12.6%).
- *This distribution moved Gayfer ahead of Neil.*

*At this point, with DEATH elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Alford-Kerr (863); Bleek (1373); Neil (1621); Gayfer (1643); West (1865).*

As no other candidate achieved a quota, **Alford-Kerr** (863 votes) was eliminated.

- Her 839 primary votes went to Neil (328 / 39.1%), Gayfer (213 / 25.4%), West (161 / 19.2%), and Bleek (137 / 16.3%)
- *This distribution moved Neil ahead of Gayfer.*

*At this point, with DEATH elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Bleek (1510); Gayfer (1856); Neil (1949); West (2026).*

- The additional 24 preferences Alford-Kerr received from the distribution of Death's surplus went to Gayfer (11 / 45.8%), Neil (7 / 29.2%), Bleek and West (2 each / 8.3% each).

*At this point, with DEATH elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Bleek (1512); Gayfer (1867); Neil (1956); West (2028).*

As no other candidate achieved a quota, **Bleek** (1512 votes) was eliminated.

- His 1346 primary votes went to West (511 / 38.0%), Neil (486 / 36.1%) and Gayfer (349 / 25.9%).
- This distribution **ELECTED WEST** (2539 votes, 82 votes more than (surplus to) the quota).

*At this point, with DEATH and WEST elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Gayfer (2216) and Neil (2442).*

- The additional 137 preferences Bleek had received from previously eliminated candidates went to Neil (90 / 65.7%) and Gayfer (47 / 34.3%).
- This distribution **ELECTED NEIL** (2532 votes, 75 votes more than (surplus to) the quota). Counting stopped.
- The remaining candidate, Gayfer, finished with 2263 votes (269 votes fewer than Neil).

## South Ward 2020

**Enrolment:** 13,048 [12,621 in 2016]

**Total Votes Counted / Voter Turnout:** 11,159 (85.52% of the total enrolment) [9,820 (77.81%) in 2016]

**Formal Votes:** 10,772 [9,461 in 2016]

**Informal Votes:** 387 (3.47%) [359 (3.7%) in 2016]

**Quota:** 2,694 (the number of votes needed to be elected) [2,366 in 2016]

### South ward: Primary (First Preference) Votes (final) - listed by highest number of primary votes

Candidate	Primary Vote	%
Guthrie	3,087	28.66%
Bonanno	2,361	21.92%
Moore	1,492	13.85%
Walker	1,344	12.48%
Hackett	1,159	10.76%
Gauci	968	8.99%
Amenta	361	3.35%
Total Formal Votes	10,772	

### South ward: MRRRA Summary of how primary votes and preferences were distributed (see also [VEC official 2020 Excel distribution](#))

One candidate achieved a quota on primary votes, and this **ELECTED GUTHRIE** (3087 votes - 393 more than (surplus to) the quota).

- **Guthrie's** surplus (393 votes) was distributed, going to Moore (141 / 35.9%), Hackett (69 / 17.6%), Bonanno (65 / 16.5%), Walker (51 / 13.0%), Gauci (33 / 8.4%) and Amenta (31 / 7.9%).

*At this point, with GUTHRIE elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Amenta (392), Gauci (1001), Hackett (1228), Walker (1395), Moore (1633) and Bonanno (2426).*

As no other candidate achieved a quota, **Amenta** (392 votes) was eliminated.

- His 361 primary votes went to Bonanno (121 / 33.5%), Hackett (68 / 18.8%), Moore (64 / 17.7%), Gauci (61 / 16.9%) and Walker (47 / 13.0%).

*At this point, with GUTHRIE elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Gauci (1062), Hackett (1296), Walker (1442), Moore (1697) and Bonanno (2547).*

- The additional 31 votes Amenta received from distribution of Guthrie's surplus went to Bonanno (23 / 74.2%), Moore (4 / 12.9%), Walker (1 / 3.2%), Gauci (1 / 3.2%) and Hackett (1 / 3.2%).

*At this point, with GUTHRIE elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Gauci (1063), Hackett (1297), Walker (1443), Moore (1701) and Bonanno (2570).*

As no other candidate achieved a quota, **Gauci** (1063 votes) was eliminated.

- His 968 primary votes mainly went to Moore (340 / 35.1%), Walker (293 / 30.3%), Bonanno (200 / 20.7%) and Hackett (135 / 13.9%).
- This distribution **ELECTED BONANNO** (2770 votes, 76 more than (surplus to) the quota).

*At this point, with GUTHRIE and BONANNO elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Hackett (1432), Walker (1736) and Moore (2041).*

- The additional 61 preferences Gauci had received from previously eliminated candidates went mainly to Moore (26 / 42.6%), Hackett (20 / 32.8%) and Walker (15 / 24.6%)

*At this point, with GUTHRIE and BONANNO elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Hackett (1452), Walker (1751) and Moore (2067).*

- The additional 34 votes Gauci received from distribution of Guthrie's surplus went to Moore (19 / 55.9%), Walker (9 / 26.5%) and Hackett (5 / 14.7%).

*At this point, with GUTHRIE and BONANNO elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Hackett (1457), Walker (1760) and Moore (2086).*

**Bonanno's** surplus (76 votes) was distributed, going to Moore (28 / 36.8%), Walker (24 / 31.6%) and Hackett (22 / 28.9%).

*At this point, with GUTHRIE and BONANNO elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Hackett (1479), Walker (1784) and Moore (2114).*

As no other candidate achieved a quota, **Hackett** (1479 votes) was eliminated.

- His 1159 primary votes went to Walker (687 / 59.3%) and Moore (472 / 40.7%).

*At this point, with GUTHRIE and BONANNO elected, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Walker (2471) and Moore (2586).*

- The additional 223 preferences Hackett had received from previously eliminated candidates went to Walker (130 / 58.3%) and Moore (93 / 41.7%).
- The additional 75 votes Hackett had received from distributions of Guthrie's surplus went to Walker (40 / 53.3%) and Moore (35 / 46.7%).
- These distributions **ELECTED MOORE** (2714 votes, 20 more than (surplus to) the quota). Counting stopped.
- The 22 votes Hackett held from Bonanno's surplus were not distributed (not needed).
- The remaining candidate, Walker, finished with 2641 votes (73 votes fewer than Moore).

## West Ward 2020

**Enrolment:** 12,809 [12,325 in 2016]

**Total Votes Counted / Voter Turnout:** 10,787 (84.21% of the total enrolment) [9,452 (76.69%) in 2016]

**Formal Votes:** 10,430 [9,098 in 2016]

**Informal Votes:** 357 (3.31%) [354 (3.7%) in 2016]

**Quota:** 2,608 (the number of votes needed to be elected) [2,275 in 2016]

### West ward: Primary (First Preference) Votes (final) - listed by highest number of primary votes

Candidate	Primary Vote	%
Pearce	1,803	17.29%
Ridgeway	1,765	16.92%
Thompson	1,765	16.92%
Anderson	1,764	16.91%
Turner	1,517	14.54%
Walsh	752	7.21%
Abruzzi	614	5.89%
Wilson	450	4.31%
Total Formal Votes	10,430	

### West ward: MRRA Summary of how primary votes and preferences were distributed (see also [VEC official 2020 Excel distribution](#))

As no candidate achieved a quota, **Wilson** (450 votes) was eliminated.

- His primary votes went to Turner (131 / 29.1%); Ridgeway (81 / 18.0%); Abruzzi (78 / 17.3%); Walsh (58 / 12.9%); Pearce (52 / 11.6%); Anderson (26 / 5.8%); Thompson (24 / 5.3%).
- *This distribution moved Anderson ahead of Thompson.*

*At this point, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Abruzzi (692); Walsh (810); Turner (1648); Thompson (1789); Anderson (1790); Ridgeway (1846); Pearce (1855).*

As no candidate achieved a quota, **Abruzzi** (692 votes) was eliminated.

- Her 614 primary votes went to Turner (213 / 34.7%); Ridgeway (101 / 16.5%); Pearce (119 / 19.4%); Anderson (72 / 11.7%); Thompson (63 / 10.3%); Walsh (46 / 7.5%).
- *This distribution moved Turner ahead of Thompson, and Anderson ahead of Turner.*

*At this point, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Walsh (856); Thompson (1852); Turner (1861); Anderson (1862); Ridgeway (1947); Pearce (1974).*

- The additional 78 preferences Abruzzi had received from previously eliminated candidates went mainly to Turner (22 / 28.2%); Ridgeway (15 / 19.2%); Pearce (14 / 17.9%); Walsh (12 / 15.4%); Thompson (8 / 10.3%); Anderson (7 / 9.0%).
- *This distribution moved Turner ahead of Anderson.*

*At this point, continuing candidates (votes held) were: Walsh (868); Thompson (1860); Anderson (1869); Turner (1883); Ridgeway (1962); Pearce (1988).*

As no candidate achieved a quota, **Walsh** (868 votes) was eliminated.

- His 752 primary votes went to Turner (220 / 29.3%); Ridgeway (209 / 27.8%); Pearce (139 / 18.5%); Anderson (108 / 14.4%); Thompson (76 / 10.1%).
- *This distribution moved Pearce ahead of Turner.*

*At this point continuing candidates (votes held) were: Thompson (1936); Anderson (1977); Turner (2103); Pearce (2127); Ridgeway (2171);*

- The additional 116 preferences Walsh had received from previously eliminated candidates went to Turner (45 / 38.8%); Ridgeway (36 / 31.0%); Anderson (15 / 12.9%); Pearce (14 / 12.1%); Thompson (6 / 5.2%).
- *This distribution moved Turner ahead of Pearce.*

*At this point continuing candidates (votes held) were: Thompson (1942); Anderson (1992); Pearce (2141); Turner (2148); Ridgeway (2207);*

As no other candidate achieved a quota, **Thompson** (1,942 votes) was eliminated.

- Her 1,765 primary votes went to Anderson (735 / 41.6%); Pearce (516 / 29.2%); Ridgeway (382 / 21.6%); Turner (132 / 7.5%).
- This distribution **ELECTED ANDERSON** (2727 votes, 119 votes more than (surplus to) the quota) and **ELECTED PEARCE** (2657, 49 votes more than (surplus to) the quota).

*At this point continuing candidates (votes held) were: Turner (2280) and Ridgeway (2589).*

- The additional 177 votes Thompson had received from previously eliminated candidates went to Ridgeway (93 / 52.5%); Turner (84 / 47.5%).
- This distribution **ELECTED RIDGEWAY** (2682 votes, 74 votes more than (surplus to) the quota). Counting stopped.
- The remaining candidate, Turner, finished with 2364 votes (318 votes fewer than Ridgeway).

## Statistics: Changes Between 2016 and 2020

	EAST WARD		SOUTH WARD		WEST WARD	
	2020 +/- 2016	2016 +/- 2012	2020 +/- 2016	2016 +/- 2012	2020 +/- 2016	2016 +/- 2012
<b>Enrolment:</b>	<b>12,211</b>	11,683	<b>13,048</b>	12,621	<b>12,809</b>	12,325
Change 2016 - 2020 <i>(Change 2012 - 2016)</i>	+528 +4.5%	(+796) (+7.3%)	+427 +3.4%	(+1,131) (+9.8%)	+484 +3.9%	(+990) (+8.7%)
<b>Total Ballot Papers Returned:</b>	<b>10,166</b>	9,120	<b>11,159</b>	9,820	<b>10,787</b>	9,452
Change 2016 - 2020 <i>(Change 2012 - 2016)</i>	+1,046 +11.5%	(+1,113) (+13.9%)	+1,339 +13.6%	(+1,181) (+13.7%)	+1,335 +14.1%	(+1,137) (+13.7%)
<b>Voter Turnout: (% of the total enrolment)</b>	<b>10,166 83.25%</b>	9,120 (78.1%)	<b>11,159 85.52%</b>	9,820 (77.81%)	<b>10,787 84.21%</b>	9,452 (76.69%)
Change 2016 - 2020 <i>(Change 2012 - 2016)</i>	+1,046 +5.2%	(+1,113) (+4.51%)	+1,339 +7.71%	(+1,181) (+2.62%)	+1,335 +7.5%	(+1,137) (+3.3%)
<b>Formal Ballot Papers:</b>	<b>9,826</b>	8,661	<b>10,772</b>	9,461	<b>10,430</b>	9,098
Change 2016 - 2020 <i>(Change 2012 - 2016)</i>	+1,165 +13.5%	(+914) (+11.8%)	+1,311 +13.9%	(+1,306) (+16.0%)	+1,332 +14.6%	(+1,011) (+12.5%)
<b>Informal Ballot Papers:</b>	<b>340 3.34%</b>	459 (5.0%)	<b>387 3.47%</b>	359 (3.7%)	<b>357 3.31%</b>	354 (3.7%)
Change 2016 – 2020: No. and % of total vote <i>(Change 2012 - 2016)</i>	-119 -1.7%	(+199) (+1.75%)	+28 -0.23%	(-125) (-1.9%)	+3 -0.39%	(+126) (+1.0%)
<b>Quota:</b> (the number of votes needed to be elected)	<b>2,457</b>	2,166	<b>2,694</b>	2,366	<b>2,608</b>	2,275
Change 2016 - 2020 <i>(Change 2012 - 2016)</i>	+291 +13.4%	(+229) (+11.8%)	+328 +13.9%	(+327) (+16%)	+333 +14.6%	(+253) (+12.5%)