



King Island Council

2005 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 councils for the positions of mayor and deputy mayor and half the councillor positions. 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 in 1994, 1996, 1999 (deferred from 1998), 2000, 2002, 2005 (deferred from 2004) with the next elections due in October 2007.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are 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.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2005 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 2005 King Island Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 5 Councillors for 4 year terms.

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 1247 King Island electors were enrolled, comprising 1152 (92.38%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 95 (7.62%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of King Island electors returning their ballot papers was 78.91%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

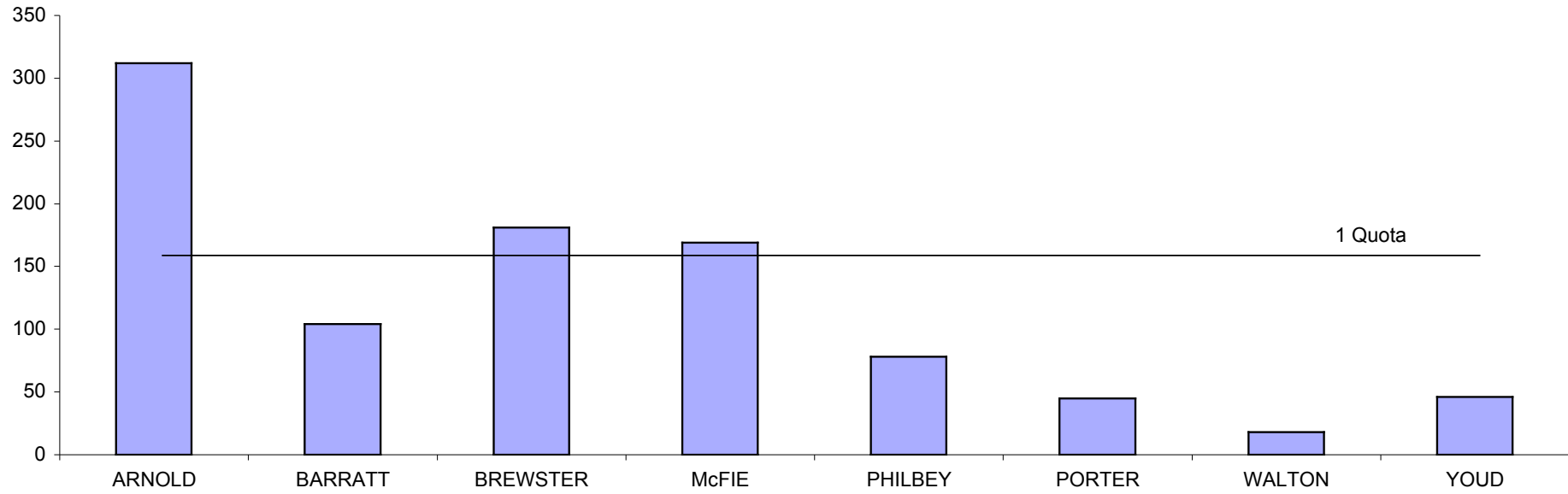
Mayor		Councillors			
★	ARNOLD, Charles Stuart	Nugara	★	ARNOLD, Charles Stuart*	Nugara
	BREWSTER, David*	Currie	★	BARRATT, Greg*	Pegarah
			★	BREWSTER, David*	Currie
			★	McFIE, Duncan	Currie
			★	PHILBEY, Vernon*	Lymwood
				PORTER, Chris	Pegarah
				WALTON, Kathleen	Grassy
				YOUD, Peter Mervyn	Currie
Deputy Mayor					
★	BARRATT, Greg*	Pegarah			

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

King Island Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2007</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2007</i>
ARNOLD, Charles Stuart	ARNOLD, Charles Stuart	GRAHAM, Neil
	BREWSTER, David	GRAHAM, Stephanie
Deputy Mayor	McFIE, Duncan	BREWSTER, John H
<i>term ends 2007</i>	BARRATT, Greg	CONLEY, Royce
BARRATT, Greg	PHILBEY, Vernon	

King Island Councillor 2005 First Preferences



King Island Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005
 Number to be elected: 5
 Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar

Electors enrolled: 1247
 Declarations returned: 984
 Response: 78.91%

Declarations rejected: 28
 Declarations admitted: 956
 Rejection rate: 2.85%

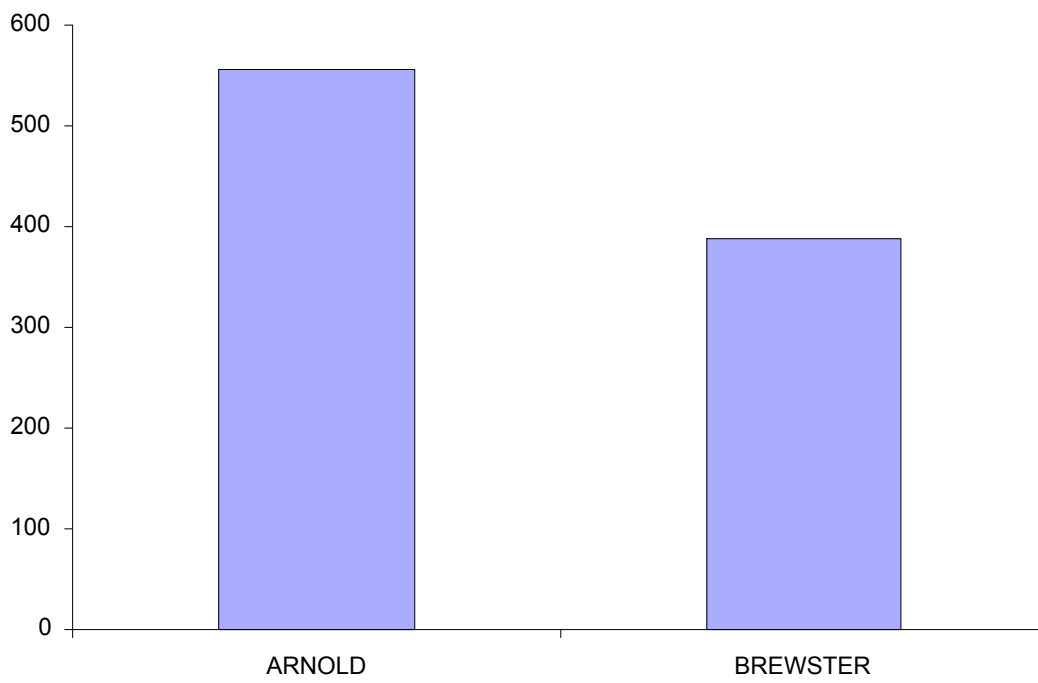
Ballot paper adjustment: 0
 Total ballot papers: 956

Formal Votes: 953
 Informal ballot papers: 3
 Informality rate: 0.31%

Quota = 159

		Candidates							Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		ARNOLD	BARRATT	BREWSTER	McFIE	PHILBEY	PORTER	WALTON				
Count 1	Total	312.00	104.00	181.00	169.00	78.00	45.00	18.00	46.00	0.00	0.00	
	Progress Totals	312.00	104.00	181.00	169.00	78.00	45.00	18.00	46.00	0.00	0.00	953.00 ARNOLD elected 1, BREWSTER elected 2, McFIE elected 3
Count 2	Votes Transferred	- 153.00	49.03			47.07	26.48	12.25	18.14	0.00	0.03	ARNOLD's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	159.00	153.03	181.00	169.00	125.07	71.48	30.25	64.14	0.00	0.03	953.00
Count 3	Votes Transferred		8.75	- 22.00		6.44	2.43	1.82	2.55	0.00	0.01	BREWSTER's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	159.00	161.78	159.00	169.00	131.51	73.91	32.07	66.69	0.00	0.04	953.00 BARRATT elected 4
Count 4	Votes Transferred				- 10.00	4.91	2.07	1.71	1.30	0.00	0.01	McFIE's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	159.00	161.78	159.00	159.00	136.42	75.98	33.78	67.99	0.00	0.05	953.00
Count 5	Votes Transferred		- 2.78			1.96	0.30	0.07	0.42	0.00	0.03	BARRATT's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	138.38	76.28	33.85	68.41	0.00	0.08	953.00 WALTON excluded
Count 6 to 10	Votes Transferred					14.04	12.45	- 33.85	6.79	0.54	0.03	WALTON's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	152.42	88.73	0.00	75.20	0.54	0.11	953.00 WALTON fully excluded, YOU D excluded
Count 11	Votes Transferred					34.00	15.00		- 50.00	1.00	0.00	YOU D's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	186.42	103.73		25.20	1.54	0.11	953.00 PHILBEY elected 5, YOU D partially excluded

King Island Mayor 2005 First Preferences



King Island Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar

Declarations admitted: 956

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Total ballot papers: 956

Formal Votes: 944

Informal ballot papers: 12

Informality rate: 1.26%

Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		ARNOLD	BREWSTER				
Count 1	Total	556	388	0			
	Progress Totals	556	388	0	944	473	ARNOLD elected

**King Island Deputy Mayor— Greg Barratt
Elected unopposed**