



# King Island Council 2007 election report

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## Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 municipal areas 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), and 2007 with the next elections due in October 2009.

Since 2000, mayors and deputy mayors have been 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](http://www.electoral.tas.gov.au).

### 2007 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 20 September
Nomination period	17 September— 12 noon on 1 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 1 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 2 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	16–19 October
Polling period	16–30 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 30 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 2007 King Island Council Election

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

1305 King Island electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 1182 (90.57%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 123 (9.43%) from the General Manager's roll.

72.03% of King Island electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

### Recounts

Two recounts were held between the 2005 and 2007 elections. Councillor Neil Graham vacated office on Monday 14 August 2006. Three unelected candidates from the 2002 King Island Council election contested the recount. The recount took place on Tuesday 5 September 2006.

The other recount took place on Monday 19 February 2007 following the resignation of Councillor Stephanie Graham on Thursday 1 February 2007. Two unelected candidates from the 2002 King Island Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided on the back page.

### Candidates at the 2007 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ ARNOLD, Charles*	Nugara	BANFIELD, Roger	Grassy
		★ BREWSTER, John*	Yambacoona
		★ CASTLETON, Peter	Wickham
		★ CONLEY, Royce*	Lynwood
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ HASSING, Bernard Hilton	Currie
★ BARRATT, Greg*	Pegarah	YOUD, Peter Mervyn*	Currie

★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

## King Island Councillors following the 2007 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>
ARNOLD, Charles	CASTLETON, Peter	ARNOLD, Charles Stuart
	CONLEY, Royce	BREWSTER, David
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	BREWSTER, John	McFIE, Duncan
<i>term ends 2009</i>	HASSING, Bernard Hilton	BARRATT, Greg
BARRATT, Greg		PHILBEY, Vernon

# King Island Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 1305

Declarations rejected: 18

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Formal Votes: 918

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 940

Declarations admitted: 922

Total ballot papers: 922

Informal ballot papers: 4

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Response: 72.03%

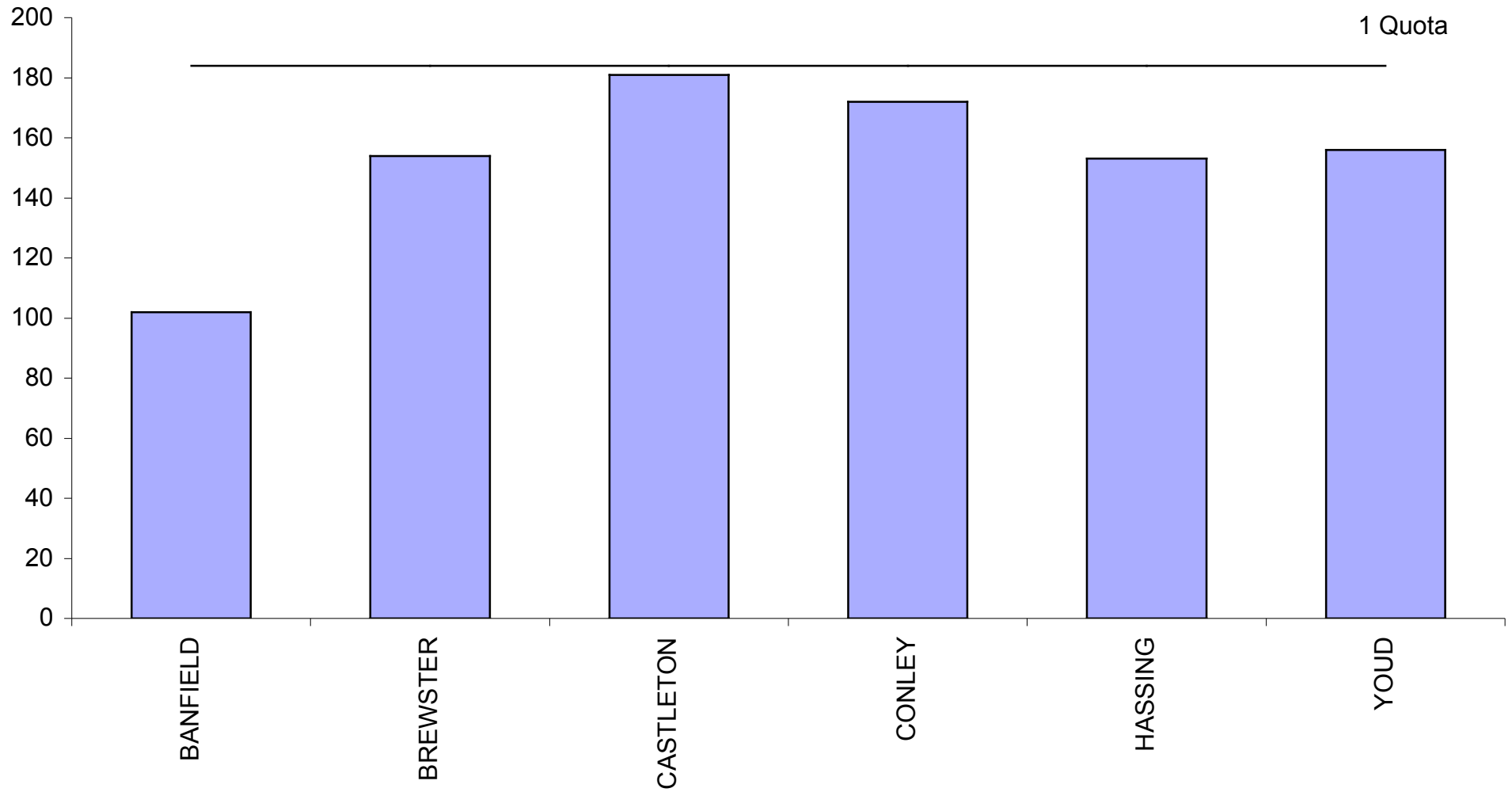
Rejection rate: 1.91%

Informality rate: 0.43%

Quota = 184

Count	Candidates						Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
	BANFIELD	BREWSTER	CASTLETON	CONLEY	HASSING	YOUD				
1	102.00	154.00	181.00	172.00	153.00	156.00		918.00		
2	- 102.00	32.00	22.00	16.00	19.00	13.00			BANFIELD excluded	
	0.00	186.00	203.00	188.00	172.00	169.00		918.00	<b>CASTLETON elected 1, CONLEY elected 2, BREWSTER elected 3</b>	
3			- 19.00		10.36	8.63			0.01	CASTLETON's surplus distributed
		186.00	184.00	188.00	182.36	177.63		918.00	0.01	
4				- 4.00	2.00	1.75	0.25		0.00	CONLEY's surplus distributed
		186.00	184.00	184.00	184.36	179.38	0.25	918.00	0.01	<b>HASSING elected 4</b>

## 2007 King Island Councillor election - first preferences



## **King Island Council**

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

**Mayor** – Charles Arnold (elected unopposed)

**Deputy Mayor** – Greg Barratt (elected unopposed)

# 2006 King Island Council - Recount

Recount due to vacation of office by Councillor Neil GRAHAM

5 September 2006

		Candidates			Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		HOWARD Earl	McGOWAN Michael	YOU'D Peter					
Count 1	Total	60.84	61.61	63.92	4.62	0.01	<b>191.00</b>	93.19	Graham's votes distributed
Count 2	Votes Transferred	-60.84	37.73	16.94	6.16	0.01			Howard excluded
	Progress Totals	<b>0.00</b>	<b>99.34</b>	<b>80.86</b>	<b>10.78</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>191.00</b>	90.11	<b>McGowan elected</b>

# 2007 King Island Council - Recount

Recount due to resignation of Stephanie Graham

19 February 2007

		Candidates						
		HOWARD Earl	YOUD Peter	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Total	76.98	107.19	6.82	0.01	<b>191.00</b>	92.09	<b>YOUD elected</b>