



Brighton Council

2009 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. In 2009, 27 elections were held in September/October, with the Break O'Day and Glamorgan Spring Bay elections being postponed while an investigation into a proposed voluntary merger between them took place. These elections were then held in November/December.

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), 2007 and 2009 with the next elections due in October 2011.

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.tec.tas.gov.au.

2009 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 12 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 17 September
Nomination period	14 September–12 noon on 28 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 28 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 29 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	13–16 October
Polling period	13–27 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 27 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 2009 Brighton Council Election

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

9837 Brighton electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 9767 (99.29%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 70 (0.71%) from the General Manager's roll.

53.18% of Brighton electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville	★ FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville
OWEN, Philip John	Old Beach	★ GARLICK, Wayne*	Bridgewater
		★ GRAY, Leigh*	Brighton
		JOSEPH, Roger L	Old Beach
		★ OWEN, Philip John*	Old Beach
Deputy Mayor		READ, Kelly	Bridgewater
JEFFRIES, Moya	Brighton	★ WILLIAMS, Sonya*	Gagebrook
★ TAYLOR, Geoff*	Brighton		

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Brighton Councillors following the 2009 elections

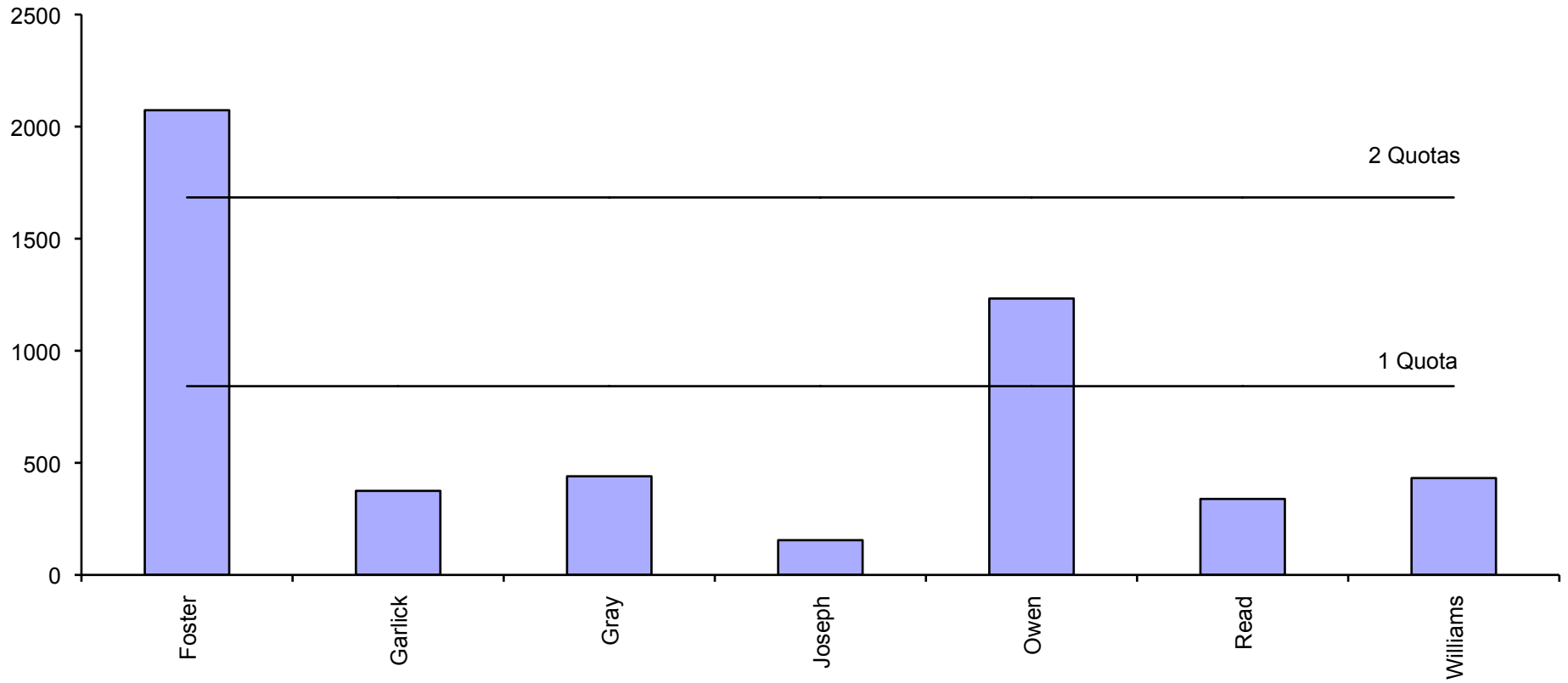
Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
FOSTER, Tony	FOSTER, Tony	TAYLOR, Geoff
Deputy Mayor	OWEN, Philip John	CURRAN, Barbara
<i>term ends 2011</i>	GRAY, Leigh	GEARD, Peter
TAYLOR, Geoff	GARLICK, Wayne	JEFFRIES, Moya
	WILLIAMS, Sonya	

Brighton Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009 Electors enrolled: 9837 Declarations rejected: 48 Ballot paper adjustment: 10 Formal Votes: 5047
 Number to be elected: 5 Declarations returned: 5231 Declarations admitted: 5183 Total ballot papers: 5173 Informal ballot papers: 126
 Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward Response: 53.18% Rejection rate: 0.92% Informality rate: 2.44%
 Quota = 842

Count	Foster	Garlick	Gray	Joseph	Owen	Read	Williams	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	2 073.00	375.00	440.00	155.00	1 233.00	339.00	432.00			5 047.00	Foster elected 1, Owen elected 2
2	-1 231.00	313.53	395.48	125.89		149.64	246.43		0.03		Foster's surplus distributed
	842.00	688.53	835.48	280.89	1 233.00	488.64	678.43		0.03	5 047.00	
3		102.74	92.27	43.76	- 391.00	65.64	86.57		0.02		Owen's surplus distributed
	842.00	791.27	927.75	324.65	842.00	554.28	765.00		0.05	5 047.00	Gray elected 3
4		31.53	- 85.75	17.38		21.51	15.32		0.01		Gray's surplus distributed
	842.00	822.80	842.00	342.03	842.00	575.79	780.32		0.06	5 047.00	
5		59.00		- 155.00		59.00	37.00		0.00		Joseph part excluded
	842.00	881.80	842.00	187.03	842.00	634.79	817.32		0.06	5 047.00	Garlick elected 4
6				- 125.89		64.13	59.97	1.78	0.01		Joseph excluded
	842.00	881.80	842.00	61.14	842.00	698.92	877.29	1.78	0.07	5 047.00	Williams elected 5

2009 Brighton Councillor election - first preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5183

Formal Votes: 5052

Ballot paper adjustment: 10

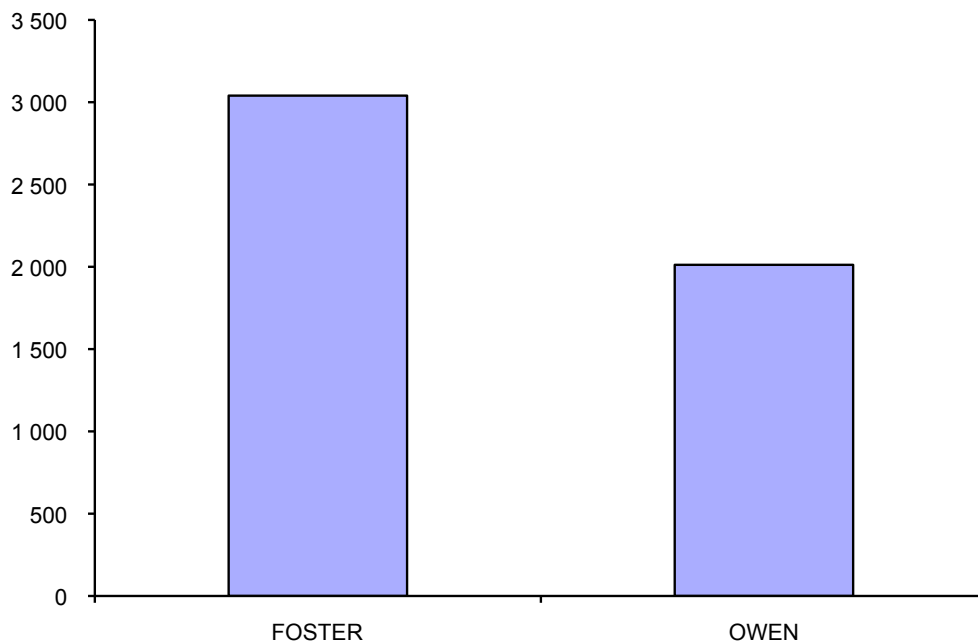
Informal ballot papers: 121

Total ballot papers: 5173

Informality rate: 2.34%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		FOSTER	OWEN			
Count 1	First Preferences	3 040	2 012	5 052	2 527	FOSTER elected

2009 Brighton Mayor election - first preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5183

Formal Votes: 5051

Ballot paper adjustment: 10

Informal ballot papers: 122

Total ballot papers: 5173

Informality rate: 2.36%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		JEFFRIES	TAYLOR			
Count 1	First Preferences	2338	2 713	5 051	2 526	TAYLOR elected

2009 Brighton Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

