



Central Highlands 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 Central Highlands Council Election

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

2467 Central Highlands electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 1733 (70.25%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 734 (29.75%) from the General Manager's roll.

69.64% of Central Highlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ FLINT, Deirdre*	Hollow Tree	★ BAILEY, Tony	Hamilton
TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)	Hamilton	★ BOWDEN, Richard*	Bothwell
		★ BURKE, Lyn*	Hamilton
		DEAN, Rose	Ellendale
		EDGELL, Henry Richard*	Bothwell
Deputy Mayor		ENGWICHT, Bob	Ellendale
BURKE, Lyn	Hamilton	★ JACKA, Joe	Ellendale
★ DOWNIE, Andrew	Gretna	★ McMICHAEL, Ian	Ouse
		ORR, Ken	Bradys Lake
		POULTON, Debra	Ellendale
		SMITHURST, Terry	Ellendale

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Central Highlands Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
FLINT, Deirdre	BOWDEN, Richard	FLINT, Deirdre
Deputy Mayor	BAILEY, Tony	DOWNIE, Andrew
<i>term ends 2011</i>	BURKE, Lyn	HERBERT, Geoff
DOWNIE, Andrew	JACKA, Joe	TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)
	McMICHAEL Ian	

Central Highlands Council - Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 2467

Declarations rejected: 11

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

Formal Votes: 1674

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 1718

Declarations admitted: 1707

Total ballot papers: 1702

Informal ballot papers: 28

Returning Officer: Mr Greg Richardson

Response: 69.64%

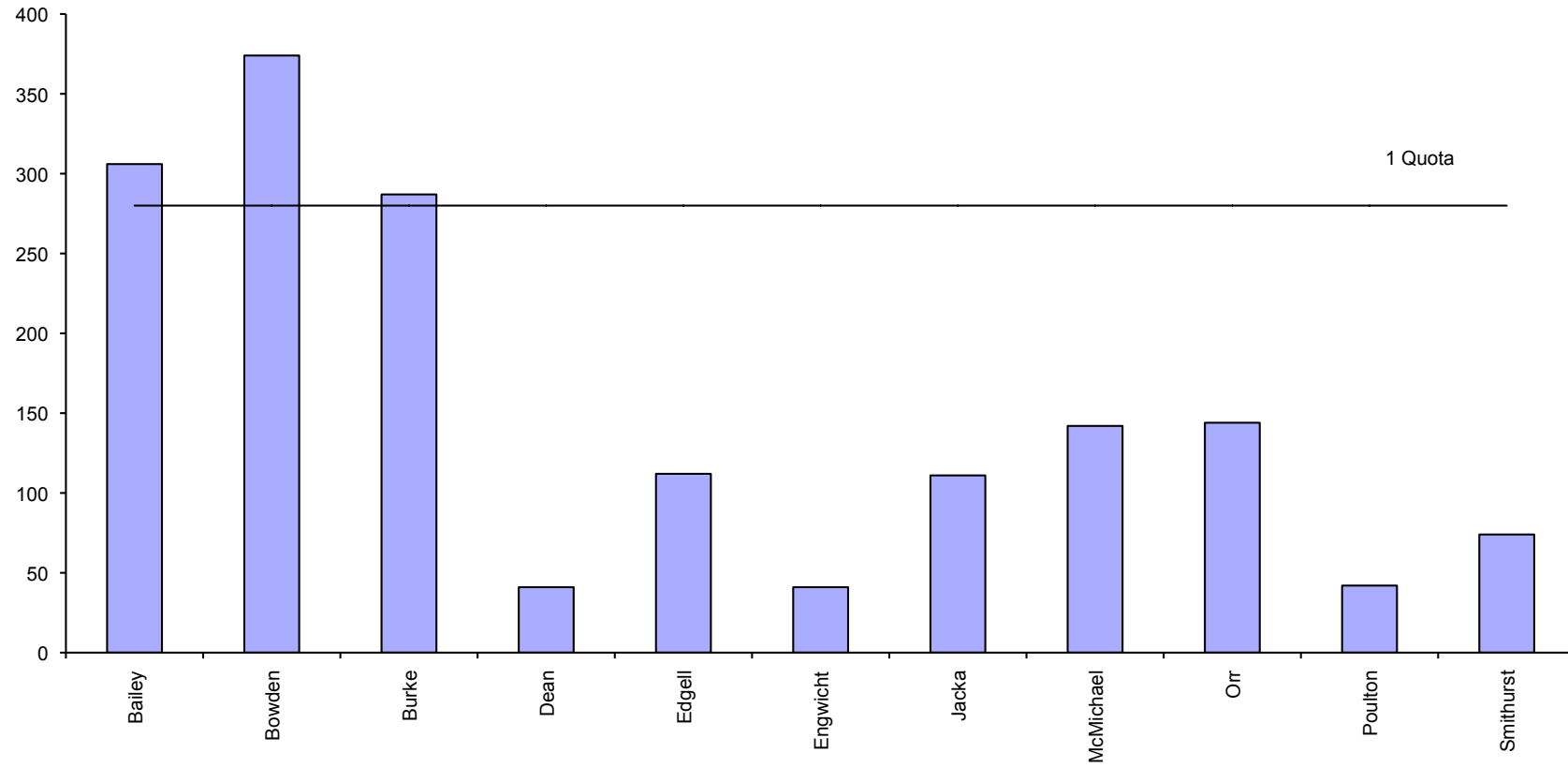
Rejection rate: 0.64%

Informality rate: 1.65%

Quota = 280

Count	Bailey	Bowden	Burke	Dean	Edgell	Engwicht	Jacka	McMichael	Orr	Poulton	Smithurst	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	306.00	374.00	287.00	41.00	112.00	41.00	111.00	142.00	144.00	42.00	74.00			1 674.00	Bowden elected 1, Bailey elected 2, Burke elected 3
2		- 94.00		2.51	62.83	2.01	5.78	6.28	7.28	3.51	3.77		0.03		Bowden's surplus distributed
	306.00	280.00	287.00	43.51	174.83	43.01	116.78	148.28	151.28	45.51	77.77		0.03	1 674.00	
3	- 26.00			1.10	7.64	1.44	2.03	5.35	3.73	2.12	2.54		0.05		Bailey's surplus distributed
	280.00	280.00	287.00	44.61	182.47	44.45	118.81	153.63	155.01	47.63	80.31		0.08	1 674.00	
4			- 7.00	0.78	1.43	0.29	0.92	0.87	1.07	0.73	0.87		0.04		Burke's surplus distributed
	280.00	280.00	280.00	45.39	183.90	44.74	119.73	154.50	156.08	48.36	81.18		0.12	1 674.00	
5 to 8				8.70	2.70	- 44.74	8.18	5.27	2.16	5.07	12.58		0.08		Engwicht excluded
	280.00	280.00	280.00	54.09	186.60	0.00	127.91	159.77	158.24	53.43	93.76		0.20	1 674.00	
9 to 12				14.60	4.28		16.07	6.09	1.54	- 53.43	10.76	0.02	0.07		Poulton excluded
	280.00	280.00	280.00	68.69	190.88		143.98	165.86	159.78	0.00	104.52	0.02	0.27	1 674.00	
13 to 16				- 68.69	3.40		26.08	11.82	6.00		20.81	0.54	0.04		Dean excluded
	280.00	280.00	280.00	0.00	194.28		170.06	177.68	165.78		125.33	0.56	0.31	1 674.00	
17 to 20					20.09		54.02	21.49	25.69		- 125.33	4.02	0.02		Smithurst excluded
	280.00	280.00	280.00		214.37		224.08	199.17	191.47		0.00	4.58	0.33	1 674.00	
21					38.00		64.00	66.00	- 176.00			8.00			Orr part excluded
	280.00	280.00	280.00		252.37		288.08	265.17	15.47			12.58	0.33	1 674.00	Jacka elected 4
22 to 24					7.28			7.08	- 15.47			1.16	- 0.05		Orr excluded
	280.00	280.00	280.00		259.65		288.08	272.25	0.00			13.74	0.28	1 674.00	
25					2.27		- 8.08	4.41				1.38	0.02		Jacka's surplus distributed
	280.00	280.00	280.00		261.92		280.00	276.66				15.12	0.30	1 674.00	McMichael elected 5

2009 Central Highlands Councillor election - first preferences



Central Highlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Greg Richardson

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 1707

Formal Votes: 1741

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

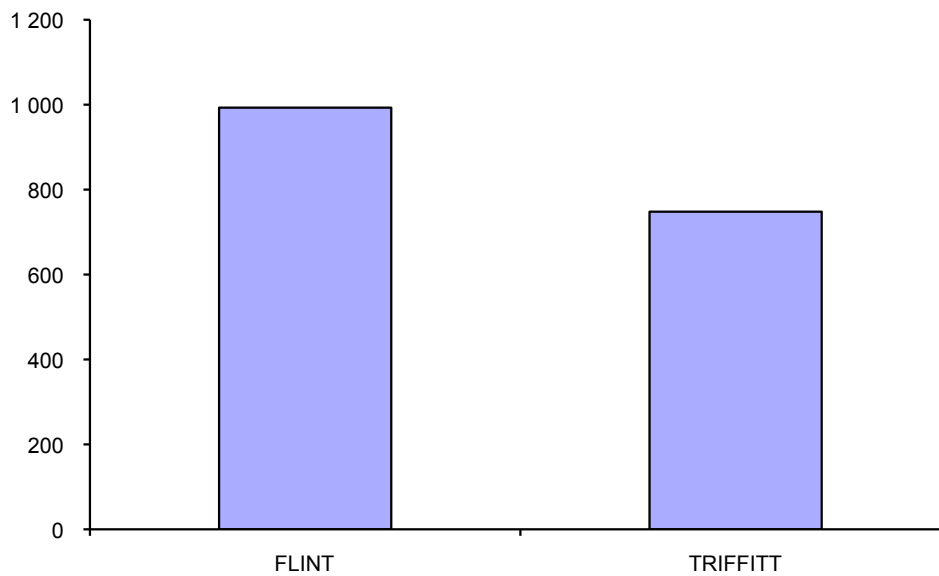
Informal ballot papers: 21

Total ballot papers: 1702

Informality rate: 1.23%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		FLINT	TRIFFITT			
Count 1	First Preferences	993	748	1 741	871	FLINT elected

2009 Central Highlands Mayor election - first preferences



Central Highlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Greg Richardson

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 1707

Formal Votes: 1677

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

Informal ballot papers: 25

Total ballot papers: 1702

Informality rate: 1.47%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BURKE	DOWNIE			
Count 1	First Preferences	768	909	1 677	839	DOWNIE elected

2009 Central Highlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

