



Derwent Valley 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 Derwent Valley Council Election

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

6 873 Derwent Valley electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 6 772 (98.53%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 101 (1.47%) from the General Manager's roll.

60.57% of Derwent Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
ELLIOTT, Jim	Bridgewater	★ BESTER, Damian Rodney	New Norfolk
★ EVANS, Martyn	Magra	BINGLEY, Phillip	New Norfolk
NICHOLSON, Tony*	Lachlan	★ GRAHAM, James	New Norfolk
SHAW, Scott Darrell	New Norfolk	★ LATHEY, Barry*	New Norfolk
		MOORES, Alexander	Molesworth
		NICHOLSON, Tony*	Lachlan
		★ SHAW, Scott Darrell*	New Norfolk
Deputy Mayor		SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne Anthony	New Norfolk
★ FARRELL, Craig	New Norfolk	SMITH, Raymond Allan	Lachlan
LATHEY, Barry	New Norfolk		
SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne Anthony	New Norfolk		

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Derwent Valley Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
EVANS, Martyn	SHAW, Scott Darrell	FARRELL, Craig
Deputy Mayor	BESTER, Damian Rodney	EVANS, Martyn
<i>term ends 2011</i>	LATHEY, Barry	BROMFIELD Judy
FARRELL, Craig	GRAHAM, James	MOLAN, Narelle
		ELLIOTT, James (Jim)

Derwent Valley Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 6873

Declarations rejected: 30

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Formal Votes: 4049

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 4163

Declarations admitted: 4133

Total ballot papers: 4129

Informal ballot papers: 80

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Response: 60.57%

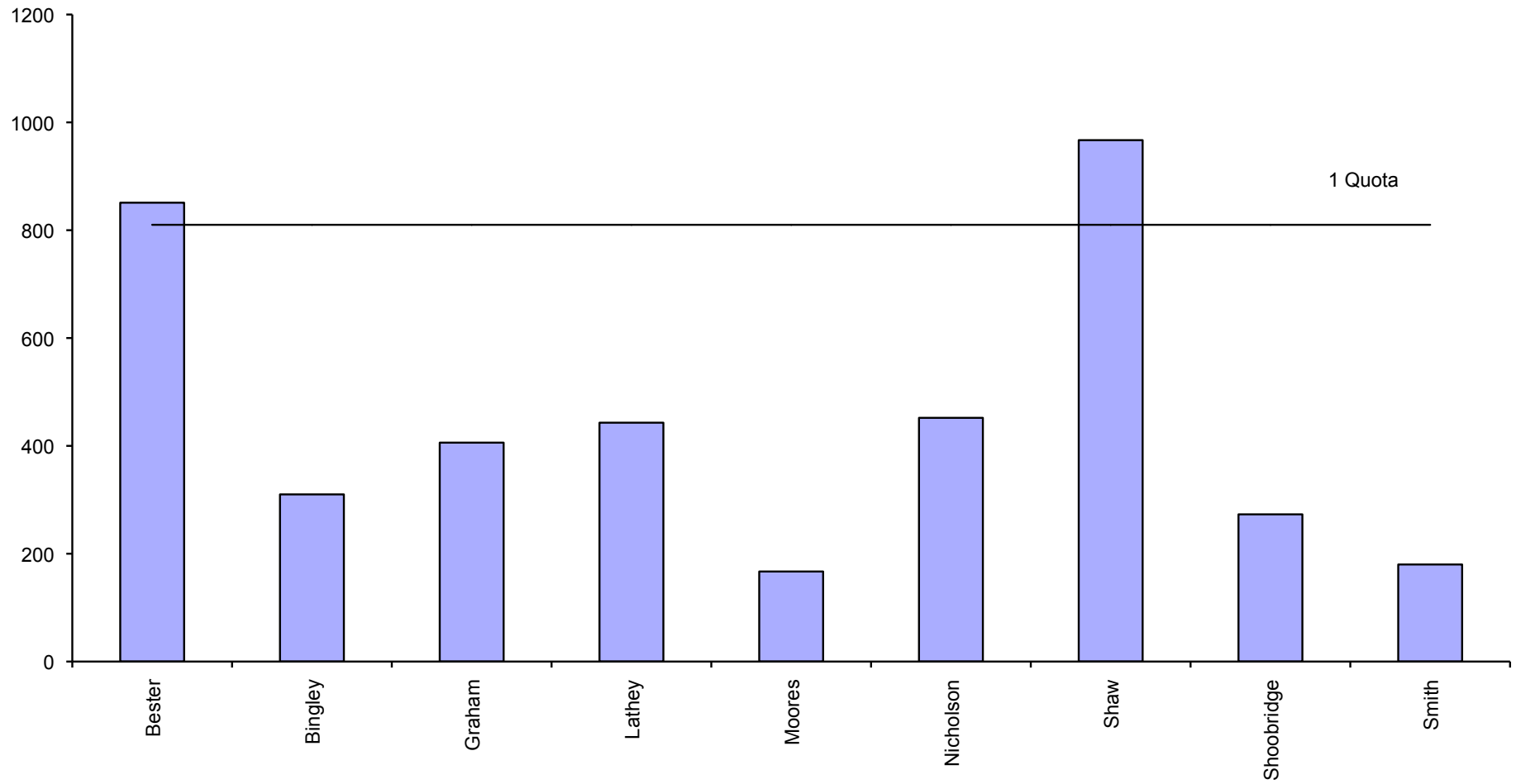
Rejection rate: 0.72%

Informality rate: 1.94%

Quota = 810

Count	Bester	Bingley	Graham	Lathey	Moores	Nicholson	Shaw	Shoobridge	Smith	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	851.00	310.00	406.00	443.00	167.00	452.00	967.00	273.00	180.00			4 049.00	Shaw elected 1, Bester elected 2
2		18.18	24.19	36.04	11.04	26.13	- 157.00	22.08	19.32		0.02		Shaw's surplus distributed
	851.00	328.18	430.19	479.04	178.04	478.13	810.00	295.08	199.32		0.02	4 049.00	
3	- 41.00	9.10	6.31	5.20	6.02	6.02		4.76	3.56		0.03		Bester's surplus distributed
	810.00	337.28	436.50	484.24	184.06	484.15	810.00	299.84	202.88		0.05	4 049.00	
4 to 6		24.13	49.27	27.08	- 184.06	29.70		37.06	16.75		0.07		Moores excluded
	810.00	361.41	485.77	511.32	0.00	513.85	810.00	336.90	219.63		0.12	4 049.00	
7 to 9		33.59	39.80	50.54		34.32		58.57	- 219.63	2.78	0.03		Smith excluded
	810.00	395.00	525.57	561.86		548.17	810.00	395.47	0.00	2.78	0.15	4 049.00	
10 to 12		- 395.00	76.62	111.67		79.99		117.31		9.40	0.01		Bingley excluded
	810.00		602.19	673.53		628.16	810.00	512.78		12.18	0.16	4 049.00	
13			152.00	156.00		110.00		- 465.00		47.00	0.00		Shoobridge part excluded
	810.00		754.19	829.53		738.16	810.00	47.78		59.18	0.16	4 049.00	Lathey elected 3
14 to 15			23.62			18.89		- 47.78		5.27	0.00		Shoobridge excluded
	810.00		777.81	829.53		757.05	810.00			64.45	0.16	4 049.00	
16			10.14	- 19.53		8.01				1.37	0.01		Lathey's surplus distributed
	810.00		787.95	810.00		765.06	810.00			65.82	0.17	4 049.00	Graham elected 4

2009 Derwent Valley Councillor election - first preferences



Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4133

Formal Votes: 4092

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

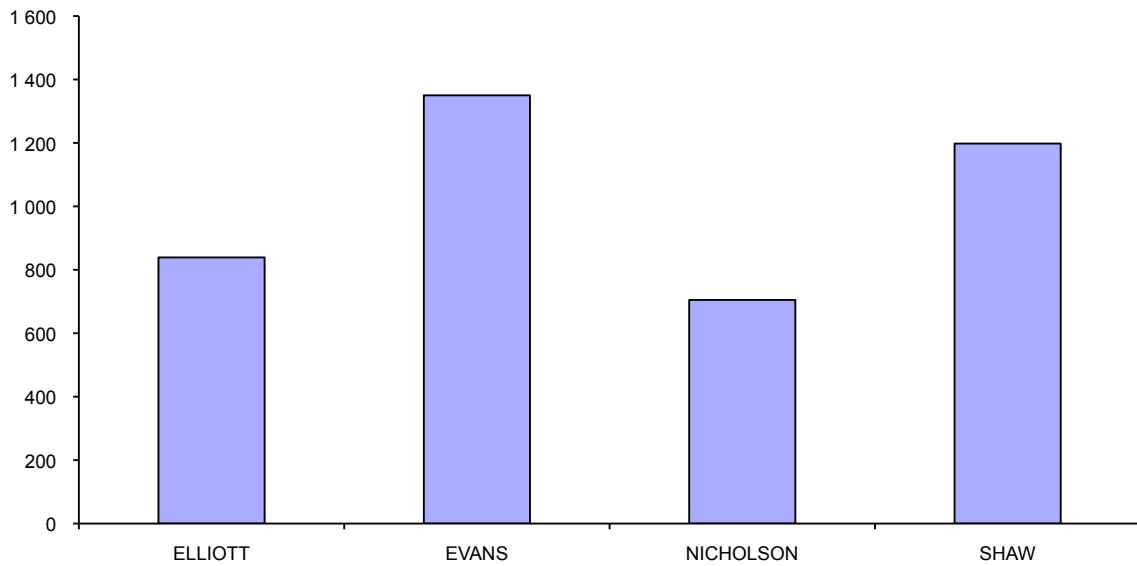
Informal ballot papers: 37

Total ballot papers: 4129

Informality rate: 0.90%

		Candidates				Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		ELLIOTT	EVANS	NICHOLSON	SHAW				
Count 1	Progress Total	839	1 350	705	1 198	0	4 092	2 047	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	145	256	- 705	209	95			Nicholson excluded
	Progress Total	984	1 606	0	1 407	95	4 092	1 999	
Count 3	Votes transferred	- 984	522		341	121			Elliott excluded
	Progress Total	0	2 128		1 748	216	4 092	1 939	EVANS elected

2009 Derwent Valley Mayor election - first preferences



Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4133

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 4129

Formal Votes: 4079

Informal ballot papers: 50

Informality rate: 1.21%

		Candidates			Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		FARRELL	LATHEY	SHOBRIDGE				
Count 1	Progress Total	1 522	1 369	1 188		4 079	2 040	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	569	430	-1 188	189			Shoobridge excluded
	Progress Total	2 091	1 799	0	189	4 079	1 946	FARRELL elected

2009 Derwent Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

