



Devonport City 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 Devonport City Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 6 Councillors (Aldermen) for 4 year terms.

18 443 Devonport City electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 18 173 (98.54%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 270 (1.46%) from the General Manager's roll.

56.41% of Devonport City electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

| Mayor | | Councillors (Aldermen) | |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| ★ LAYCOCK, Lynn* | Don | BOURKE, Jonathan (Jono) | Devonport |
| WILSON, Bill | Devonport | ★ COLE, Brian (Snapper)* | Hawley Beach |
| | | HATTO, Jon | Devonport |
| | | ★ HOLLISTER, Peter Graham* | Shearwater |
| | | ★ KEAY, Justine | Devonport |
| Deputy Mayor | | ★ KENT, Graham (GB)* | East Devonport |
| ★ HILL, Maurice Walton* | Ambleside | McCALL, Mark | Devonport |
| KENT, Graham (GB) | East Devonport | McCOY, Damian Gerald | Devonport |
| | | ★ MARTIN, Steve | Devonport |
| | | ★ PERRY, Leon | Latrobe |
| | | SPURLING, Dave | Devonport |
| | | TIDSWELL, Matt | Miandetta |

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Devonport City Councillors (Aldermen) following the 2009 elections

| Mayor | 12 Councillors (Aldermen) | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>term ends 2011</i> | <i>term ends 2013</i> | <i>term ends 2011</i> |
| LAYCOCK, Lynn | MARTIN, Steve | LAYCOCK, Lynn |
| | PERRY, Leon | WILSON, Bill |
| Deputy Mayor | HOLLISTER, Peter Graham | HILL, Maurice Walton |
| <i>term ends 2011</i> | KENT, Graham (GB) | ROCKLIFF, Annette |
| HILL, Maurice Walton | COLE, Brian (Snapper) | NASIUKIEWICZ, Jarrod |
| | KEAY, Justine | GOODWIN, Grant |

Devonport City Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 18 443

Declarations rejected: 165

Number to be elected: 6

Declarations returned: 10 404

Declarations admitted: 10 239

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Response: 56.41%

Rejection rate: 1.59%

| Count | Bourke | Cole | Hatto | Hollister | Key | Kent | McCall | McCoy | Martin | Perry |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 411.00 | 1 055.00 | 412.00 | 1332.00 | 702.00 | 1 190.00 | 304.00 | 368.00 | 2 037.00 | 1 498.00 |
| 2 | 28.30 | 116.21 | 33.67 | 109.36 | 54.82 | 103.69 | 36.95 | 47.97 | - 607.00 | |
| | 439.30 | 1 171.21 | 445.67 | 1 441.36 | 756.82 | 1 293.69 | 340.95 | 415.97 | 1 430.00 | 1 498.00 |
| 3 | 4.67 | 15.29 | 7.30 | | 6.44 | 14.75 | 5.12 | 5.53 | | - 68.00 |
| | 443.97 | 1 186.50 | 452.97 | 1 441.36 | 763.26 | 1 308.44 | 346.07 | 421.50 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 4 | 0.80 | 2.63 | 0.74 | - 11.36 | 0.95 | 3.28 | 0.80 | 1.02 | | |
| | 444.77 | 1 189.13 | 453.71 | 1 430.00 | 764.21 | 1 311.72 | 346.87 | 422.52 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 5 to 8 | 39.41 | 49.84 | 21.71 | | 70.89 | 39.48 | - 346.87 | 57.89 | | |
| | 484.18 | 1 238.97 | 475.42 | 1 430.00 | 835.10 | 1 351.20 | 0.00 | 480.41 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 9 to 12 | 47.14 | 73.04 | 49.23 | | 64.42 | 56.05 | | 75.46 | | |
| | 531.32 | 1 312.01 | 524.65 | 1 430.00 | 899.52 | 1 407.25 | | 555.87 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 13 | 36.00 | 96.00 | 49.00 | | 130.00 | 66.00 | | 60.00 | | |
| | 567.32 | 1 408.01 | 573.65 | 1 430.00 | 1 029.52 | 1 473.25 | | 615.87 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 14 to 16 | 8.13 | 10.42 | 10.99 | | 10.63 | | | 7.83 | | |
| | 575.45 | 1 418.43 | 584.64 | 1 430.00 | 1 040.15 | 1 473.25 | | 623.70 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 17 | 6.55 | 17.69 | 4.58 | | 7.20 | - 43.25 | | 7.20 | | |
| | 582.00 | 1 436.12 | 589.22 | 1 430.00 | 1 047.35 | 1 430.00 | | 630.90 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 18 | 1.13 | - 6.12 | 1.58 | | 1.35 | | | 1.35 | | |
| | 583.13 | 1 430.00 | 590.80 | 1 430.00 | 1 048.70 | 1 430.00 | | 632.25 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 19 to 24 | - 583.13 | | 215.14 | | 216.27 | | | 140.73 | | |
| | 0.00 | 1 430.00 | 805.94 | 1 430.00 | 1 264.97 | 1 430.00 | | 772.98 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |
| 25 | | | 291.00 | | 352.00 | | | - 669.00 | | |
| | | 1 430.00 | 1 096.94 | 1 430.00 | 1 616.97 | 1 430.00 | | 103.98 | 1 430.00 | 1 430.00 |

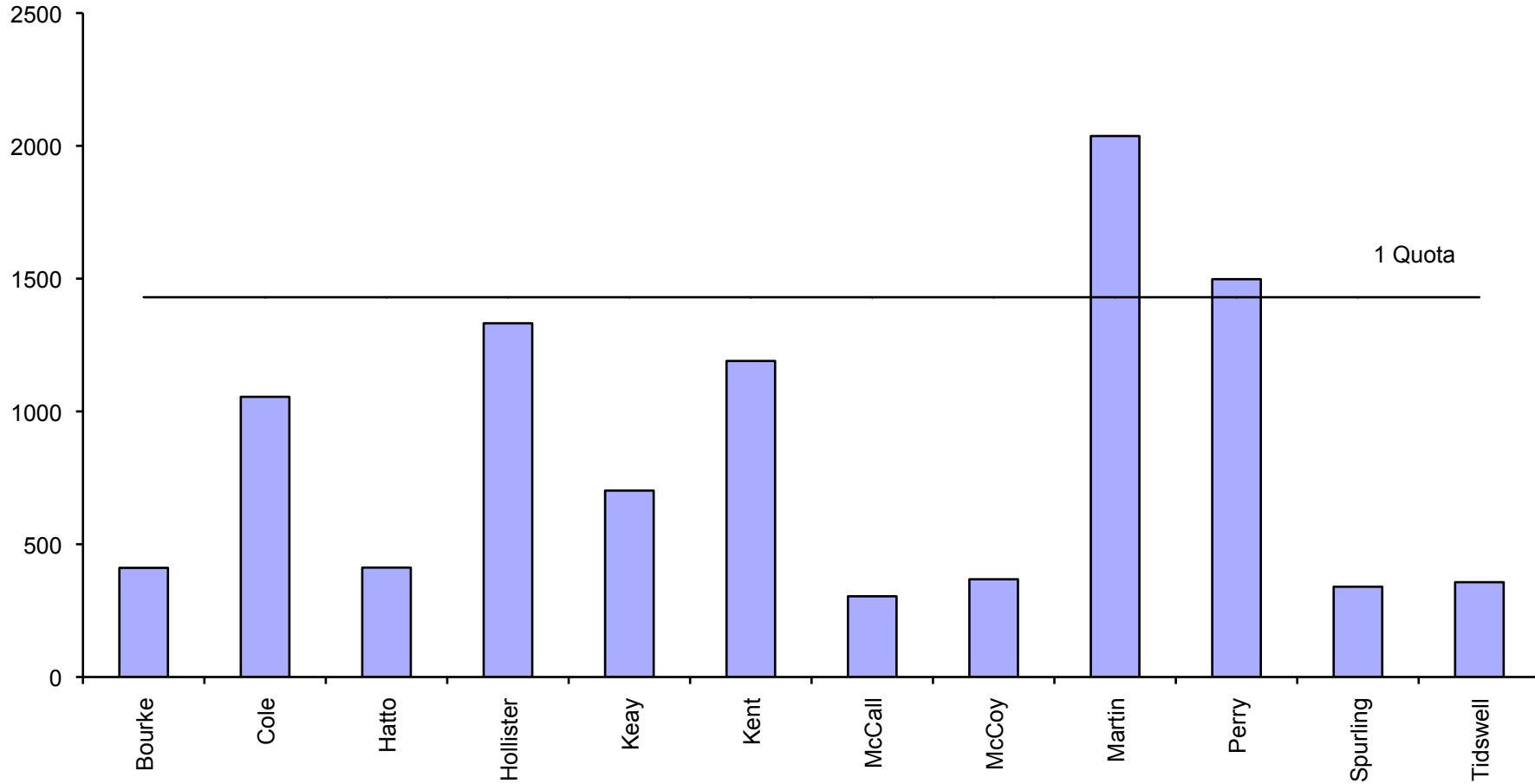
Ballot paper adjustment: 9
 Total ballot papers: 10 230

Formal Votes: 10 006
 Informal ballot papers: 224
 Informality rate: 2.19%

Quota = 1430

| Spurling | Tidswell | Votes Exhausted | Loss (Gain) by Fraction | Total Votes | Remarks |
|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| 340.00 | 357.00 | | | 10 006.00 | Martin elected 1, Perry elected 2 |
| 43.80 | 32.18 | | 0.05 | | Martin's surplus distributed |
| 383.80 | 389.18 | | 0.05 | 10 006.00 | Hollister elected 3 |
| 3.81 | 5.03 | | 0.06 | | Perry's surplus distributed |
| 387.61 | 394.21 | | 0.11 | 10 006.00 | |
| 0.74 | 0.37 | | 0.03 | | Hollister's surplus distributed |
| 388.35 | 394.58 | | 0.14 | 10 006.00 | |
| 25.92 | 41.66 | | 0.07 | | McCall excluded |
| 414.27 | 436.24 | | 0.21 | 10 006.00 | |
| - 414.27 | 48.88 | | 0.05 | | Spurling excluded |
| 0.00 | 485.12 | | 0.26 | 10 006.00 | |
| | - 437.00 | | 0.00 | | Tidswell part excluded |
| | 48.12 | | 0.26 | 10 006.00 | Kent elected 4 |
| | - 48.12 | 0.09 | 0.03 | | Tidswell excluded |
| | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.29 | 10 006.00 | |
| | | 0.00 | 0.03 | | Kent's surplus distributed |
| | | 0.09 | 0.32 | 10 006.00 | Cole elected 5 |
| | | 0.67 | 0.04 | | Cole's surplus distributed |
| | | 0.76 | 0.36 | 10 006.00 | |
| | | 10.94 | 0.05 | | Bourke excluded |
| | | 11.70 | 0.41 | 10 006.00 | |
| | | 26.00 | 0.00 | | McCoy part excluded |
| | | 37.70 | 0.41 | 10 006.00 | Keay elected 6 |

2009 Devonport City Councillor election - first preferences



Devonport City Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 10239

Formal Votes: 10041

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

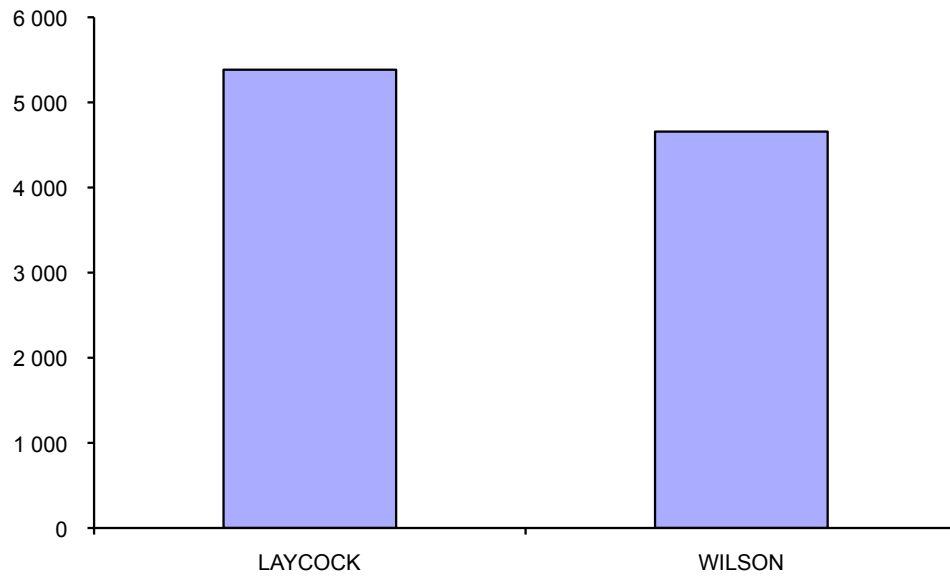
Informal ballot papers: 189

Total ballot papers: 10230

Informality rate: 1.85%

| | | Candidates | | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|------------|--------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | LAYCOCK | WILSON | | | |
| Count 1 | First Preferences | 5 384 | 4 657 | 10 041 | 5 021 | LAYCOCK elected |

2009 Devonport City Mayor election - first preferences



Devonport City Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 10239

Formal Votes: 10056

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Informal ballot papers: 174

Total ballot papers: 10230

Informality rate: 1.70%

| | | Candidates | | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | HILL | KENT | | | |
| Count 1 | First Preferences | 5 515 | 4 541 | 10 056 | 5 029 | HILL elected |

2009 Devonport City Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

