



Huon 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 Huon Valley Council Election

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

10 757 Huon Valley electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 10 319 (95.93%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 438 (4.07%) from the General Manager's roll.

63.14% of Huon Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ ARMSTRONG, Robert*	Cygnets	★ DUGGAN, Tony*	Huonville
		FEELY, Anna	Judbury
		★ GUDDEN, Rohan	Cygnets
		★ HERON, Bruce*	Grove
Deputy Mayor		HOWIE, Miranda	Petcneys Bay
★ HERON, Bruce	Grove	HUGHES, John	Lymington
SMITH, Liz	Cygnets	LEVERTON, Celia	Franklin
WILSON, Mike	Castle Forbes Bay	McKIBBEN, Abby	Geeveston
		NEAL, Elizabeth Heather	Huonville
		O'MAY, Mark	Judbury
		PAGE, Karen	Cygnets
		RICHARDSON, Tony*	Franklin
		SKINNER, Andrew David	Hastings
		SWAN, Bill	Dover
		★ WILSON, Mike*	Castle Forbes Bay
		★ WOODRUFF, Rosalie	Lymington

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Huon Valley Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
ARMSTRONG, Robert	WOODRUFF, Rosalie	ARMSTRONG, Robert
Deputy Mayor	HERON, Bruce	SMITH, Liz
<i>term ends 2011</i>	WILSON, Mike	PAUL, Ian
HERON, Bruce	DUGGAN, Tony	DOYLE, Gary
	GUDDEN, Rohan	

Huon Valley Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 10 757

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 6 792

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Response: 63.14%

Count	Duggan	Feely	Gudden	Heron	Howie	Hughes	Leverton	McKibben	Neal	O'May	Page
1	688.00	81.00	682.00	1 043.00	104.00	84.00	95.00	331.00	130.00	342.00	327.00
2	1.04	10.08	1.70	1.04	3.14	7.46	123.58	3.79	2.74	1.44	3.14
	689.04	91.08	683.70	1 044.04	107.14	91.46	218.58	334.79	132.74	343.44	330.14
3 to 4	2.00	- 91.08	1.52	2.00	11.78	18.61	30.32	5.52	7.39	1.13	6.39
	691.04	0.00	685.22	1 046.04	118.92	110.07	248.90	340.31	140.13	344.57	336.53
5 to 6	5.00		9.26	5.00	4.91	- 110.07	46.41	6.52	4.26	2.00	5.13
	696.04		694.48	1 051.04	123.83	0.00	295.31	346.83	144.39	346.57	341.66
7 to 8	4.00		18.26	4.26	- 123.83		41.09	12.26	5.52	8.39	12.39
	700.04		712.74	1 055.30	0.00		336.40	359.09	149.91	354.96	354.05
9 to 10	10.13		7.00	16.13			28.48	21.00	10.13	8.00	9.26
	710.17		719.74	1 071.43			364.88	380.09	160.04	362.96	363.31
11 to 12	8.26		14.13	16.65			28.17	18.91	- 160.04	16.26	29.39
	718.43		733.87	1 088.08			393.05	399.00	0.00	379.22	392.70
13 to 14	26.26		9.52	13.13			41.35	15.52		34.52	27.26
	744.69		743.39	1 101.21			434.40	414.52		413.74	419.96
15	47.00		19.00	48.00			12.00	34.00		40.00	25.00
	791.69		762.39	1 149.21			446.40	448.52		453.74	444.96
16	0.26		0.26				0.52	0.13		0.13	0.00
	791.95		762.65	1 149.21			446.92	448.65		453.87	444.96
17	14.75		4.91	- 47.21			2.95	6.88		5.90	3.93
	806.70		767.56	1 102.00			449.87	455.53		459.77	448.89
18 to 20	102.63		46.11				67.83	89.70		68.52	- 448.89
	909.33		813.67	1 102.00			517.70	545.23		528.29	0.00
21	22.00		50.00				- 370.00	124.00		68.00	
	931.33		863.67	1 102.00			147.70	669.23		596.29	
22 to 23	7.59		23.56				- 147.70	42.41		21.20	
	938.92		887.23	1 102.00				711.64		617.49	
24	0.48		0.38					0.48		0.77	
	939.40		887.61	1 102.00				712.12		618.26	
25	239.00		133.00					162.00		- 587.00	
	1 178.40		1 020.61	1 102.00				874.12		31.26	
26 to 28			10.20					16.03		- 31.26	
	1 178.40		1 030.81	1 102.00				890.15		0.00	
29	- 76.40		21.73					39.63			
	1 102.00		1 052.54	1 102.00				929.78			

Declarations rejected: 57

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Formal Votes: 6 609

Declarations admitted: 6 735

Total ballot papers: 6 735

Informal ballot papers: 126

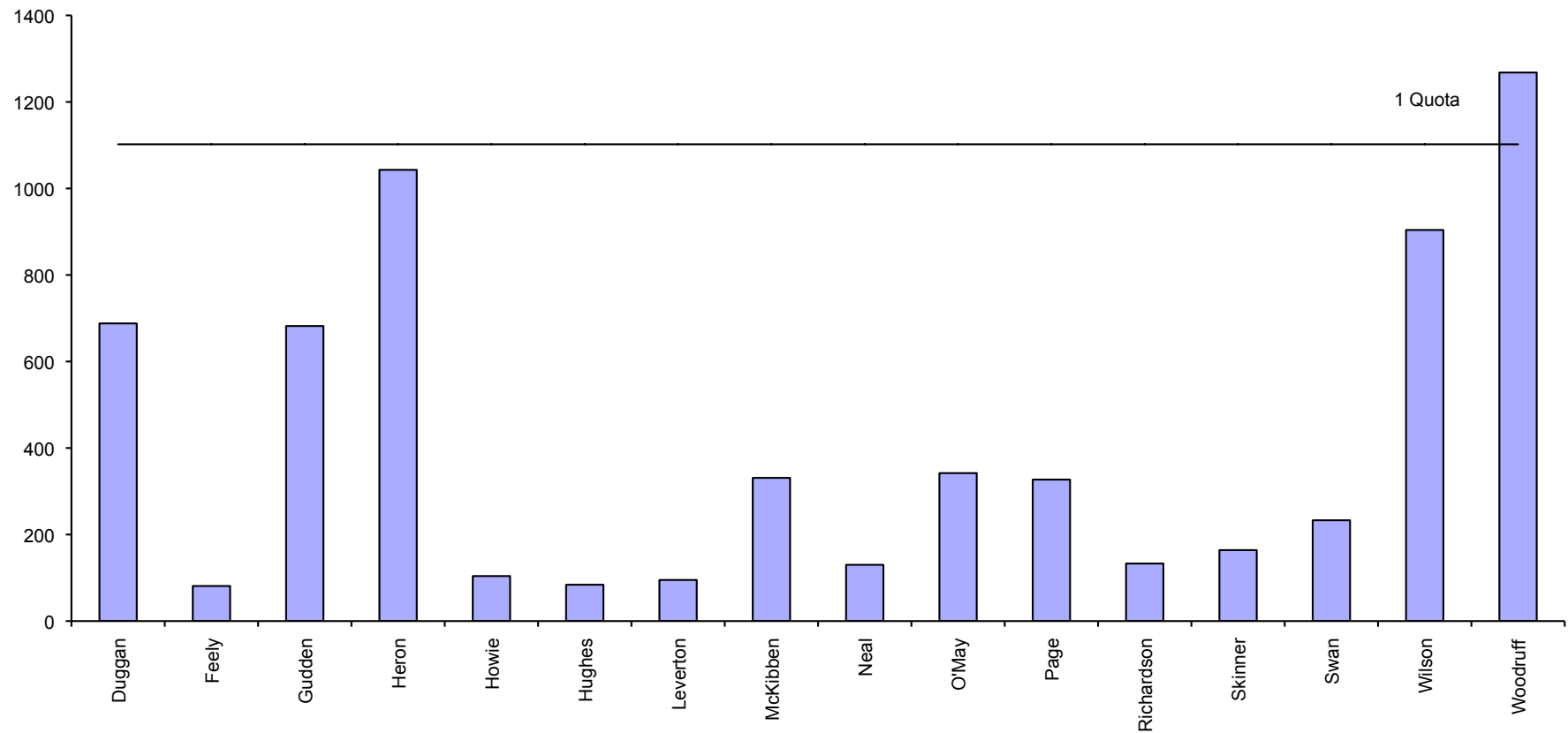
Rejection rate: 0.84%

Informality rate: 1.87%

Quota = 1 102

Richardson	Skinner	Swan	Wilson	Woodruff	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
133.00	164.00	233.00	904.00	1 268.00			6 609.00	Woodruff elected 1
2.74	3.27	0.65	0.13	- 166.00		0.06		Woodruff's surplus distributed
135.74	167.27	233.65	904.13	1 102.00		0.06	6 609.00	
1.13	1.26	1.00	1.00			0.03		Feely excluded
136.87	168.53	234.65	905.13	1 102.00		0.09	6 609.00	
4.65	8.65	3.13	5.13			0.02		Hughes excluded
141.52	177.18	237.78	910.26	1 102.00		0.11	6 609.00	
3.26	9.13	3.26	2.00			0.01		Howie excluded
144.78	186.31	241.04	912.26	1 102.00		0.12	6 609.00	
- 144.78	10.39	11.00	12.26		1.00	0.00		Richardson excluded
0.00	196.70	252.04	924.52	1 102.00	1.00	0.12	6 609.00	
	18.00	6.26	4.00		0.00	0.01		Neal excluded
	214.70	258.30	928.52	1 102.00	1.00	0.13	6 609.00	
	- 214.70	28.13	16.00		3.00	0.01		Skinner excluded
	0.00	286.43	944.52	1 102.00	4.00	0.14	6 609.00	
		- 285.00	60.00		0.00	0.00		Swan excluded
		1.43	1 004.52	1 102.00	4.00	0.14	6 609.00	Heron elected 2
		- 1.43	0.13		0.00	0.00		Swan excluded
		0.00	1 004.65	1 102.00	4.00	0.14	6 609.00	
			7.86		0.00	0.03		Heron's surplus distributed
			1 012.51	1 102.00	4.00	0.17	6 609.00	
			65.11		8.98	0.01		Page excluded
			1 077.62	1 102.00	12.98	0.18	6 609.00	
			27.00		79.00	0.00		Leverton part excluded
			1 104.62	1 102.00	91.98	0.18	6 609.00	Wilson elected 3
					52.95	- 0.01		Leverton excluded
			1 104.62	1 102.00	144.93	0.17	6 609.00	
			- 2.62		0.48	0.03		Wilson's surplus distributed
			1 102.00	1 102.00	145.41	0.20	6 609.00	
					53.00	0.00		O'May part excluded
			1 102.00	1 102.00	198.41	0.20	6 609.00	Duggan elected 4
					5.03	0.00		O'May excluded
			1 102.00	1 102.00	203.44	0.20	6 609.00	
					15.02	0.02		Duggan's surplus distributed
			1 102.00	1 102.00	218.46	0.22	6 609.00	Gudden elected 5

2009 Huon Valley Councillor election - first preferences



Huon Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Mayor — Robert Armstrong (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 6735

Formal Votes: 6631

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Informal ballot papers: 104

Total ballot papers: 6735

Informality rate: 1.54%

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		HERON	SMITH	WILSON				
Count 1	Progress Total	2 507	2 441	1 683	0	6 631	3 316	First Preferences
	Votes transferred	1 290	212	-1 683	181			Wilson Excluded
Count 2	Progress Total	3 797	2 653	0	181	6 631	3 226	Heron Elected

2009 Huon Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

