



Sorell 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 Sorell Council Election

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

9421 Sorell electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 9195 (97.60%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 226 (2.40%) from the General Manager's roll.

54.75% of Sorell electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
DEGRASSI, Kerry	Dodges Ferry	★ DEGRASSI, Kerry*	Dodges Ferry
THE DUKE OF AVRAM, John	Sorell	LEACH, Robert	Copping
★ TORENIUS, Carmel*	Forcett	★ PURDON, Mike*	Sorell
		THE DUKE OF AVRAM, John	Sorell
		★ TORENIUS, Carmel*	Forcett
		★ VINCENT, Kerry	Dodges Ferry
Deputy Mayor			
DUNBABIN, James Francis	Penna		
★ EVANS, Graeme*	Sorell		

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Sorell Councillors following the 2009 elections

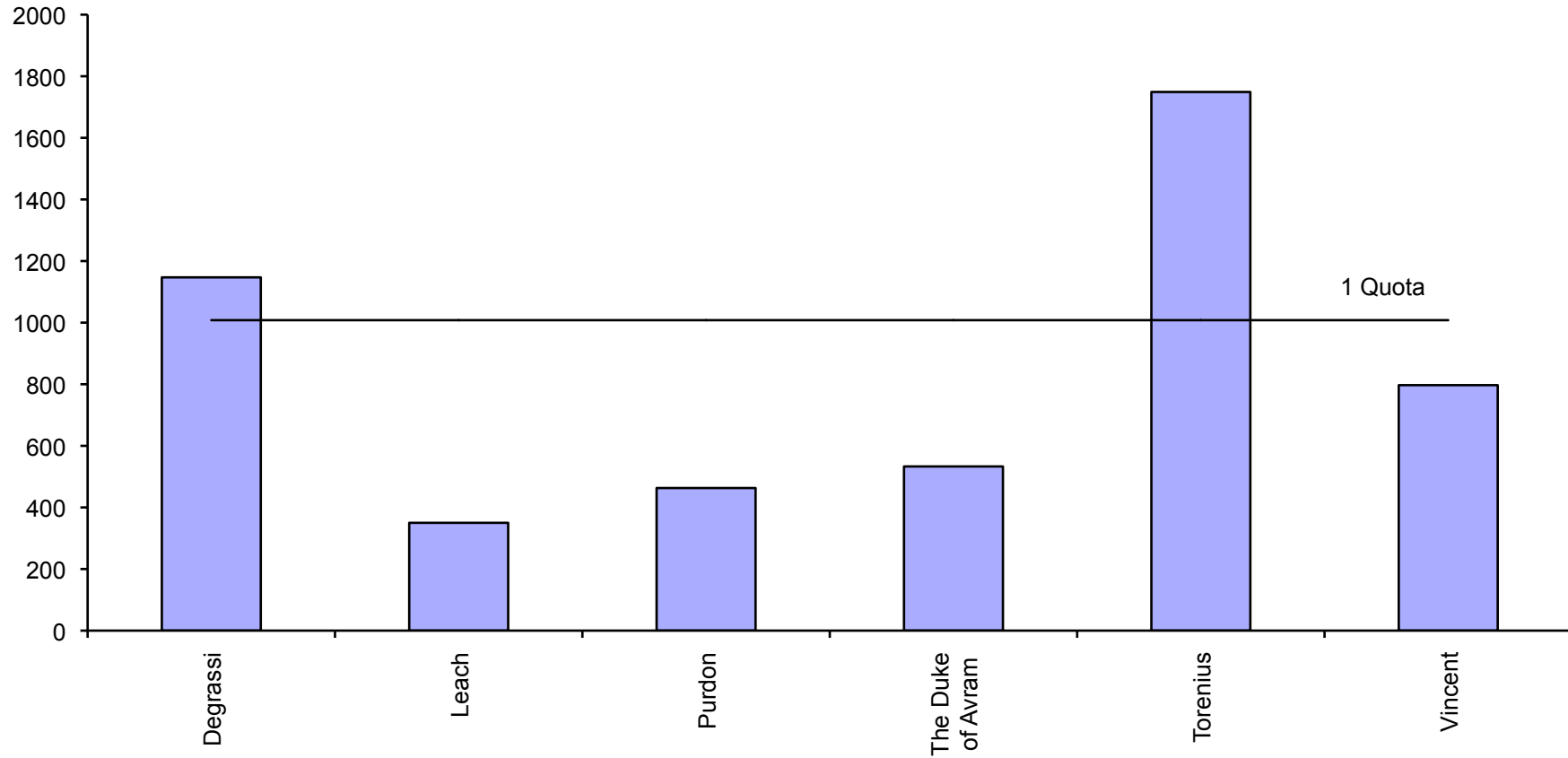
Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
TORENIUS, Carmel	TORENIUS, Carmel	DUNBABIN, James F
Deputy Mayor	DEGRASSI, Kerry	McDONALD, Brett
<i>term ends 2011</i>	VINCENT, Kerry	EVANS, Graeme
EVANS, Graeme	PURDON, Mike	YOUNG, Judy
		DEAN, Bryan

Sorell Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009 Electors enrolled: 9421 Declarations rejected: 40 Ballot paper adjustment: 7 Formal Votes: 5039
 Number to be elected: 4 Declarations returned: 5158 Declarations admitted: 5118 Total ballot papers: 5111 Informal ballot papers: 72
 Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar Response: 54.75% Rejection rate: 0.78% Informality rate: 1.41%
 Quota = 1008

Count	Degrassi	Leach	Purdon	The Duke of Avram	Torenius	Vincent	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	1 147.00	350.00	463.00	533.00	1 749.00	797.00			5 039.00	Torenius elected 1, Degrassi elected 2
2		180.48	187.68	65.24	- 741.00	307.58		0.02		Torenius' surplus distributed
	1 147.00	530.48	650.68	598.24	1 008.00	1 104.58		0.02	5 039.00	Vincent elected 3
3	- 139.00	49.20	59.38	30.41				0.01		Degrassi's surplus distributed
	1 008.00	579.68	710.06	628.65	1 008.00	1 104.58		0.03	5 039.00	
4		52.14	36.84	7.58		- 96.58		0.02		Vincent's surplus distributed
	1 008.00	631.82	746.90	636.23	1 008.00	1 008.00		0.05	5 039.00	Leach excluded
5 to 6		- 530.48	387.96	121.08			21.43	0.01		
	1 008.00	101.34	1 134.86	757.31	1 008.00	1 008.00	21.43	0.06	5 039.00	Purdon elected 4

2009 Sorell Councillor election - first preferences



Sorell Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5118

Formal Votes: 5045

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

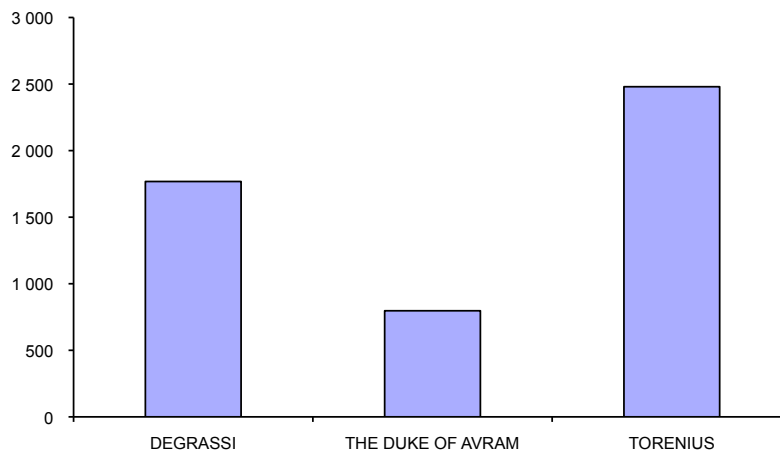
Informal ballot papers: 66

Total ballot papers: 5111

Informality rate: 1.29%

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DEGRASSI	THE DUKE OF AVRAM	TORENIUS				
Count 1	Progress Total	1 768	797	2 480	0	5 045	2 523	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	474	- 797	235	88			The Duke of Avram excluded
	Progress Total	2 242	0	2 715	88	5 045	2 479	Torenius elected

2009 Sorell Mayor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5118

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Total ballot papers: 5111

Formal Votes: 5046

Informal ballot papers: 65

Informality rate: 1.27%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DUNBABIN	EVANS			
Count 1	First Preferences	2 463	2 583	5 046	2 524	Evans elected

2009 Sorell Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

