



West Coast 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 West Coast Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 6 Councillors, 5 of which for 4 year terms and 1 casual vacancy for a 2 year term.

3298 West Coast electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 3238 (98.18%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 60 (1.82%) from the General Manager's roll.

65.65% of West Coast electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Recounts

A recount was conducted on 30 May 2008, to fill a vacancy for Councillor on the West Coast Council following the resignation of Miriam Hamill on 19 May 2008. Both unelected candidates from the 2007 West Coast Council election contested the recount.

A recount was conducted on 19 November 2008 to fill a vacancy for Councillor on the West Coast Council following the death of Mo El-Said on 4 November 2008. Three unelected candidates from the 2005 West Coast Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ GERRITY, Darryl*	Strahan	CAMPBELL, John	Zeehan
ROSE, Allen	Zeehan	CLARK, Sandra*	Zeehan
		^★ ELEY, Samantha	Zeehan
		★ GERRITY, Robyn*	Strahan
		MEDWIN, Sandra	Rosebery
Deputy Mayor		MORLEY, LES (L.J.)	Zeehan
★ MEDWIN, Al*	Rosebery	MURCHIE, Doug	Zeehan
		★ PITT, Shane Anthony	Queenstown
		★ REID, Peter*	Queenstown
		★ ROSE, Allen*	Zeehan
		SUTTON, Gordon	Queenstown
		TULL, Frank	Tullah
		van BALEN, Theo	Strahan
		★ VICKERS, Phil	Zeehan
		WILLIAMS, Ronn	Tullah

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

^ denotes filled casual vacancy

West Coast Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor

term ends 2011

GERRITY, Darryl

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2011

MEDWIN, Al

9 Councillors

term ends 2013

VICKERS, Phil

PITT, Shane Anthony

ROSE, Allen

REID, Peter

GERRITY, Robyn

term ends 2011

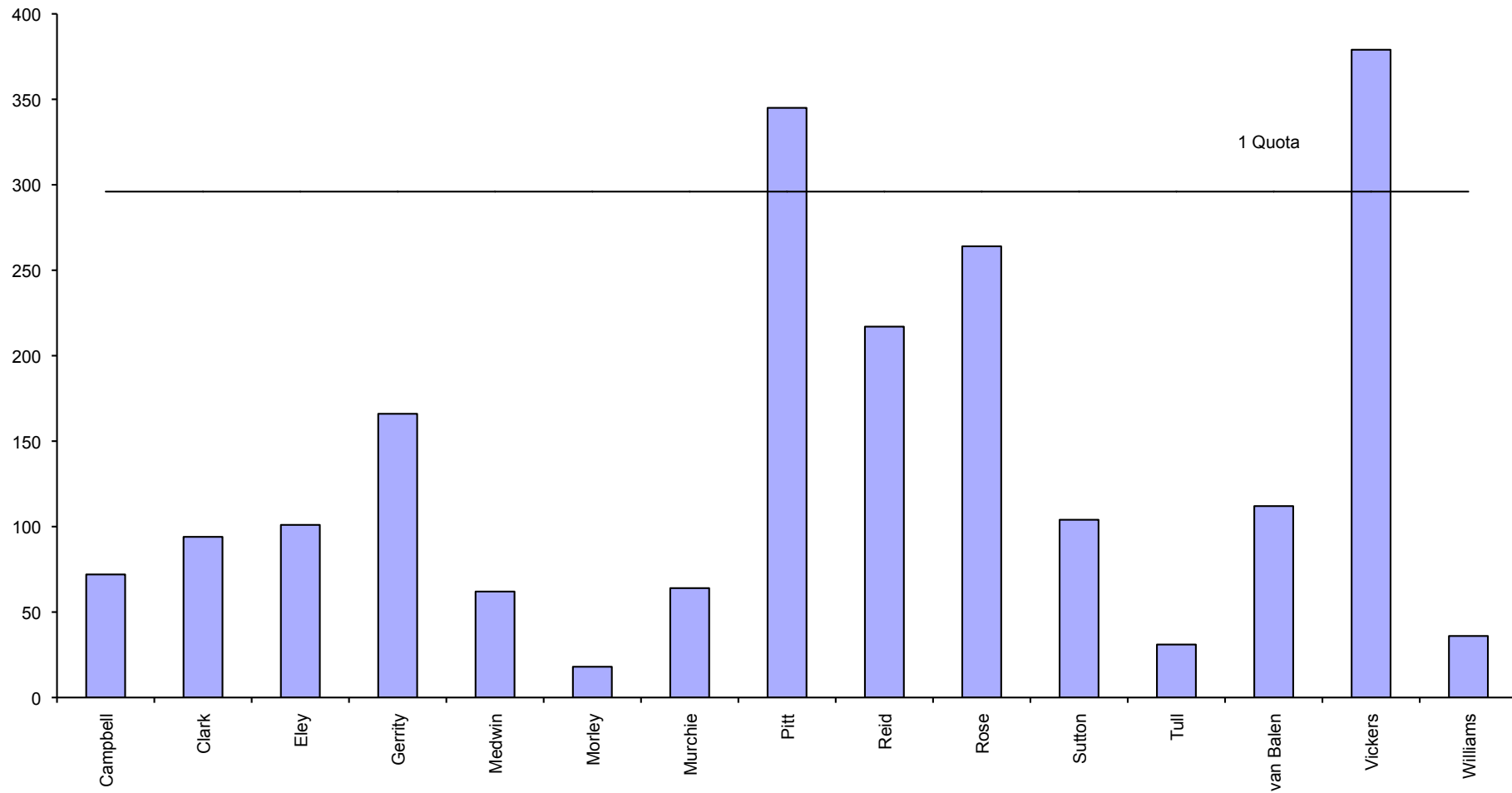
GERRITY, Darryl

MEDWIN, Al

GILES, Ross

ELEY, Samantha

2009 West Coast Councillor election - first preferences



West Coast Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 3 298

Number to be elected: 6

Declarations returned: 2 165

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Response: 65.65%

Count	Campbell	Clark	Eley	Gerrity	Medwin	Morley	Murchie	Pitt	Reid	Rose	Sutton
1	72.00	94.00	101.00	166.00	62.00	18.00	64.00	345.00	217.00	264.00	104.00
2	11.60	5.25	10.94	3.94	0.87	3.72	5.91		10.29	17.51	5.91
	83.60	99.25	111.94	169.94	62.87	21.72	69.91	345.00	227.29	281.51	109.91
3	2.41	2.98	2.13	3.83	0.99	0.71	1.13	- 49.00	17.18	2.55	9.23
	86.01	102.23	114.07	173.77	63.86	22.43	71.04	296.00	244.47	284.06	119.14
4 to 6	3.45	0.21	5.43	1.35	0.35	- 22.43	0.14		1.57	7.65	0.21
	89.46	102.44	119.50	175.12	64.21	0.00	71.18	296.00	246.04	291.71	119.35
7	1.00	2.00	1.00	4.00	3.00		1.00		0.00	10.00	1.00
	90.46	104.44	120.50	179.12	67.21		72.18	296.00	246.04	301.71	120.35
8 to 9	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.00	0.14		0.21		0.28		0.21
	90.46	104.44	121.15	179.12	67.35		72.39	296.00	246.32	301.71	120.56
10	2.85	0.00	0.00	1.14	0.00		0.00		0.57	- 5.71	0.57
	93.31	104.44	121.15	180.26	67.35		72.39	296.00	246.89	296.00	121.13
11 to 14	2.57	3.21	2.21	10.21	5.79		7.21		3.21		8.43
	95.88	107.65	123.36	190.47	73.14		79.60	296.00	250.10	296.00	129.56
15 to 17	9.00	15.43	6.57	15.77	- 73.14		3.79		7.14		9.28
	104.88	123.08	129.93	206.24	0.00		83.39	296.00	257.24	296.00	138.84
18 to 20	15.23	8.93	18.04	15.21			- 83.39		7.35		7.29
	120.11	132.01	147.97	221.45			0.00	296.00	264.59	296.00	146.13
21 to 24	- 120.11	19.45	44.01	8.31					13.04		19.96
	0.00	151.46	191.98	229.76				296.00	277.63	296.00	166.09
25		- 138.00	47.00	22.00					31.00		9.00
		13.46	238.98	251.76				296.00	308.63	296.00	175.09
26 to 28		- 13.46	3.75	2.82							2.94
		0.00	242.73	254.58				296.00	308.63	296.00	178.03
29			1.62	3.66					- 12.63		4.07
			244.35	258.24				296.00	296.00	296.00	182.10
30			30.00	51.00							- 154.00
			274.35	309.24				296.00	296.00	296.00	28.10
31 to 34			10.14								- 28.10
			284.49	309.24				296.00	296.00	296.00	0.00
35			4.67	- 13.24							
			289.16	296.00				296.00	296.00	296.00	

Declarations rejected: 37
 Declarations admitted: 2 128
 Rejection rate: 1.71%

Ballot paper adjustment: 0
 Total ballot papers: 2 128

Formal Votes: 2 065
 Informal ballot papers: 63
 Informality rate: 2.96%
 Quota = 296

Tull	van Balen	Vickers	Williams	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
31.00	112.00	379.00	36.00			2 065.00	Vickers elected 1, Pitt elected 2
1.53	3.50	- 83.00	1.97		0.06		Vickers' surplus distributed
32.53	115.50	296.00	37.97		0.06	2 065.00	
0.56	5.25		0.00		0.05		Pitt's surplus distributed
33.09	120.75	296.00	37.97		0.11	2 065.00	
0.00	0.00		2.00		0.07		Morley excluded
33.09	120.75	296.00	39.97		0.18	2 065.00	
- 31.00	2.00		6.00		0.00		Tull part excluded
2.09	122.75	296.00	45.97		0.18	2 065.00	Rose elected 3
- 2.09	0.00		0.57		0.03		Tull excluded
0.00	122.75	296.00	46.54		0.21	2 065.00	
	0.00		0.57		0.01		Rose's surplus distributed
	122.75	296.00	47.11		0.22	2 065.00	
	4.21		- 47.11		0.06		Williams excluded
	126.96	296.00	0.00		0.28	2 065.00	
	6.14				0.02		Medwin excluded
	133.10	296.00			0.30	2 065.00	
	10.31			1.00	0.03		Murchie excluded
	143.41	296.00		1.00	0.33	2 065.00	
	8.59			6.71	0.04		Campbell excluded
	152.00	296.00		7.71	0.37	2 065.00	
	27.00			2.00	0.00		Clark excluded
	179.00	296.00		9.71	0.37	2 065.00	Reid elected 4
	2.96			1.01	- 0.02		Clark excluded
	181.96	296.00		10.72	0.35	2 065.00	
	2.85			0.40	0.03		Reid's surplus distributed
	184.81	296.00		11.12	0.38	2 065.00	
	61.00			12.00	0.00		Sutton part excluded
	245.81	296.00		23.12	0.38	2 065.00	Gerrity elected 5
	15.53			2.46	- 0.03		Sutton excluded
	261.34	296.00		25.58	0.35	2 065.00	
	5.97			2.59	0.01		Gerrity's surplus distributed
	267.31	296.00		28.17	0.36	2 065.00	Eley elected 6

West Coast Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2128

Formal Votes: 2068

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

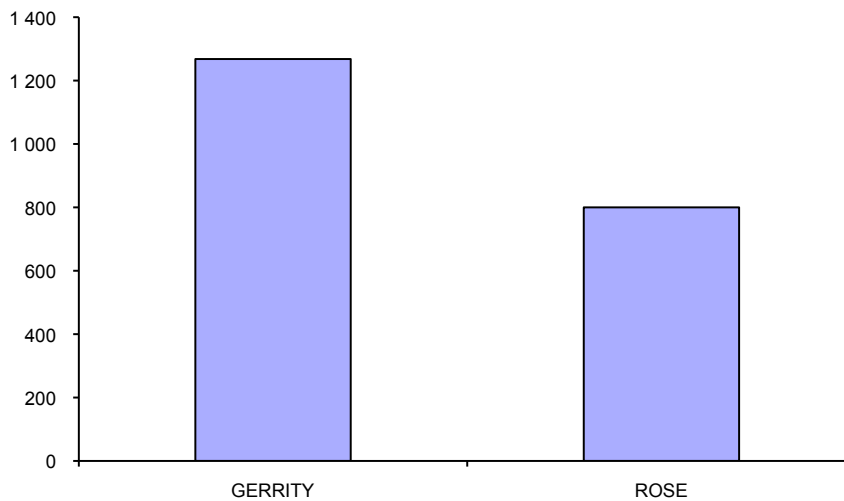
Informal ballot papers: 60

Total ballot papers: 2128

Informality rate: 2.82%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		GERRITY	ROSE			
Count 1	First Preferences	1 268	800	2 068	1 035	GERRITY elected

2009 West Coast Mayor election - first preferences



Deputy Mayor — Al Medwin (elected unopposed)

West Coast Council

Elector Poll

In mid 2008, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission conducted a poll of West Coast Council electors to gauge their opinion on the proposed move of Council administration from Zeehan to Queenstown.

The poll was conducted following lodgement of a petition signed by over 5% of the electors within the municipal area. Electors were asked whether they agreed to the proposed move.

Ballot material was delivered to West Coast electors from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 June 2008. The poll closed at 10am on Tuesday 8 July 2008.

Full details are provided below.

Polling closed at 10am 8 July 2008	Electors enrolled: 3438	Declarations Rejected: 24
Returning Officer: Rod Huskins	Declarations Returned: 1919	Declarations Admitted: 1895
	Response rate: 55.82%	Rejection rate: 1.25%
		Total Ballot Papers: 1892

Question

Do you agree with the proposed move of Council administration from Zeehan to Queenstown?

Yes	884	47.00%
No	997	53.00%
Informal Ballot Papers	<u>11</u>	
Total	1 892	

West Coast Council Recount

Recount due to resignation of Miriam Hamill

30 May 2008

		Candidates						
		HEPHER John	ROSE Allen	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Counts 1 to 2	Total	150.23	205.49	8.28	0.00	364.00	177.87	Distribution of HAMILL, ROSE elected

West Coast Council Recount

Recount due to death of Mo El-Said

19 November 2008

	CLARK Sandra	CUEVAS Rod	GARDINER Brian	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Counts 1 to 3 Total	128.44	115.39	133.16	0.00	0.01	377.00	188.50	Distribution of EL-SAID, CUEVAS excluded
Counts 4 to 6 Votes transferred	59.61	- 115.39	54.77	1.00	0.01			
Progress total	188.05	0.00	187.93	1.00	0.02	377.00	188.00	CLARK elected