



George Town Council

2002 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every second (even) year elections are held in all 29 councils 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.

The Tasmanian Electoral Office (TEO) 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 and 2002, with the next elections due in October 2004.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are elected directly by the electors in each municipal.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are available from the TEO and are posted on the TEO website www.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2002 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 14 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 19 September
Nomination period	23 September— 12 noon on 2 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 2 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 3 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	15–18 October
Polling period	15–29 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 29 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 2002 George Town Council Election

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

5 040 George Town electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 4 566 (90.60%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 474 (9.40%) from the General Manager's roll.

65.06% of George Town electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

Candidates at the 2002 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ ARCHER, Lawrence*	George Town	★ ARCHER, Lawrence*	George Town
BARWICK, Heather J	Beechford	★ BARWICK, Heather J*	Beechford
		★ BURT, Doug*	George Town
		DONNELLY, Nancy*	Hillwood
		★ TAYLOR, Andrew	George Town
		★ WIDDOWSON, John*	George Town
Deputy Mayor			
★ BURT, Doug*	George Town		

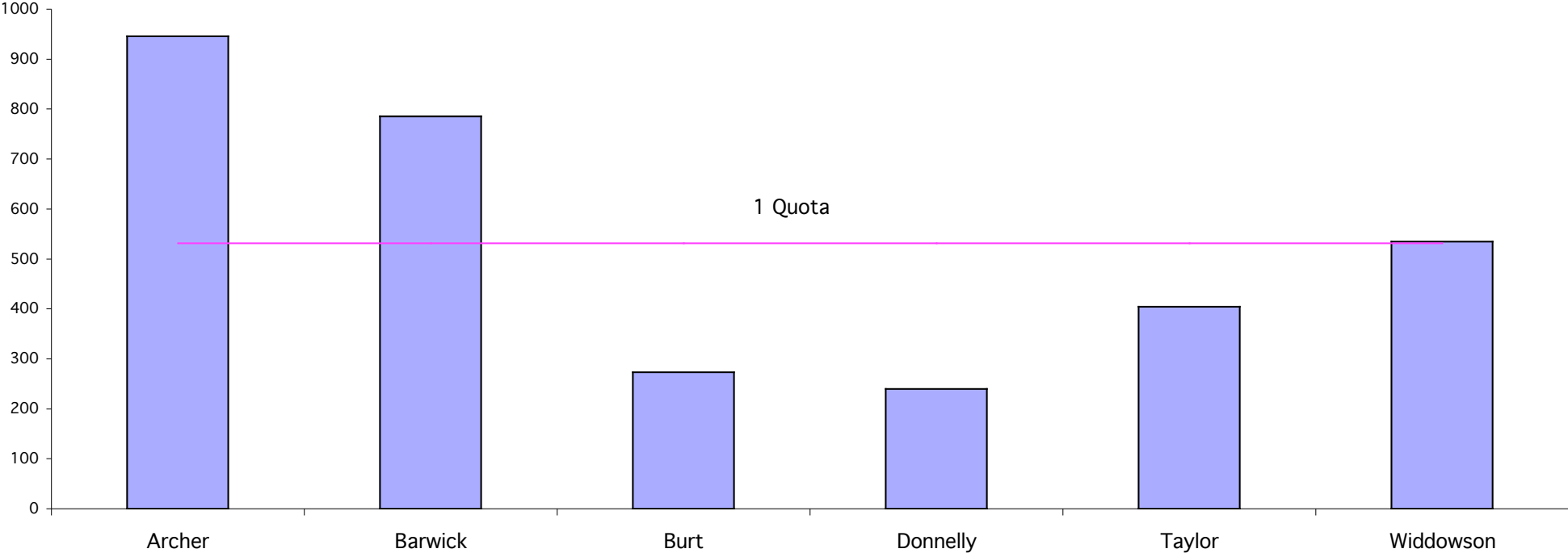
★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

George Town Councillors following the 2002 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2004</i>	<i>term ends 2006</i>	<i>term ends 2004</i>
ARCHER Lawrence	ARCHER Lawrence	SMITH June
	BARWICK Heather J	WALLACE Bob
Deputy Mayor	WIDDOWSON John	GEALE Stephen Norman
<i>term ends 2004</i>	TAYLOR Andrew	MACKRILL Don
BURT Doug	BURT Doug	

George Town Councillor 2002 First Preferences



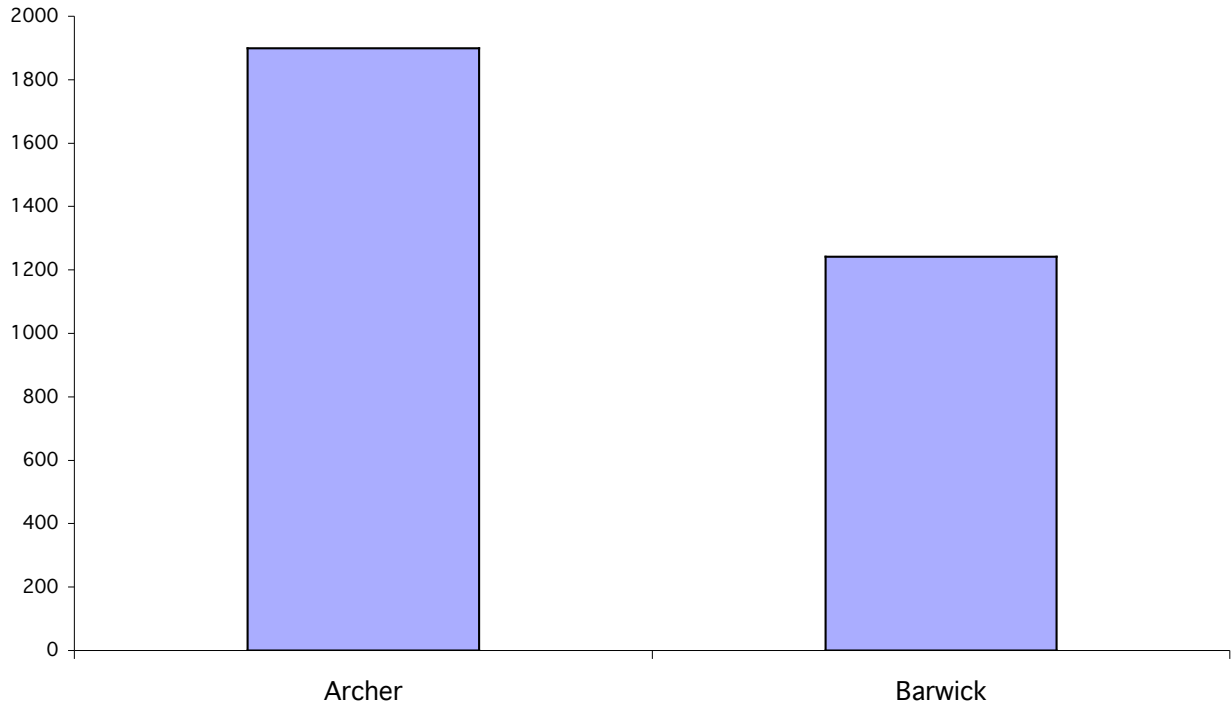
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Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002 Electors enrolled: 5040 Declarations rejected: 54 Ballot paper adjustment: 12 Formal Votes: 3183
 Number to be elected: 5 Declarations returned: 3279 Declarations admitted: 3225 Total ballot papers: 3213 Informal ballot papers: 30
 Returning Officer: Mr Joseph Brewin Response: 65.06% Rejection rate: 1.65% Informality rate: 0.93%

Quota= 531

		Candidates					Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks	
		Archer	Barwick	Burt	Donnelly	Taylor					Widdowson
Count 1	Total	946.00	785.00	273.00	240.00	404.00	535.00	0.00	0.00	3183	ARCHER elected 1, BARWICK elected 2, WIDDOWSON elected 3
Count 2	Votes transferred	-415.00		200.48	95.63	118.88		0.00	0.01		ARCHER's surplus distributed
Count 3	Progress totals	531.00	785.00	473.48	335.63	522.88	535.00	0.00	0.01	3183	
Count 4	Votes transferred		-254.00	71.83	100.62	80.89		0.64	0.02		BARWICK's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	531.00	531.00	545.31	436.25	603.77	535.00	0.64	0.03	3183	TAYLOR elected 4, BURT elected 5

George Town Mayor 2002 First Preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002

Returning Officer: Mr Joseph Brewin

Declarations admitted: 3225

Ballot paper adjustment: 14

Total ballot papers: 3211

Formal votes: 3140

Informal ballot papers: 71

Informality rate: 2.21%

Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		Archer	Barwick				
Count 1	Total	1899	1241	0	3140	1571	Archer elected

**Deputy Mayor— Doug Burt
Elected unopposed**