



Brighton Council

2005 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years 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 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) with the next elections due in October 2007.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are 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.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2005 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September— 12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 25 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 2005 Brighton Council Election

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

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 8722 Brighton electors were enrolled, comprising 8685 (99.58%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 37 (0.42%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Brighton electors returning their ballot papers was 48.35%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

Recounts

Two recounts were held between the 2002 and 2005 elections. Councillor Matt DePaoli resigned from the Brighton Council on Tuesday 1 July 2003. Two unelected candidates from the 2000 Brighton Council election contested the recount. The recount took place at noon Monday 14 July 2003. The other recount took place on Friday 9 January 2004 following the death of Councillor Cris Fitzpatrick on Thursday 1 January 2004. One unelected candidate from the 2000 Brighton Council election contested the recount and was therefore elected unopposed. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

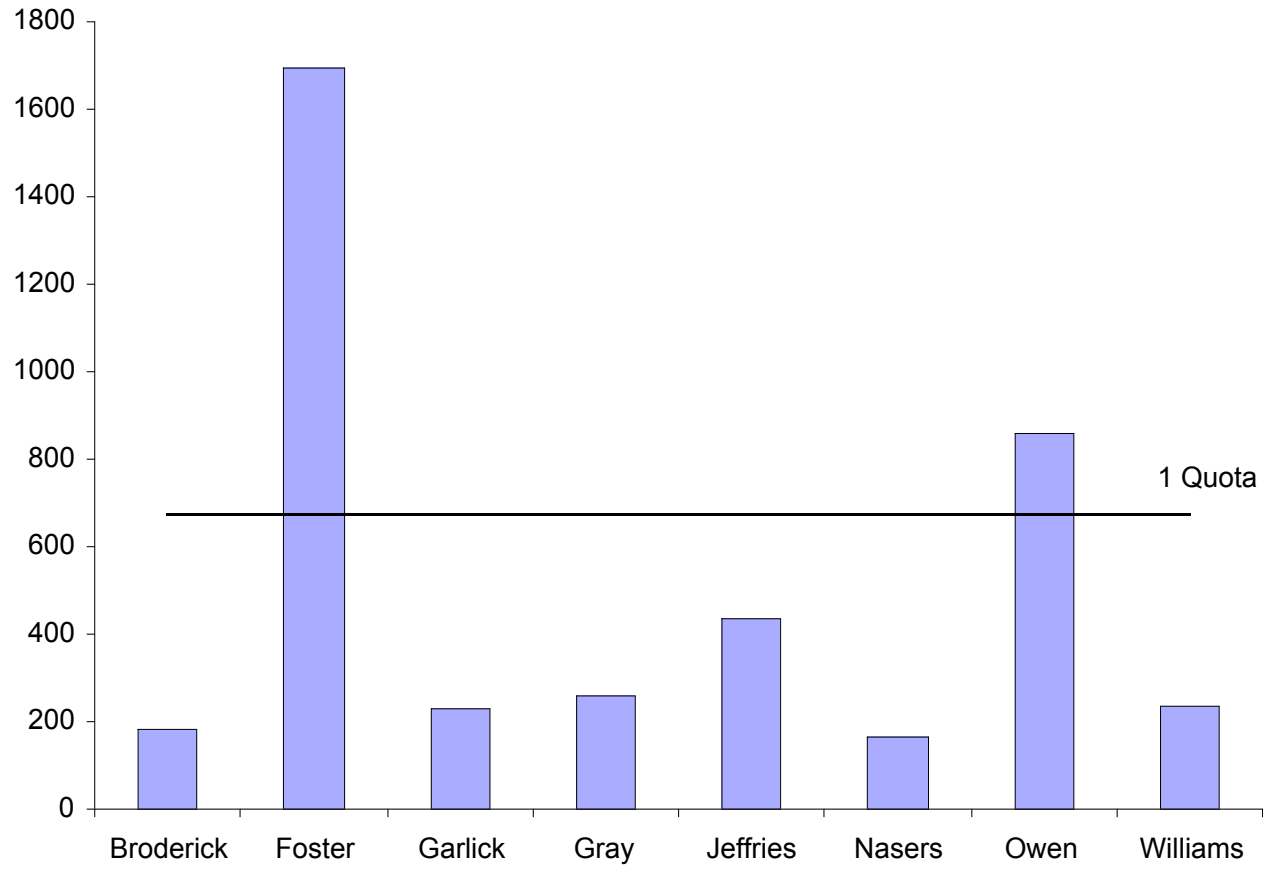
Mayor		Councillors	
★ FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville	BRODERICK, Wendy	Bridgewater
OWEN, Phil	Old Beach	★ FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville
		GARLICK, Wayne	Bridgewater
		★ GRAY, Leigh	Brighton
		★ JEFFRIES, Ted*	Brighton
Deputy Mayor		NASERS, Gary	Gagebrook
★ JEFFRIES, Ted*	Brighton	★ OWEN, Phil*	Old Beach
		★ WILLIAMS, Sonya	Gagebrook

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Brighton Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2007</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2007</i>
FOSTER, Tony	FOSTER, Tony	CURRAN, Barbara
Deputy Mayor	OWEN, Phil	FITZPATRICK, Kate
<i>term ends 2007</i>	JEFFRIES, Ted	GEARD, Peter John
JEFFRIES, Ted	WILLIAMS, Sonya	TAYLOR, Geoff
	GRAY, Leigh	

Brighton Councillor 2005 First Preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Electors enrolled: 8722

Declarations rejected: 65

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Formal Votes: 4055

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 4217

Declarations admitted: 4152

Total ballot papers: 4149

Informal ballot papers: 94

Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

Response: 48.35%

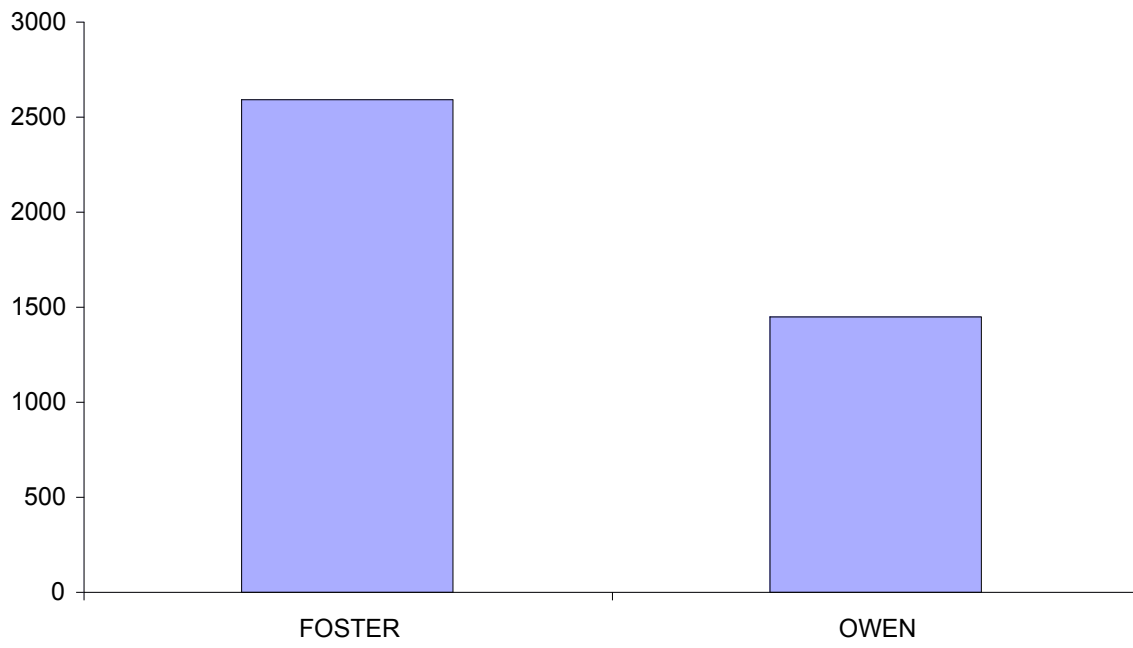
Rejection rate: 1.54%

Informality rate: 2.27%

Quota = 676

		Candidates							Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		Broderick	Foster	Garlick	Gray	Jeffries	Nasers	Owen				
Count 1	Total	180.00	1692.00	231.00	259.00	433.00	167.00	856.00	237.00	0.00	0.00	
	Progress Totals	180.00	1692.00	231.00	259.00	433.00	167.00	856.00	237.00	0.00	0.00	4055.00 Foster elected 1, Owen elected 2
Count 2	Votes Transferred	102.08	- 1016.00	157.32	144.11	436.54	65.45		110.48	0.00	0.02	Foster's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	282.08	676.00	388.32	403.11	869.54	232.45	856.00	347.48	0.00	0.02	4055.00 Jeffries elected 3
Count 3	Votes Transferred	33.01		48.15	46.47		19.13	- 180.00	33.22	0.00	0.02	Owen's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	315.09	676.00	436.47	449.58	869.54	251.58	676.00	380.70	0.00	0.04	4055.00
Count 4	Votes Transferred	19.43		63.89	54.30	- 193.54	23.95		31.94	0.00	0.03	Jeffries' surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	334.52	676.00	500.36	503.88	676.00	275.53	676.00	412.64	0.00	0.07	4055.00 Nasers excluded
Count 5 to 8	Votes Transferred	51.02		77.97	59.52		- 275.53		86.98	0.00	0.04	Nasers' votes distributed
	Progress Totals	385.54	676.00	578.33	563.40	676.00	0.00	676.00	499.62	0.00	0.11	4055.00 Nasers fully excluded, Broderick excluded
Count 9 to 10	Votes Transferred	- 325.49		50.01	84.62				190.25	0.60	0.01	Broderick's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	60.05	676.00	628.34	648.02	676.00		676.00	689.87	0.60	0.12	4055.00 Williams elected 4 , Broderick partially excluded
Count 11 to 12	Votes Transferred	- 60.05		29.75	29.56					0.74	0.00	Broderick's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	0.00	676.00	658.09	677.58	676.00		676.00	689.87	1.34	0.12	4055.00 Gray elected 5

Brighton Mayor 2005 First Preferences



Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

Declarations admitted: 4152

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

Total ballot papers: 4147

Formal Votes: 4045

Informal ballot papers: 102

Informality rate: 2.46%

Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		FOSTER	OWEN				
Count 1	Total	2592	1453	0			
	Progress Totals	2592	1453	0	4045	2024	FOSTER elected

Deputy Mayor— Ted Jeffries
Elected unopposed

Brighton Council recount

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor Matt DePaoli

14 July 2003

CANDIDATES

	GARLICK Wayne	MOWLING Frances	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Counts 1 to 6 Total	348.87	270.05	19.10	0.98	639	310	Distribution of DePaoli Garlick Elected

Brighton Council recount

Recount due to death of Councillor Cris Fitzpatrick

9 January 2004

Frances Mowling elected unopposed