



Circular Head 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 Circular Head Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 5 Councillors, 4 of which for 4 year terms and 1 casual position for 2 years.

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 5625 Circular Head electors were enrolled, comprising 5472 (97.28%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 153 (2.72%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Circular Head electors returning their ballot papers was 66.88%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

Recounts

One recount was held between the 2002 and 2005 elections. Councillor James Smith resigned from the Circular Head Council on Monday 15 December 2003. Only one unelected candidate from the 2002 Circular Head Council election contested the recount and was therefore elected unopposed on 16 December 2003. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ HINE, Ross*	Marrawah	^★ BERECHREE, T J	Smithton
		★ CHARLES, Bernard*	Smithton
		★ MURRELL, Jeanie	Smithton
		NEWALL, Dale	Stanley
Deputy Mayor		★ QUILLIAM, Daryl H*	Smithton
CHARLES, Bernard	Smithton	SCHOENMAKER, John	Smithton
★ QUILLIAM, Daryl H*	Smithton	★ WELLS, Graham*	Stanley
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★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

^ denotes filled casual vacancy

Circular Head Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor

term ends 2007

HINE, Ross

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2007

QUILLIAM, Daryl H

9 Councillors

term ends 2009

MURRELL, Jeanie

CHARLES, Bernard

QUILLIAM, Daryl H

WELLS, Graham

term ends 2007

HINE, Ross

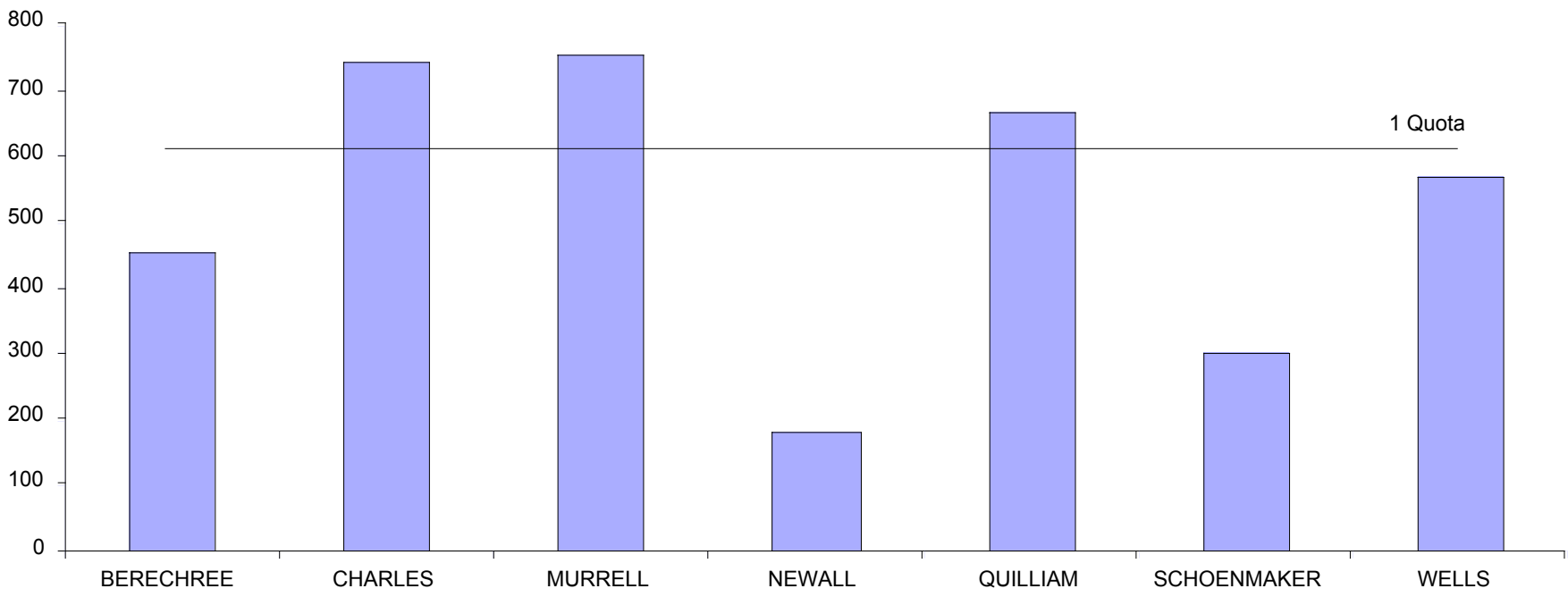
WILSON, Darren F

OLDAKER, John

FLOWERS, Rodney

BERECHREE, T J

Circular Head Councillor 2005 First Preferences



Circular Head Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005
 Number to be elected: 5
 Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar

Electors enrolled: 5625
 Declarations returned: 3762
 Response: 66.88%

Declarations rejected: 55
 Declarations admitted: 3707
 Rejection rate: 1.46%

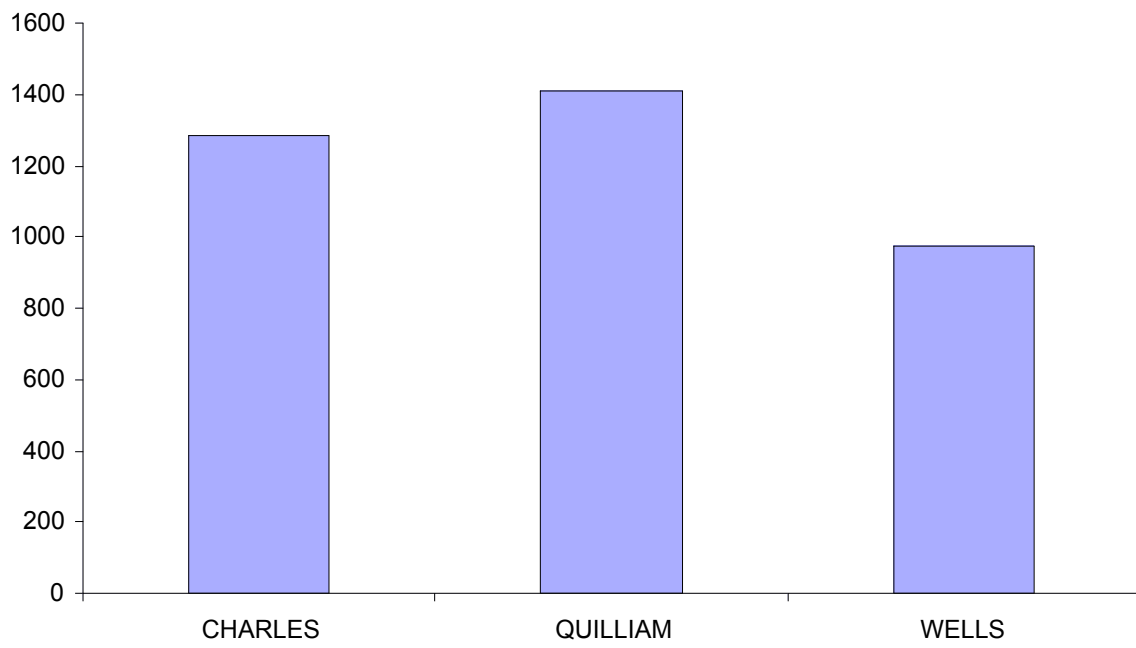
Ballot paper adjustment: 2
 Total ballot papers: 3705

Formal Votes: 3671
 Informal ballot papers: 34
 Informality rate: 0.92%

Quota = 612

		Candidates							Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		BERECHREE	CHARLES	MURRELL	NEWALL	QUILLIAM	SCHOENMAKER	WELLS				
Count 1	Total	455.00	745.00	754.00	180.00	665.00	302.00	570.00	0.00	0.00		
	Progress Totals	455.00	745.00	754.00	180.00	665.00	302.00	570.00	0.00	0.00	3671.00 MURRELL elected 1, CHARLES elected 2, QUILLIAM elected 3	
Count 2	Votes Transferred	45.38		- 142.00	13.93		50.66	32.01	0.00	0.02	MURRELL's surplus distributed	
	Progress Totals	500.38	745.00	612.00	193.93	665.00	352.66	602.01	0.00	0.02	3671.00	
Count 3	Votes Transferred	28.92	- 133.00		22.49		39.63	41.95	0.00	0.01	CHARLES' surplus distributed	
	Progress Totals	529.30	612.00	612.00	216.42	665.00	392.29	643.96	0.00	0.03	3671.00 WELLS elected 4	
Count 4	Votes Transferred	19.12			6.37	- 53.00	27.49		0.00	0.02	QUILLIAM's surplus distributed	
	Progress Totals	548.42	612.00	612.00	222.79	612.00	419.78	643.96	0.00	0.05	3671.00	
Count 5	Votes Transferred	8.70			8.16		15.09	- 31.96	0.00	0.01	WELLS' surplus distributed	
	Progress Totals	557.12	612.00	612.00	230.95	612.00	434.87	612.00	0.00	0.06	3671.00 NEWALL excluded	
Count 6	Votes Transferred	117.00			- 180.00		63.00		0.00	0.00	NEWALL's votes distributed	
	Progress Totals	674.12	612.00	612.00	50.95	612.00	497.87	612.00	0.00	0.06	3671.00 BERECHREE elected 5, NEWALL partially excluded	

Circular Head Deputy Mayor 2005 First Preferences



**Circular Head Mayor— Ross Hine
Elected unopposed**

Circular Head Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar

Declarations admitted: 3707

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Total ballot papers: 3705

Formal Votes: 3668

Informal ballot papers: 37

Informality rate: 1.00%

Deputy Mayor

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		CHARLES	QUILLIAM	WELLS				
Count 1	Total	1285	1407	976	0			
	Progress Totals	1285	1407	976	0	3668	1835	QUILLIAM elected

Circular Head Council recount

Recount due to resignation of Councillor James Smith

16 December 2003

Michael Weldon elected unopposed