



# George Town 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](http://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 &<br>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 George Town Council Election

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

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 4997 George Town electors were enrolled, comprising 4615 (92.36%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 382 (7.64%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of George Town electors returning their ballot papers was 62.68%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2005 elections

| <b>Mayor</b>             |             | <b>Councillors</b>       |              |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| ★ BURT, Douglas          | George Town | BRODIE, Rosemary         | George Town  |
|                          |             | ★ BROOMHALL, Roger       | George Town  |
|                          |             | ★ CORY, Tim              | George Town  |
|                          |             | FRANKCOMBE, Andrew       | Pipers River |
| <b>Deputy Mayor</b>      |             | ★ GEALE, Stephen Norman* | George Town  |
| BARWICK, Heather Jean    | Beechford   | GIBBONS, Dean            | George Town  |
| ★ TAYLOR, Andrew Charles | Low Head    | MACKRILL, Don*           | George Town  |
|                          |             | PALATINUS, Tameka        | George Town  |
|                          |             | PARSELL, Peter           | George Town  |
|                          |             | PETERS, John             | George Town  |
|                          |             | ★ WALLACE, Bob*          | Hillwood     |

★ denotes elected candidate  
\* denotes seeking re-election

### George Town Councillors following the 2005 elections

| <b>Mayor</b>           | <b>9 Councillors</b>  |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>term ends 2007</i>  | <i>term ends 2009</i> | <i>term ends 2007</i> |
| BURT, Douglas          | CORY, Tim             | ARCHER, Lawrence      |
| <b>Deputy Mayor</b>    | GEALE, Stephen Norman | BARWICK, Heather J    |
| <i>term ends 2007</i>  | BROOMHALL, Roger      | WIDDOWSON, John       |
| TAYLOR, Andrew Charles | WALLACE, Bob          | TAYLOR, Andrew        |
|                        |                       | BURT, Douglas         |

## George Town Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Electors enrolled: 4997

Declarations rejected: 52

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 3132

Declarations admitted: 3080

Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Response: 62.68%

Rejection rate: 1.66%

|         |                   | Candidates |           |         |            |         |          |          |           |
|---------|-------------------|------------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|
|         |                   | BRODIE     | BROOMHALL | CORY    | FRANKCOMBE | GEALE   | GIBBONS  | MACKRILL | PALATINUS |
| Count 1 | Total             | 281.00     | 368.00    | 433.00  | 252.00     | 381.00  | 233.00   | 314.00   | 202.00    |
|         | Progress Totals   | 281.00     | 368.00    | 433.00  | 252.00     | 381.00  | 233.00   | 314.00   | 202.00    |
| Count 2 | Votes Transferred | 2.00       | 6.00      | 5.00    | 2.00       | 15.00   | 13.00    | 6.00     | 14.00     |
|         | Progress Totals   | 283.00     | 374.00    | 438.00  | 254.00     | 396.00  | 246.00   | 320.00   | 216.00    |
| Count 3 | Votes Transferred | 6.00       | 12.00     | 15.00   | 8.00       | 10.00   | 12.00    | 7.00     | 16.00     |
|         | Progress Totals   | 289.00     | 386.00    | 453.00  | 262.00     | 406.00  | 258.00   | 327.00   | 232.00    |
| Count 4 | Votes Transferred | 60.00      | 31.00     | 31.00   | 16.00      | 29.00   | 32.00    | 9.00     | - 232.00  |
|         | Progress Totals   | 349.00     | 417.00    | 484.00  | 278.00     | 435.00  | 290.00   | 336.00   | 0.00      |
| Count 5 | Votes Transferred | 46.00      | 42.00     | 38.00   | - 278.00   | 42.00   | 32.00    | 31.00    |           |
|         | Progress Totals   | 395.00     | 459.00    | 522.00  | 0.00       | 477.00  | 322.00   | 367.00   |           |
| Count 6 | Votes Transferred | 57.00      | 44.00     | 53.00   |            | 75.00   | - 322.00 | 51.00    |           |
|         | Progress Totals   | 452.00     | 503.00    | 575.00  |            | 552.00  | 0.00     | 418.00   |           |
| Count 7 | Votes Transferred | 62.00      | 71.00     | 87.00   |            | 98.00   |          | - 418.00 |           |
|         | Progress Totals   | 514.00     | 574.00    | 662.00  |            | 650.00  |          | 0.00     |           |
| Count 8 | Votes Transferred | 15.93      | 20.99     | - 63.00 |            |         |          |          |           |
|         | Progress Totals   | 529.93     | 594.99    | 599.00  |            | 650.00  |          |          |           |
| Count 9 | Votes Transferred | 17.69      | 15.61     |         |            | - 51.00 |          |          |           |
|         | Progress Totals   | 547.62     | 610.60    | 599.00  |            | 599.00  |          |          |           |

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Formal Votes: 2994

Total ballot papers: 3071

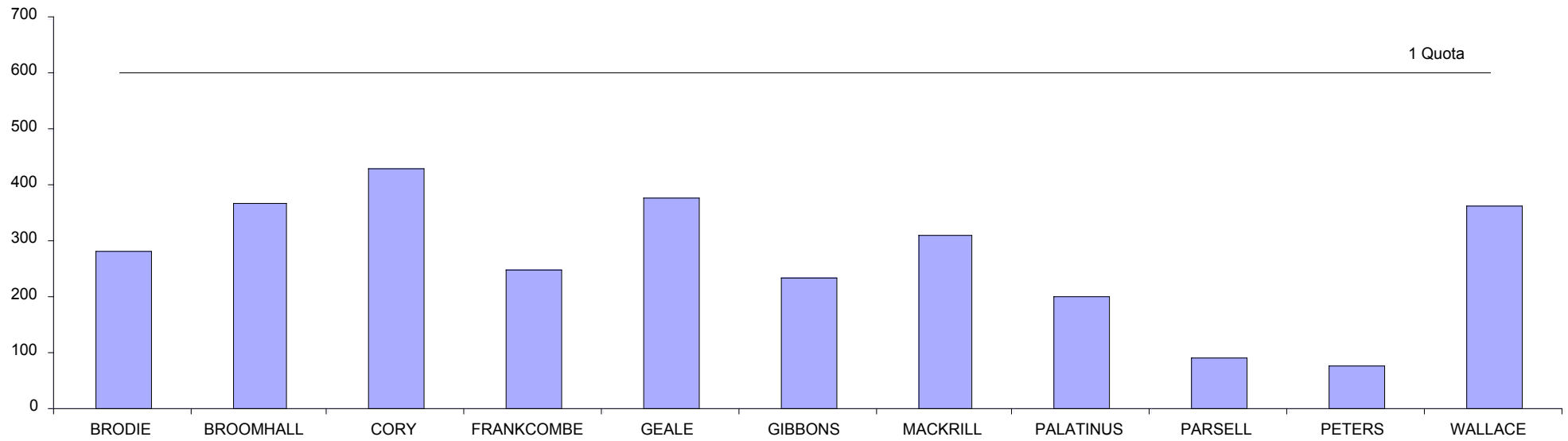
Informal ballot papers: 77

Informality rate: 2.51%

Quota = 599

| PARSELL | PETERS  | WALLACE | Exhausted | Loss (Gain) by Fraction | Total Votes | Remarks   |
|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|---|
| 92.00   | 76.00   | 362.00  | 0.00      | 0.00                    |             |   |
| 92.00   | 76.00   | 362.00  | 0.00      | 0.00                    | 2994.00     | PETERS excluded   |
| 7.00    | - 76.00 | 6.00    | 0.00      | 0.00                    |             | PETERS' votes distributed                                       |
| 99.00   | 0.00    | 368.00  | 0.00      | 0.00                    | 2994.00     | PETERS fully excluded, PARSELL excluded                         |
| - 99.00 |         | 13.00   | 0.00      | 0.00                    |             | PARSELL's votes distributed                                     |
| 0.00    |         | 381.00  | 0.00      | 0.00                    | 2994.00     | PARSELL fully excluded, PALATINUS excluded                      |
|         |         | 24.00   | 0.00      | 0.00                    |             | PALATINUS' votes distributed                                    |
|         |         | 405.00  | 0.00      | 0.00                    | 2994.00     | PALATINUS fully excluded, FRANKCOMBE excluded                   |
|         |         | 43.00   | 4.00      | 0.00                    |             | FRANKCOMBE's votes distributed                                  |
|         |         | 448.00  | 4.00      | 0.00                    | 2994.00     | FRANKCOMBE fully excluded, GIBBONS excluded                     |
|         |         | 36.00   | 6.00      | 0.00                    |             | GIBBONS' votes distributed                                      |
|         |         | 484.00  | 10.00     | 0.00                    | 2994.00     | GIBBONS fully excluded, MACKRILL excluded                       |
|         |         | 89.00   | 11.00     | 0.00                    |             | MACKRILL's votes distributed                                    |
|         |         | 573.00  | 21.00     | 0.00                    | 2994.00     | MACKRILL fully excluded, <b>CORY elected 1, GEALE elected 2</b> |
|         |         | 21.72   | 4.34      | 0.02                    |             | CORY's surplus distributed                                      |
|         |         | 594.72  | 25.34     | 0.02                    | 2994.00     |   |
|         |         | 15.61   | 2.08      | 0.01                    |             | GEALE's surplus distributed                                     |
|         |         | 610.33  | 27.42     | 0.03                    | 2994.00     | <b>BROOMHALL elected 3, WALLACE elected 4</b>                   |

### George Town Councillor 2005 First Preferences



**George Town Mayor— Douglas Burt  
Elected unopposed**

**George Town Council**

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Declarations admitted: 3080

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Total ballot papers: 3071

Formal Votes: 2980

Informal ballot papers: 91

Informality rate: 2.96%

**Deputy Mayor**

|         |                 | Candidates |        | Exhausted | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks               |
|---------|-----------------|------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|         |                 | BARWICK    | TAYLOR |           |             |                   |                       |
| Count 1 | Total           | 1476       | 1504   | 0         |             |                   |                       |
|         | Progress Totals | 1476       | 1504   | 0         | 2980        | 1491              | <b>TAYLOR elected</b> |

### George Town Deputy Mayor 2005 First Preferences

