



West Tamar 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 West Tamar 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. An **Elector Poll** was also held.

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 15 081 West Tamar electors were enrolled, comprising 14 898 (98.79%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 183 (1.21%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of West Tamar electors returning their ballot papers was 59.32%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ EASTHER, Barry Maxwell*	Sidmouth	★ ALLEN, Joy	Beaconsfield
KEARNEY, Peter	Exeter	★ BURR, Max*	Legana
		CORBETT, Kim	Riverside
		★ DODDY, Peter*	Trevallyn
		FREEMAN, Tony "Tom"	Beaconsfield
Deputy Mayor		GROVES, Dave	Kayena
★ BURR, Max	Legana	GULSON, Julia	Beaconsfield
WALTERS, Smokey	Beaconsfield	★ KEARNEY, Peter*	Exeter
		LEAVER, Laurie*	Riverside
		PRICE, Mark	Riverside
		^★ ROCHESTER, Les	Kayena
		WOINARSKI, Tim	Legana

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

^ denotes filled casual vacancy

West Tamar Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2007</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2007</i>
EASTHER, Barry Maxwell	KEARNEY, Peter	EASTHER, Barry Maxwell
Deputy Mayor	ALLEN, Joy	ROACH, Trevor William
<i>term ends 2007</i>	BURR, Max	WALTERS, Smokey
BURR, Max	DODDY, Peter	LAMBERT, Vivienne
		ROCHESTER, Les

West Tamar Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005
 Number to be elected: 5
 Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Electors enrolled: 15081
 Declarations returned: 8946
 Response: 59.32%

Declarations rejected: 151
 Declarations admitted: 8795
 Rejection rate: 1.69%

		Candidates									
		ALLEN	BUJR	CORBETT	DODDY	FREEMAN	GROVES	GULSON	KEARNEY	LEAVER	PRICE
Count 1	Total	982.00	931.00	763.00	901.00	464.00	231.00	258.00	1597.00	681.00	307.00
	Progress Totals	982.00	931.00	763.00	901.00	464.00	231.00	258.00	1597.00	681.00	307.00
Count 2	Votes Transferred	18.61	43.10	10.02	22.85	5.97	6.65	4.43	- 154.00	12.92	4.43
	Progress Totals	1000.61	974.10	773.02	923.85	469.97	237.65	262.43	1443.00	693.92	311.43
Count 3 to 4	Votes Transferred	16.19	12.67	10.48	12.67	12.28	- 237.65	7.48		7.77	3.28
	Progress Totals	1016.80	986.77	783.50	936.52	482.25	0.00	269.91	1443.00	701.69	314.71
Count 5 to 6	Votes Transferred	83.44	32.28	40.28	14.57	14.57		- 269.91		30.48	5.19
	Progress Totals	1100.24	1019.05	823.78	951.09	496.82		0.00	1443.00	732.17	319.90
Count 7 to 8	Votes Transferred	40.67	44.57	30.28	59.86	38.48				34.86	- 319.90
	Progress Totals	1140.91	1063.62	854.06	1010.95	535.30			1443.00	767.03	0.00
Count 9 to 10	Votes Transferred	165.21	85.06	46.96	92.44	- 535.30				50.67	
	Progress Totals	1306.12	1148.68	901.02	1103.39	0.00			1443.00	817.70	
Count 11 to 12	Votes Transferred	116.63	151.79	109.63	105.63					117.35	
	Progress Totals	1422.75	1300.47	1010.65	1209.02				1443.00	935.05	
Count 13	Votes Transferred	213.00	247.00	98.00	259.00					- 918.00	
	Progress Totals	1635.75	1547.47	1108.65	1468.02				1443.00	17.05	
Count 14	Votes Transferred			6.84						- 17.05	
	Progress Totals	1635.75	1547.47	1115.49	1468.02				1443.00	0.00	
Count 15	Votes Transferred	- 192.75		120.35							
	Progress Totals	1443.00	1547.47	1235.84	1468.02				1443.00		

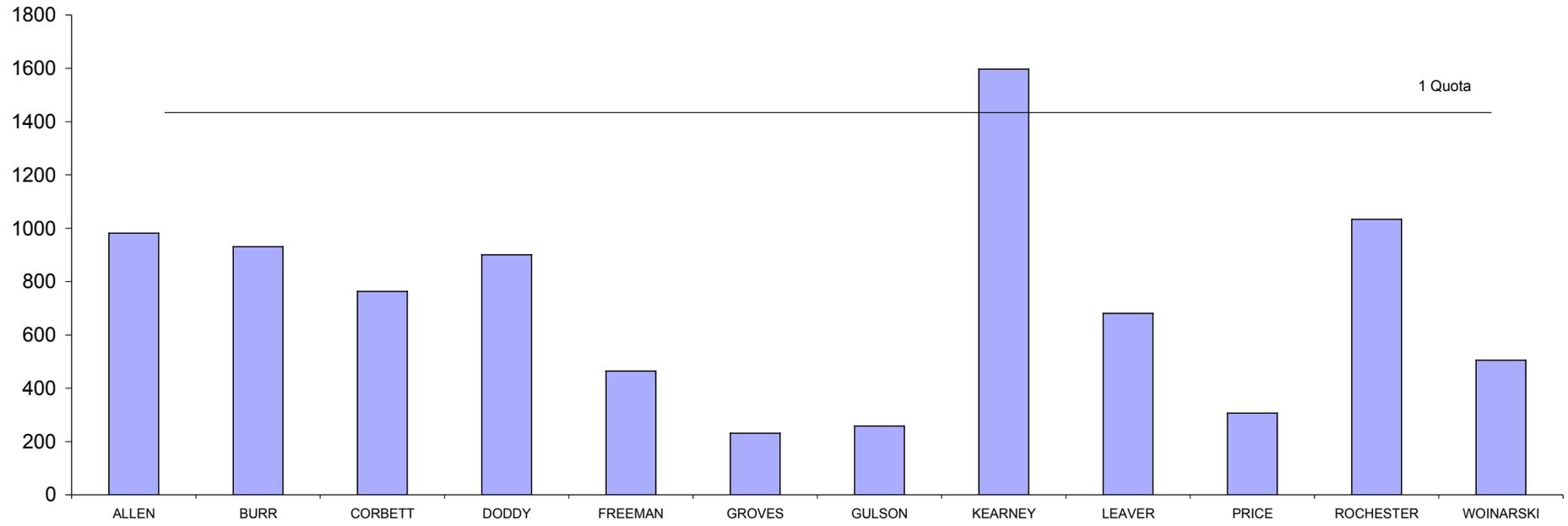
Ballot paper adjustment: 13
 Total ballot papers: 8782

Formal Votes: 8653
 Informal ballot papers: 129
 Informality rate: 1.47%

Quota = 1443

ROCHESTER	WOINARSKI	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1033.00	505.00	0.00	0.00		
1033.00	505.00	0.00	0.00	8653.00	KEARNEY elected 1
15.91	9.06	0.00	0.05		KEARNEY's surplus distributed
1048.91	514.06	0.00	0.05	8653.00	GROVES excluded
139.50	15.28	0.00	0.05		GROVES' votes distributed
1188.41	529.34	0.00	0.10	8653.00	GROVES fully excluded, GULSON excluded
24.67	24.38	0.00	0.05		GULSON's votes distributed
1213.08	553.72	0.00	0.15	8653.00	GULSON fully excluded, PRICE excluded
14.48	56.67	0.00	0.03		PRICE's votes distributed
1227.56	610.39	0.00	0.18	8653.00	PRICE fully excluded, FREEMAN excluded
27.48	63.48	4.00	0.00		FREEMAN's votes distributed
1255.04	673.87	4.00	0.18	8653.00	FREEMAN fully excluded, WOINARSKI excluded
69.73	- 673.87	3.09	0.02		WOINARSKI's votes distributed
1324.77	0.00	7.09	0.20	8653.00	WOINARSKI fully excluded, LEAVER excluded
90.00		11.00	0.00		LEAVER's votes distributed
1414.77		18.09	0.20	8653.00	ALLEN elected 2, BURR elected 3, DODDY elected 4 , LEAVER partially excluded
7.71		2.50	0.00		LEAVER's votes distributed
1422.48		20.59	0.20	8653.00	LEAVER fully excluded
44.34		28.05	0.01		ALLEN's surplus distributed
1466.82		48.64	0.21	8653.00	ROCHESTER elected 5

West Tamar Councillor 2005 First Preferences



West Tamar Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Declarations admitted: 8795

Ballot paper adjustment: 6

Total ballot papers: 8789

Formal Votes: 8680

Informal ballot papers: 109

Informality rate: 1.24%

Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		EASTHER	KEARNEY				
Count 1	Total	4677	4003	0			
	Progress Totals	4677	4003	0	8680	4341	EASTHER elected

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Formal Votes: 8631

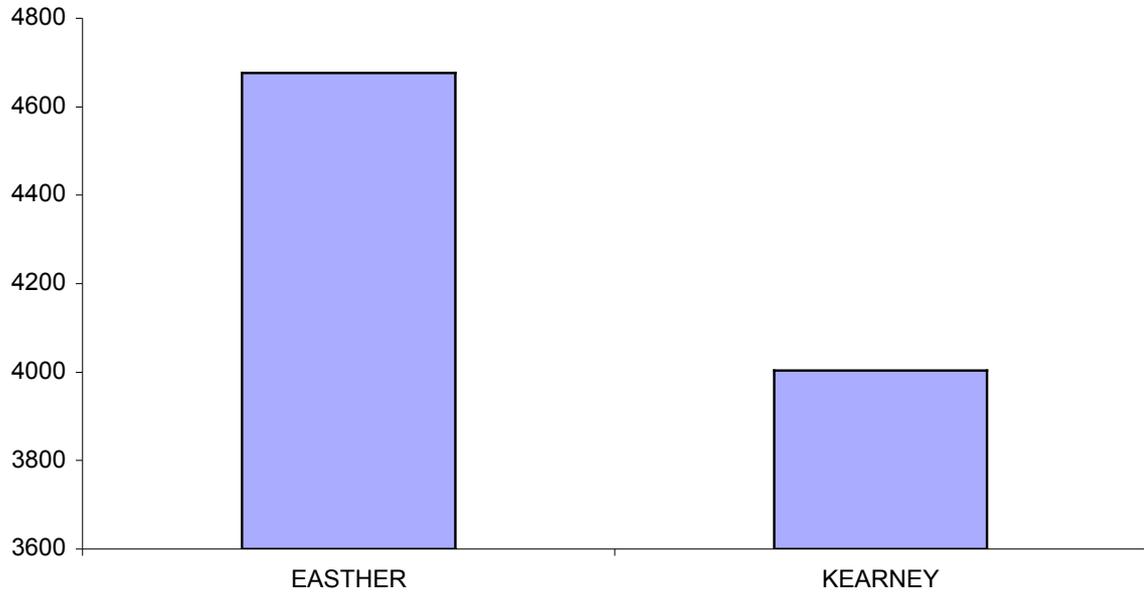
Informal ballot papers: 158

Informality rate: 1.80%

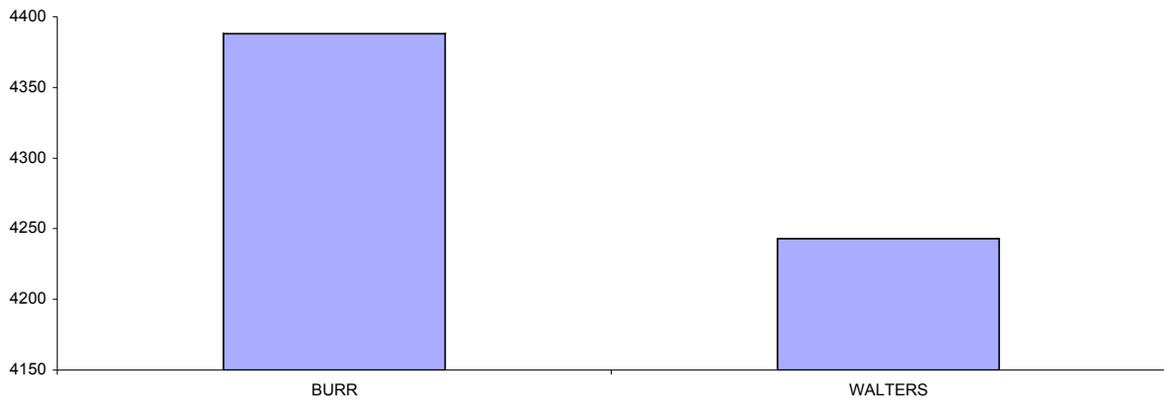
Deputy Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BURR	WALTERS				
Count 1	Total	4388	4243	0			
	Progress Totals	4388	4243	0	8631	4317	BURR elected

West Tamar Mayor 2005 First Preferences



West Tamar Deputy Mayor 2005 First Preferences



Result of Elector Poll

West Tamar Council at its July council meeting passed a motion authorising an Elector Poll on the issue of locating the proposed Pulp Mill in the Tamar Valley.

Electors were asked:

Do you agree with the proposed pulp mill being located in the Tamar Valley?

Votes received were as follows:

Yes	3 782	44.05%
No	4 804	55.95%
Informal Ballot Papers	<u>200</u>	
Total	8 786	