



Central Highlands Council

2007 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 municipal areas 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), and 2007 with the next elections due in October 2009.

Since 2000, mayors and deputy mayors have been 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.

2007 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 20 September
Nomination period	17 September— 12 noon on 1 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 1 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 2 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	16–19 October
Polling period	16–30 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 30 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 2007 Central Highlands Council Election

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

2756 Central Highlands electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 1685 (61.14%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 1071 (38.86%) from the General Manager's roll.

63.28% of Central Highlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43%% statewide.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ FLINT, Deirdre*	Hollow Tree	★ DOWNIE, Andrew*	Gretna
MONKS, Janet	Bothwell	EDWARDS, Chrissie	Flintstone
		★ FLINT, Deirdre*	Hollow Tree
		GRAHAM, Rodney L	Osterley
		★ HERBERT, Geoff	Bothwell
Deputy Mayor		HONNER, Julie Annette*	Miena
★ BOWDEN, Richard*	Bothwell	ORR, Ken	Bradys Lake
BURKE, Lyn	Hamilton	★ TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)*	Hamilton

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Central Highlands Councillors following the 2007 elections

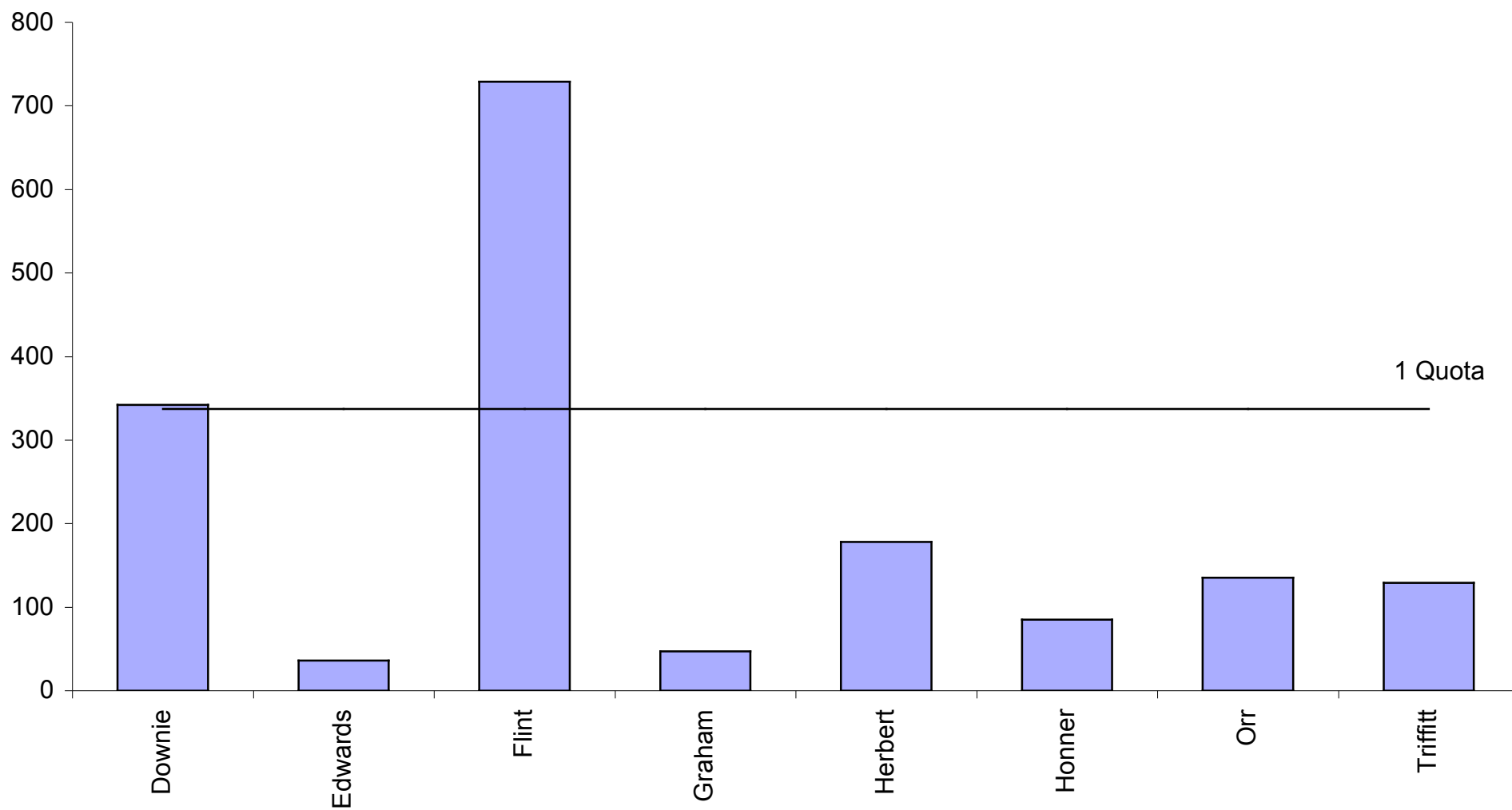
Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>Term ends 2009</i>	<i>Term ends 2011</i>	<i>Term ends 2009</i>
FLINT, Deirdre	FLINT, Deirdre	BOWDEN, Richard
Deputy Mayor	DOWNIE, Andrew	BURKE, Lyn
<i>Term ends 2009</i>	HERBERT, Geoff	MONKS, Janet
BOWDEN, Richard	TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)	McSHANE, Peter
		EDGELL, Henry

Central Highlands Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007 Electors enrolled: 2756 Declarations rejected: 35 Ballot paper adjustment: 3 Formal Votes: 1681
 Number to be elected: 4 Declarations returned: 1744 Declarations admitted: 1709 Total ballot papers: 1706 Informal ballot papers: 25
 Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward Response: 63.28% Rejection rate: 2.01% Informality rate: 1.47%
 Quota = 337

Count	Downie	Edwards	Flint	Graham	Herbert	Honner	Orr	Triffitt	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	342.00	36.00	729.00	47.00	178.00	85.00	135.00	129.00			1 681.00	Flint elected 1, Downie elected 2
2		39.25	- 392.00	40.32	87.64	48.93	95.71	80.12		0.03	1 681.00	Flint's surplus distributed
	342.00	75.25	337.00	87.32	265.64	133.93	230.71	209.12		0.03	1 681.00	
3	- 5.00	0.49		0.57	1.33	0.55	1.05	0.99		0.02	1 681.00	Downie's surplus distributed
	337.00	75.74	337.00	87.89	266.97	134.48	231.76	210.11		0.05	1 681.00	
4 to 6		- 75.74		11.04	9.26	18.51	27.81	9.09		0.03	1 681.00	Edwards excluded
	337.00	0.00	337.00	98.93	276.23	152.99	259.57	219.20		0.08	1 681.00	
7 to 9				- 98.93	26.62	17.79	18.66	34.21	1.62	0.03	1 681.00	Graham excluded
	337.00		337.00	0.00	302.85	170.78	278.23	253.41	1.62	0.11	1 681.00	
10 to 11					57.49	- 170.12	38.51	69.96	4.15	0.01	1 681.00	Honner part excluded
	337.00		337.00		360.34	0.66	316.74	323.37	5.77	0.12	1 681.00	Herbert elected 3
12						- 0.66	0.26	0.38	0.02	0.00	1 681.00	Honner fully excluded
	337.00		337.00		360.34	0.00	317.00	323.75	5.79	0.12	1 681.00	
13					- 23.34		8.80	12.33	2.20	0.01	1 681.00	Herbert's surplus distributed
	337.00		337.00		337.00		325.80	336.08	7.99	0.13	1 681.00	Triffitt elected 4

2007 Central Highlands Councillor election - first preferences



Central Highlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 1 709

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Total ballot papers: 1 706

Formal Votes: 1 684

Informal ballot papers: 22

Informality rate: 1.29%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		FLINT	MONKS			
Count 1	First Preferences	1 205	479	1 684	843	FLINT elected

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 1 709

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Total ballot papers: 1 706

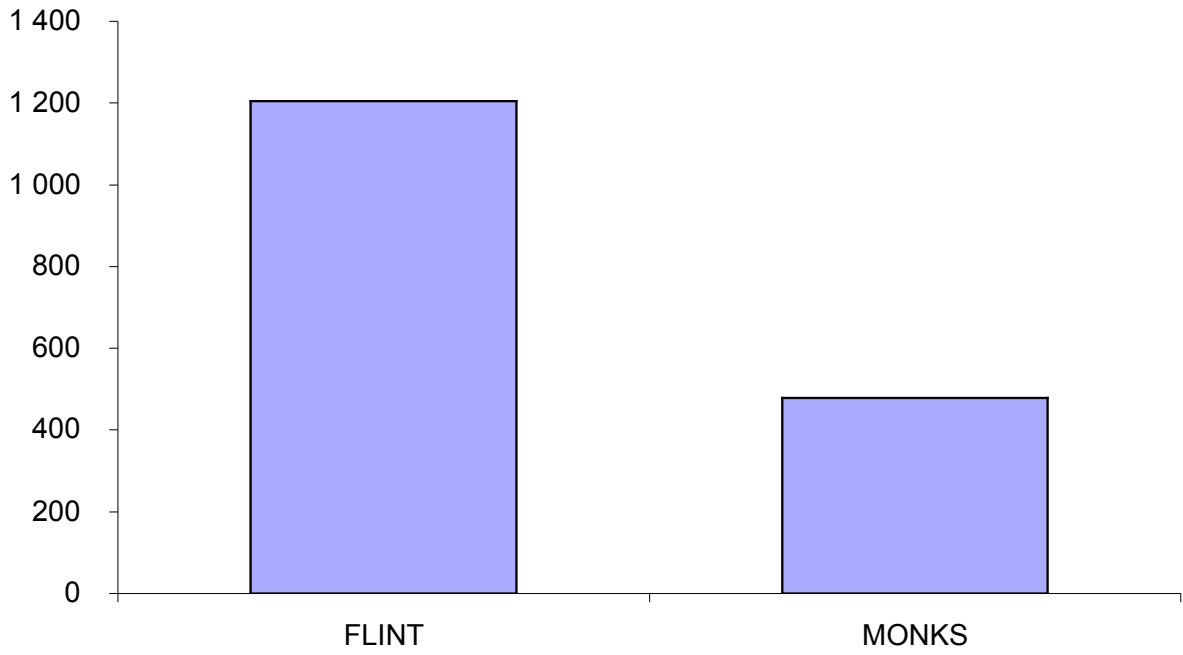
Formal Votes: 1 678

Informal ballot papers: 28

Informality rate: 1.64%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BOWDEN	BURKE			
Count 1	First Preferences	1 009	669	1 678	840	BOWDEN elected

2007 Central Highlands Mayor election - first preferences



2007 Central Highlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

