



Derwent Valley 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 Derwent Valley Council Election

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

6 688 Derwent Valley electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 6 577 (98.34%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 111 (1.66%) from the General Manager's roll.

57.43% of Derwent Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

| Mayor | | Councillors | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| ★ NICHOLSON, Tony | Lachlan | ★ BROMFIELD, Judy* | New Norfolk |
| PARKER, Richard | Lachlan | COWLEY, Dane | New Norfolk |
| | | ★ ELLIOTT, James (Jim) | New Norfolk |
| | | ★ EVANS, Martyn | Magra |
| | | ★ FARRELL, Craig* | New Norfolk |
| Deputy Mayor | | GRAHAM, James | New Norfolk |
| FARRELL, Craig | New Norfolk | ★ MOLAN, Narelle | New Norfolk |
| LATHEY, Barry | New Norfolk | WHITEHEAD, Jacky | New Norfolk |
| ★ SHAW, Scott Darrell | New Norfolk | WILLIAMS, Ray* | New Norfolk |
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★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Derwent Valley Councillors following the 2007 elections

| Mayor | 9 Councillors | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>term ends 2009</i> | <i>term ends 2011</i> | <i>term ends 2009</i> |
| NICHOLSON, Tony | FARRELL, Craig | SHAW, Scott |
| Deputy Mayor | EVANS, Martyn | NICHOLSON, Tony |
| <i>term ends 2009</i> | BROMFIELD Judy | PARKER, Richard |
| SHAW, Scott Darrell | MOLAN, Narelle | LATHEY, Barry |
| | ELLIOTT, James (Jim) | |

Derwent Valley Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 6688

Declarations rejected: 55

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Formal Votes: 3709

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 3841

Declarations admitted: 3786

Total ballot papers: 3784

Informal ballot papers: 75

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

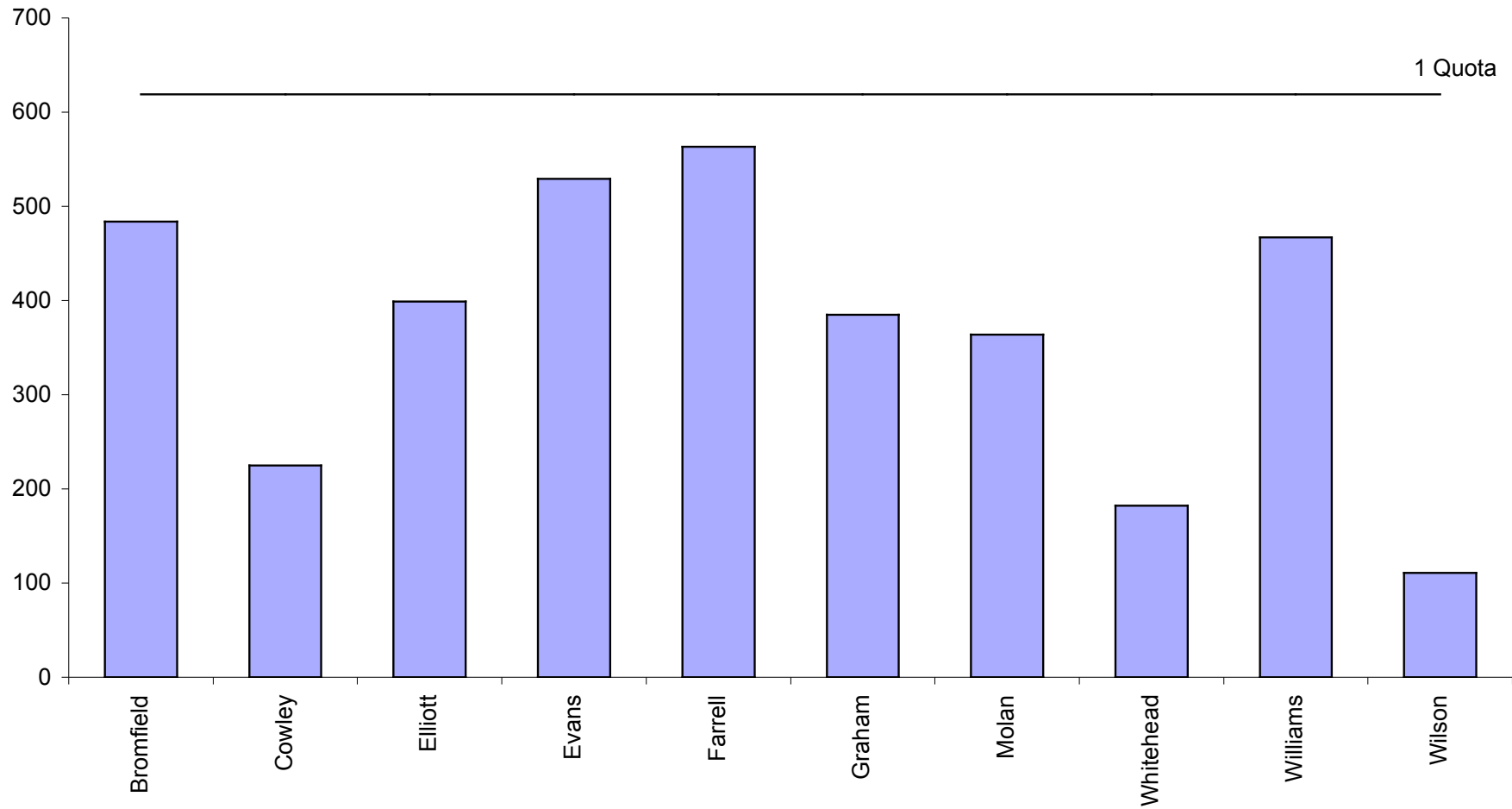
Response: 57.43%

Rejection rate: 1.43%

Quota = 619

| Count | Bromfield | Cowley | Elliott | Evans | Farrell | Graham | Molan | Whitehead | Williams | Wilson | Votes Exhausted | Loss (Gain) by Fraction | Total Votes | Remarks |
|-------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|---|
| 1 | 484.00 | 225.00 | 399.00 | 529.00 | 563.00 | 385.00 | 364.00 | 182.00 | 467.00 | 111.00 | | | 3 709.00 | First Preferences |
| 2 | 13.00 | 10.00 | 9.00 | 19.00 | 12.00 | 7.00 | 25.00 | 9.00 | 7.00 | - 111.00 | | | | Wilson excluded |
| | 497.00 | 235.00 | 408.00 | 548.00 | 575.00 | 392.00 | 389.00 | 191.00 | 474.00 | 0.00 | | | 3 709.00 | |
| 3 | 45.00 | 10.00 | 20.00 | 13.00 | 26.00 | 18.00 | 48.00 | - 191.00 | 11.00 | | | | | Whitehead excluded |
| | 542.00 | 245.00 | 428.00 | 561.00 | 601.00 | 410.00 | 437.00 | 0.00 | 485.00 | | | | 3 709.00 | |
| 4 | 27.00 | - 245.00 | 20.00 | 38.00 | 38.00 | 31.00 | 70.00 | | 21.00 | | | | | Cowley excluded |
| | 569.00 | 0.00 | 448.00 | 599.00 | 639.00 | 441.00 | 507.00 | | 506.00 | | | | 3 709.00 | Farrell elected 1 |
| 5 | 2.63 | | 2.10 | 4.21 | - 20.00 | 4.73 | 4.73 | | 1.57 | | | 0.03 | | Farrell's surplus distributed |
| | 571.63 | | 450.10 | 603.21 | 619.00 | 445.73 | 511.73 | | 507.57 | | | 0.03 | 3 709.00 | |
| 6 | 96.00 | | 83.00 | 117.00 | | - 441.00 | 98.00 | | 47.00 | | | 0.00 | | Graham part excluded |
| | 667.63 | | 533.10 | 720.21 | 619.00 | 4.73 | 609.73 | | 554.57 | | | 0.03 | 3 709.00 | Evans elected 2, Bromfield elected 3 |
| 7 | | | 1.05 | | | - 4.73 | 2.10 | | 0.52 | | 1.05 | 0.01 | | Graham fully excluded |
| | 667.63 | | 534.15 | 720.21 | 619.00 | 0.00 | 611.83 | | 555.09 | | 1.05 | 0.04 | 3 709.00 | |
| 8 | | | 30.27 | - 101.21 | | | 44.98 | | 19.89 | | 6.05 | 0.02 | | Evans' surplus distributed |
| | 667.63 | | 564.42 | 619.00 | 619.00 | | 656.81 | | 574.98 | | 7.10 | 0.06 | 3 709.00 | Molan elected 4 |
| 9 | - 48.63 | | 26.34 | | | | | | 19.24 | | 3.03 | 0.02 | | Bromfield's surplus distributed |
| | 619.00 | | 590.76 | 619.00 | 619.00 | | 656.81 | | 594.22 | | 10.13 | 0.08 | 3 709.00 | |
| 10 | | | 15.99 | | | | - 37.81 | | 10.17 | | 11.63 | 0.02 | | Molan's surplus distributed |
| | 619.00 | | 606.75 | 619.00 | 619.00 | | 619.00 | | 604.39 | | 21.76 | 0.10 | 3 709.00 | Elliott elected 5 |

2007 Derwent Valley Councillor election - first preferences



Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3 786

Formal Votes: 3 721

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Informal ballot papers: 65

Total ballot papers: 3 786

Informality rate: 1.72%

| | | Candidates | | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|------------|--------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | NICHOLSON | PARKER | | | |
| Count 1 | First Preferences | 2 157 | 1 564 | 3 721 | 1 862 | NICHOLSON elected |

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3 786

Formal Votes: 3 759

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

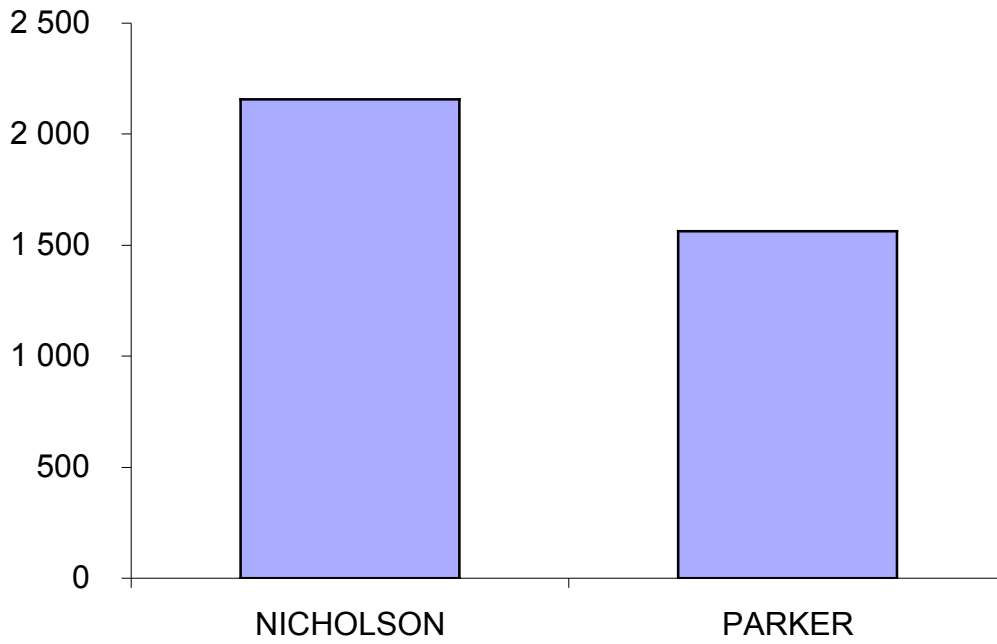
Informal ballot papers: 27

Total ballot papers: 3 786

Informality rate: 0.71%

| | | Candidates | | | | Votes Exhausted | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|------------|--------|-------|----------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | FARRELL | LATHEY | SHAW | WILLIAMS | | | | |
| Count 1 | Progress Total | 649 | 954 | 1 701 | 455 | | 3 759 | 1 880 | First Preferences |
| Count 2 | Votes transferred | 127 | 164 | 132 | - 455 | 32 | | | Williams excluded |
| | Progress Total | 776 | 1 118 | 1 833 | 0 | 32 | 3 759 | 1 864 | |
| Count 3 | Votes transferred | - 776 | 358 | 347 | | 71 | | | Farrell excluded |
| | Progress Total | 0 | 1 476 | 2 180 | | 103 | 3 759 | 1 829 | Shaw elected |

2007 Derwent Valley Mayor election - first preferences



2007 Derwent Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

