



Dorset 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 Dorset Council Election

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

5 456 Dorset electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 5 204 (95.38%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 252 (4.62%) from the General Manager's roll.

68.46% of Dorset electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors		
HALL, Max	Scottsdale	★	ARNOLD, Steven John*	Bridport
★ PARTRIDGE, Peter W*	Scottsdale	★	JARVIS, Barry	Bridport
			MILLWOOD, Donna M	Bridport
			PROBERT, Jill*	Gladstone
		★	RANSOM, Thomas	Bridport
Deputy Mayor		★	RATTRAY, Heath	Winnaleah
★ THORNE, Yvonne R*	Derby		REYNOLDS, Mervyn	Scottsdale
			SMITH, Dean	Bridport
			WIGHTMAN, Brian	Bridport
			WILLIAMS, John*	Legerwood

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Dorset Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>
PARTRIDGE, Peter W	RATTRAY, Heath	HALL, Maxwell
Deputy Mayor	ARNOLD, Steven John	PARTRIDGE, Peter W
<i>term ends 2009</i>	RANSOM, Thomas	THORNE, Yvonne R
THORNE, Yvonne R	JARVIS, Barry	McLENNAN, Roger M
		MARTIN, Sheryl Yvonne

Dorset Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 5456

Declarations rejected: 88

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

Formal Votes: 3584

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 3735

Declarations admitted: 3647

Total ballot papers: 3639

Informal ballot papers: 55

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 68.46%

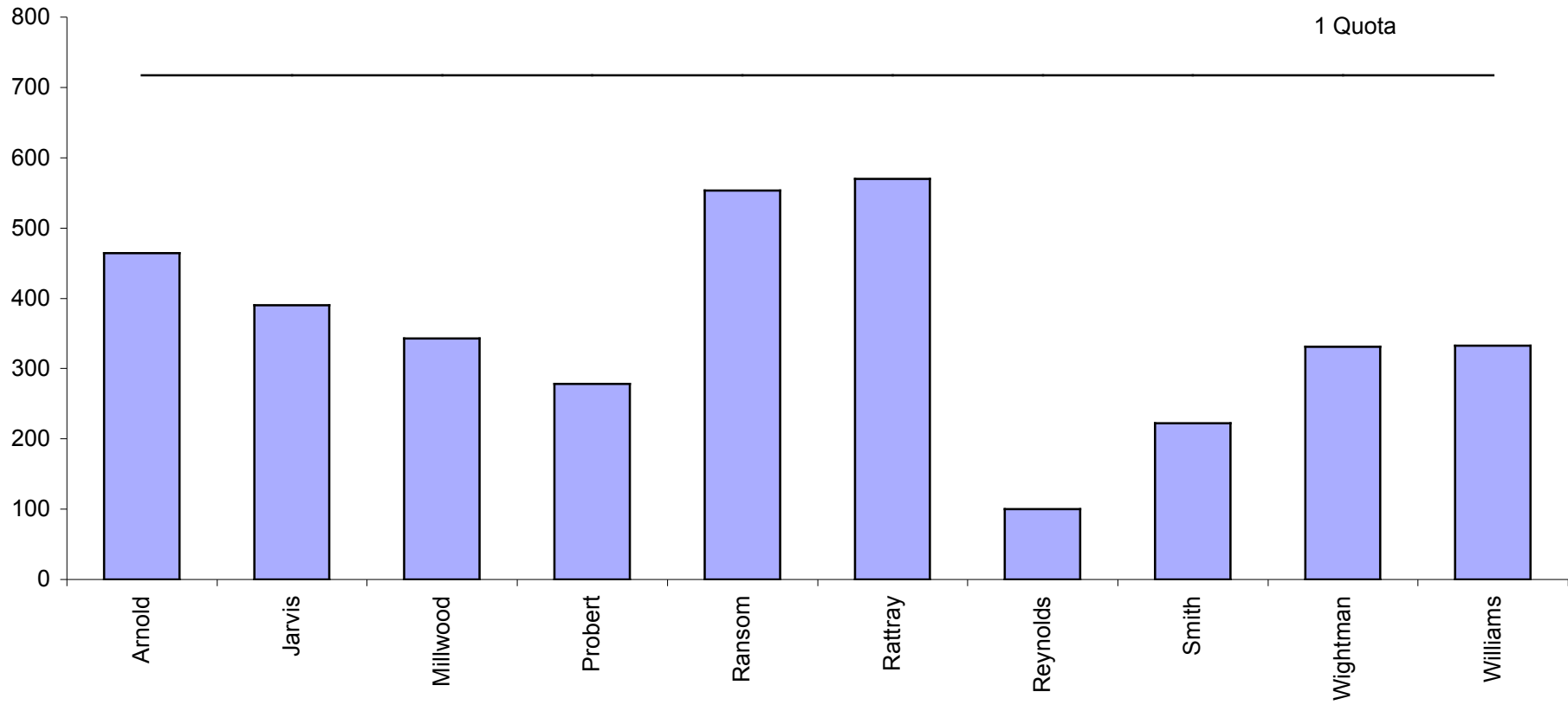
Rejection rate: 2.36%

Informality rate: 1.51%

Quota = 717

Count	Arnold	Jarvis	Millwood	Probert	Ransom	Ratray	Reynolds	Smith	Wightman	Williams	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	464.00	390.00	343.00	278.00	553.00	570.00	100.00	222.00	331.00	333.00			3 584.00	
2	12.00	8.00	13.00	18.00	8.00	16.00	- 100.00	10.00	9.00	6.00			3 584.00	Reynolds excluded
3	30.00	48.00	41.00	23.00	19.00	27.00		- 232.00	25.00	19.00			3 584.00	Smith excluded
4	61.00	18.00	58.00	- 319.00	26.00	97.00		0.00	32.00	27.00			3 584.00	Probert excluded
5	58.00	44.00	50.00		45.00	152.00			36.00	- 385.00			3 584.00	Williams excluded
6	45.78	39.11	18.12		20.03	- 145.00			19.07		2.86	0.03	3 584.00	Ratray's surplus distributed
7	87.00	118.00	130.00		81.00				- 433.00		17.00	0.00	3 584.00	Wightman part excluded
8	757.78	665.11	653.12		752.03	717.00			19.07		19.86	0.03	3 584.00	Arnold elected 2, Ransom elected 3
9	- 40.78	22.96	14.06		752.03	717.00			- 19.07		3.81	0.00	3 584.00	Wightman fully excluded
10	717.00	695.70	674.81		752.03	717.00			0.00		23.67	0.03	3 584.00	
	- 40.78	22.96	14.06		752.03	717.00					3.74	0.02	3 584.00	Arnold's surplus distributed
	717.00	695.70	674.81		752.03	717.00					27.41	0.05	3 584.00	
	717.00	713.43	686.48		717.00	717.00					5.62	0.01	3 584.00	Ransom's surplus distributed
	717.00	713.43	686.48		717.00	717.00					33.03	0.06	3 584.00	Jarvis elected 4

2007 Dorset Councillor election - first preferences



Dorset Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3647

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Total ballot papers: 3638

Formal Votes: 3522

Informal ballot papers: 116

Informality rate: 3.19%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		HALL	PARTRIDGE			
Count 1	First Preferences	1 415	2 107	3 522	1 762	PARTRIDGE elected

Deputy Mayor –

Yvonne R Thorne (elected unopposed)

2007 Dorset Mayor election - first preferences

