



# Huon 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](http://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 Huon Valley Council Election

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

10 544 Huon Valley electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 10 087 (95.67%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 457 (4.33%) from the General Manager's roll.

65.92% of Huon Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2007 elections

#### Mayor

★ ARMSTRONG, Robert\*    Cygnet  
 WILSON, Mike            Castle Forbes Bay

#### Deputy Mayor

★ DILLON, Laurie\*        Geeveston  
 HERON, Bruce            Grove  
 SMITH, Liz                Cygnet

#### Councillors

★ ARMSTRONG, Robert\*    Cygnet  
 BURLING, Adam            Lucaston  
 CUTHBERTSON, Heather    Glen Huon  
 ★ DOYLE, Gary\*            Dover  
 GASH, Liam                Ranelagh  
 GRIGGS, Tim                North Franklin  
 PAGE, Karen                Huonville  
 ★ PAUL, Ian\*                Judbury  
 ★ SMITH, Liz\*                Cygnet  
 THIESEN, Charmagne        Dover

★ denotes elected candidate  
 \* denotes seeking re-election

## Huon Valley Councillors following the 2007 elections

#### Mayor

*term ends 2009*  
 ARMSTRONG, Robert

#### Deputy Mayor

*term ends 2009*  
 DILLON, Laurie

#### 9 Councillors

*term ends 2011*  
 ARMSTRONG, Robert

SMITH, Liz  
 PAUL, Ian  
 DOYLE, Gary

*term ends 2009*  
 DILLON, Laurie  
 WILSON, Mike  
 RICHARDSON, Tony  
 HERON, Bruce  
 DUGGAN, Tony

# Huon Valley Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 10544

Declarations rejected: 93

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Formal Votes: 6749

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 6951

Declarations admitted: 6858

Total ballot papers: 6855

Informal ballot papers: 106

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Response: 65.92%

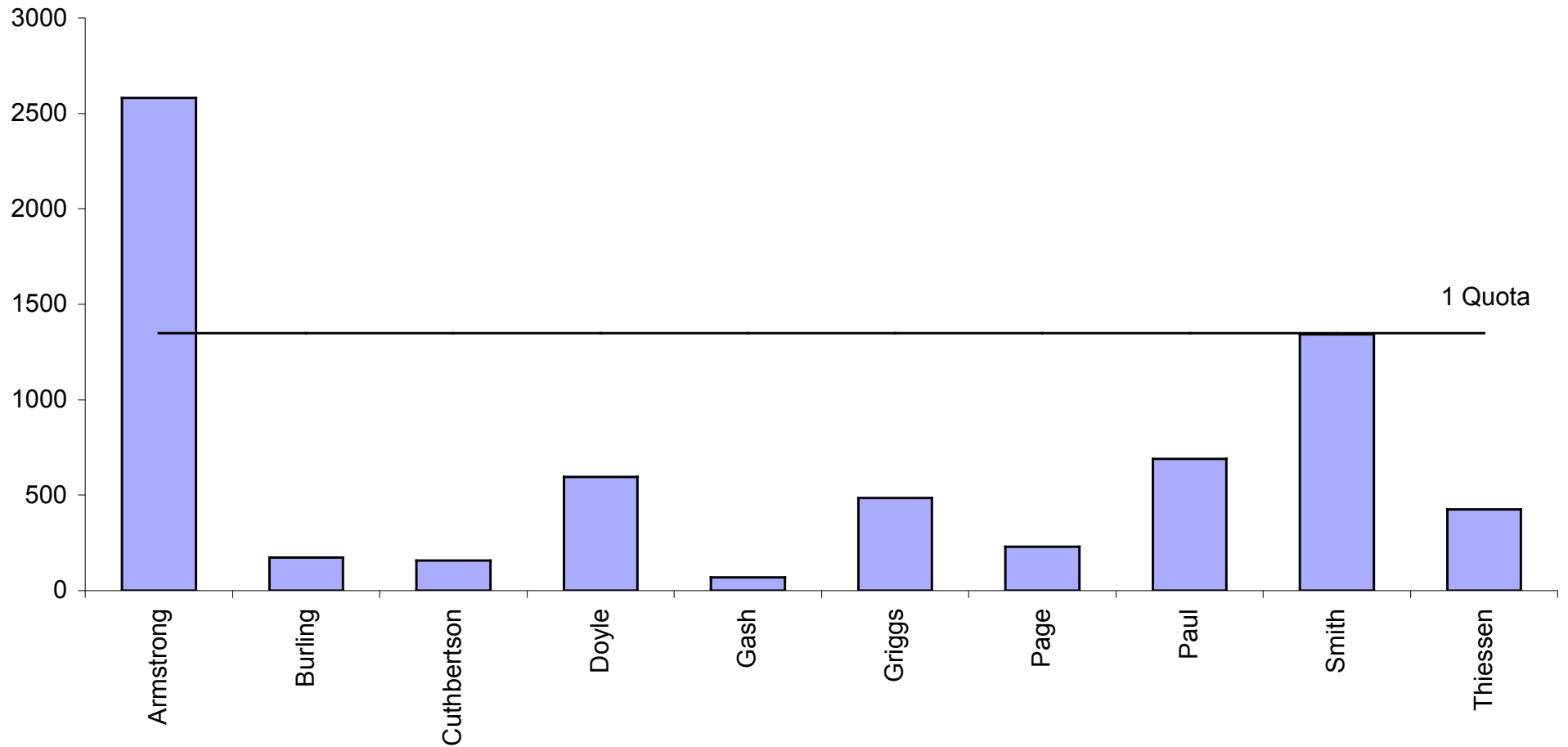
Rejection rate: 1.34%

Informality rate: 1.55%

Quota = 1350

Count	Candidates										Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks	
	Armstrong	Burling	Cuthbertson	Doyle	Gash	Griggs	Page	Paul	Smith	Thiessen					
1	2 580.00	174.00	157.00	595.00	70.00	486.00	231.00	690.00	1 342.00	424.00					
	2 580.00	174.00	157.00	595.00	70.00	486.00	231.00	690.00	1 342.00	424.00			6 749.00	<b>Armstrong elected 1</b>	
2	-1 230.00	12.87	38.61	314.17	10.48	284.61	89.15	313.22	107.26	59.59		0.04		Armstrong's surplus distributed	
	1 350.00	186.87	195.61	909.17	80.48	770.61	320.15	1 003.22	1 449.26	483.59		0.04	6 749.00	<b>Smith elected 2</b>	
3		10.58	13.23	16.32	5.29	21.61	15.44	8.38	- 99.26	8.38		0.03		Smith's surplus distributed	
	1 350.00	197.45	208.84	925.49	85.77	792.22	335.59	1 011.60	1 350.00	491.97		0.07	6 749.00		
4 to 6		37.71	7.47	6.26	- 85.77	2.82	11.71	8.38		11.39		0.03		Gash excluded	
	1 350.00	235.16	216.31	931.75	0.00	795.04	347.30	1 019.98	1 350.00	503.36		0.10	6 749.00		
7 to 9		16.75	- 216.31	34.41		36.82	52.20	27.93		47.73	0.44	0.03		Cuthbertson excluded	
	1 350.00	251.91	0.00	966.16		831.86	399.50	1 047.91	1 350.00	551.09	0.44	0.13	6 749.00		
10 to 12		- 251.91		17.21		34.01	62.21	32.70		86.79	18.97	0.02		Burling excluded	
	1 350.00	0.00		983.37		865.87	461.71	1 080.61	1 350.00	637.88	19.41	0.15	6 749.00		
13 to 15				69.86		119.28	- 461.71	97.05		153.87	21.63	0.02		Page excluded	
	1 350.00			1 053.23		985.15	0.00	1 177.66	1 350.00	791.75	41.04	0.17	6 749.00		
16				228.00		176.00		177.00		- 678.00	97.00	0.00		Thiessen part excluded	
	1 350.00			1 281.23		1 161.15		1 354.66	1 350.00	113.75	138.04	0.17	6 749.00	<b>Paul elected 3,</b>	
17 to 18				55.43		44.97				- 113.75	13.35	0.00		Thiessen fully excluded	
	1 350.00			1 336.66		1 206.12		1 354.66	1 350.00	0.00	151.39	0.17	6 749.00		
19				2.15		2.31		- 4.66			0.18	0.02		Paul's surplus distributed	
	1 350.00			1 338.81		1 208.43		1 350.00	1 350.00		151.57	0.19	6 749.00	<b>Doyle elected 4</b>	

## 2007 Huon Valley Councillor election - first preferences



# Huon Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

## Mayor

Declarations admitted: 6 858

Formal Votes: 6 704

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Informal ballot papers: 150

Total ballot papers: 6 854

Informality rate: 2.19%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		ARMSTRONG	WILSON			
Count 1	First Preferences	4 567	2 137	6 704	3 353	<b>ARMSTRONG elected</b>

## Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 6858

Formal Votes: 6782

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

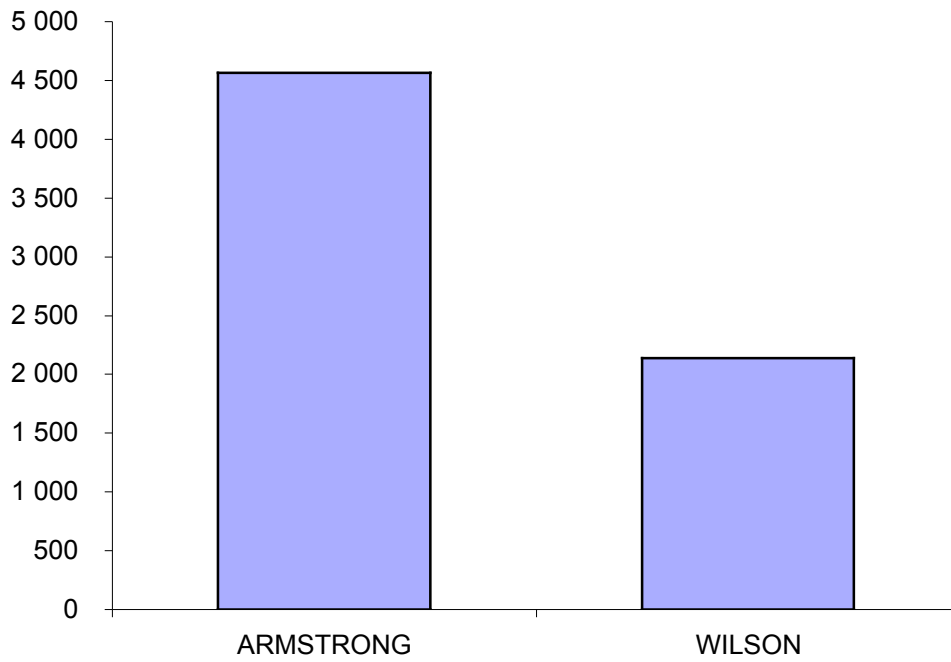
Informal ballot papers: 73

Total ballot papers: 6855

Informality rate: 1.06%

		Candidates			Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DILLON	HERON	SMITH				
Count 1	Progress Total	3 126	1 694	1 962		6 782	3 392	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	1 080	-1 694	365	249			Heron excluded
	Progress Total	4 206	0	2 327	249	6 782	3 267	<b>Dillon elected</b>

### 2007 Huon Valley Mayor election - first preferences



### 2007 Huon Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

