



Latrobe 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 Latrobe Council Election

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

6734 Latrobe electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 6669 (99.03%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 65 (0.97%) from the General Manager's roll.

58.79% of Latrobe electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ GAFFNEY, Michael*	Latrobe	★ GAFFNEY, Michael*	Latrobe
		★ PERKINS, John*	Latrobe
		★ ROCKLIFF, Rick*	Sassafras
		★ SIMS, Garry Steven*	Wesley Vale
Deputy Mayor		★ STUART, Lynette D	Shearwater
★ ROCKLIFF, Rick*	Sassafras	WATCHMAN, Jacqueline Anne	Latrobe

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Latrobe Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>
GAFFNEY, Michael	GAFFNEY, Michael	BEVERIDGE, Rob
Deputy Mayor	ROCKLIFF, Rick	McLAREN, Mike
<i>term ends 2009</i>	SIMS, Garry Steven	DICK, Stephen
ROCKLIFF, Rick	STUART, Lynette D	DARBYSHIRE, Pat
	PERKINS, John	

Latrobe Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 6734

Declarations rejected: 53

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

Formal Votes: 3875

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 3959

Declarations admitted: 3906

Total ballot papers: 3901

Informal ballot papers: 26

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Response: 58.79%

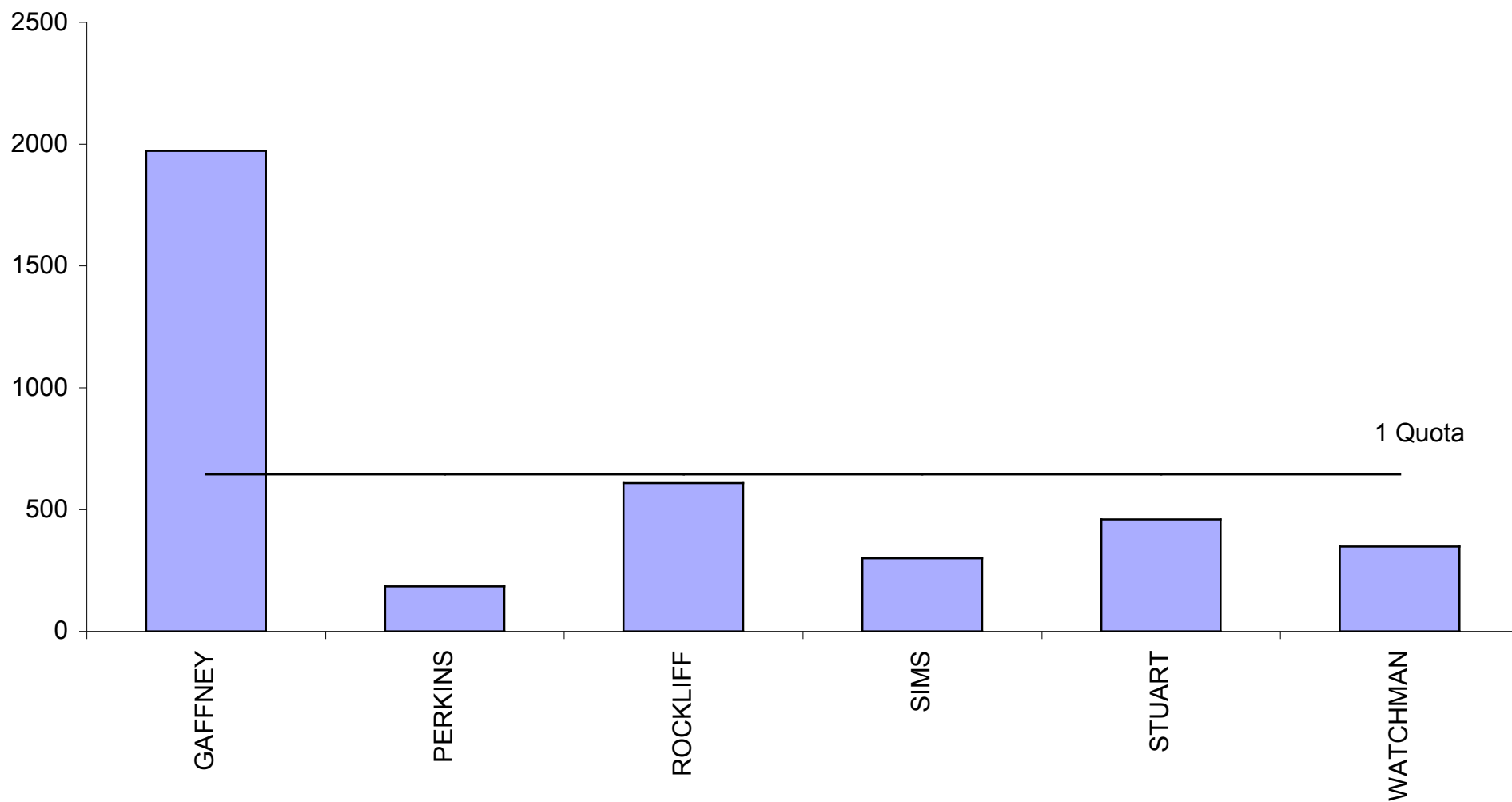
Rejection rate: 1.34%

Informality rate: 0.67%

Quota = 646

Count	GAFFNEY	PERKINS	ROCKLIFF	SIMS	STUART	WATCHMAN	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	1 973.00	184.00	609.00	301.00	460.00	348.00				
	1 973.00	184.00	609.00	301.00	460.00	348.00			3 875.00	GAFFNEY elected 1
2	-1 327.00	196.39	618.10	236.07	157.38	119.04		0.02		GAFFNEY's surplus distributed
	646.00	380.39	1 227.10	537.07	617.38	467.04		0.02	3 875.00	ROCKLIFF elected 2
3		191.59	- 581.10	225.10	82.20	82.20		0.01		ROCKLIFF's surplus distributed
	646.00	571.98	646.00	762.17	699.58	549.24		0.03	3 875.00	SIMS elected 3, STUART elected 4
4		87.78		- 116.17		28.38		0.01		SIMS' surplus distributed
	646.00	659.76	646.00	646.00	699.58	577.62		0.04	3 875.00	PERKINS elected 5

2007 Latrobe Councillor election - first preferences



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Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Mayor – Michael Gaffney (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor – Rick Rockliff (elected unopposed)