



Sorell 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 Sorell Council Election

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

9015 Sorell electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 8805 (97.67%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 210 (2.33%) from the General Manager's roll.

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

Recounts

Two recounts were held between the 2005 and 2007 elections. Councillor Barry Curtain resigned on Monday 9 January 2006. Seven unelected candidates from the 2002 Sorell Council election contested the recount. The recount took place on Monday 30 January 2006.

The other recount took place on Tuesday 14 February 2006 following the resignation of Tony McDermott on Friday 27 January 2006. Five unelected candidates from the 2002 Sorell Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
PURDON, Mike	Sorell	CUATT, Lisa	Bream Creek
THE DUKE OF AVRAM, John	Sorell	★ DEAN, Bryan*	Midway Point
★ TORENIUS, Carmel*	Forcett	★ DUNBABIN, James F*	Bream Creek
		★ EVANS, Graeme*	Sorell
		★ McDONALD, Brett	Primrose Sands
		THE DUKE OF AVRAM, John	Sorell
Deputy Mayor		★ YOUNG, Judy	Dunalley
★ EVANS, Graeme*	Sorell		

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Sorell Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor

term ends 2009

TORENIUS, Carmel

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2009

EVANS, Graeme

9 Councillors

term ends 2011

DUNBABIN, James F

McDONALD, Brett

EVANS, Graeme

YOUNG, Judy

DEAN, Bryan

term ends 2009

TORENIUS, Carmel

PURDON, Mike

DEGRASSI, Kerry

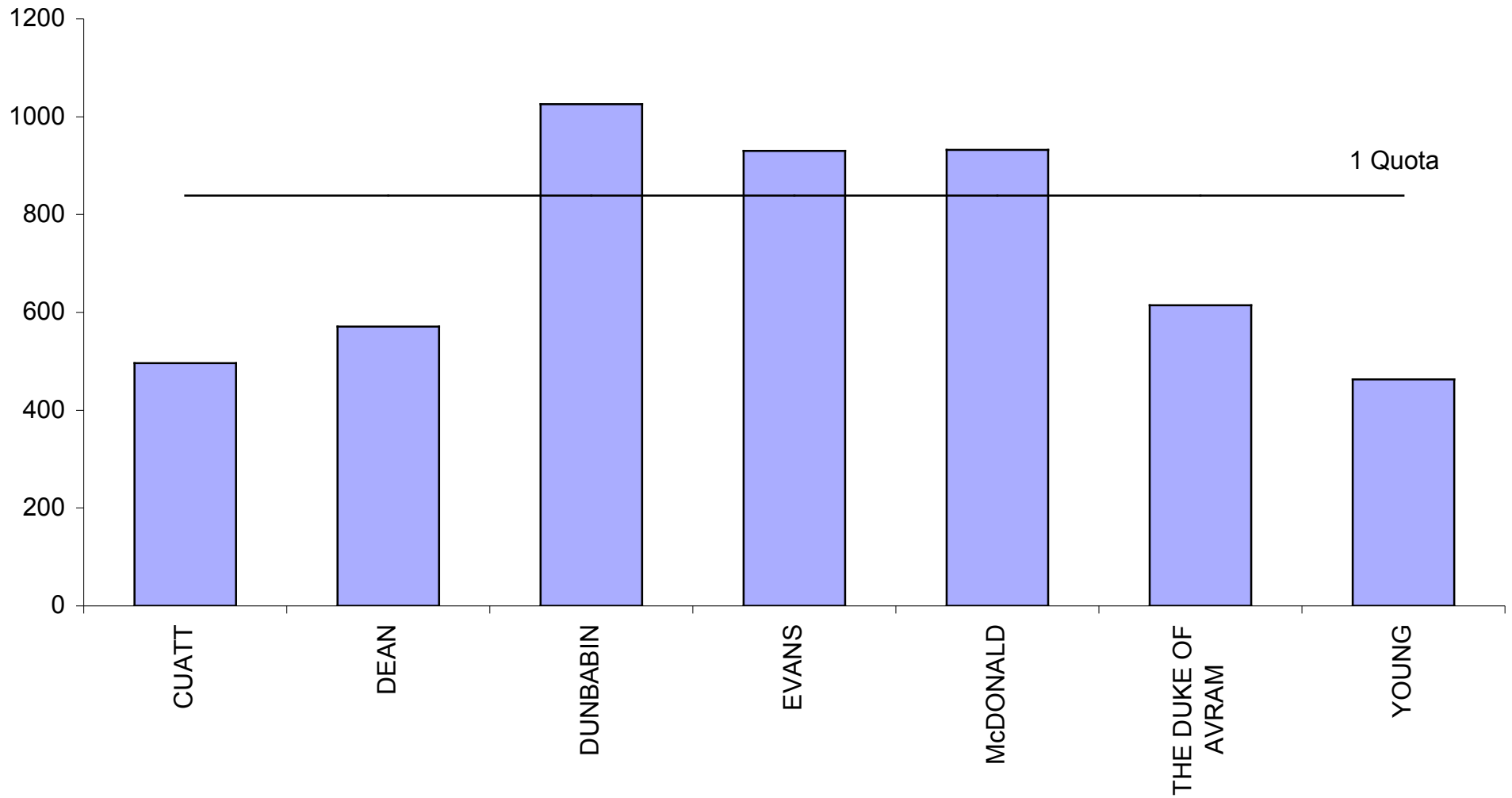
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Sorell Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007 Electors enrolled: 9015 Declarations rejected: 42 Ballot paper adjustment: 9 Formal Votes: 5033
 Number to be elected: 5 Declarations returned: 5177 Declarations admitted: 5135 Total ballot papers: 5126 Informal ballot papers: 93
 Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar Response: 57.43% Rejection rate: 0.81% Informality rate: 1.81%
 Quota = 839

Count	CUATT	DEAN	DUNBABIN	EVANS	McDONALD	THE DUKE OF AVRAM	YOUNG	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	496.00	571.00	1 026.00	930.00	932.00	615.00	463.00			5 033.00	DUNBABIN elected 1, McDONALD elected 2, EVANS elected 3
2	34.08	69.44	- 187.00			26.61	56.86		0.01		DUNBABIN's surplus distributed
	530.08	640.44	839.00	930.00	932.00	641.61	519.86		0.01	5 033.00	
3	16.46	33.72			- 93.00	17.96	24.84		0.02		McDONALD's surplus distributed
	546.54	674.16	839.00	930.00	839.00	659.57	544.70		0.03	5 033.00	
4	13.30	47.84		- 91.00		12.42	17.41		0.03		EVANS' surplus distributed
	559.84	722.00	839.00	839.00	839.00	671.99	562.11		0.06	5 033.00	
5	- 496.00	96.00				40.00	360.00		0.00		CUATT part excluded
	63.84	818.00	839.00	839.00	839.00	711.99	922.11		0.06	5 033.00	YOUNG elected 4
6	- 34.08	24.78				8.20		1.09	0.01		CUATT part excluded
	29.76	842.78	839.00	839.00	839.00	720.19	922.11	1.09	0.07	5 033.00	DEAN elected 5

2007 Sorell Councillor election - first preferences



Sorell Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr David Molnar

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5135

Formal Votes: 5078

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Informal ballot papers: 50

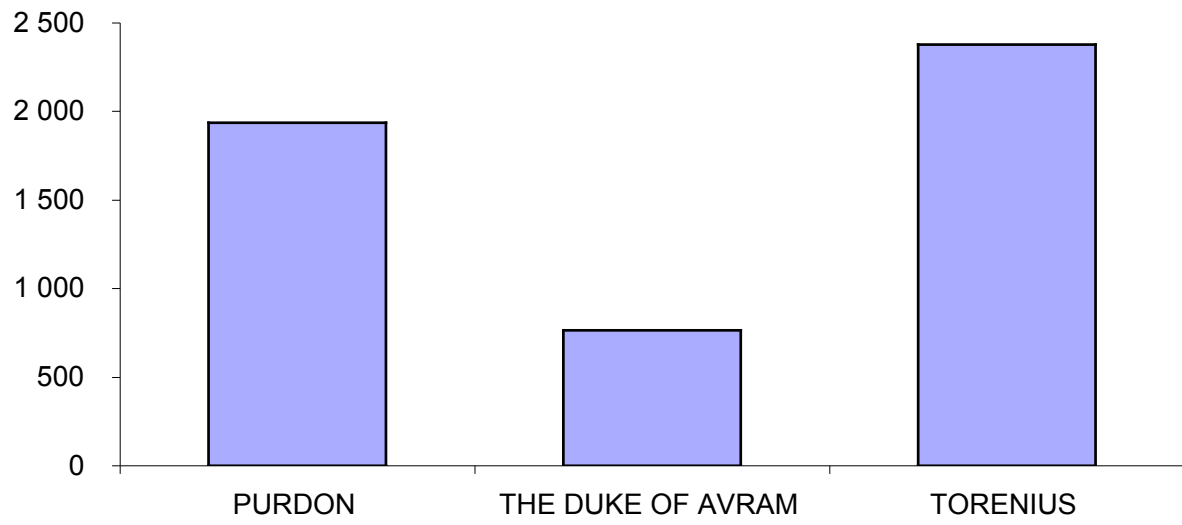
Total ballot papers: 5128

Informality rate: 0.98%

		Candidates			Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		PURDON	THE DUKE OF AVRAM	TORENIUS				
Count 1	Total	1 936	764	2 378		5 078	2 540	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	509	- 764	219	36			The Duke of Avram excluded
	Progress Total	2 445	0	2 597	36	5 078	2 522	Torenius elected

Deputy Mayor – Graeme Evans (elected unopposed)

2007 Sorell Mayor election - first preferences



2006 Sorell Council - Recount

Recount due to resignation of Councillor Barry Curtain

30 January 2006

Candidates

		BLOM Ian	DEAN Bryan	THE DUKE OF AVRAM John	DUNBABIN James F	LEACH Rob	MEAD Stan (Junior)	ROWLANDS Debbie	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Total	57.39	239.73	62.30	144.20	80.76	52.21	112.16	18.22	0.03	767.00	374.38	Curtain's votes distributed
Count 2	Votes Transferred	3.07	7.22	5.00	9.45	14.15	- 52.21	9.00	4.30	0.02			Mead excluded
	Progress Totals	60.46	246.95	67.30	153.65	94.91	0.00	121.16	22.52	0.05	767.00	372.22	
Count 3	Votes Transferred	- 60.46	19.60	1.00	12.22	16.22		9.41	2.00	0.01			Blom excluded
	Progress Totals	0.00	266.55	68.30	165.87	111.13		130.57	24.52	0.06	767.00	371.22	
Count 4	Votes Transferred		14.00	- 68.30	17.00	11.07		15.15	11.07	0.01			The Duke of Avram excluded
	Progress Totals		280.55	0.00	182.87	122.20		145.72	35.59	0.07	767.00	365.68	
Count 5	Votes Transferred		35.01		33.07	- 122.20		34.58	19.53	0.01			Leach excluded
	Progress Totals		315.56		215.94	0.00		180.30	55.12	0.08	767.00	355.91	
Count 6	Votes Transferred		62.72		75.11			- 180.30	42.47	0.00			Rowland excluded
	Progress Totals		378.28		291.05			0.00	97.59	0.08	767.00	334.67	Dean elected

2006 Sorell Council - Recount

Recount due to resignation of Councillor Tony McDermott

14 February 2006

Candidates

		THE DUKE OF AVRAM John	DUNBABIN James F	LEACH Rob	MEAD Stan (Junior)	ROWLANDS Debbie	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	Total	91.74	202.90	129.74	119.32	187.84	35.44	0.02	767.00	365.78	McDermott's votes distributed
Count 2	Votes Transferred	- 91.74	29.45	19.31	16.31	15.37	11.31	- 0.01			The Duke of Avram excluded
	Progress Totals	0.00	232.35	149.05	135.63	203.21	46.75	0.01	767.00	360.13	
Count 3	Votes Transferred		35.66	39.60	- 135.63	37.13	23.21	0.03			Mead excluded
	Progress Totals		268.01	188.65	0.00	240.34	69.96	0.04	767.00	348.51	
Count 4	Votes Transferred		85.04	- 188.65		58.00	45.60	0.01			Leach excluded
	Progress Totals		353.05	0.00		298.34	115.56	0.05	767.00	325.70	Dunbabin elected