



West Tamar 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 West Tamar Council Election

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

15 529 West Tamar electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 15 359 (98.91%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 170 (1.09%) from the General Manager's roll.

55.92% of West Tamar electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

Recounts

Two recounts were held between the 2005 and 2007 elections. Councillor Vivienne Lambert resigned on Tuesday 18 July 2006. Six unelected candidates from the 2002 West Tamar Council election contested the recount. The recount took place on Monday 31 July 2006. The other recount took place on Tuesday 1 August 2006 following the resignation of Councillor Les Rochester on Wednesday 19 July 2006. Four unelected candidates from the 2002 West Tamar Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ EASTHER, Barry Maxwell*	Sidmouth	COCHRANE, Robin	Clarence Point
		CORBETT, Kim	Legana
		DICKINSON, Geoff (Dicko)	Beauty Point
		★ EASTHER, Barry Maxwell*	Sidmouth
Deputy Mayor		GULSON, Julia*	Beaconsfield
BURR, Max*	Legana	PRICE, Mark Bradley	Riverside
★ KEARNEY, Peter	Exeter	★ ROACH, Trevor William*	Rosevears
		RONEY, Tony	Riverside
		ROSS, Estelle	Riverside
		★ SHEGOG, Rick	Riverside
		★ STEVENS, Karl	Beaconsfield
		STONE, Rodney George	Exeter
		★ TYSON, Viv	Robigana
		WOINARSKI, Tim	Legana

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

West Tamar Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor

term ends 2009

EASTHER, Barry Maxwell

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2009

KEARNEY, Peter

9 Councillors

term ends 2011

EASTHER, Barry Maxwell

STEVENS, Karl

SHEGOG, Rick

ROACH, Trevor William

TYSON, Viv

term ends 2009

KEARNEY, Peter

ALLEN, Joy

BURR, Max

DODDY, Peter

West Tamar Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 15529

Declarations rejected: 131

Ballot paper adjustment: 14

Formal Votes: 8305

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 8684

Declarations admitted: 8553

Total ballot papers: 8539

Informal ballot papers: 234

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 55.92%

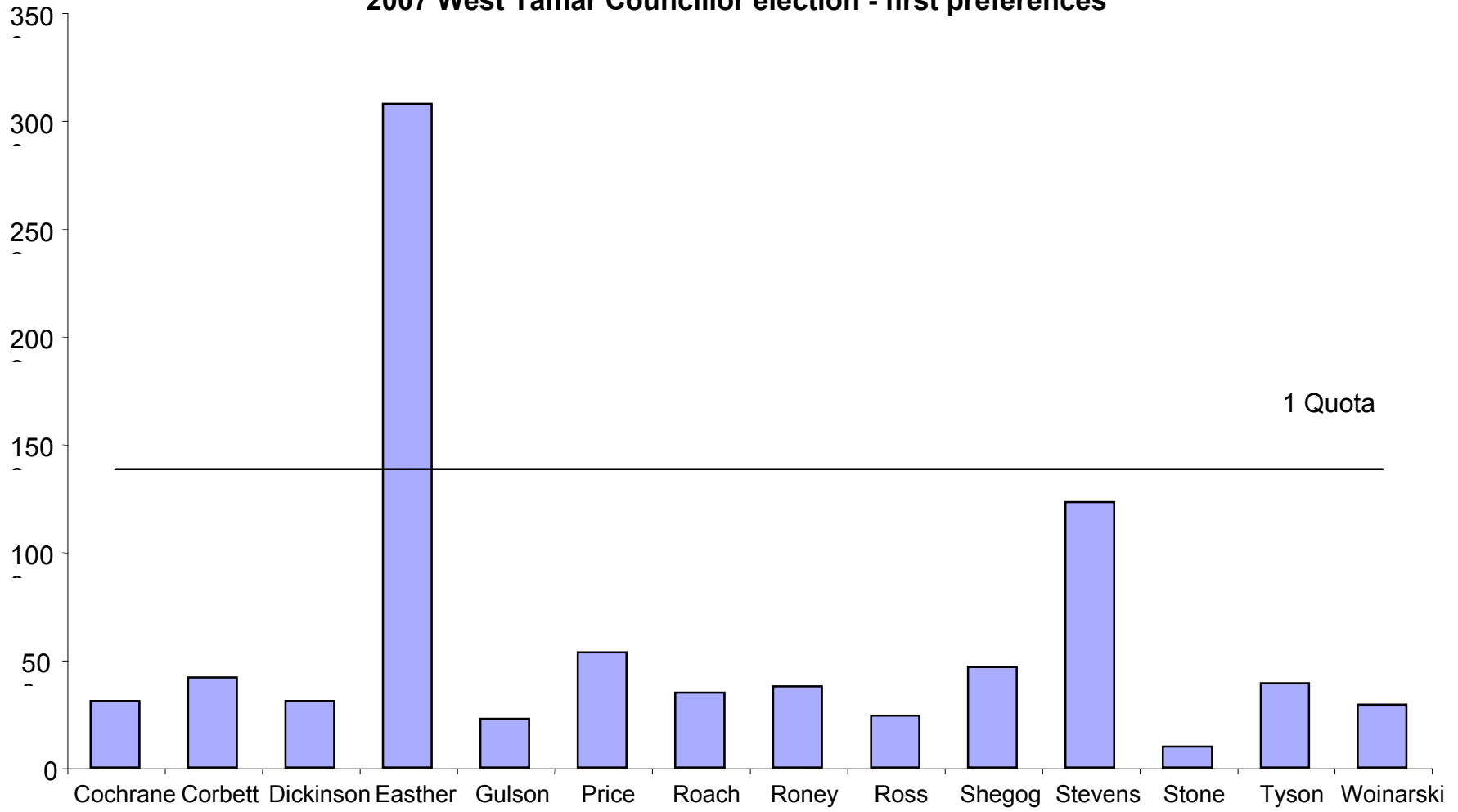
Rejection rate: 1.51%

Informality rate: 2.74%

Quota = 1385

Count	Cochrane	Corbett	Dickinson	Easther	Gulson	Price	Roach	Roney	Ross	Shegog	Stevens	Stone	Tyson	Woinarski	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	308.00	417.00	308.00	3 075.00	225.00	534.00	347.00	375.00	241.00	466.00	1 229.00	96.00	391.00	293.00			8 305.00	Easther elected 1
2	131.90	105.52	206.09	-1 690.00	146.74	49.46	415.49	110.46	34.62	217.08	46.16	33.52	113.21	79.69		0.06		Easther's surplus distributed
	439.90	522.52	514.09	1 385.00	371.74	583.46	762.49	485.46	275.62	683.08	1 275.16	129.52	504.21	372.69		0.06	8 305.00	
3 to 4	14.84	5.09	9.74		9.29	8.09	14.59	8.84	9.54	14.94	13.74	- 129.52	9.19	11.54		0.09		Stone excluded
	454.74	527.61	523.83	1 385.00	381.03	591.55	777.08	494.30	285.16	698.02	1 288.90	0.00	513.40	384.23		0.15	8 305.00	
5 to 6	24.84	26.29	9.39		25.94	34.39	6.64	8.09	- 285.16	16.84	84.74		35.29	12.64		0.07		Ross excluded
	479.58	553.90	533.22	1 385.00	406.97	625.94	783.72	502.39	0.00	714.86	1 373.64		548.69	396.87		0.22	8 305.00	
7	29.00	21.00	32.00		22.00	16.00	24.00	21.00		57.00	47.00		46.00	- 315.00		0.00		Woinarski part excluded
	508.58	574.90	565.22	1 385.00	428.97	641.94	807.72	523.39		771.86	1 420.64		594.69	81.87		0.22	8 305.00	Stevens elected 2
8	10.99	10.44	6.04		8.24	6.59	10.99	7.14		13.19			8.24	- 81.87		0.01		Woinarski fully excluded
	519.57	585.34	571.26	1 385.00	437.21	648.53	818.71	530.53		785.05	1 420.64		602.93	0.00		0.23	8 305.00	
9	2.27	6.06	0.00		2.27	10.61	1.51	1.51		4.54	- 35.64		6.82			0.05		Stevens' surplus distributed
	521.84	591.40	571.26	1 385.00	439.48	659.14	820.22	532.04		789.59	1 385.00		609.75			0.28	8 305.00	
10 to 12	80.58	60.58	54.67		- 439.48	29.94	47.93	45.83		59.57			56.13		4.19	0.06		Gulson excluded
	602.42	651.98	625.93	1 385.00	0.00	689.08	868.15	577.87		849.16	1 385.00		665.88		4.19	0.34	8 305.00	
13 to 15	76.29	48.79	101.42			36.04	144.62	- 577.87		115.08			50.54		5.09	0.00		Roney excluded
	678.71	700.77	727.35	1 385.00		725.12	1 012.77	0.00		964.24	1 385.00		716.42		9.28	0.34	8 305.00	
16 to 18	- 678.71	119.79	153.50			67.58	98.02			97.77			120.57		21.45	0.03		Cochrane excluded
	0.00	820.56	880.85	1 385.00		792.70	1 110.79			1 062.01	1 385.00		836.99		30.73	0.37	8 305.00	
19 to 21		159.03	104.13			- 792.70	121.23			155.30			197.55		55.44	0.02		Price excluded
		979.59	984.98	1 385.00		0.00	1 232.02			1 217.31	1 385.00		1 034.54		86.17	0.39	8 305.00	
22		- 787.00	122.00				94.00			292.00			201.00		78.00	0.00		Corbett part excluded
		192.59	1 106.98	1 385.00			1 326.02			1 509.31	1 385.00		1 235.54		164.17	0.39	8 305.00	Shegog elected 3
23 to 24		- 192.59	66.57				48.36						61.22		16.48	- 0.04		Corbett fully excluded
		0.00	1 173.55	1 385.00			1 374.38			1 509.31	1 385.00		1 296.76		180.65	0.35	8 305.00	
25			28.09				31.92			- 124.31			40.44		23.84	0.02		Shegog's surplus distributed
			1 201.64	1 385.00			1 406.30			1 385.00	1 385.00		1 337.20		204.49	0.37	8 305.00	Roach elected 4
26			8.80				- 21.30						7.66		4.82	0.02		Roach's surplus distributed
			1 210.44	1 385.00			1 385.00			1 385.00	1 385.00		1 344.86		209.31	0.39	8 305.00	Tyson elected 5

2007 West Tamar Councillor election - first preferences



West Tamar Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor – Barry Maxwell Easther (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 8 553

Ballot paper adjustment: 13

Total ballot papers: 8 540

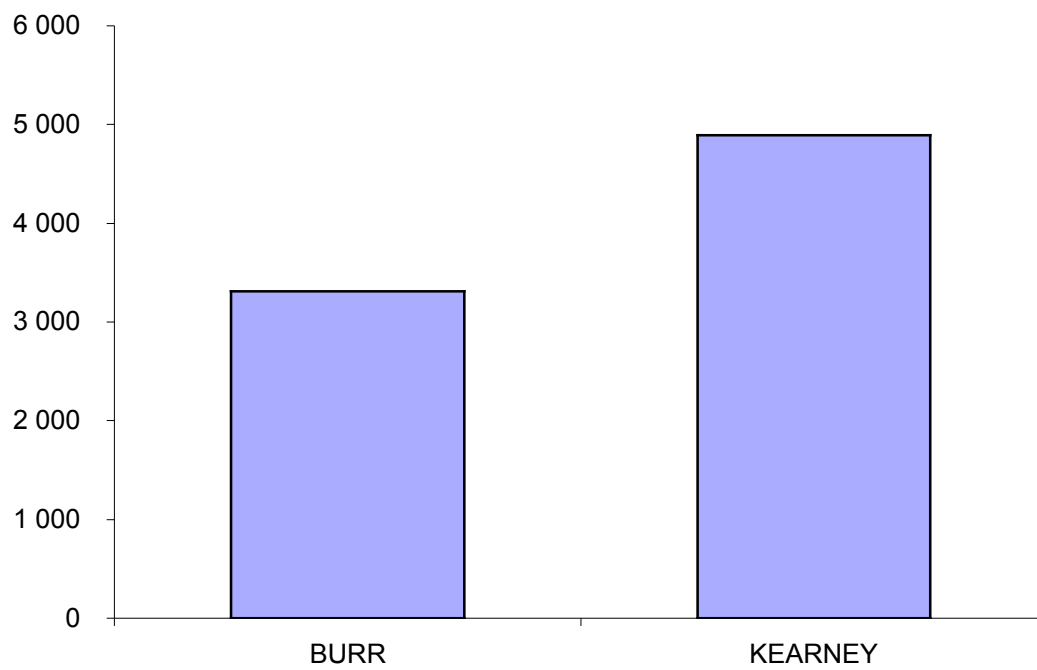
Formal Votes: 8 202

Informal ballot papers: 338

Informality rate: 3.96%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BURR	KEARNEY			
Count 1	First Preferences	3 311	4 891	8 202	4 102	KEARNEY elected

2007 West Tamar Deputy Mayor election - first preferences



2006 West Tamar Council - Recount

Recount due to resignation of Councillor Vivienne Lambert

31 July 2006

		Candidates						Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		GULSON Julia	PEARN Richard	PHELPS Rowan	PRICE Mark Bradley	SHAPTER Jayne	ZICHY- WOINARSKI Tim					
Count 1	Total	414.59	244.75	107.93	87.52	207.86	245.76	4.55	0.04	1 313.00	654.21	LAMBERT's votes distributed
Count 2	Votes Transferred	22.21	20.15	17.19	- 87.52	9.77	14.60	3.51	0.09			
	Progress Totals	436.80	264.90	125.12	0.00	217.63	260.36	8.06	0.13	1 313.00	652.41	PRICE excluded
Count 3	Votes Transferred	65.64	55.00	76.69		54.95	- 260.36	8.04	0.04			
	Progress Totals	502.44	319.90	201.81		272.58	0.00	16.10	0.17	1 313.00	648.37	ZICHY_WOINARSKI excluded
Count 4	Votes Transferred	66.30	52.06	- 201.81		62.30		21.18	- 0.03			
	Progress Totals	568.74	371.96	0.00		334.88		37.28	0.14	1 313.00	637.80	PHELPS excluded
Count 5	Votes Transferred	231.51	67.43			- 334.88		35.96	- 0.02			
	Progress Totals	800.25	439.39			0.00		73.24	0.12	1 313.00	619.83	GULSON elected

2006 West Tamar Council - Recount

Recount due to resignation of Councillor Les ROCHESTER

1 August 2006

		Candidates				Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		CORBETT	LEAVER	PRICE	WOINARSKI					
Count 1	Total	363.61	450.24	126.46	425.42	77.25	0.02	1 443.00	682.87	ROCHESTER's votes distributed
Count 2	Votes Transferred	20.48	47.27	- 126.46	50.50	8.19	0.02			PRICE excluded
	Progress Totals	384.09	497.51	0.00	475.92	85.44	0.04	1 443.00	678.77	
Count 3	Votes Transferred	- 384.09	151.47		158.89	73.73	0.00			CORBETT excluded
	Progress Totals	0.00	648.98		634.81	159.17	0.04	1 443.00	641.90	LEAVER elected