



Central Coast Council

2009 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. In 2009, 27 elections were held in September/October, with the Break O'Day and Glamorgan-Spring Bay elections being postponed while an investigation into a proposed voluntary merger between them took place. These elections were then held in November/December.

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), 2007 and 2009 with the next elections due in October 2011.

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.tec.tas.gov.au.

2009 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 12 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 17 September
Nomination period	14 September–12 noon on 28 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 28 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 29 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	13–16 October
Polling period	13–27 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 27 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 2009 Central Coast Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 6 Councillors for 4 year terms.

16 149 Central Coast electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 16 087 (99.62%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 62 (0.38%) from the General Manager's roll.

54.37% of Central Coast electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ DOWNIE, Mike*	Riana	★ BONDE, Jan*	North Motton
		★ DIPROSE, Amanda	Ulverstone
		★ DOWNIE, Mike*	Riana
		★ HOWARD, Gerry*	Penguin
Deputy Mayor		LOWRIE, John	Ulverstone
★ BONDE, Jan	North Motton	MOURITZ, Ashley	North Motton
ROBERTSON, Brian*	West Ulverstone	★ van ROOYEN, Tony*	Ulverstone
		VANDERFEEN, Andrew	West Ulverstone
		★ VINEY, Philip	Ulverstone

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Central Coast Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor	12 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
DOWNIE, Mike	DOWNIE, Mike	ROBERTSON, Brian
Deputy Mayor	BONDE, Jan	DEACON, John
<i>term ends 2011</i>	van ROOYEN, Tony	FULLER, Cheryl
BONDE, Jan	DIPROSE, Amanda	DRY, David
	HOWARD, Gerry	HAINES, Ken
	VINEY, Philip	BONDE, Lionel Bruce

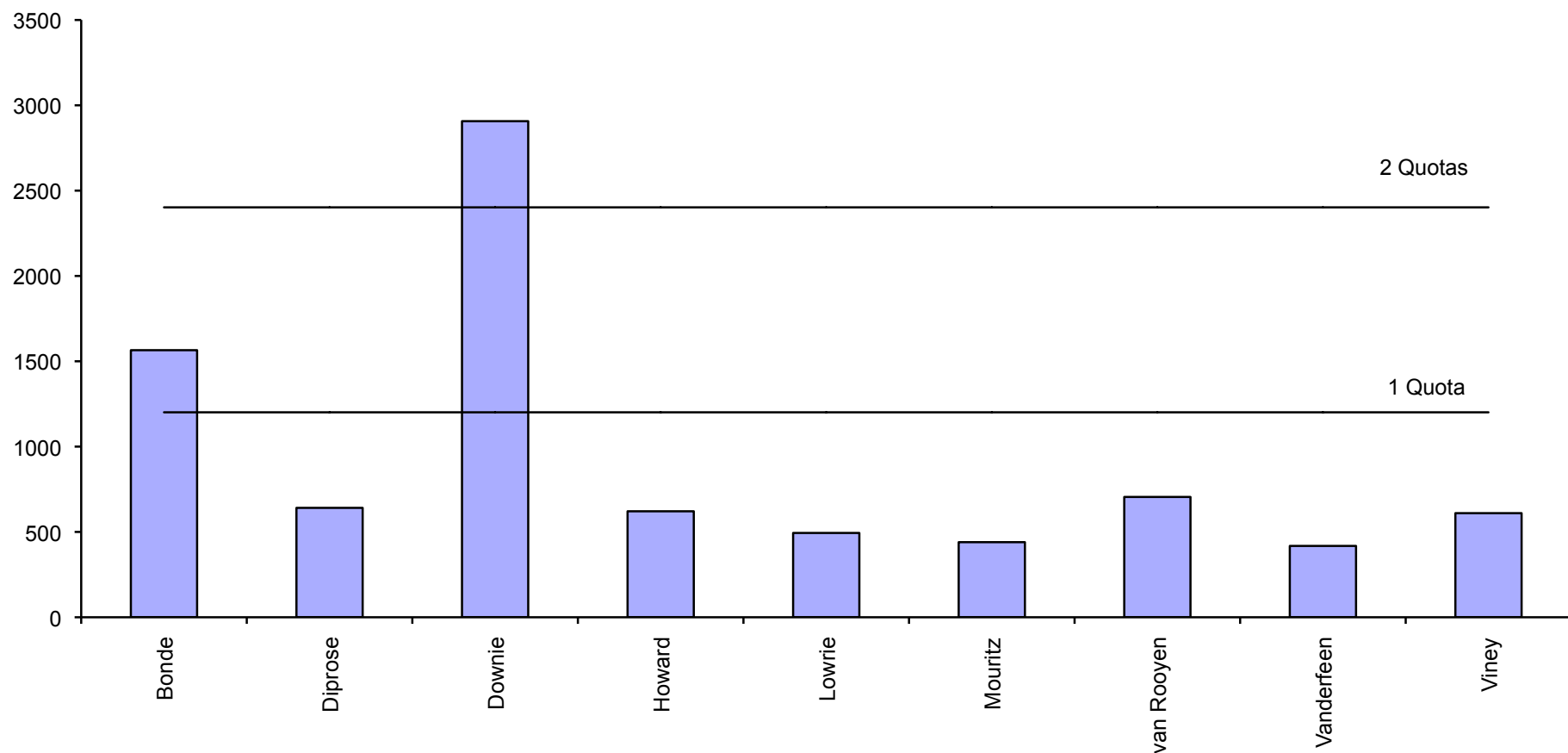
Central Coast Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009 Electors enrolled: 16149 Declarations rejected: 142 Ballot paper adjustment: 4 Formal Votes: 8401
 Number to be elected: 6 Declarations returned: 8780 Declarations admitted: 8638 Total ballot papers: 8634 Informal ballot papers: 233
 Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank Response: 54.37% Rejection rate: 1.62% Informality rate: 2.70%

Quota = 1201

Count	Bonde	Diprose	Downie	Howard	Lowrie	Mouritz	van Rooyen	Vanderfeen	Viney	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	1 565.00	641.00	2 907.00	621.00	494.00	440.00	705.00	418.00	610.00			8 401.00	Downie elected 1, Bonde elected 2
2		190.14	-1 706.00	410.80	177.81	106.80	425.47	149.64	245.30		0.04		Downie's surplus distributed
	1 565.00	831.14	1 201.00	1 031.80	671.81	546.80	1 130.47	567.64	855.30		0.04	8 401.00	
3	- 364.00	103.03		32.56	57.21	31.39	63.03	25.58	51.16		0.04		Bonde's surplus distributed
	1 201.00	934.17	1 201.00	1 064.36	729.02	578.19	1 193.50	593.22	906.46		0.08	8 401.00	
4		101.00		38.00	52.00	- 440.00	95.00	42.00	112.00				Mouritz part excluded
	1 201.00	1 035.17	1 201.00	1 102.36	781.02	138.19	1 288.50	635.22	1 018.46		0.08	8 401.00	van Rooyen elected 3
5 to 6		37.44		29.05	23.18	- 138.19		22.25	26.23		0.04		Mouritz fully excluded
	1 201.00	1 072.61	1 201.00	1 131.41	804.20	0.00	1 288.50	657.47	1 044.69		0.12	8 401.00	
7		25.78		15.65	13.81		- 87.50	9.21	23.02		0.03		van Rooyen's surplus distributed
	1 201.00	1 098.39	1 201.00	1 147.06	818.01		1 201.00	666.68	1 067.71		0.15	8 401.00	
8		147.00		88.00	102.00			- 460.00	123.00		0.00		Vanderfeen part excluded
	1 201.00	1 245.39	1 201.00	1 235.06	920.01		1 201.00	206.68	1 190.71		0.15	8 401.00	Diprose elected 4, Howard elected 5
9 to 10					70.58			- 176.45	100.59	5.28	0.00		Vanderfeen part excluded
	1 201.00	1 245.39	1 201.00	1235.06	990.59		1 201.00	30.23	1 291.30	5.28	0.15	8 401.00	Viney elected 6

2009 Central Coast Councillor election - first preferences



Central Coast Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Mayor — Mike Downie (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 8638

Formal Votes: 8263

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Informal ballot papers: 371

Total ballot papers: 8634

Informality rate: 4.30%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BONDE	ROBERTSON			
Count 1	First Preferences	4 612	3 651	8 263	4 132	BONDE elected

2009 Central Coast Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

