



# Circular Head 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](http://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 Circular Head Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 5 Councillors, 4 of which are for 4 year terms and 1 casual position for 2 years.

5722 Circular Head electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 5557 (97.12%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 165 (2.88%) from the General Manager's roll.

59.58% of Circular Head electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2009 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ QUILLIAM, Daryl H*	Smithton	★ HARDY, Rodney T (Rod)	Stanley
		MORRIS, Christopher Harcourt	Hellyer Beach
		★ MURRELL, Jeanie*	Smithton
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ QUILLIAM, Daryl H*	Smithton
MURRELL, Jeanie*	Smithton	^★ WELLS, Graham*	Stanley
OLDAKER, John Henry	Togari	★ WOODWARD, David John*	Smithton
★ SPINKS, Trevor Robert	Smithton		
WELLS, Graham	Stanley		

★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

^ denotes filled casual vacancy

### Circular Head Councillors following the 2009 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
QUILLIAM, Daryl	QUILLIAM, Daryl H	OLDAKER, John Henry
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	MURRELL, Jeanie	SPINKS, Trevor Robert
<i>term ends 2011</i>	WOODWARD, David John	GREY, Heather
SPINKS, Trevor Robert	HARDY, Rodney T (Rod)	BERECHREE, T J
		WELLS, Graham

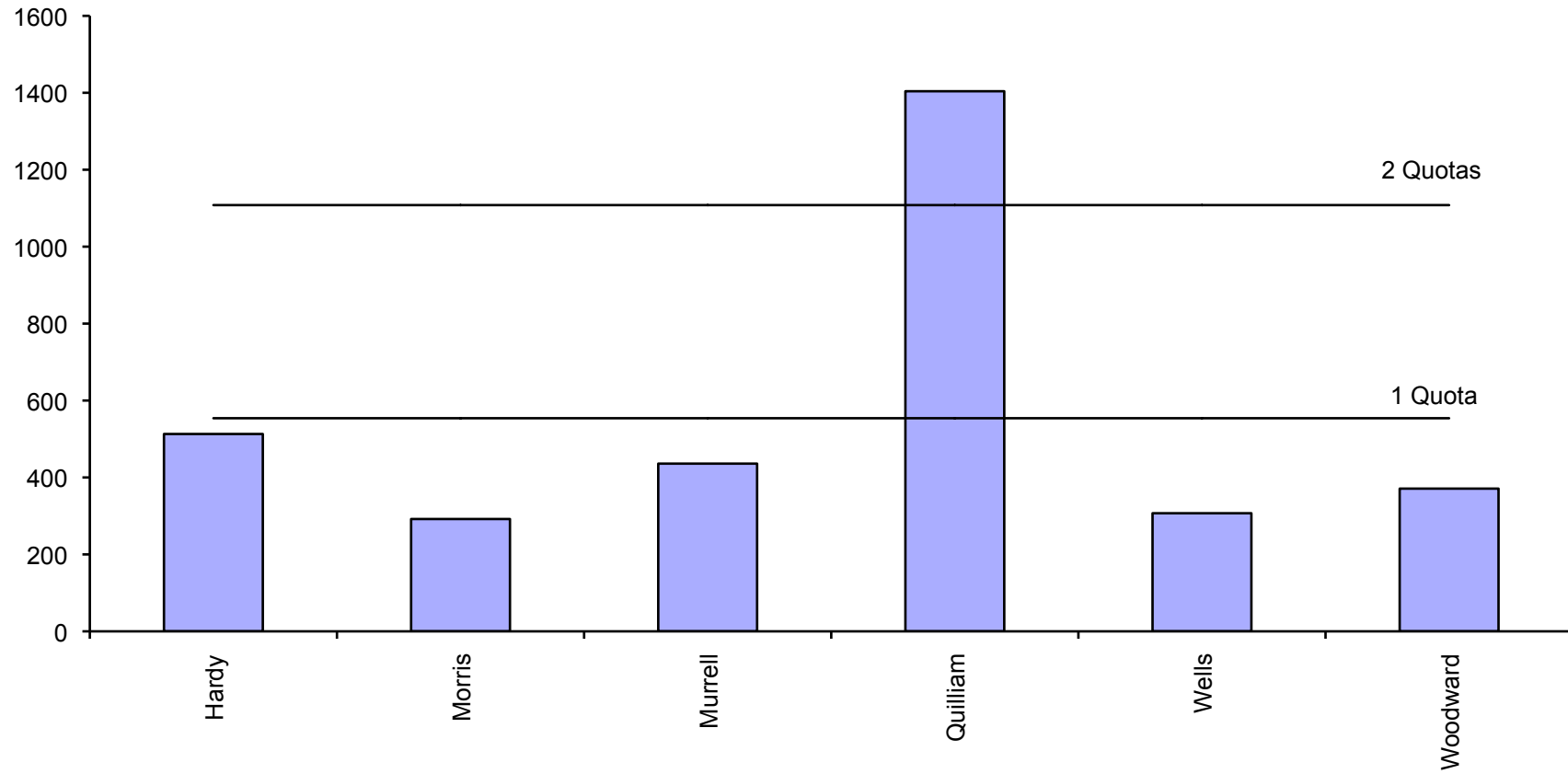
# Circular Head Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009    Electors enrolled: 5722    Declarations rejected: 44    Ballot paper adjustment: 4    Formal Votes: 3323  
 Number to be elected: 5    Declarations returned: 3409    Declarations admitted: 3365    Total ballot papers: 3361    Informal ballot papers: 38  
 Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank    Response: 59.58%    Rejection rate: 1.29%    Informality rate: 1.13%

Quota = 554

Count	Hardy	Morris	Murrell	Quilliam	Wells	Woodward	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	513.00	292.00	436.00	1 404.00	307.00	371.00		3 323.00	<b>Quilliam elected 1</b>
2	81.73	81.73	252.45	- 850.00	192.52	241.55	0.02		Quilliam's surplus distributed
	594.73	373.73	688.45	554.00	499.52	612.55	0.02	3 323.00	<b>Murrell elected 2, Woodward elected 3, Hardy elected 4</b>
3		49.97	- 134.45		84.47		0.01		Murrell's surplus distributed
	594.73	423.70	554.00	554.00	583.99	612.55	0.03	3 323.00	<b>Wells elected 5</b>

## 2009 Circular Head Councillor election - first preferences



## Circular Head Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

**Mayor** — Daryl H Quilliam (elected unopposed)

### Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3365

Formal Votes: 3322

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Informal ballot papers: 39

Total ballot papers: 3361

Informality rate: 1.16%

		Candidates				Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		MURRELL	OLDAKER	SPINKS	WELLS				
Count 1	Progress Total	882	1 009	878	553		3 322	1 662	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	175	143	208	- 553	27			Wells excluded
	Progress Total	1 057	1 152	1 086	0	27	3 322	1 648	
Count 3	Votes transferred	-1 057	436	563		58			Murrell excluded
	Progress Total	0	1 588	1 649		85	3 322	1 619	<b>Spinks elected</b>

2009 Circular Head Deputy Mayor - first preferences

