

Dorset 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 Dorset Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 6 Councillors, 5 of which for 4 year terms, and 1 casual position for 2 years..

5 529 Dorset electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 5 253 (95.01%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 276 (4.99%) from the General Manager's roll.

70.03% of Dorset electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

| Mayor | | Councillors | |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| ★ JARVIS, Barry | Bridport | ★ BESWICK, John | Deviot |
| McLENNAN, Roger | Bridport | CASHION, Graham | Branxholm |
| PARTRIDGE, Peter William* | Scottsdale | CUTHBERTSON, Wayne John | Bridport |
| | | DONALDSON, Kerrie | Telita |
| | | EADIE, Tom | Branxholm |
| | | ★ McLENNAN, Roger* | Bridport |
| | | ★ MARTIN, Sheryl* | Jetsonville |
| Deputy Mayor | | ★ PARTRIDGE, Peter William* | Scottsdale |
| ARNOLD, Steven | Bridport | POWELL, Michael | Springfield |
| RANSOM, Thomas | Bridport | PROBERT, Jill | Gladstone |
| ★ THORNE, Yvonne R* | Derby | ^★ STEIN, Leonie | Bridport |
| | | TERRY, Jodie | Gladstone |
| | | ★ THORNE, Yvonne R* | Derby |

★ denotes elected candidate
 * denotes seeking re-election
 ^ denotes filled casual vacancy

Dorset Councillors following the 2009 elections

| Mayor | | 9 Councillors |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>term ends 2011</i> | <i>term ends 2013</i> | <i>term ends 2011</i> |
| JARVIS, Barry | BESWICK, John | ARNOLD, Steven John |
| | THORNE, Yvonne R | RANSOM, Thomas |
| Deputy Mayor | McLENNAN, Roger | JARVIS, Barry |
| <i>term ends 2011</i> | MARTIN, Sheryl | STEIN, Leonie |
| THORNE, Yvonne R | PARTRIDGE, Peter William | |

Dorset Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 5529

Declarations rejected: 58

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Formal Votes: 3741

Number to be elected: 6

Declarations returned: 3872

Declarations admitted: 3814

Total ballot papers: 3811

Informal ballot papers: 70

Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Response: 70.03%

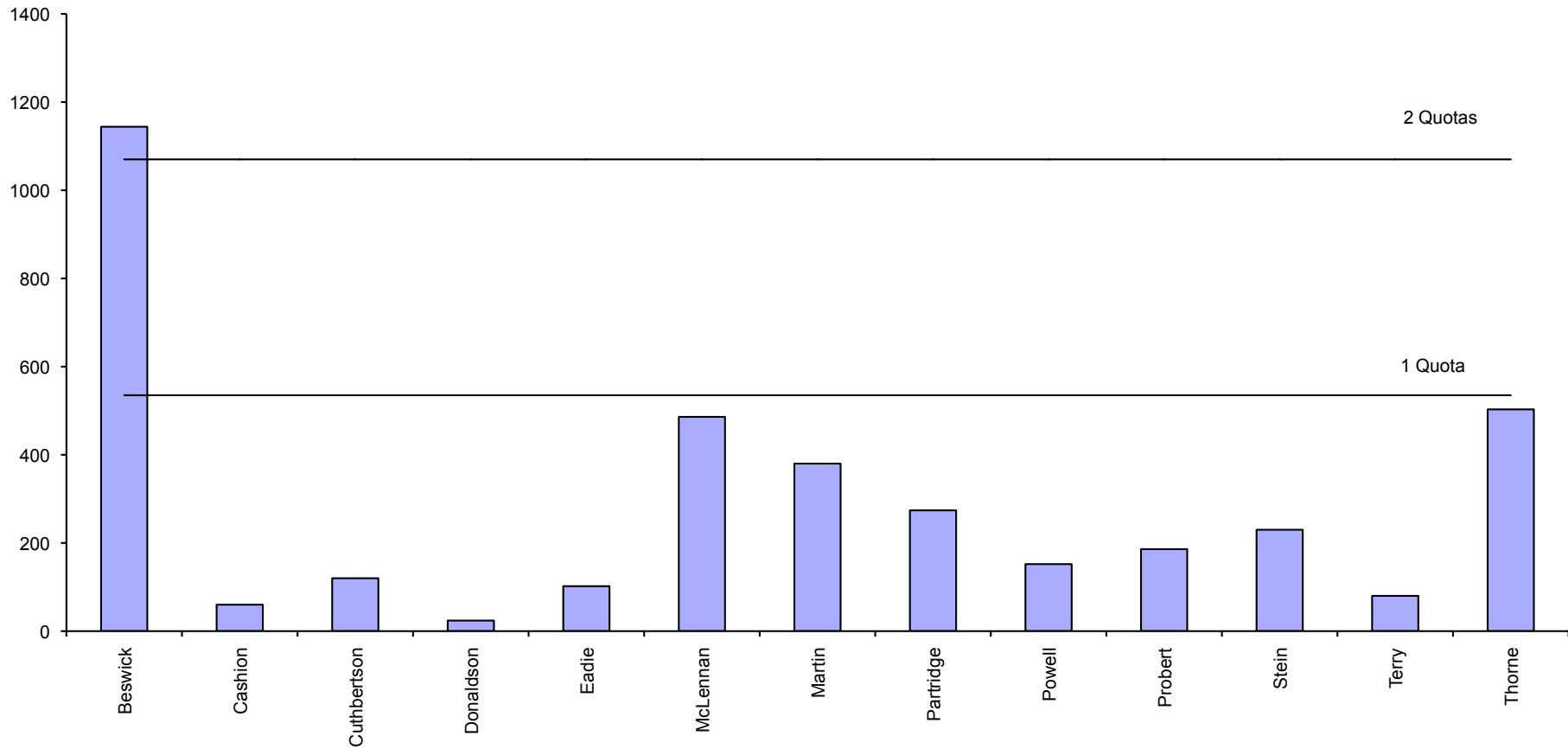
Rejection rate: 1.50%

Informality rate: 1.84%

Quota = 535

| Count | Beswick | Cashion | Cuthbertson | Donaldson | Eadie | McLennan | Martin | Partridge | Powell | Probert | Stein | Terry | Thorne | Votes Exhausted | Loss (Gain) by Fraction | Total Votes | Remarks |
|----------|----------|---------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 144.00 | 60.00 | 120.00 | 24.00 | 102.00 | 486.00 | 380.00 | 274.00 | 152.00 | 186.00 | 230.00 | 80.00 | 503.00 | | | 3 741.00 | Beswick elected 1 |
| 2 | - 609.00 | 17.03 | 31.94 | 5.85 | 22.89 | 114.45 | 87.30 | 40.45 | 45.78 | 29.81 | 30.87 | 7.98 | 174.60 | | 0.05 | | Beswick's surplus distributed |
| | 535.00 | 77.03 | 151.94 | 29.85 | 124.89 | 600.45 | 467.30 | 314.45 | 197.78 | 215.81 | 260.87 | 87.98 | 677.60 | | 0.05 | 3 741.00 | Thorne elected 2, McLennan elected 3 |
| 3 | | 3.47 | 12.60 | 2.17 | 7.39 | | 58.69 | 16.52 | 7.39 | 21.73 | 9.99 | 2.60 | - 142.60 | | 0.05 | | Thorne's surplus distributed |
| | 535.00 | 80.50 | 164.54 | 32.02 | 132.28 | 600.45 | 525.99 | 330.97 | 205.17 | 237.54 | 270.86 | 90.58 | 535.00 | | 0.10 | 3 741.00 | |
| 4 | | 2.43 | 9.43 | 2.13 | 2.13 | - 65.45 | 19.48 | 10.35 | 5.17 | 8.82 | 4.87 | 0.60 | | | 0.04 | | McLennan's surplus distributed |
| | 535.00 | 82.93 | 173.97 | 34.15 | 134.41 | 535.00 | 545.47 | 341.32 | 210.34 | 246.36 | 275.73 | 91.18 | 535.00 | | 0.14 | 3 741.00 | Martin elected 4 |
| 5 | | 0.98 | 1.47 | 0.32 | 0.81 | | - 10.47 | 1.63 | 1.63 | 2.12 | 1.14 | 0.32 | | | 0.05 | | Martin's surplus distributed |
| | 535.00 | 83.91 | 175.44 | 34.47 | 135.22 | 535.00 | 535.00 | 342.95 | 211.97 | 248.48 | 276.87 | 91.50 | 535.00 | | 0.19 | 3 741.00 | |
| 6 to 10 | | 4.60 | 4.52 | - 34.47 | 6.32 | | | 1.53 | 3.06 | 6.96 | 3.16 | 4.26 | | | 0.06 | | Donaldson excluded |
| | 535.00 | 88.51 | 179.96 | 0.00 | 141.54 | 535.00 | 535.00 | 344.48 | 215.03 | 255.44 | 280.03 | 95.76 | 535.00 | | 0.25 | 3 741.00 | |
| 11 to 15 | | - 88.51 | 14.69 | | 11.00 | | | 9.19 | 16.26 | 12.46 | 16.18 | 8.66 | | | 0.07 | | Cashion excluded |
| | 535.00 | 0.00 | 194.65 | | 152.54 | 535.00 | 535.00 | 353.67 | 231.29 | 267.90 | 296.21 | 104.42 | 535.00 | | 0.32 | 3 741.00 | |
| 16 to 20 | | | 15.15 | | 11.42 | | | 11.96 | 13.75 | 34.55 | 17.55 | - 104.42 | | | 0.04 | | Terry excluded |
| | 535.00 | | 209.80 | | 163.96 | 535.00 | 535.00 | 365.63 | 245.04 | 302.45 | 313.76 | 0.00 | 535.00 | | 0.36 | 3 741.00 | |
| 21 to 25 | | | 36.67 | | - 163.96 | | | 26.85 | 20.24 | 51.79 | 27.22 | | | 1.16 | 0.03 | | Eadie excluded |
| | 535.00 | | 246.47 | | 0.00 | 535.00 | 535.00 | 392.48 | 265.28 | 354.24 | 340.98 | | 535.00 | | 1.16 | 3 741.00 | |
| 26 to 30 | | | - 246.47 | | | | | 51.14 | 61.94 | 62.95 | 65.71 | | | 4.71 | 0.02 | | Cuthbertson excluded |
| | 535.00 | | 0.00 | | | 535.00 | 535.00 | 443.62 | 327.22 | 417.19 | 406.69 | | 535.00 | | 5.87 | 3 741.00 | |
| 31 to 33 | | | | | | | | 92.67 | - 314.26 | 93.29 | 104.76 | | | 23.55 | (0.01) | | Powell part excluded |
| | 535.00 | | | | | 535.00 | 535.00 | 536.29 | 12.96 | 510.48 | 511.45 | | 535.00 | | 29.42 | 3 741.00 | Partridge elected 5 |
| 34 to 35 | | | | | | | | | - 12.96 | 4.34 | 5.40 | | | 3.24 | (0.02) | | Powell excluded |
| | 535.00 | | | | | 535.00 | 535.00 | 536.29 | | 514.82 | 516.85 | | 535.00 | | 32.66 | 3 741.00 | |
| 36 | | | | | | | | - 1.29 | | 0.77 | 0.25 | | | 0.25 | 0.02 | | Partridge's surplus distributed |
| | 535.00 | | | | | 535.00 | 535.00 | 535.00 | | 515.59 | 517.10 | | 535.00 | | 32.91 | 3 741.00 | Stein elected 6 |

2009 Dorset Councillor election - first preferences



Dorest Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3814

Formal Votes: 3779

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

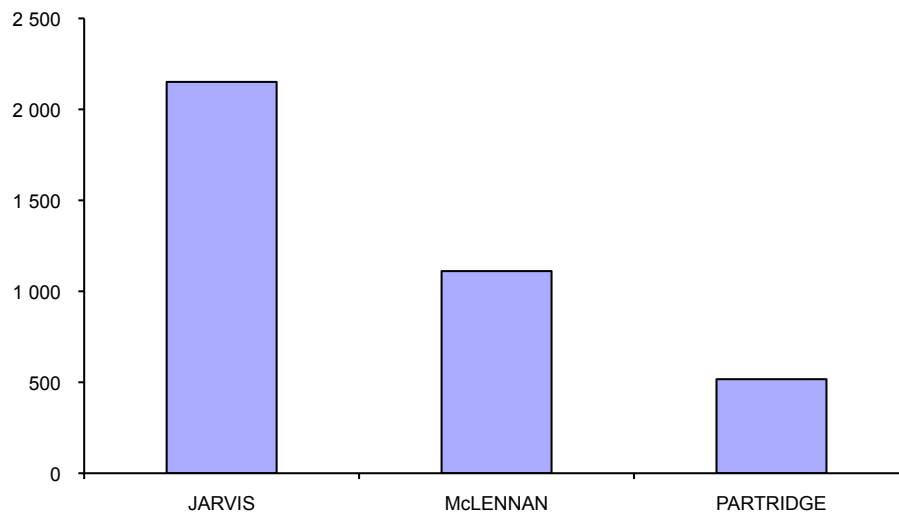
Informal ballot papers: 32

Total ballot papers: 3811

Informality rate: 0.84%

| | | Candidates | | | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | JARVIS | McLENNAN | PARTRIDGE | | | |
| Count 1 | First preferences | 2 151 | 1 111 | 517 | 3 779 | 1 890 | JARVIS elected |

2009 Dorset Mayor election - first preferences



Dorest Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3814

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Total ballot papers: 3811

Formal Votes: 3775

Informal ballot papers: 36

Informality rate: 0.94%

| | | Candidates | | | Total Votes | Absolute Majority | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|------------|--------|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ARNOLD | RANSOM | THORNE | | | |
| Count 1 | First preferences | 1 121 | 723 | 1 931 | 3 775 | 1 888 | THORNE Elected |

2009 Dorset Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

