



Waratah- Wynyard 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 Waratah-Wynyard Council Election

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

10 310 Waratah-Wynyard electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 10 133 (98.28%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 177 (1.72%) from the General Manager's roll.

57.74 % of Waratah-Wynyard electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Recounts

A recount was conducted on 2 May 2008 to fill a vacancy for Councillor on the Waratah-Wynyard Council following the resignation of Darren Fairbrother on 22 April 2008. Three unelected candidates from the 2005 Waratah-Wynyard Council election contested the recount.

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Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ HYLAND, Kevin*	Wynyard	BRADLEY, Maureen Elizabeth	Sisters Beach
		BRIDGE, Richard	Moorleah
		CORNWALL, Derek	Wynyard
Deputy Mayor		★ DIBLEY, Colleen*	Preolenna
DIBLEY, Colleen	Preolenna	★ DUNIAM, Mary*	Somerset
FAIRBROTHER, Darren	Boat Harbour	★ FAIRBROTHER, Darren	Boat Harbour
MOORE, David F	Somerset	★ HAWKINS, Clayton J	Wynyard
★ WALSH, Robert William (Robby)*	Wynyard	KOOP, Wessley	Wynyard
		MOORE, David F*	Somerset
		ROUT, Lewis Wingate	Waratah
		SMITH, St John	Flowerdale
		★ WALSH, Robert (Robby)*	Wynyard

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Waratah-Wynyard Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor

term ends 2011

HYLAND, Kevin

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2011

WALSH, Robert (Robby)

10 Councillors

term ends 2013

WALSH, Robert (Robby)

HAWKINS, Clayton J

FAIRBROTHER, Darren

DUNIAM, Mary

DIBLEY, Colleen

term ends 2011

HYLAND, Kevin

FRIEDERSDORFF, Alwyn

BRAMICH, Gary

RANSLEY, A Francis

PENDLEBURY, Vaughan

Waratah-Wynyard Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 10 310

Declarations rejected: 90

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Formal Votes: 5 761

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 5 953

Declarations admitted: 5 863

Total ballot papers: 5 860

Informal ballot papers: 99

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Response: 57.74%

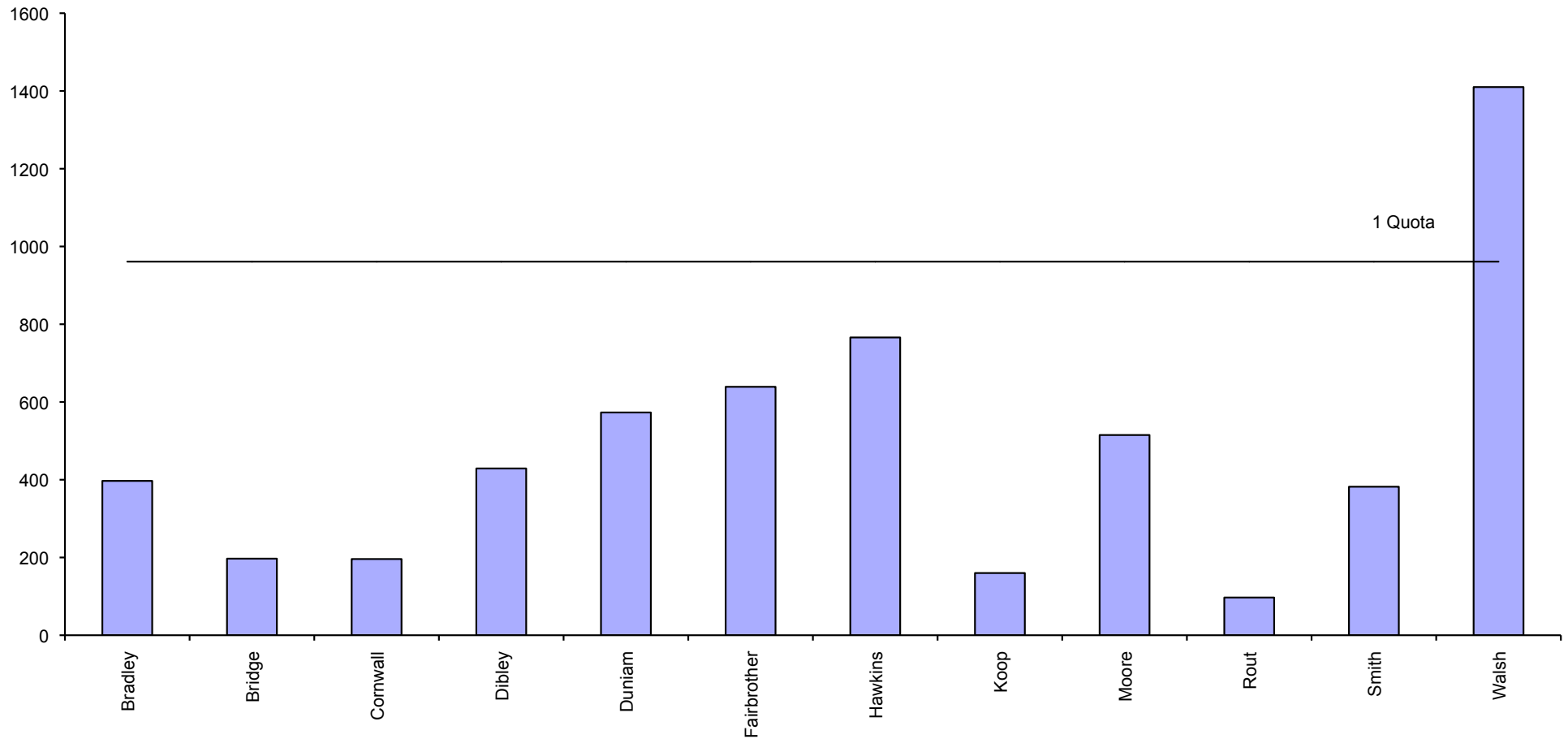
Rejection rate: 1.51%

Informality rate: 1.69%

Quota = 961

Count	Bradley	Bridge	Cornwall	Dibley	Duniam	Fairbrother	Hawkins	Koop	Moore	Rout	Smith	Walsh	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	397.00	197.00	196.00	429.00	573.00	639.00	766.00	160.00	515.00	97.00	382.00	1 410.00			5 761.00	Walsh elected 1
2	27.38	11.46	11.46	34.70	53.49	104.12	66.55	18.46	63.36	10.19	47.76	- 449.00		0.07		Walsh's surplus distributed
	424.38	208.46	207.46	463.70	626.49	743.12	832.55	178.46	578.36	107.19	429.76	961.00		0.07	5 761.00	
3 to 4	5.63	11.63	8.00	7.31	14.59	9.63	19.86	10.95	8.22	- 107.19	11.31			0.06		Rout excluded
	430.01	220.09	215.46	471.01	641.08	752.75	852.41	189.41	586.58	0.00	441.07	961.00		0.13	5 761.00	
5 to 6	11.95	10.91	20.95	17.59	20.18	24.82	45.77	- 189.41	13.63		23.59			0.02		Koop excluded
	441.96	231.00	236.41	488.60	661.26	777.57	898.18	0.00	600.21		464.66	961.00		0.15	5 761.00	
7 to 8	29.27	- 231.00	43.54	38.27	20.18	20.27	30.31		14.27		34.86			0.03		Bridge excluded
	471.23	0.00	279.95	526.87	681.44	797.84	928.49		614.48		499.52	961.00		0.18	5 761.00	
9	23.00		- 265.00	44.00	42.00	32.00	63.00		18.00		42.00		1.00	0.00		Cornwall part excluded
	494.23		14.95	570.87	723.44	829.84	991.49		632.48		541.52	961.00	1.00	0.18	5 761.00	Hawkins elected 2,
10	1.91		- 14.95	1.59	3.50	1.91			1.91		3.18		0.95	0.00		Cornwall excluded
	496.14		0.00	572.46	726.94	831.75	991.49		634.39		544.70	961.00	1.95	0.18	5 761.00	
11	4.35			3.87	3.87	6.29	- 30.49		1.93		9.67		0.48	0.03		Hawkins' surplus distributed
	500.49			576.33	730.81	838.04	961.00		636.32		554.37	961.00	2.43	0.21	5 761.00	
12 to 14	- 500.49			113.25	161.55	89.72			52.50		77.18		6.27	0.02		Bradley excluded
	0.00			689.58	892.36	927.76	961.00		688.82		631.55	961.00	8.70	0.23	5 761.00	
15				186.00	152.00	129.00			78.00		- 559.00		14.00	0.00		Smith part excluded
				875.58	1 044.36	1 056.76	961.00		766.82		72.55	961.00	22.70	0.23	5 761.00	Fairbrother elected 3, Duniam elected 4
16 to 17				34.17					28.85		- 72.55		9.55	- 0.02		Smith excluded
				909.75	1 044.36	1 056.76	961.00		795.67		0.00	961.00	32.25	0.21	5 761.00	
18				42.31		- 95.76			43.05				10.39	0.01		Fairbrother's surplus distributed
				952.06	1 044.36	961.00	961.00		838.72			961.00	42.64	0.22	5 761.00	
19				52.09	- 83.36				23.58				7.67	0.02		Duniam's surplus distributed
				1 004.15	961.00	961.00	961.00		862.30			961.00	50.31	0.24	5 761.00	Dibley elected 5

2009 Waratah-Wynyard Councillor election - first preferences



Waratah-Wynyard Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Mayor — Kevin Hyland (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5863

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Total ballot papers: 5860

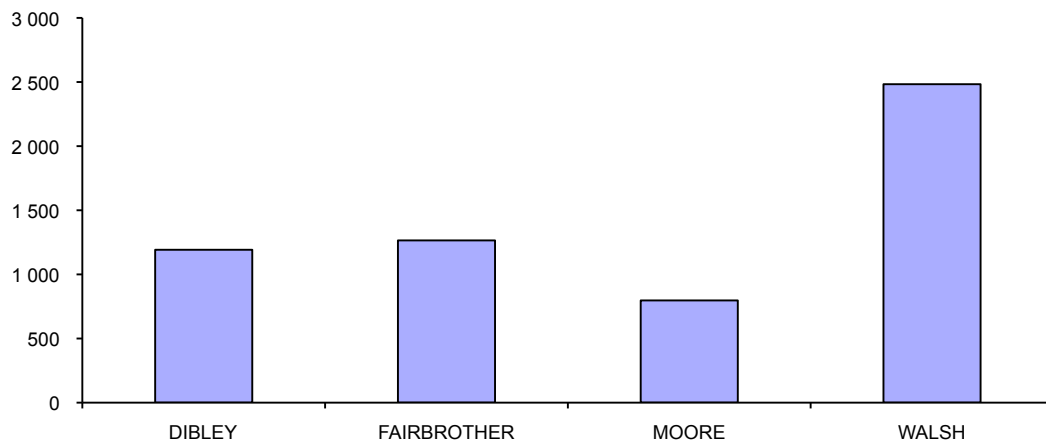
Formal Votes: 5737

Informal ballot papers: 123

Informality rate: 2.10%

		Candidates				Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DIBLEY	FAIRBROTHER	MOORE	WALSH				
Count 1	Progress Total	1 192	1 265	797	2 483	0	5 737	2 869	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	163	267	- 797	293	74			Moore Excluded
	Progress Total	1 355	1 532	0	2 776	74	5 737	2 832	
Count 3	Votes transferred	-1 355	544		640	171			Dibley Excluded
	Progress Total	0	2 076		3416	245	5 737	2 747	Walsh Elected

2009 Waratah-Wynyard Deputy Mayor - first preferences



Waratah-Wynyard Council Recount

Recount due to resignation of Darren Fairbrother

2 May 2008

		Candidates			Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		DIBLEY Colleen	HILLIGER Cyndia	WALSH Clay					
Counts 1 to 2	Total	349.56	304.71	419.24	17.47	0.02	1 091.00	536.76	Distribution of FAIRBROTHER, HILLIGER excluded
Counts 3 to 4	Votes transferred	122.95	- 304.71	155.52	26.24	0.00			HILLIGER's votes distributed
	Progress totals	472.51	0.00	574.76	43.71	0.02	1 091.00	523.64	WALSH elected

Waratah-Wynyard Council Recount

Recount due to resignation of Malcolm Fenton

2 May 2008

		Candidates		Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		DIBLEY Colleen	HILLIGER Cyndia					
Count 1	Total	531.84	499.05	60.10	0.01	1 091.00	515.45	Distribution of FENTON, DIBLEY elected