



West Tamar 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 West Tamar Council Election

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

15 783 West Tamar electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 15 626 (99.01%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 157 (0.99%) from the General Manager's roll.

55.52% of West Tamar electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ EASTHER, Barry Maxwell*	Sidmouth	★ ALLEN, JOY*	Beauty Point
		BARWICK, Graeme	Riverside
		BURR, Max*	Legana
		COLAM, Madeline	Beaconsfield
Deputy Mayor		DICKINSON, Geoff	Beauty Point
KEARNEY, Peter*	Lanena	DODDY, Peter*	Trevallyn
★ SHEGOG, Rick	Exeter	FARRAR, John	Beaconsfield
		★ HOLMDAHL, Christina	Clarence Point
		JONES, Nick	Trevallyn
		★ KEARNEY, Peter*	Lanena
		PRICE, Mark	Riverside
		QUINN, Ben	
		STONE, Rod	Greens Beach
		★ WATSON, John	Newstead
		WIENER, Sven	Legana

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

West Tamar Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
EASTHER, Barry Maxwell	KEARNEY, Peter	EASTHER, Barry Maxwell
	HOLMDAHL, Christina	STEVENS, Karl
Deputy Mayor	WATSON, John	SHEGOG, Rick
<i>term ends 2011</i>	ALLEN, Joy	ROACH, Trevor William
SHEGOG, Rick		TYSON, Viv

West Tamar Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 15 783

Declarations rejected: 103

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Formal Votes: 8 472

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 8 763

Declarations admitted: 8 660

Total ballot papers: 8 653

Informal ballot papers: 181

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 55.52%

Rejection rate: 1.18%

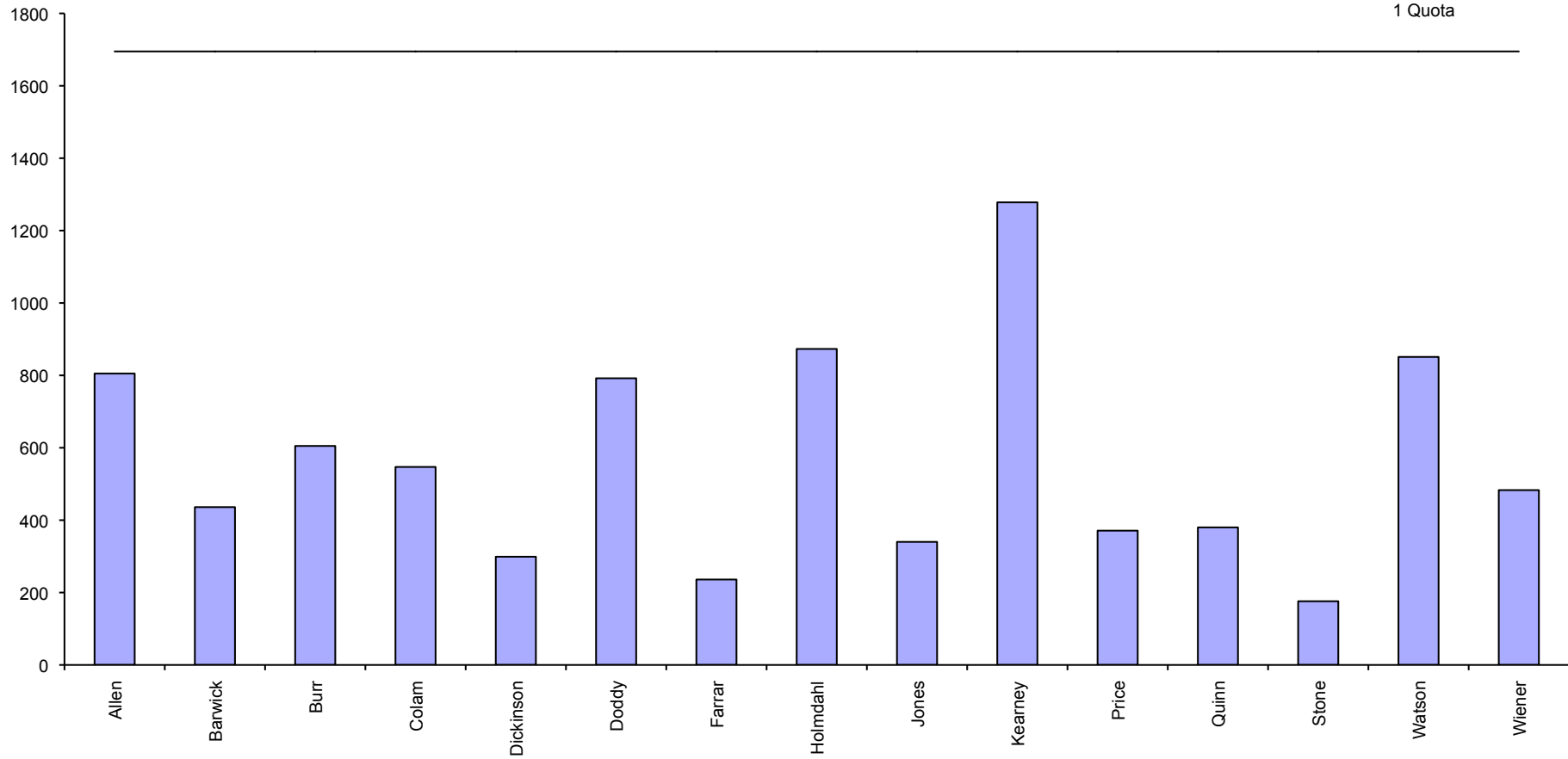
Informality rate: 2.09%

Quota = 1 695

Count	Allen	Barwick	Burr	Colam	Dickinson	Doddy	Farrar	Holmdahl	Jones	Kearney	Price	Quinn	Stone	Watson	Wiener	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	805.00	436.00	605.00	547.00	299.00	792.00	236.00	873.00	340.00	1 278.00	371.00	380.00	176.00	851.00	483.00			8 472.00	First Preferences
2	13.00	1.00	12.00	13.00	5.00	7.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	12.00	14.00	13.00	- 176.00	6.00	30.00			8 472.00	Stone excluded
	818.00	437.00	617.00	560.00	304.00	799.00	252.00	890.00	357.00	1 290.00	385.00	393.00	0.00	857.00	513.00			8 472.00	
3	18.00	14.00	11.00	34.00	17.00	12.00	- 252.00	51.00	26.00	23.00	9.00	8.00		16.00	13.00			8 472.00	Farrar excluded
	836.00	451.00	628.00	594.00	321.00	811.00	0.00	941.00	383.00	1 313.00	394.00	401.00		873.00	526.00			8 472.00	
4	46.00	24.00	27.00	9.00	- 321.00	19.00		33.00	39.00	42.00	10.00	27.00		32.00	13.00			8 472.00	Dickinson excluded
	882.00	475.00	655.00	603.00	0.00	830.00		974.00	422.00	1 355.00	404.00	428.00		905.00	539.00			8 472.00	
5	23.00	14.00	16.00	37.00		24.00		19.00	51.00	14.00	- 404.00	32.00		22.00	151.00	1.00		8 472.00	Price excluded
	905.00	489.00	671.00	640.00		854.00		993.00	473.00	1 369.00	0.00	460.00		927.00	690.00	1.00		8 472.00	
6	48.00	28.00	21.00	41.00		71.00		58.00	56.00	47.00		- 460.00		39.00	50.00	1.00		8 472.00	Quinn excluded
	953.00	517.00	692.00	681.00		925.00		1 051.00	529.00	1 416.00		0.00		966.00	740.00	2.00		8 472.00	
7	62.00	- 517.00	84.00	20.00		73.00		49.00	40.00	83.00				80.00	25.00	1.00		8 472.00	Barwick excluded
	1 015.00	0.00	776.00	701.00		998.00		1 100.00	569.00	1 499.00				1 046.00	765.00	3.00		8 472.00	
8	72.00		48.00	71.00		58.00		71.00	- 569.00	75.00				61.00	102.00	11.00		8 472.00	Jones excluded
	1 087.00		824.00	772.00		1 056.00		1 171.00	0.00	1 574.00				1 107.00	867.00	14.00		8 472.00	
9	62.00		27.00	- 772.00		21.00		280.00		57.00				35.00	275.00	15.00		8 472.00	Colam excluded
	1 149.00		851.00	0.00		1 077.00		1 451.00		1 631.00				1 142.00	1 142.00	29.00		8 472.00	
10	129.00		- 851.00			203.00		86.00		192.00				177.00	40.00	24.00		8 472.00	Burr excluded
	1 278.00		0.00			1 280.00		1 537.00		1 823.00				1 319.00	1 182.00	53.00		8 472.00	Kearney elected 1
11	30.66					43.99		13.99		- 128.00				31.99	2.66	4.66	0.05	8 472.00	Kearney's surplus distributed
	1 308.66					1 323.99		1 550.99		1 695.00				1 350.99	1 184.66	57.66	0.05	8 472.00	
12	173.00					146.00		465.00						182.00	- 1 182.00	216.00	0.00	8 472.00	Wiener part excluded
	1 481.66					1 469.99		2 015.99		1 695.00				1 532.99	2.66	273.66	0.05	8 472.00	Holmdahl elected 2
13	0.00					1.33								1.33	- 2.66	0.00	0.00	8 472.00	Wiener excluded
	1 481.66					1 471.32		2 015.99		1 695.00				1 534.32	0.00	273.66	0.05	8 472.00	
14	109.75					62.81		- 320.99						72.48		75.93	0.02	8 472.00	Holmdahl's surplus distributed
	1 591.41					1 534.13		1 695.00		1 695.00				1 606.80		349.59	0.07	8 472.00	Watson elected 3, Allen elected 4

2009 West Tamar Councillor election - first preferences

1 Quota



West Tamar Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor — Barry Maxwell Easterher (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 8660

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Total ballot papers: 8653

Formal Votes: 8351

Informal ballot papers: 302

Informality rate: 3.49%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		KEARNEY	SHEGOG			
Count 1	First Preferences	4 104	4 247	8 351	4 176	SHEGOG elected

2009 West Tamar Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

