



# George Town Council

## 2011 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 councillors. Where required, by-elections are held concurrently for vacancies that have occurred since the last elections.

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 approximately biennially since 1994, with the next elections due in October 2013.

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).

### 2011 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September–12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 25 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 2011 George Town Council Election

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

5220 George Town electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 4789 (91.74%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 431 (8.26%) from the General Manager's roll.

57.30% of George Town electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
BARWICK, Heather	Mount Direction	★ BARWICK, Heather*	Mount Direction
★ BROOMHALL, Roger	George Town	★ BURT, Jacqui	George Town
PARISH, Tim	Low Head	★ GEALE, Stephen Norman	George Town
		★ GIBBONS, Dean Robert	George Town
		JANSSENS, Tony	George Town
★ ARCHER, Bridget Kathleen	George Town	★ PARISH, Tim*	Low Head
CORY, Tim	George Town		

★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

### George Town Councillors following the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
BROOMHALL, Roger	BARWICK, Heather	BROOMHALL, Roger
	PARISH, Tim	O'SIGN, George Royden
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	BURT, Jacqui	ARCHER, Bridget
<i>term ends 2013</i>	GIBBONS, Dean Robert	CORY, Tim
ARCHER, Bridget Kathleen	GEALE, Stephen Norman	

# George Town Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 5 220

Declarations rejected: 49

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Formal Votes: 2 871

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 2 991

Declarations admitted: 2 942

Total ballot papers: 2 938

Informal ballot papers: 67

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 57.30%

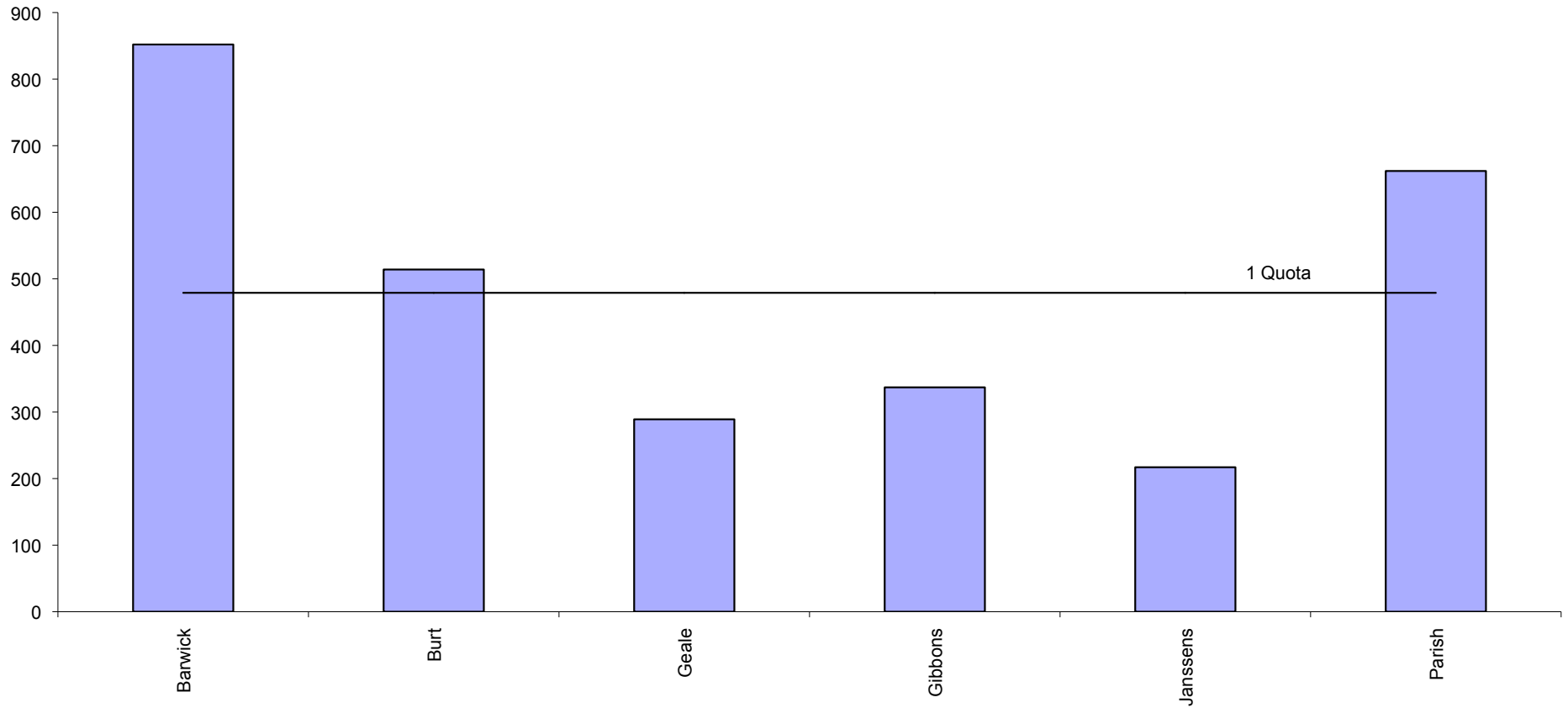
Rejection rate: 1.64%

Informality rate: 2.28%

Quota = 479

Count	Barwick	Burt	Geale	Gibbons	Janssens	Parish	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	852.00	514.00	289.00	337.00	217.00	662.00			2871.00	<b>Barwick elected 1, Parish elected 2, Burt elected 3</b>
2	- 373.00		142.28	135.27	95.43			0.02		Barwick's surplus distributed
	479.00	514.00	431.28	472.27	312.43	662.00		0.02	2871.00	
3			72.14	69.93	40.91	- 183.00	0.00	0.02		Parish's surplus distributed
	479.00	514.00	503.42	542.20	353.34	479.00	0.00	0.04	2871.00	<b>Gibbons elected 4, Geale elected 5</b>

### 2011 George Town Councillor election - first preferences



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### Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2 942

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 2 938

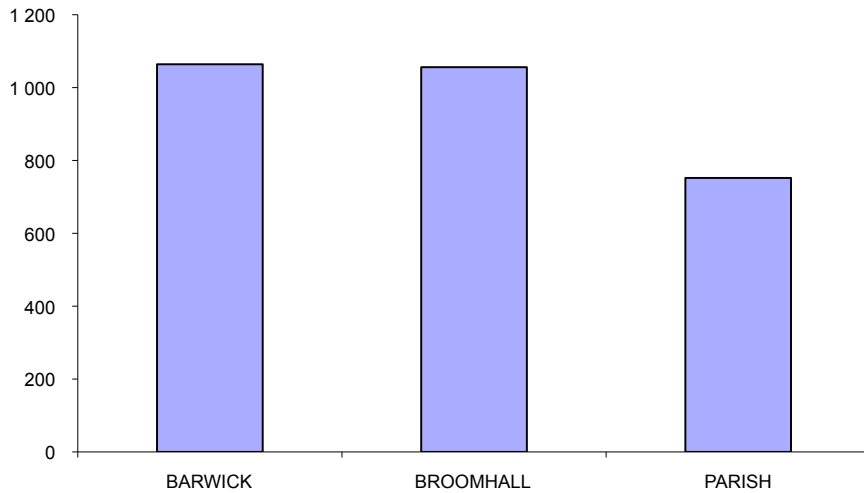
Formal Votes: 2 872

Informal ballot papers: 66

Informality rate: 2.25%

		Candidates				Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BARWICK	BROOMHALL	PARISH	Exhausted			
Count 1	Progress Total	1 064	1 056	752	0	2 872	1 437	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	273	404	- 752	75			Parish excluded
	Progress Total	1 337	1 460	0	75	2 872	1 399	<b>Broomhall elected</b>

2011 George Town Mayor election - first preferences



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Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

## Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2 942

Formal Votes: 2 874

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Informal ballot papers: 64

Total ballot papers: 2 938

Informality rate: 2.18%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		ARCHER	CORY			
Count 1	First Preferences	1 627	1 247	2 874	1 438	<b>ARCHER elected</b>

2011 George Town Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

