



# Tasman 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 Tasman Council Election

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

2459 Tasman electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 1819 (73.97%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 640 (26.03%) from the General Manager's roll.

67.22% of Tasman electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

### Recounts

A recount was conducted on 12 January 2011, to fill a vacancy for Councillor on the Tasman Council following the death of Allen Briggs on 15 December 2010. Four unelected candidates from the 2007 Tasman Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided at the back of this report.

### Candidates at the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ BARWICK, Jan*	White Beach	★ ALEXANDER, Gary*	Nubeena
LARNER, Roger	Port Arthur	★ FAZACKERLEY, Joan*	Nubeena
		★ HULL, Alan	Sloping Main
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ SELF, Roger John	Eaglehawk Neck
★ HEYWARD, Roseanne*	Koonya	★ SKEGGS, Glenn*	White Beach
		STOKES, Dan	Nubeena

★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

### Tasman 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>
BARWICK, Jan	FAZACKERLEY, Joan	BARWICK, Jan
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	HULL, Alan	HEYWARD, Roseanne
<i>term ends 2013</i>	SKEGGS, Glenn	LARNER, Roger
HEYWARD, Roseanne	SELF, Roger John	FENERTY, Pam
	ALEXANDER, Gary	

# Tasman Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 2 459

Declarations rejected: 15

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Formal Votes: 1 600

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 1 653

Declarations admitted: 1 638

Total ballot papers: 1 629

Informal ballot papers: 29

Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

Response: 67.22%

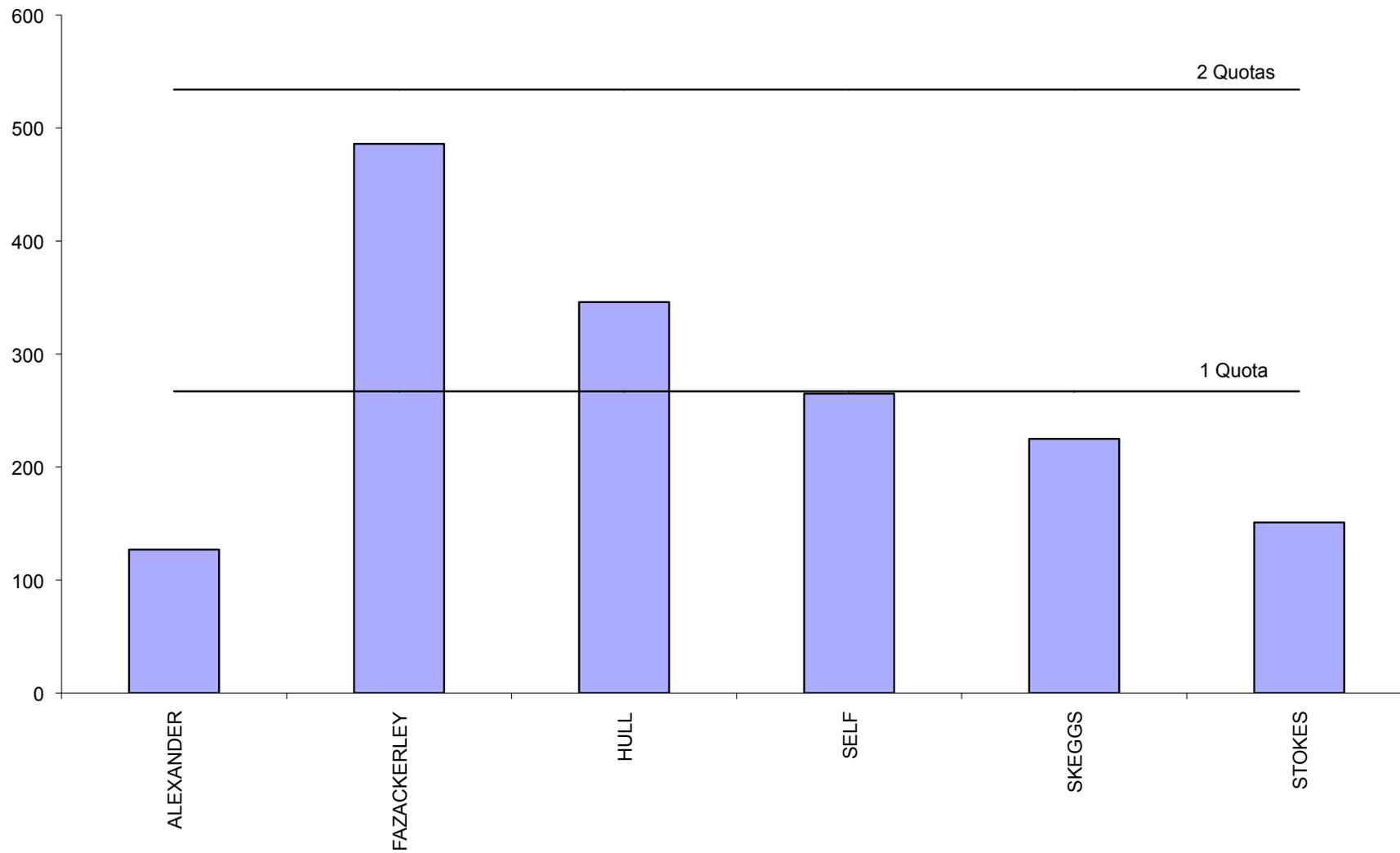
Rejection rate: 0.91%

Informality rate: 1.78%

Quota = 267

Count	ALEXANDER	FAZACKERLEY	HULL	SELF	SKEGGS	STOKES	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	127.00	486.00	346.00	265.00	225.00	151.00	0.00	0.00	1600.00	<b>FAZACKERLEY elected 1, HULL elected 2</b>
2	46.86	- 219.00		46.86	103.19	22.08	0.00	0.01		FAZACKERLEY's surplus distributed
	173.86	267.00	346.00	311.86	328.19	173.08	0.00	0.01	1600.00	<b>SKEGGS elected 3, SELF elected 4</b>
3	37.21		- 79.00			41.78	0.00	0.01		HULL's surplus distributed
	211.07	267.00	267.00	311.86	328.19	214.86	0.00	0.02	1600.00	
4	36.60				- 61.19	24.58	0.00	0.01		SKEGGS' surplus distributed
	247.67	267.00	267.00	311.86	267.00	239.44	0.00	0.03	1600.00	
5	33.21			- 44.86		11.64	0.00	0.01		SELF's surplus distributed
	280.88	267.00	267.00	267.00	267.00	251.08	0.00	0.04	1600.00	<b>ALEXANDER elected 5</b>

### 2011 Tasman Councillor election - first preferences



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### Mayor

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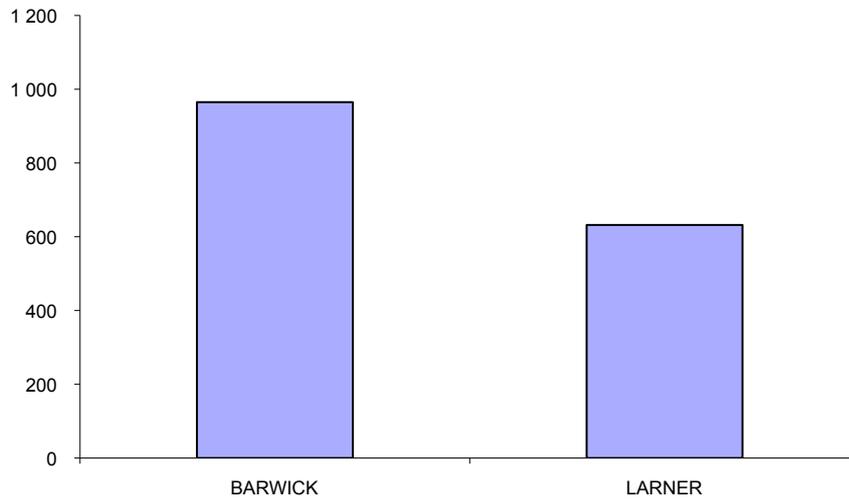
Formal Votes: 1 597

Informal ballot papers: 32

Informality rate: 1.96%

Count 1	First Preferences	Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BARWICK	LARNER			
		965	632	1 597	799	<b>BARWICK elected</b>

2011 Tasman Mayor election - first preferences



**Deputy Mayor** — Roseanne Heyward (elected unopposed)

# Tasman Council Recount

Recount due to death of Allen Briggs

12 January 2011

Consenting candidates

	EWINS Beverley	FORSTER John E	MERMET Denis Andre	NOYE James	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Counts 1 to 5									
Total	39.32	41.00	34.33	156.34	5.00	0.01	<b>276.00</b>	135.50	Distribution of BRIGGS, <b>NOYE elected</b>