



George Town Council

2014 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Tasmania's local government elections were held in September-October 2014. These were the first all-in, all-out elections conducted since the enactment on 20 June 2013 of the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2013* and the making of the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2013*, the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2014* and the *Local Government (Elections) Order 2013*.

The effect of these was to defer the elections, originally scheduled for 2013, until 2014 when all councillors and aldermen, and mayors and deputy mayors, would be elected for a four year term ending in 2018. The terms of office of councillors elected in both 2009 and 2011 ended in 2014.

There was also a reduction in the number of councillors or aldermen to be elected to nine councils in 2014 (see statewide *Local government election report 2014* for further details).

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 quadrennial elections due in October 2018.

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.

2014 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 13 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 18 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 29 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 30 September
Ballot material received by electors	14–17 October
Polling period	14–28 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 28 October

Casual vacancies for councillor/alderman

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. If a recount is not possible, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

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 2014 George Town Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

5 238 George Town electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 4 846 (92.52%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 392 (7.48%) from the General Manager's roll.

58.90% of George Town electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58% statewide.

George Town Councillors following the 2014 elections

Mayor

ARCHER, Bridget Kathleen

Deputy Mayor

HARRIS, Tim

9 Councillors

ARCHER, Bridget Kathleen

BARWICK, Heather

NICHOLLS, Richard

BURT, Doug

DAWSON, Greg

HARRIS, Tim

GLISSON, John

PARISH, Tim

PARKES, Peter

The candidates

George Town Council

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Councillor	19 candidates (9 to be elected)	
ARCHER, Bridget Kathleen *^		George Town
ASHLEY, Christopher William		George Town
AUSTIN, John		George Town
BARWICK, Heather *^		Mount Direction
BROOMHALL, Roger ^		George Town
BURT, Doug *		George Town
CORY, Tim ^		George Town
DAWSON, Greg *		George Town
GEALE, Stephen ^		George Town
GIBBONS, Dean Robert ^		George Town
GLISSON, John *		Low Head
GUNST, Brenda		George Town
HARRIS, Tim *		Low Head
McKENZIE, Tony		George Town
NICHOLLS, Richard *		Hillwood
O'SIGN, George ^		Low Head
PARISH, Tim *^		Low Head
PARKES, Peter *		George Town
POOLEY, Bob		George Town

Mayor

1 candidate – no ballot required

ARCHER, Bridget Kathleen *	George Town
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Deputy Mayor

6 candidates

BARWICK, Heather	Mount Direction
GEALE, Stephen	George Town
GIBBONS, Dean Robert	George Town
HARRIS, Tim *	Low Head
PARISH, Tim	Low Head
PARKES, Peter	George Town

* denotes elected candidate

^ denotes seeking re-election

George Town Council - 2014 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Electors enrolled: 5 238

Declarations rejected: 65

Number to be elected: 9

Declarations returned: 3 085

Declarations admitted: 3 020

Returning Officer: Damian Read

Response rate: 58.90%

Rejection rate: 2.11%

Count	ARCHER	ASHLEY	AUSTIN	BARWICK	BROOMHALL	BURT	CORY	DAWSON	GEALE	GIBBONS	GLISSON	GUNST
1	669.00	73.00	129.00	318.00	94.00	134.00	72.00	179.00	117.00	131.00	133.00	52.00
2	- 378.00	29.94	22.03		11.30	31.07	21.47	23.73	13.56	25.42	18.08	27.68
	291.00	102.94	151.03	318.00	105.30	165.07	93.47	202.73	130.56	156.42	151.08	79.68
3		0.76	2.12	- 27.00	0.76	0.93	3.39	1.86	1.35	0.50	0.84	2.97
	291.00	103.70	153.15	291.00	106.06	166.00	96.86	204.59	131.91	156.92	151.92	82.65
4 to 6		0.00	0.08		1.00	0.08	1.64	4.81	3.13	1.00	1.56	0.08
	291.00	103.70	153.23	291.00	107.06	166.08	98.50	209.40	135.04	157.92	153.48	82.73
7 to 9		2.50	5.15		2.13	2.29	4.55	4.02	3.29	4.94	3.21	- 82.73
	291.00	106.20	158.38	291.00	109.19	168.37	103.05	213.42	138.33	162.86	156.69	0.00
10 to 12		4.34	5.69		3.64	7.85	- 103.05	9.55	1.85	6.08	13.19	
	291.00	110.54	164.07	291.00	112.83	176.22	0.00	222.97	140.18	168.94	169.88	
13 to 15		- 110.54	8.41		2.77	5.47		10.90	8.16	8.26	13.39	
	291.00	0.00	172.48	291.00	115.60	181.69		233.87	148.34	177.20	183.27	
16 to 18			4.00		- 115.60	30.24		5.13	13.21	6.21	4.08	
	291.00		176.48	291.00	0.00	211.93		239.00	161.55	183.41	187.35	
19 to 21			6.98			14.85		17.13	5.72	13.16	10.29	
	291.00		183.46	291.00		226.78		256.13	167.27	196.57	197.64	
22 to 24			16.13			24.98		9.16	- 167.27	19.98	18.39	
	291.00		199.59	291.00		251.76		265.29	0.00	216.55	216.03	
25			- 161.00			16.00		19.00		13.00	26.00	
	291.00		38.59	291.00		267.76		284.29		229.55	242.03	
26 to 27			- 38.59			5.58		3.64		4.85	7.45	
	291.00		0.00	291.00		273.34		287.93		234.40	249.48	
28						0.00		0.33		0.84	2.01	
	291.00			291.00		273.34		288.26		235.24	251.49	
29						54.00		20.00		25.00	21.00	
	291.00			291.00		327.34		308.26		260.24	272.49	
30										7.91	6.78	
	291.00			291.00		327.34		308.26		268.15	279.27	
31 to 32										1.27	0.84	
	291.00			291.00		327.34		308.26		269.42	280.11	
33						- 36.34				10.09	11.44	
	291.00			291.00		291.00		308.26		279.51	291.55	
34								- 17.26		4.31		
	291.00			291.00		291.00		291.00		283.82	291.55	
35										1.07		
	291.00			291.00		291.00		291.00		284.89	291.55	
36										0.25	- 0.55	
	291.00			291.00		291.00		291.00		285.14	291.00	
37										1.43		
	291.00			291.00		291.00		291.00		286.57	291.00	

Ballot paper adjustment: 6

Total ballot papers: 3 014

Formal Votes: 2 907

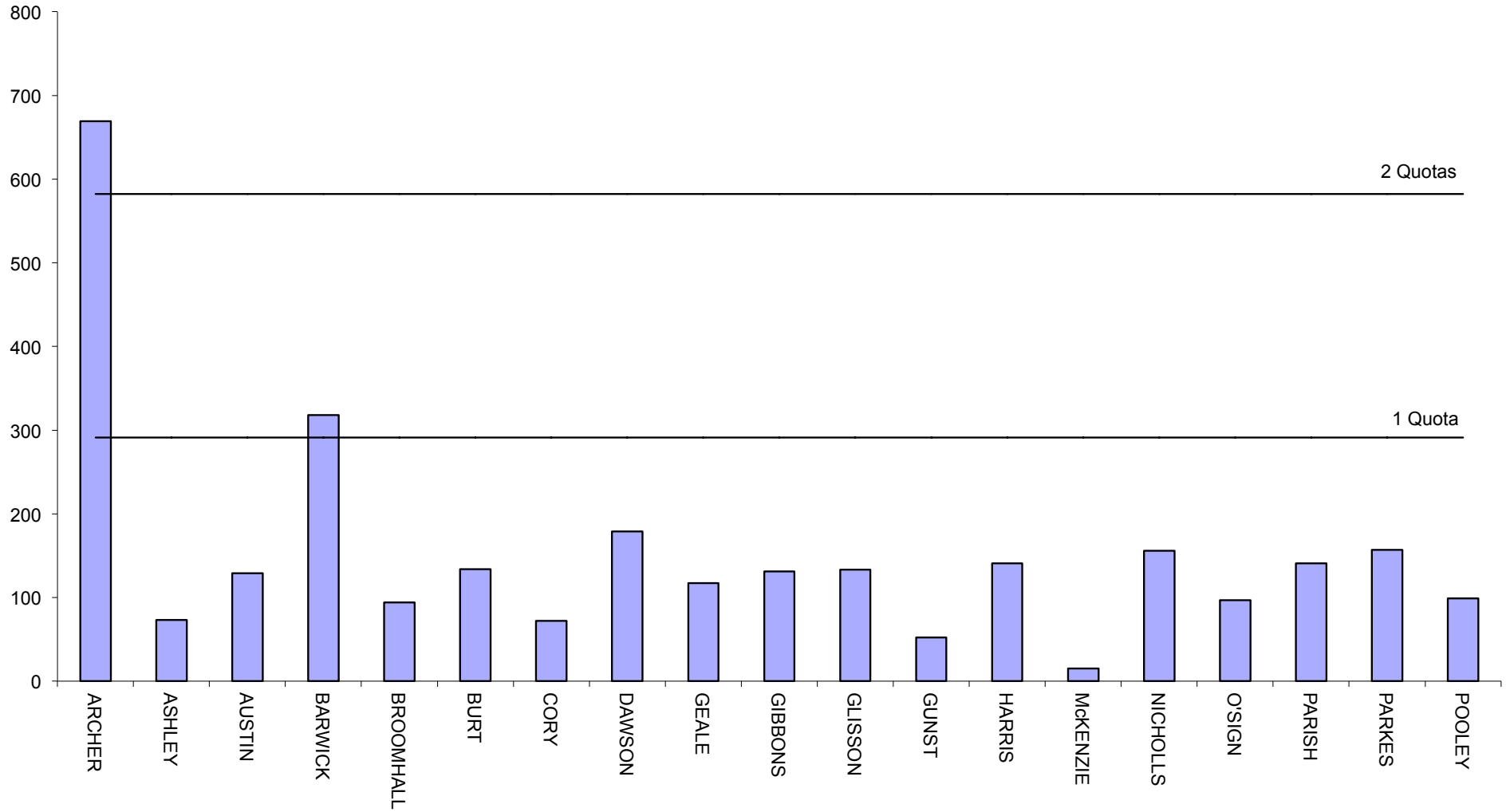
Informal ballot papers: 107

Informality rate: 3.55%

Quota = 291

HARRIS	MCKENZIE	NICHOLLS	O'SIGN	PARISH	PARKES	POOLEY	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
141.00	15.00	156.00	97.00	141.00	157.00	99.00	0.00		2907.00	ARCHER elected 1, BARWICK elected 2
37.85	4.52	41.81	15.82	18.64	21.47	13.56	0.05			ARCHER's surplus distributed
178.85	19.52	197.81	112.82	159.64	178.47	112.56	0.05		2907.00	
1.18	0.84	1.44	2.80	2.12	1.69	1.35	0.10			BARWICK's surplus distributed
180.03	20.36	199.25	115.62	161.76	180.16	113.91	0.15		2907.00	
0.56	- 20.36	3.56	0.16	1.64	1.00	0.00	0.06			McKENZIE excluded
180.59	0.00	202.81	115.78	163.40	181.16	113.91	0.21		2907.00	
10.90		11.77	8.39	6.89	8.81	3.77	0.12			GUNST excluded
191.49		214.58	124.17	170.29	189.97	117.68	0.33		2907.00	
8.90		10.08	9.04	5.50	7.98	9.26	0.10			CORY excluded
200.39		224.66	133.21	175.79	197.95	126.94	0.43		2907.00	
14.21		19.16	8.72	3.72	4.64	2.64	0.09			ASHLEY excluded
214.60		243.82	141.93	179.51	202.59	129.58	0.52		2907.00	
5.69		1.56	24.98	10.72	4.00	5.72	0.06			BROOMHALL excluded
220.29		245.38	166.91	190.23	206.59	135.30	0.58		2907.00	
7.64		10.68	21.11	12.26	15.42	- 135.30	0.06			POOLEY excluded
227.93		256.06	188.02	202.49	222.01	0.00	0.64		2907.00	
18.32		5.00	20.45	18.42	16.42		0.02			GEALE excluded
246.25		261.06	208.47	220.91	238.43		0.66		2907.00	
13.00		36.00	19.00	11.00	8.00		0.00			AUSTIN part excluded
259.25		297.06	227.47	231.91	246.43		0.66		2907.00	NICHOLLS elected 3
5.41			4.77	2.02	4.85		0.02			AUSTIN excluded
264.66		297.06	232.24	233.93	251.28		0.68		2907.00	
0.67		- 6.06	0.33	0.84	1.00		0.04			NICHOLLS' surplus distributed
265.33		291.00	232.57	234.77	252.28		0.72		2907.00	
23.00			- 192.00	34.00	15.00		0.00			O'SIGN part excluded
288.33		291.00	40.57	268.77	267.28		0.72		2907.00	BURT elected 4, DAWSON elected 5
7.34			- 34.44	8.47	3.95		(0.01)			O'SIGN part excluded
295.67		291.00	6.13	277.24	271.23		0.71		2907.00	HARRIS elected 6
			- 6.13	2.80	0.83		0.41	(0.02)		O'SIGN excluded
295.67		291.00	0.00	280.04	272.06		0.41	0.69	2907.00	
				10.09	4.71		0.00	0.01		BURT's surplus distributed
295.67		291.00		290.13	276.77		0.41	0.70	2907.00	GLISSON elected 7
				5.17	7.76		0.00	0.02		DAWSON's surplus distributed
295.67		291.00		295.30	284.53		0.41	0.72	2907.00	PARISH elected 8
- 4.67					2.51		1.07	0.02		HARRIS' surplus distributed
291.00		291.00		295.30	287.04		1.48	0.74	2907.00	
					0.19		0.09	0.02		GLISSON's surplus distributed
291.00		291.00		295.30	287.23		1.57	0.76	2907.00	
				- 4.30	1.43		1.43	0.01		PARISH's surplus distributed
291.00		291.00		291.00	288.66		3.00	0.77	2907.00	PARKES elected 9

2014 George Town Councillor election - first preferences



George Town Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Damian Read

Mayor — Bridget Kathleen Archer (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3 020

Ballot paper adjustment: 32

Total ballot papers: 2 988

Formal Votes: 2 959

Informal ballot papers: 29

Informality rate: 0.97%

		BARWICK Heather	GEALE Stephen	GIBBONS Dean Robert	HARRIS Tim	PARISH Tim	PARKES Peter	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	824	309	435	564	362	465	0	2959	1480	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	54	-309	54	64	38	47	52			GEALE excluded
	Progress Total	878	0	489	628	400	512	52	2959	1454	
Count 3	Votes transferred	91		87	94	-400	65	63			PARISH excluded
	Progress Total	969		576	722	0	577	115	2959	1423	
Count 4	Votes transferred	143		-576	193		154	86			GIBBONS excluded
	Progress Total	1112		0	915		731	201	2959	1380	
Count 5	Votes transferred	212			413		-731	106			PARKES excluded
	Progress Total	1324			1328		0	307	2959	1327	HARRIS elected

2014 George Town Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

