



Break O'Day Council 2007 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.

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), and 2007 with the next elections due in October 2009.

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.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2007 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 20 September
Nomination period	17 September— 12 noon on 1 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 1 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 2 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	16–19 October
Polling period	16–30 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 30 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 2007 Break O'Day Council Election

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

5065 Break O'Day electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 4568 (90.19%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 497 (9.81%) from the General Manager's roll.

71.69% of Break O'Day electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

By-election

A by-election was held between the 2005 and 2007 elections following the death of Mayor, Councillor Stephen Salter on 7 May 2006. The ballot closed at 10am Tuesday 27 June 2006. Three candidates contested the mayoral by-election and six candidates contested the councillor by-election. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ LEGGE, Robert*	St Marys	CATO, Vic*	Scamander
		DUDLEY, Todd William	St Helens
		GILES, Frank G	St Marys
		HEALEY, Sandy	St Helens
Deputy Mayor		★ JOHNS, Reon	St Marys
★ OSBORNE, Margaret*	St Helens	★ LEGGE, Robert*	St Marys
WARREN, John	St Helens	NICHOLS, Peter	Binalong Bay
		★ OSBORNE, Margaret*	St Helens
		★ WARREN, John*	St Helens

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Break O'Day Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>
LEGGE, Robert	LEGGE, Robert	McGIVERON, John Charles
Deputy Mayor	OSBORNE, Margaret	CLEMENT, David
<i>term ends 2009</i>	WARREN, John	LeFEVRE, John
OSBORNE, Margaret	JOHNS, Reon	HARPER, Raoul
		HOLDER, Henry Burbury

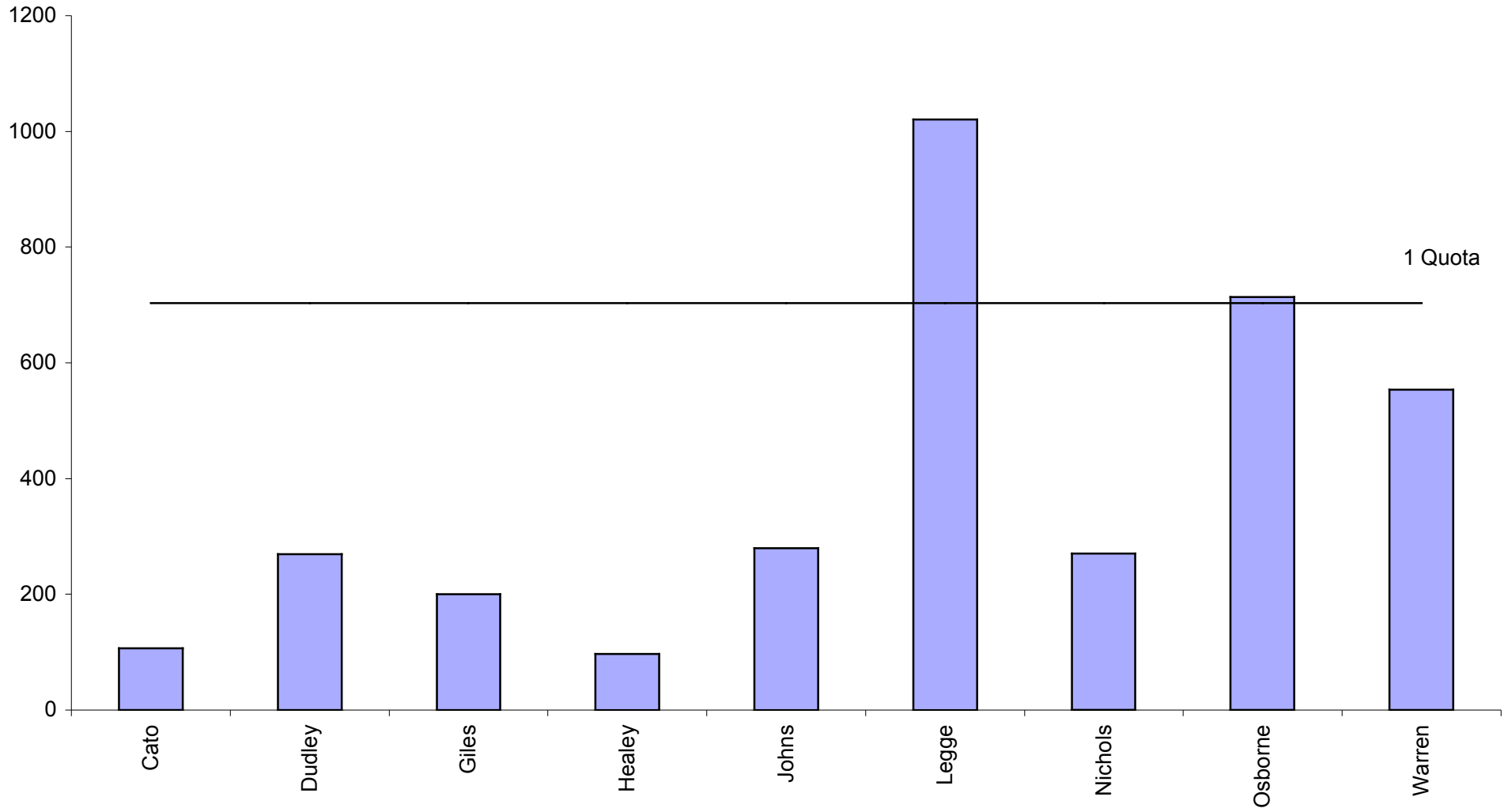
Break O'Day Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007 Electors enrolled: 5065 Declarations rejected: 52 Ballot paper adjustment: 11 Formal Votes: 3512
 Number to be elected: 4 Declarations returned: 3631 Declarations admitted: 3579 Total ballot papers: 3568 Informal ballot papers: 56
 Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes Response: 71.69% Rejection rate: 1.43% Informality rate: 1.57%

Quota = 703

Count	Cato	Dudley	Giles	Healey	Johns	Legge	Nichols	Osborne	Warren	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	107.00	269.00	200.00	97.00	280.00	1 021.00	270.00	714.00	554.00			3 512.00	Legge elected 1, Osborne elected 2
2	56.68	9.65	24.29	24.91	39.24	- 318.00	14.01		149.18		0.04		Legge's surplus distributed
	163.68	278.65	224.29	121.91	319.24	703.00	284.01	714.00	703.18		0.04	3 512.00	Warren elected 3
3	2.61	1.17	1.58	2.97	1.37		1.27	- 11.00			0.03		Osborne's surplus distributed
	166.29	279.82	225.87	124.88	320.61	703.00	285.28	703.00	703.18		0.07	3 512.00	
4	0.08	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.01		0.01		- 0.18		0.03		Warren's surplus distributed
	166.37	279.82	225.89	124.91	320.62	703.00	285.29	703.00	703.00		0.10	3 512.00	
5 to 8	27.59	15.68	31.13	- 124.91	28.61		20.05			1.79	0.06		Healey excluded
	193.96	295.50	257.02	0.00	349.23	703.00	305.34	703.00	703.00	1.79	0.16	3 512.00	
9 to 12	- 193.96	18.13	64.87		53.12		33.39			24.42	0.03		Cato excluded
	0.00	313.63	321.89		402.35	703.00	338.73	703.00	703.00	26.21	0.19	3 512.00	
13 to 16		- 313.63	88.83		54.12		164.64			6.02	0.02		Dudley excluded
		0.00	410.72		456.47	703.00	503.37	703.00	703.00	32.23	0.21	3 512.00	
17 to 20			- 410.72		222.63		155.15			32.95	- 0.01		Giles excluded
			0.00		679.10	703.00	658.52	703.00	703.00	65.18	0.20	3 512.00	Johns elected 4

2007 Break O'Day Councillor election - first preferences



Break O'Day Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor –

Robert Legge (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3 579

Ballot paper adjustment: 11

Total ballot papers: 3 568

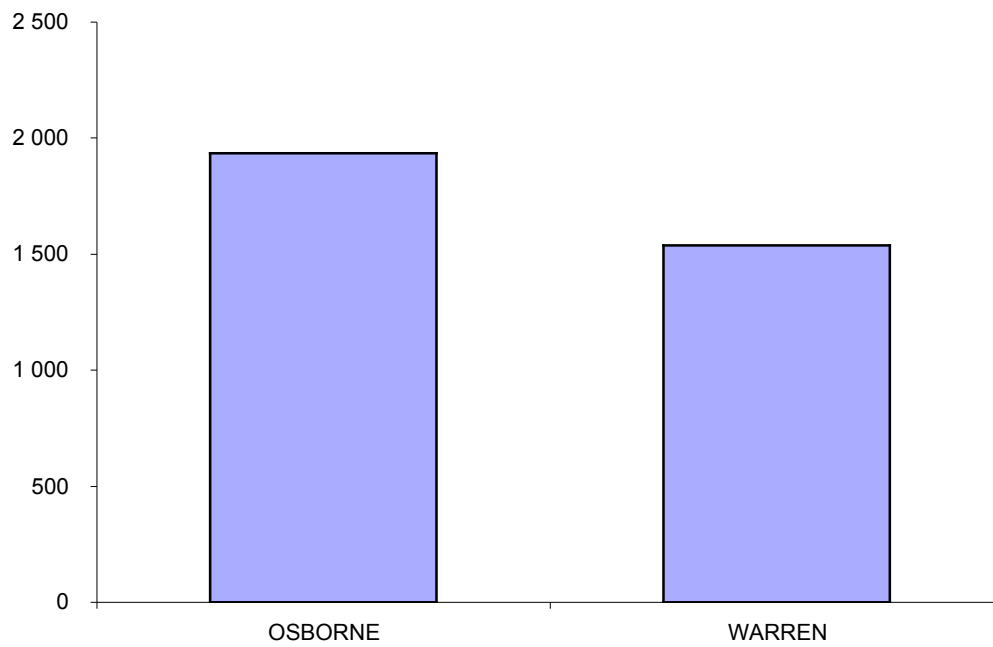
Formal Votes: 3 473

Informal ballot papers: 95

Informality rate: 2.66%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		OSBORNE	WARREN			
Count 1	First Preferences	1 934	1 539	3 473	1 738	OSBORNE elected

2007 Break O'Day Deputy Mayor election - first preferences



2006 Break O'Day Council By-Election

Polling closed: 10 am Tuesday 27 June 2006

Returning Officer- Julian Type

Retiring member- Stephen Salter (deceased)

Elected to serve until the 2009 general election of the Council

For the election of Councillor

Total ballot papers: 3 525

Formal votes: 3 467

Informal ballot papers: 58 (1.65%)

CANDIDATES

		DALY William John (Bill)	GOUGH Paul	HOLDER Henry Burbury	NICHOLS Peter John	PAULSEN Peter	TAYLOR Margaret	Exhausted votes	Formal votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total votes	679	527	1 020	347	563	331		3 467	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	65	63	44	62	58	- 331	39		Taylor excluded
	Total votes	744	590	1 064	409	621	0	39	3 467	
Count 3	Votes transferred	84	159	55	- 409	75		36		Nichols excluded
	Total votes	828	749	1 119	0	696		75	3 467	
Count 4	Votes transferred	230	192	211		- 696		63		Paulsen excluded
	Total votes	1 058	941	1 330		0		138	3 467	
Count 5	Votes transferred	376	- 941	458				107		Gough excluded
	Total votes	1 434	0	1 788				245	3 467	Holder elected

For the election of Mayor

Total ballot papers: 3 525

Formal votes: 3 463

Informal ballot papers: 62 (1.76%)

CANDIDATES

		CATO Vic	LEGGE Robert William	OSBORNE Margaret	Exhausted votes	Formal votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total votes	467	1 607	1 389		3 463	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	- 467	193	202	72		CATO Excluded
	Total votes	0	1 800	1 591	72	3 463	LEGGE Elected