



Flinders 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 Flinders Council Election

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

774 Flinders electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 667 (86.18%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 107 (13.82%) from the General Manager's roll.

76.10% of Flinders 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 resignation of Councillor Lynn Mason on Tuesday 16 October 2006. The ballot closed at 10am Tuesday 28 November 2006. Three candidates contested the by-election. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ COX, Carol Denise	Lady Barron	BUTLER, Daryl*	Palana
KLUG, Terence George*	Lackrana	★ COBHAM, Marc	Emita
		★ COX, Carol Denise	Lady Barron
		★ GRIMSHAW, Michael	Lackrana
		★ STACKHOUSE, Alan	Lackrana
Deputy Mayor			
★ WHEATLEY, Margaret*	Killiecrankie		

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Flinders Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor	7 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>
COX, Carol Denise	COX, Carol Denise	KLUG, Terence George
	GRIMSHAW, Michael	WILLIAMS, David
Deputy Mayor	STACKHOUSE, Alan	WHEATLEY, Margaret Mary
<i>term ends 2009</i>	COBHAM, Marc	
WHEATLEY, Margaret		

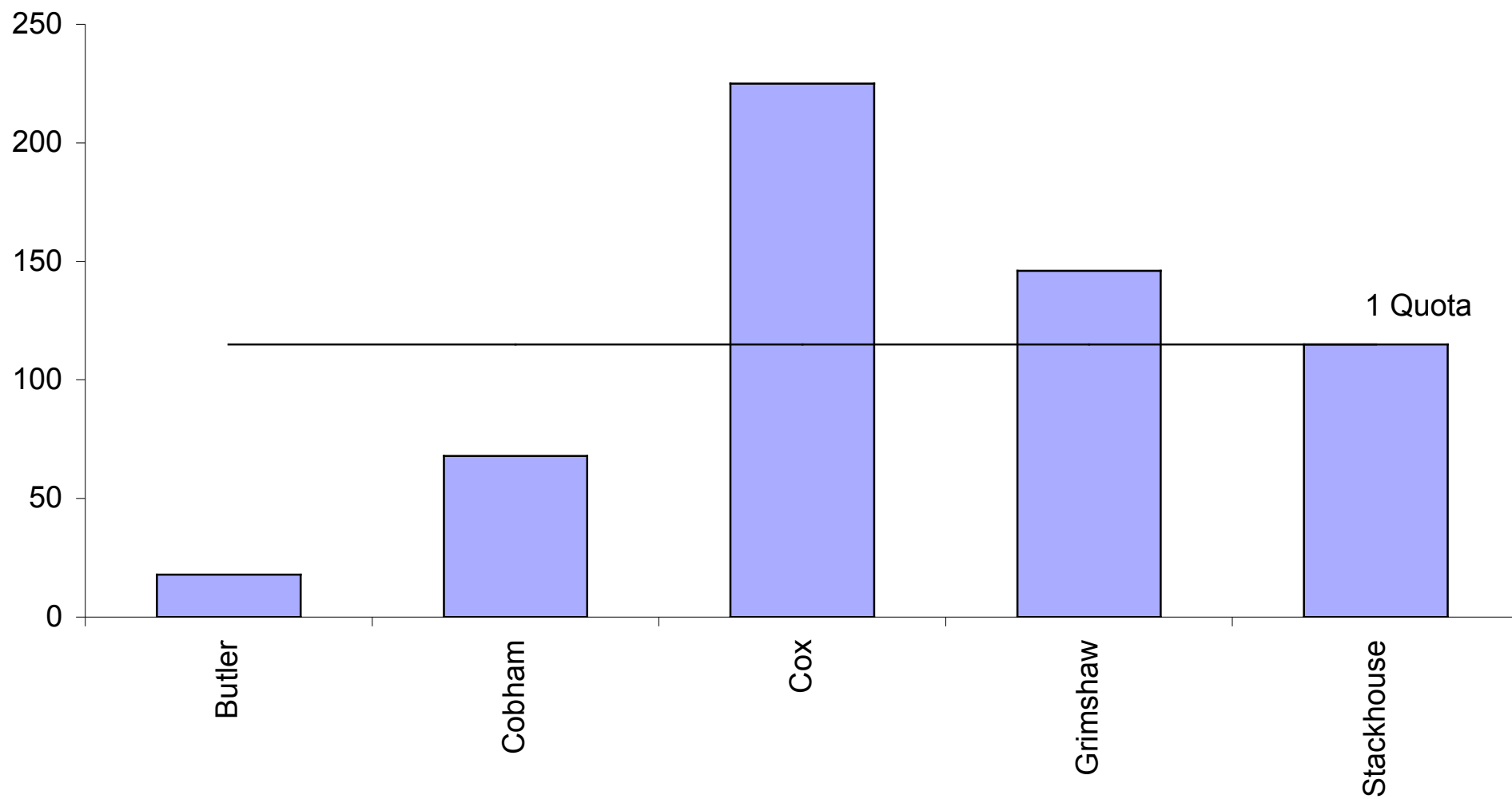
Flinders Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007	Electors enrolled: 774	Declarations rejected: 14	Ballot paper adjustment: 1	Formal Votes: 572
Number to be elected: 4	Declarations returned: 589	Declarations admitted: 575	Total ballot papers: 574	Informal ballot papers: 2
Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes	Response: 76.10%	Rejection rate: 2.38%		Informality rate: 0.35%

Quota = 115

Count	Butler	Cobham	Cox	Grimshaw	Stackhouse	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	18.00	68.00	225.00	146.00	115.00			572.00	Cox elected 1, Grimshaw elected 2, Stackhouse elected 3
2	51.33	58.66	- 110.00				0.01		Cox's surplus distributed
	69.33	126.66	115.00	146.00	115.00		0.01	572.00	Cobham elected 4

2007 Flinders Councillor election - first preferences



Flinders Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 575

Ballot paper adjustment: 1

Total ballot papers: 574

Formal Votes: 569

Informal ballot papers: 5

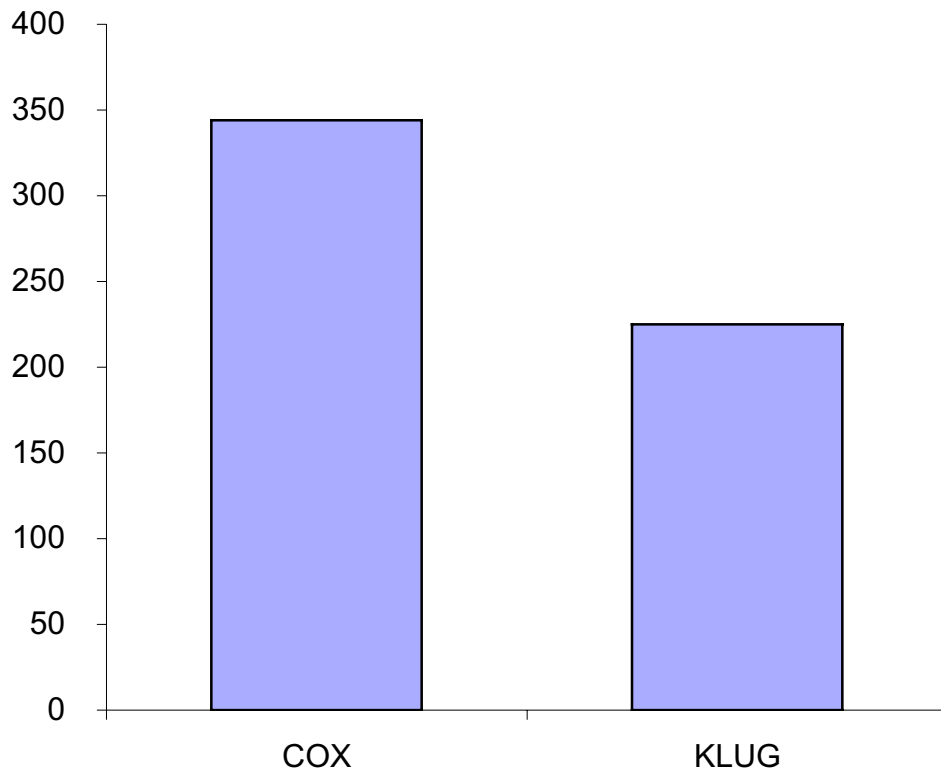
Informality rate: 0.87%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		COX	KLUG			
Count 1	First Preferences	344	225	569	286	COX elected

Deputy Mayor –

Margaret Wheatley (elected unopposed)

2007 Flinders Mayor election - first preferences



2006 Flinders Council By-Election

For the election of Councillor

Polling closed: 10 am Tuesday 28 November 2006

Retiring member- Lynn Mason

Returning Officer- Julian Type

Elected to serve until the 2007 general election of the Council

Total ballot papers: 537

Formal votes: 530

Informal ballot papers: 7 (1.30%)

CANDIDATES

		BUTLER Daryl C	COBHAM Marc	INVERNO Jennifer	Exhausted votes	Formal votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total votes	224	205	101		530	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	48	45	- 101	8		Inverno excluded
	Total votes	272	250	0	8	530	Butler elected