



George Town 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 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.

5035 George Town electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 4644 (92.23%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 391 (7.77%) from the General Manager's roll.

65.92% of George Town electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor

BARWICK, Heather Jean	Mount Direction
★ BURT, Doug*	George Town
WELSH, Jim	George Town

Deputy Mayor

CORY, Tim	George Town
★ TAYLOR, Andrew Charles*	George Town

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Councillors

ARCHER, Lawrence*	George Town
★ BARWICK, Heather Jean*	Mount Direction
BRODIE, Rosemary	George Town
★ BURT, Doug*	George Town
ERNST, Andreas	Hillwood
★ NEILSEN, Graeme	George Town
★ PARISH, Tim	Low Head
PARSELL, Peter	George Town
RUSSACK, Allan	George Town
TAYLOR, Andrew Charles*	George Town
WELSH, Jim	George Town
★ WIDDOWSON, John*	George Town
WIENER, Sven	Legana

George Town Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor

term ends 2009

BURT, Doug

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2009

TAYLOR, Andrew Charles^

9 Councillors

term ends 2011

BURT, Doug

BARWICK, Heather Jean

WIDDOWSON, John

NEILSEN, Graeme

PARISH, Tim

term ends 2009

CORY, Tim

GEALE, Stephen Norman

BROOMHALL, Roger

WALLACE, Bob

^ denotes Mr Taylor was unable to accept the position of deputy mayor as he was not elected as a councillor.

George Town Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 5035

Declarations rejected: 79

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Formal Votes: 3178

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 3319

Declarations admitted: 3240

Total ballot papers: 3237

Informal ballot papers: 59

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 65.92%

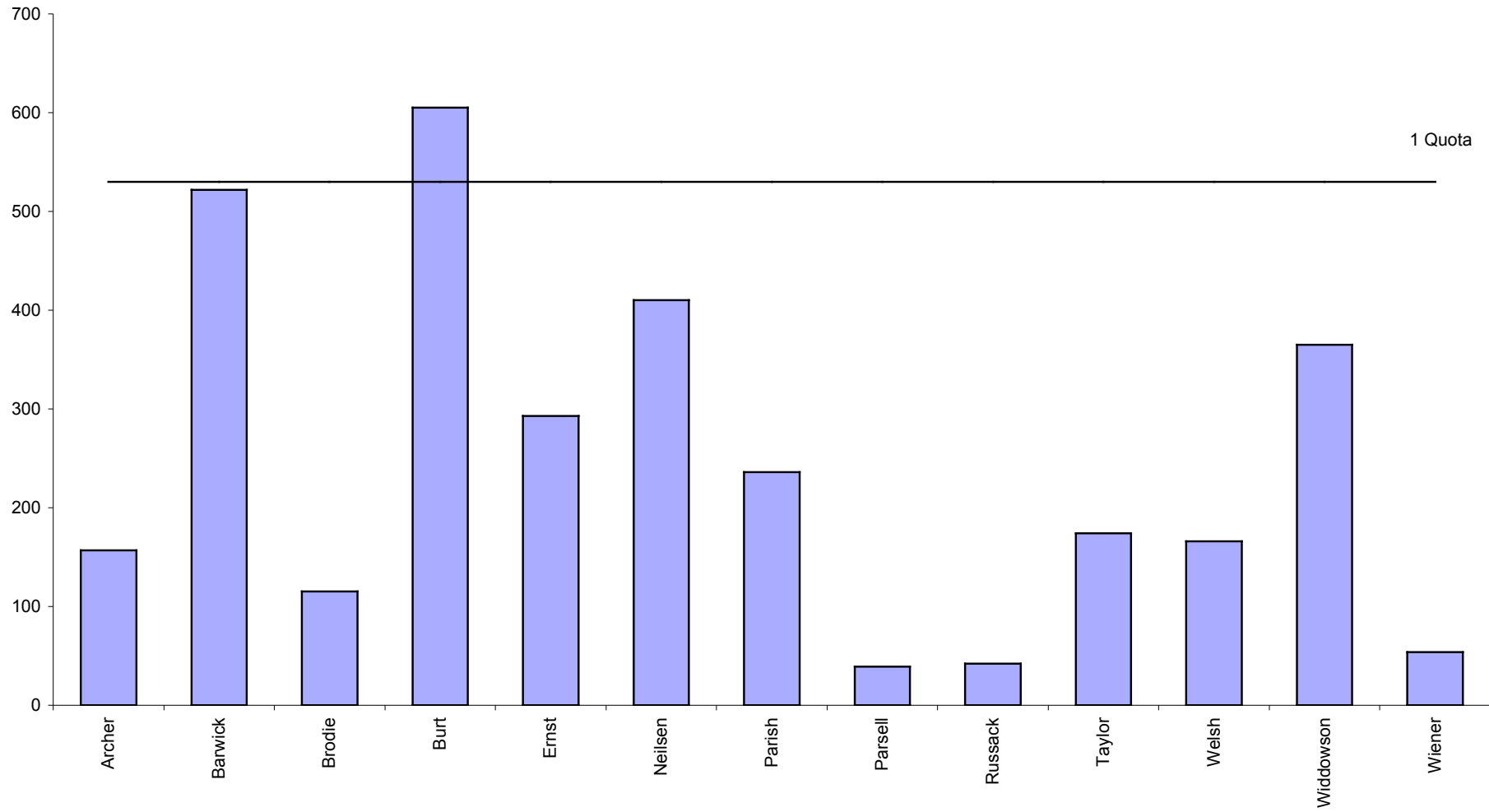
Rejection rate: 2.38%

Informality rate: 1.82%

Quota = 530

Count	Archer	Barwick	Brodie	Burt	Ernst	Neilsen	Parish	Parsell	Russack	Taylor	Welsh	Widdowson	Wiener	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	157.00	522.00	115.00	605.00	293.00	410.00	236.00	39.00	42.00	174.00	166.00	365.00	54.00			3 178.00	Burt elected 1
2	11.03	6.19	4.83	- 75.00	2.10	3.96	4.71	1.36	0.00	22.06	1.73	16.73	0.24		0.06	3 178.00	Burt's surplus distributed
	168.03	528.19	119.83	530.00	295.10	413.96	240.71	40.36	42.00	196.06	167.73	381.73	54.24		0.06	3 178.00	
3	3.00	10.00	3.00		0.00	3.00	8.00	- 39.00	1.00	8.00	0.00	3.00	0.00		0.00	3 178.00	Parsell part excluded
	171.03	538.19	122.83	530.00	295.10	416.96	248.71	1.36	43.00	204.06	167.73	384.73	54.24		0.06	3 178.00	Barwick elected 2
4	0.61		0.12		0.00	0.12	0.12	- 1.36	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.02	3 178.00	Parsell fully excluded
	171.64	538.19	122.95	530.00	295.10	417.08	248.83	0.00	43.00	204.43	167.73	384.73	54.24		0.08	3 178.00	
5	0.81	- 8.19	1.63		0.00	0.00	2.45		0.00	2.45	0.00	0.00	0.81		0.04	3 178.00	Barwick's surplus distributed
	172.45	530.00	124.58	530.00	295.10	417.08	251.28		43.00	206.88	167.73	384.73	55.05		0.12	3 178.00	
6	1.00		5.00		4.00	5.00	4.00		- 43.00	1.00	10.00	4.00	9.00		0.00	3 178.00	Russack excluded
	173.45	530.00	129.58	530.00	299.10	422.08	255.28		0.00	207.88	177.73	388.73	64.05		0.12	3 178.00	
7 to 9	2.00		4.81		20.12	11.12	2.00			4.00	18.00	2.00	- 64.05		0.00	3 178.00	Wiener excluded
	175.45	530.00	134.39	530.00	319.22	433.20	257.28			211.88	195.73	390.73	0.00		0.12	3 178.00	
10 to 12	27.23		- 134.39		7.00	22.49	30.61			20.92	14.00	12.11			0.03	3 178.00	Brodie excluded
	202.68	530.00	0.00	530.00	326.22	455.69	287.89			232.80	209.73	402.84			0.15	3 178.00	
13 to 15	- 202.68				7.37	28.61	21.99			56.71	10.67	77.32			0.01	3 178.00	Archer excluded
	0.00	530.00		530.00	333.59	484.30	309.88			289.51	220.40	480.16			0.16	3 178.00	
16 to 18					87.00	44.05	26.49			32.11	- 220.40	28.74		2.00	0.01	3 178.00	Welsh excluded
		530.00		530.00	420.59	528.35	336.37			321.62	0.00	508.90		2.00	0.17	3 178.00	
19					30.00	51.00	57.00			- 290.00		141.00		11.00	0.00	3 178.00	Taylor part excluded
		530.00		530.00	450.59	579.35	393.37			31.62		649.90		13.00	0.17	3 178.00	Widdowson elected 3, Neilsen elected 4
20 to 21					6.14		17.54			- 31.62				7.95	- 0.01	3 178.00	Taylor fully excluded
		530.00		530.00	456.73	579.35	410.91			0.00		649.90		20.95	0.16	3 178.00	
22					23.80		66.32					- 119.90		29.76	0.02	3 178.00	Widdowson's surplus distributed
		530.00		530.00	480.53	579.35	477.23					530.00		50.71	0.18	3 178.00	
23					11.61	- 49.35	35.80							1.93	0.01	3 178.00	Neilsen's surplus distributed
		530.00		530.00	492.14	530.00	513.03					530.00		52.64	0.19	3 178.00	Parish elected 5

2007 George Town Councillor election - first preferences



George Town Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3240

Formal Votes: 3199

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Informal ballot papers: 39

Total ballot papers: 3238

Informality rate: 1.20%

		Candidates			Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BARWICK	BURT	WELSH				
Count 1	Total	1 144	1 423	632		3 199	1 600	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	345	176	- 632	111			Welsh excluded
	Progress Total	1 489	1 599	0	111	3 199	1 545	Burt elected

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3240

Formal Votes: 3171

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

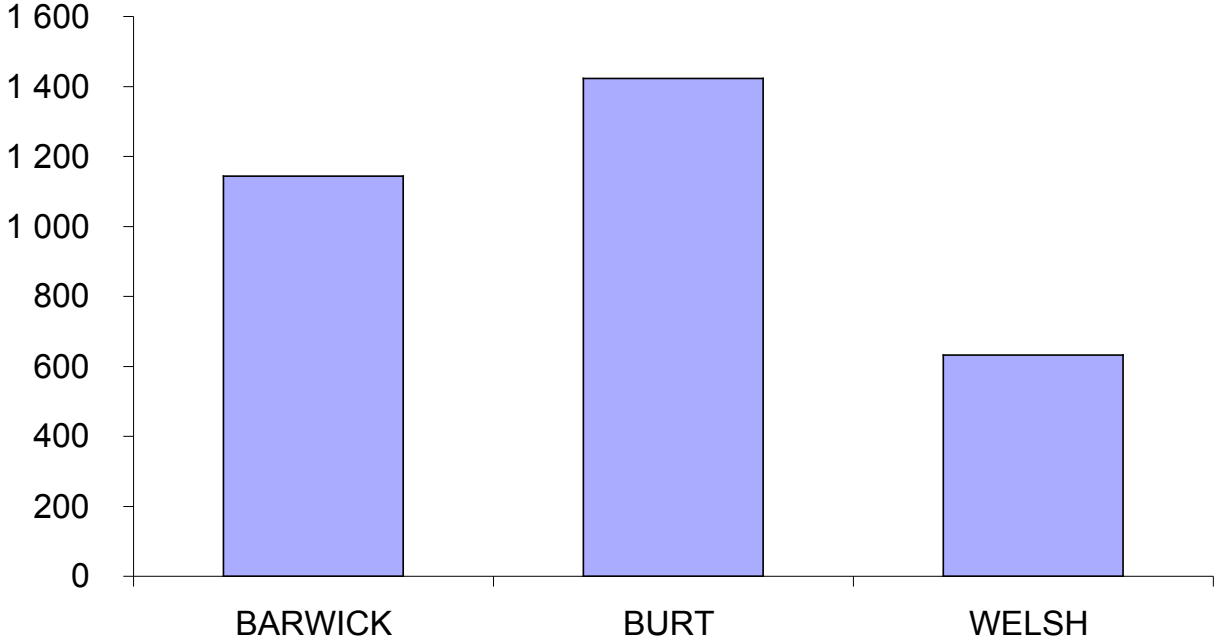
Informal ballot papers: 67

Total ballot papers: 3238

Informality rate: 2.07%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		CORY	TAYLOR			
Count 1	First Preferences	1 527	1 644	3 171	1 587	TAYLOR elected

2007 George Town Mayor election - first preferences



2007 George Town Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

