



Launceston City 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 Launceston City Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 7 Councillors (Aldermen), 6 of which for 4 year terms and 1 for a 2 year term.

45 717 Launceston City electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 45 211 (98.89%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 506 (1.11%) from the General Manager's roll.

55.99% of Launceston City electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors (Aldermen)	
DEAN, Ivan*	Newstead	★ BALL, Jeremy	Trevallyn
SANDS, Ted	Kings Meadows	BLACKMAN, Reginald	Launceston
★ van ZETTEN, Albert	Launceston	BRADY, Thane	Launceston
		COLE, Martin	Launceston
		★ DEAN, Ivan*	Newstead
		GEORGE, Graeme	Launceston
Deputy Mayor		GIBSON, Danny	South Launceston
★ ARMITAGE, Rosemary	St Leonards	JONES, David	Nunamara
McKENDRICK, Robin	Norwood	^★ NORTON, Ian	Underwood
NOTT, Frank	Newstead	★ NOTT, Frank*	Newstead
		★ PECK, Tony*	Norwood
		★ SHIPP, Ray	Newnham
		★ WADDLE, Annette*	Nunamara

★ denotes elected candidate
 * denotes seeking re-election
 ^ denotes filled casual vacancy

Launceston City Councillors (Aldermen) following the 2007 elections

Mayor	12 Councillors (Aldermen)	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>
van ZETTEN, Albert	DEAN, Ivan	van ZETTEN, Albert
Deputy Mayor	BALL, Jeremy	McKENDRICK, Robin
<i>term ends 2009</i>	WADDLE, Annette	ARMITAGE, Rosemary
ARMITAGE, Rosemary	NOTT, Frank	SANDS, Ted
	PECK, Tony	BEAMS, Graeme
	SHIPP, Ray	NORTON, Ian

Launceston City Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 45717

Declarations rejected: 371

Ballot paper adjustment: 31

Formal Votes: 24589

Number to be elected: 7

Declarations returned: 25598

Declarations admitted: 25227

Total ballot papers: 25196

Informal ballot papers: 607

Returning Officer: Mrs Suzie Rogers

Response: 55.99%

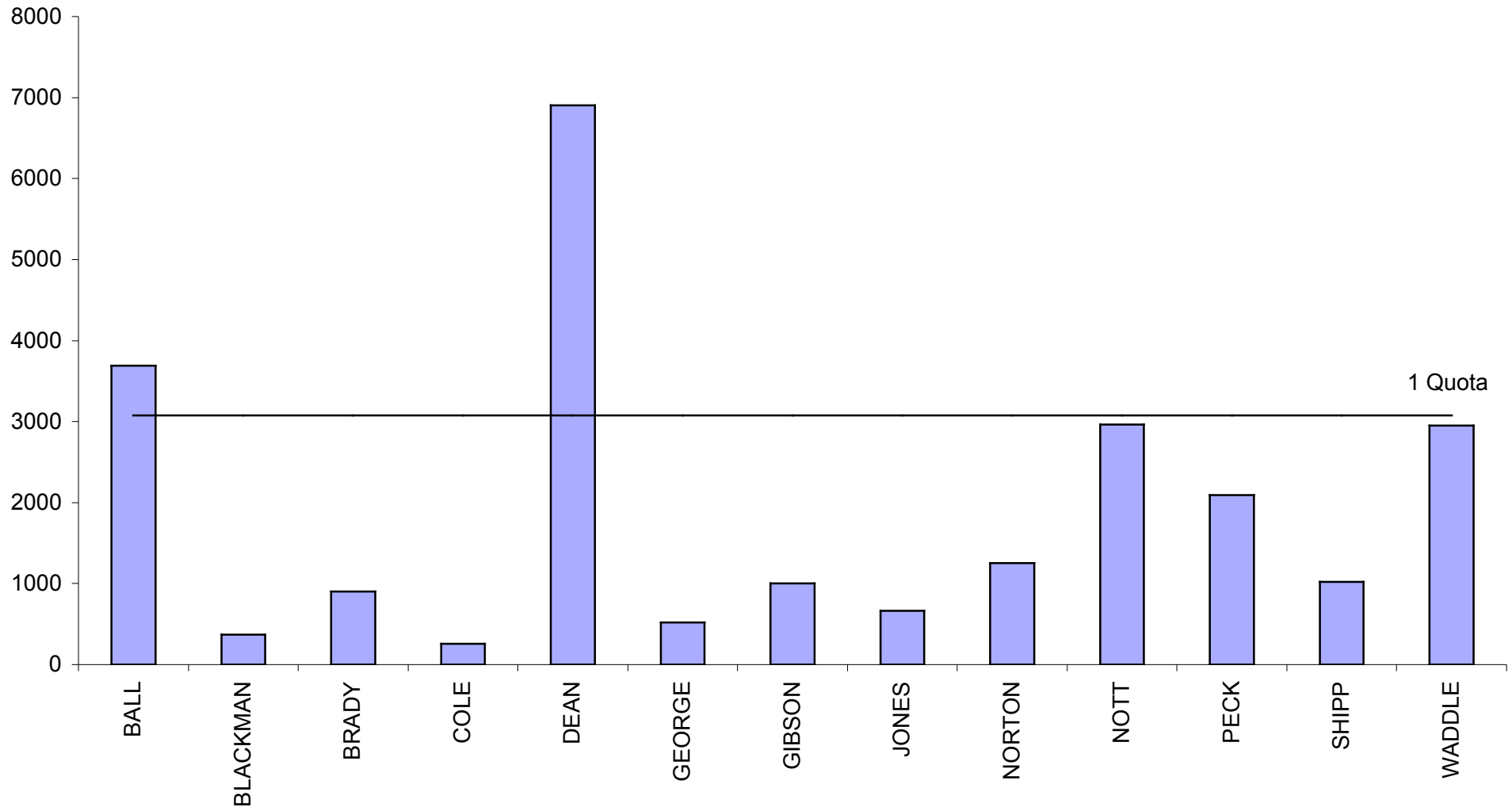
Rejection rate: 1.45%

Informality rate: 2.41%

Quota = 3074

Count	BALL	BLACKMAN	BRADY	COLE	DEAN	GEORGE	GIBSON	JONES	NORTON	NOTT	PECK	SHIPP	WADDLE	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	3 692.00	369.00	905.00	256.00	6 903.00	522.00	1 002.00	663.00	1 253.00	2 962.00	2 092.00	1 022.00	2 948.00				
	3 692.00	369.00	905.00	256.00	6 903.00	522.00	1 002.00	663.00	1 253.00	2 962.00	2 092.00	1 022.00	2 948.00			24 589.00	DEAN elected 1, BALL elected 2
2		61.01	171.95	35.49	-3 829.00	95.40	190.81	135.34	113.71	674.49	1 023.95	434.87	891.93		0.05		DEAN's surplus distributed
	3 692.00	430.01	1 076.95	291.49	3 074.00	617.40	1 192.81	798.34	1 366.71	3 636.49	3 115.95	1 456.87	3 839.93		0.05	24 589.00	WADDLE elected 3, NOTT elected 4, PECK elected 5
3	- 618.00	16.57	51.22	115.33		21.25	98.75	31.46	231.99			51.38			0.05		BALL's surplus distributed
	3 074.00	446.58	1 128.17	406.82	3 074.00	638.65	1 291.56	829.80	1 598.70	3 636.49	3 115.95	1 508.25	3 839.93		0.10	24 589.00	
4		40.48	78.11	24.76		50.96	93.83	81.92	62.87			332.95	- 765.93		0.05		WADDLE's surplus distributed
	3 074.00	487.06	1 206.28	431.58	3 074.00	689.61	1 385.39	911.72	1 661.57	3 636.49	3 115.95	1 841.20	3 074.00		0.15	24 589.00	
5		33.30	63.37	17.57		42.09	82.33	71.23	59.67	- 562.49		192.89			0.04		NOTT's surplus distributed
	3 074.00	520.36	1 269.65	449.15	3 074.00	731.70	1 467.72	982.95	1 721.24	3 074.00	3 115.95	2 034.09	3 074.00		0.19	24 589.00	
6		2.34	4.22	0.86		2.36	4.77	4.86	2.74		- 41.95	19.76			0.04		PECK's surplus distributed
	3 074.00	522.70	1 273.87	450.01	3 074.00	734.06	1 472.49	987.81	1 723.98	3 074.00	3 074.00	2 053.85	3 074.00		0.23	24 589.00	
7 to 12		47.09	52.52	- 450.01		30.61	61.39	45.81	156.56			55.92			0.11		COLE excluded
	3 074.00	569.79	1 326.39	0.00	3 074.00	764.67	1 533.88	1 033.62	1 880.54	3 074.00	3 074.00	2 109.77	3 074.00		0.34	24 589.00	
13 to 18		- 569.79	105.68			106.68	69.89	99.32	94.54			91.14		2.41	0.13		BLACKMAN excluded
	3 074.00	0.00	1 432.07		3 074.00	871.35	1 603.77	1 132.94	1 975.08	3 074.00	3 074.00	2 200.91	3 074.00	2.41	0.47	24 589.00	
19 to 24			163.33			- 871.35	187.49	189.39	149.10			178.27		3.69	0.08		GEORGE excluded
	3 074.00		1 595.40		3 074.00	0.00	1 791.26	1 322.33	2 124.18	3 074.00	3 074.00	2 379.18	3 074.00	6.10	0.55	24 589.00	
25 to 30			346.72				324.78	-1 322.33	274.19			360.27		16.34	0.03		JONES excluded
	3 074.00		1 942.12		3 074.00		2 116.04	0.00	2 398.37	3 074.00	3 074.00	2 739.45	3 074.00	22.44	0.58	24 589.00	
31			-1 375.00				516.00		458.00			373.00		28.00	0.00		BRADY part excluded
	3 074.00		567.12		3 074.00		2 632.04		2 856.37	3 074.00	3 074.00	3 112.45	3 074.00	50.44	0.58	24 589.00	SHIPP elected 6
32 to 35			- 560.10				278.19		220.84					61.08	- 0.01		BRADY part excluded
	3 074.00		7.02		3 074.00		2 910.23		3 077.21	3 074.00	3 074.00	3 112.45	3 074.00	111.52	0.57	24 589.00	NORTON elected 7

2007 Launceston City Councillor election - first preferences



Launceston City Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Ms Suzie Rogers

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 25227

Ballot paper adjustment: 26

Total ballot papers: 25201

Formal Votes: 24945

Informal ballot papers: 256

Informality rate: 1.02%

		Candidates			Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DEAN	SANDS	van ZETTEN				
Count 1	Total	9 788	6 956	8 201		24 945	12 473	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	1 806	-6 956	4 350	800			Sands excluded
	Progress Total	11 594	0	12 551	800	24 945	12 073	van Zetten elected

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 25227

Ballot paper adjustment: 29

Total ballot papers: 25198

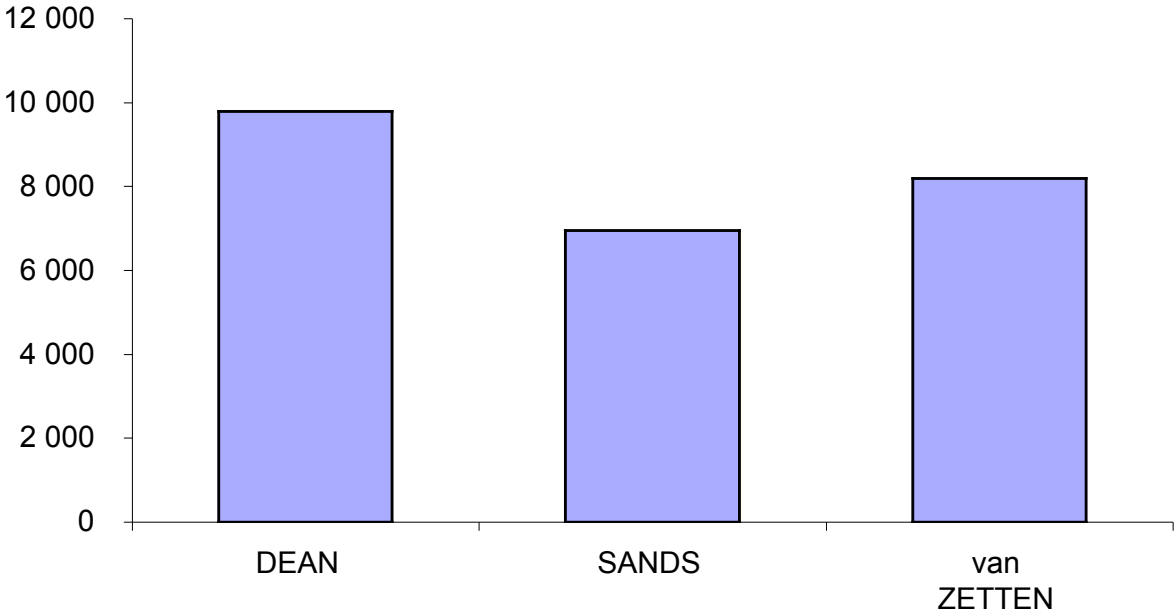
Formal Votes: 24914

Informal ballot papers: 284

Informality rate: 1.13%

		Candidates			Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		ARMITAGE	McKENDRICK	NOTT				
Count 1	Total	12 136	6 911	5 867		24 914	12 458	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	3 218	1 999	-5 867	650			Nott excluded
	Progress Total	15 354	8 910	0	650	24 914	12 133	Armitage elected

2007 Launceston City Mayor election - first preferences



2007 Launceston City Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

