



Kingborough Council 2009 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. In 2009, 27 elections were held in September/October, with the Break O'Day and Glamorgan-Spring Bay elections being postponed while an investigation into a proposed voluntary merger between them took place. These elections were then held in November/December.

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), 2007 and 2009 with the next elections due in October 2011.

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.tec.tas.gov.au.

2009 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 12 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 17 September
Nomination period	14 September–12 noon on 28 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 28 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 29 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	13–16 October
Polling period	13–27 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 27 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 2009 Kingborough Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 6 Councillors for 4 year terms.

23 988 Kingborough electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 23 686 (98.74%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 302 (1.26%) from the General Manager's roll.

51.25% of Kingborough electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ BURY, Graham*	Tinderbox	BANGE, Jane	Kingston
		★ BURY, Graham*	Tinderbox
		★ CHATTERTON, Paul*	Blackmans Bay
Deputy Mayor		CURTAIN, Shelagh	Taroona
CHATTERTON, Paul	Blackmans Bay	GIBLIN, Marie	Margate
GRACE, David	Lower Snug	★ GRACE, David*	Lower Snug
HIGGINS, Michele	Birchs Bay	★ HIGGINS, Michele*	Birchs Bay
McGINNISS, Roger	Kingston	HOLLAND, Alan	Blackmans Bay
★ WASS, Steve*	Blackmans Bay	KING, Michael	Kingston
		★ NOLAN, Susan	Blackmans Bay
		PASTOOR, Erick	Kingston
		★ WASS, Steve*	Blackmans Bay

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Kingborough Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor	12 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
BURY, Graham	BURY, Graham	McGINNISS, Roger
Deputy Mayor	HIGGINS, Michele	FOX, Flora
<i>term ends 2011</i>	WASS, Steve	BUSH, Julian
WASS, Steve	GRACE, David	BUCHAN, Fiona
	NOLAN, Susan	LINDSAY, Peter
	CHATTERTON, Paul	SOMMERVILLE, Donna

Kingborough Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 23 988

Declarations rejected: 87

Ballot paper adjustment: 14

Formal Votes: 11 878

Number to be elected: 6

Declarations returned: 12 295

Declarations admitted: 12 208

Total ballot papers: 12 194

Informal ballot papers: 316

Returning Officer: Mr Greg Richardson

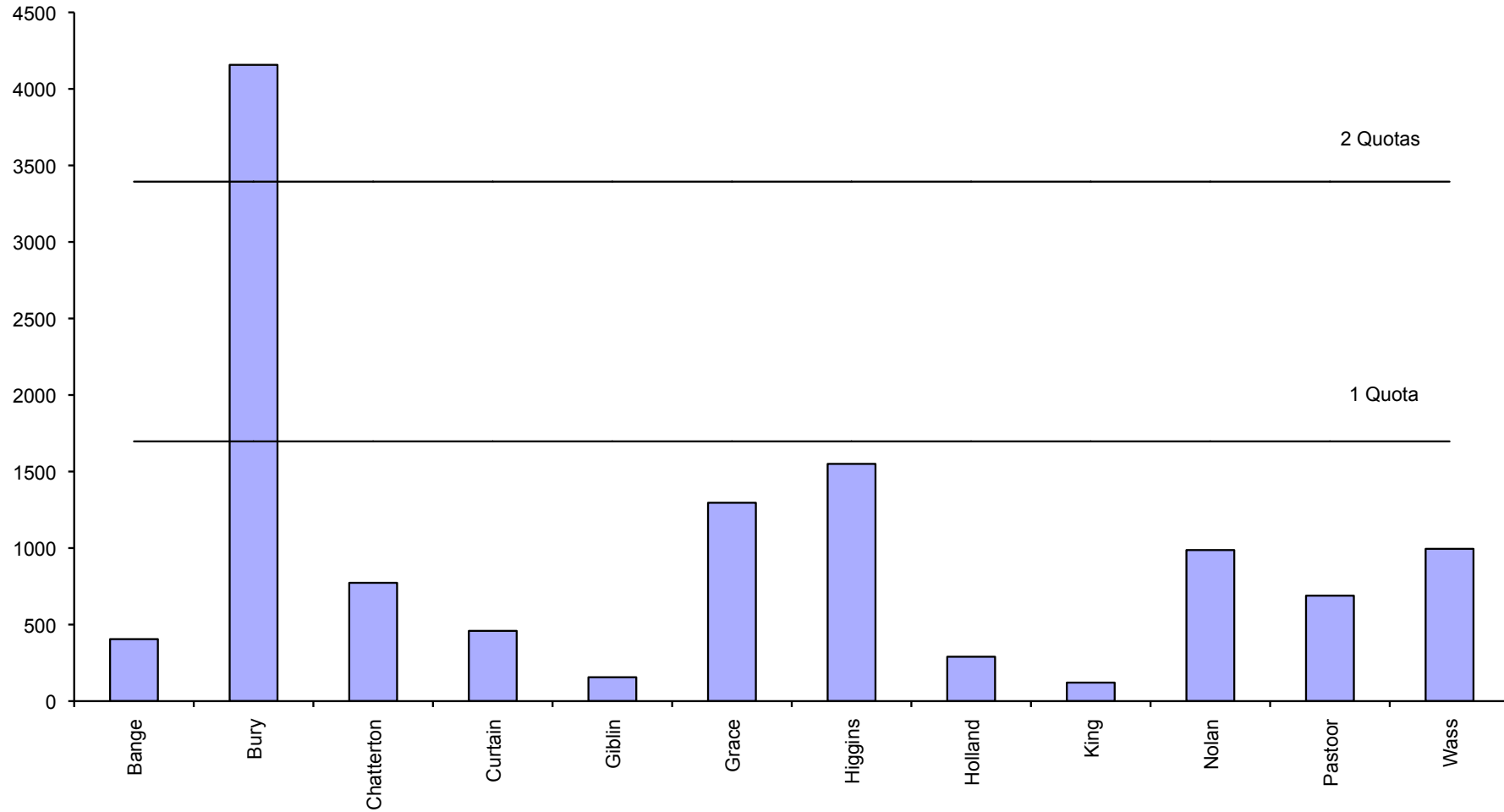
Response: 51.25%

Rejection rate: 0.71%

Quota = 1 697

Count	Bange	Bury	Chatterton	Curtain	Giblin	Grace	Higgins	Holland	King	Nolan	Pastoor	Wass	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	405.00	4157.00	773.00	459.00	156.00	1 296.00	1550.00	290.00	121.00	987.00	689.00	995.00		0.00	11 878.00	Bury elected 1
2	85.80	- 2460.00	484.06	74.56	46.15	324.88	331.98	65.09	30.18	210.07	185.81	621.36		0.06		Bury's surplus distributed
	490.80	1697.00	1 257.06	533.56	202.15	1 620.88	1 881.98	355.09	151.18	1 197.07	874.81	1616.36		0.06	11 878.00	Higgins elected 2
3	76.16		14.17	6.92	25.05	16.15	- 184.98	5.27	3.29	11.87	5.27	20.77		0.06		Higgins' surplus distributed
	566.96	1697.00	1 271.23	540.48	227.20	1 637.03	1 697.00	360.36	154.47	1 208.94	880.08	1637.13		0.12	11 878.00	
4 to 6	15.34		11.73	12.59	11.18	22.56		11.20	- 154.47	25.60	15.09	29.10		0.08		King excluded
	582.30	1697.00	1 282.96	553.07	238.38	1 659.59	1 697.00	371.56	0.00	1 234.54	895.17	1666.23		0.20	11 878.00	
7 to 9	90.15		16.86	19.15	- 238.38	22.67		11.12		47.20	10.32	20.83		0.08		Giblin excluded
	672.45	1697.00	1 299.82	572.22	0.00	1 682.26	1 697.00	382.68		1 281.74	905.49	1687.06		0.28	11 878.00	
10	22.00		51.00	19.00		58.00		- 303.00		44.00	49.00	60.00		0.00		Holland part excluded
	694.45	1697.00	1 350.82	591.22		1 740.26	1 697.00	79.68		1 325.74	954.49	1 747.06		0.28	11 878.00	Wass elected 3, Grace elected 4
11 to 12	11.37		23.13	6.30				- 79.68		23.93	14.59		0.32	0.04		Holland excluded
	705.82	1697.00	1 373.95	597.52		1 740.26	1 697.00	0.00		1 349.67	969.08	1 747.06	0.32	0.32	11 878.00	
13	5.00		13.34	3.33						9.17	18.35	- 50.06	0.83	0.04		Wass' surplus distributed
	710.82	1697.00	1 387.29	600.85		1 740.26	1 697.00			1 358.84	987.43	1 697.00	1.15	0.36	11 878.00	
14	4.47		11.93	3.72		- 43.26				11.18	11.93		0.00	0.03		Grace's surplus distributed
	715.29	1697.00	1 399.22	604.57		1 697.00	1 697.00			1 370.02	999.36	1 697.00	1.15	0.39	11 878.00	
15 to 19	173.56		133.25	- 604.57						174.21	115.62		7.91	0.02		Curtain excluded
	888.85	1697.00	1 532.47	0.00		1 697.00	1 697.00			1 544.23	1 114.98	1 697.00	9.06	0.41	11 878.00	
20	- 653.00		178.00							346.00	84.00		45.00	0.00		Bange part excluded
	235.85	1697.00	1710.47			1 697.00	1 697.00			1 890.23	1 198.98	1 697.00	54.06	0.41	11 878.00	Nolan elected 5, Chatterton elected 6

2009 Kingborough Councillor election - first preferences



Kingborough Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Greg Richardson

Mayor — Graham Bury (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 12208

Ballot paper adjustment: 14

Total ballot papers: 12194

Formal Votes: 12018

Informal ballot papers: 176

Informality rate: 1.44%

		Candidates					Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		CHATTERTON	GRACE	HIGGINS	McGINNISS	WASS				
Count 1	Progress Total	2 013	2 302	3 018	1 729	2 956	0	12 018	6 010	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	380	432	228	-1 729	495	194			McGinniss excluded
	Progress Total	2 393	2 734	3 246	0	3 451	194	12 018	5 913	
Count 3	Votes transferred	-2 393	766	338		1 023	266			Chatterton excluded
	Progress Total	0	3 500	3 584		4 474	460	12 018	5 780	
Count 4	Votes transferred		-3 500	1 032		2 109	359			Grace excluded
	Progress Total		0	4 616		6 583	819	12 018	5 600	Wass elected

2009 Kingborough Deputy Mayor - first preferences

