



# West Tamar Council 2011 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 councillors. 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 approximately biennially since 1994, with the next elections due in October 2013.

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](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au).

### 2011 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September–12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 25 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 2011 West Tamar Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 5 Councillors for 4 year terms.

16 389 West Tamar electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 16 228 (99.02%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 161 (0.98%) from the General Manager's roll.

54.58% of West Tamar electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ EASTHER, Barry Maxwell*	Sidmouth	★ BRACKEN, Carol	Glengarry
KEARNEY, Peter	Lanena	DICKINSON, Geoff	Beauty Point
SHEGOG, Rick	Riverside	★ EASTHER, Barry Maxwell*	Sidmouth
		EDWARDS, Dane	Legana
		FINNIGAN, Kristen	Glengarry
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ KAYE, Peter	Trevallyn
★ HOLMDAHL, Christina Angela	Clarence Point	PRICE, Mark Bradley	Riverside
		SALMON, Luke	Legana
		★ SHEGOG, Rick*	Riverside
		STEVENS, Karl*	Beaconsfield
		WIENER, Sven	Legana
		★ WOINARSKI, Tim	Legana

★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

### West Tamar Councillors following the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
EASTHER, Barry Maxwell	EASTHER, Barry Maxwell	KEARNEY, Peter
	SHEGOG, Rick	HOLMDAHL, Christina Angela
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	BRACKEN, Carol	WATSON, John
<i>term ends 2013</i>	KAYE, Peter	ALLEN, Joy
HOLMDAHL, Christina Angela	WOINARSKI, Tim	

# West Tamar Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 16 389

Declarations rejected: 165

Ballot paper adjustment: 18

Formal Votes: 8 576

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 8 945

Declarations admitted: 8 780

Total ballot papers: 8 762

Informal ballot papers: 186

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 54.58%

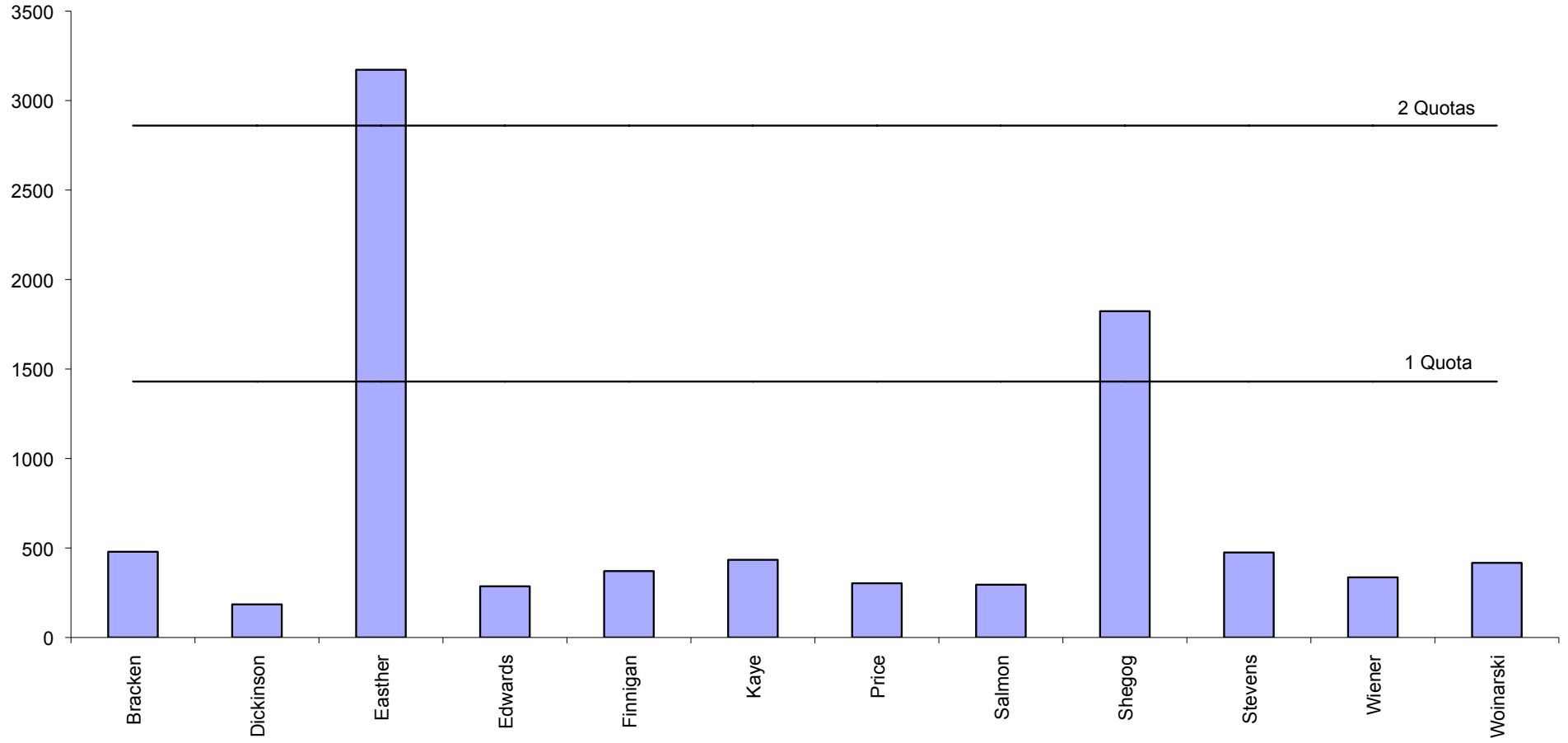
Rejection rate: 1.84%

Informality rate: 2.12%

Quota = 1 430

Count	Bracken	Dickinson	Easther	Edwards	Finnigan	Kaye	Price	Salmon	Shegog	Stevens	Wiener	Woinarski	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	479.00	185.00	3172.00	286.00	371.00	434.00	303.00	295.00	1823.00	475.00	336.00	417.00			8576.00	<b>Easther elected 1, Shegog elected 2</b>
2	233.95	254.81	- 1742.00	185.62	187.27	315.22	68.64	104.89		159.81	60.40	171.34		0.05		Easther's surplus distributed
	712.95	439.81	1430.00	471.62	558.27	749.22	371.64	399.89	1823.00	634.81	396.40	588.34		0.05	8576.00	
3	51.73	39.23		42.68	50.44	58.42	22.20	31.47	- 393.00	29.74	21.98	45.05		0.06		Shegog's surplus distributed
	764.68	479.04	1430.00	514.30	608.71	807.64	393.84	431.36	1430.00	664.55	418.38	633.39		0.11	8576.00	
4 to 6	41.40	30.91		35.95	37.40	51.33	- 393.84	33.30		31.19	102.23	30.05		0.08		Price excluded
	806.08	509.95	1430.00	550.25	646.11	858.97	0.00	464.66	1430.00	695.74	520.61	663.44		0.19	8576.00	
7 to 9	65.31	57.43		64.95	64.38	51.70		- 464.66		48.66	45.57	66.60		0.06		Salmon excluded
	871.39	567.38	1430.00	615.20	710.49	910.67		0.00	1430.00	744.40	566.18	730.04		0.25	8576.00	
10 to 12	80.67	37.15		42.69	80.15	67.70				135.07	- 566.18	121.95	0.75	0.05		Wiener excluded
	952.06	604.53	1430.00	657.89	790.64	978.37			1430.00	879.47	0.00	851.99	0.75	0.30	8576.00	
13 to 15	111.20	- 604.53		117.55	81.15	118.26				83.96		87.33	5.05	0.03		Dickinson excluded
	1063.26	0.00	1430.00	775.44	871.79	1096.63			1430.00	963.43		939.32	5.80	0.33	8576.00	
16 to 18	189.79			- 775.44	154.69	164.00				97.98		149.24	19.75	(0.01)		Edwards excluded
	1253.05		1430.00	0.00	1026.48	1260.63			1430.00	1061.41		1088.56	25.55	0.32	8576.00	
19	305.00				- 628.00	118.00				75.00		111.00	19.00	0.00		Finnigan part excluded
	1558.05		1430.00		398.48	1378.63			1430.00	1136.41		1199.56	44.55	0.32	8576.00	<b>Bracken elected 3</b>
20					- 314.66	109.83				71.94		93.90	38.99	0.00		Finnigan part excluded
	1558.05		1430.00		83.82	1488.46			1430.00	1208.35		1293.46	83.54	0.32	8576.00	<b>Kaye elected 4</b>
21					- 83.82					36.00		30.82	17.03	(0.03)		Finnigan excluded
	1558.05		1430.00		0.00	1488.46			1430.00	1244.35		1324.28	100.57	0.29	8576.00	
22	- 128.05									47.02		60.03	20.99	0.01		Bracken's surplus distributed
	1430.00		1430.00			1488.46			1430.00	1291.37		1384.31	121.56	0.30	8576.00	
23						- 58.46				22.21		26.89	9.35	0.01		Kaye's surplus distributed
	1430.00		1430.00			1430.00			1430.00	1313.58		1411.20	130.91	0.31	8576.00	<b>Woinarski elected 5</b>

### 2011 West Tamar Councillor election - first preferences



## West Tamar Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

### Mayor

Declarations admitted: 8 780

Formal Votes: 8 628

Ballot paper adjustment: 20

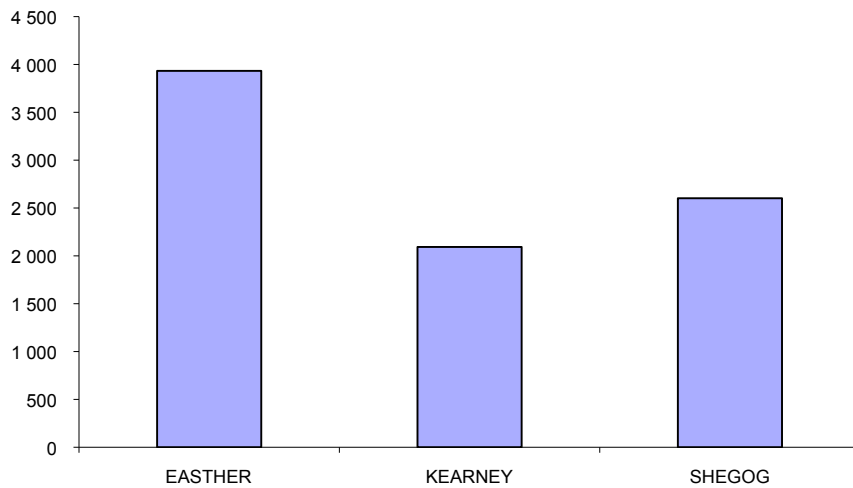
Informal ballot papers: 132

Total ballot papers: 8 760

Informality rate: 1.51%

		Candidates				Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		EASTHER	KEARNEY	SHEGOG	Exhausted			
Count 1	Progress Total	3 933	2 093	2 602	0	8 628	4 315	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	1 059	-2 093	795	239			Kearney excluded
	Progress Total	4 992	0	3 397	239	8 628	4 195	<b>Easther elected</b>

2011 West Tamar Mayor election - first preferences



**Deputy Mayor** — Christina Angela Holmdahl (elected unopposed)