



# Brighton 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](http://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 Brighton Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, 5 Councillors, 4 of which for 4 year terms and 1 casual position for 2 years.

9280 Brighton electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 9232 (99.48%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 48 (0.52%) from the General Manager's roll.

46.84% of Brighton electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

### Recounts

Two recounts were held between the 2005 and 2007 elections. Deputy Mayor and Councillor Ted Jeffries died on Tuesday 1 November 2005. Three unelected candidates from the 2005 Brighton Council election contested the councillor recount. The recount took place on Monday 21 November 2005. The other recount took place on Tuesday 30 May 2006 following the resignation of Councillor Kate Fitzpatrick on 16 May 2006. Four unelected candidates from the 2002 Brighton Council election contested the recount. Full details are provided on the back page.

### Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ FOSTER, Tony*	Pontville	★ CURRAN, Barbara*	Brighton
		^★ GARLICK, Wayne*	Bridgewater
		★ GEARD, Peter*	Brighton
		★ JEFFRIES, Moya	Brighton
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		PRICE, Heather*	Bridgewater
GEARD, Peter	Brighton	★ TAYLOR, Geoff*	Brighton
OWEN, Philip	Old Beach	WILLIAMS, David Keith	Gagebrook
★ TAYLOR, Geoff	Brighton	WOOD, Mandy	Bridgewater

★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

^ denotes filled casual vacancy

### Brighton Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>
FOSTER, Tony	TAYLOR, Geoff	FOSTER, Tony
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	CURRAN, Barbara	OWEN, Phil
<i>term ends 2009</i>	GEARD, Peter	WILLIAMS, Sonya
TAYLOR, Geoff	JEFFRIES, Moya	GRAY, Leigh
		GARLICK, Wayne

## Brighton Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 9280

Declarations rejected: 68

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

Formal Votes: 4189

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 4347

Declarations admitted: 4279

Total ballot papers: 4271

Informal ballot papers: 82

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Response: 46.84%

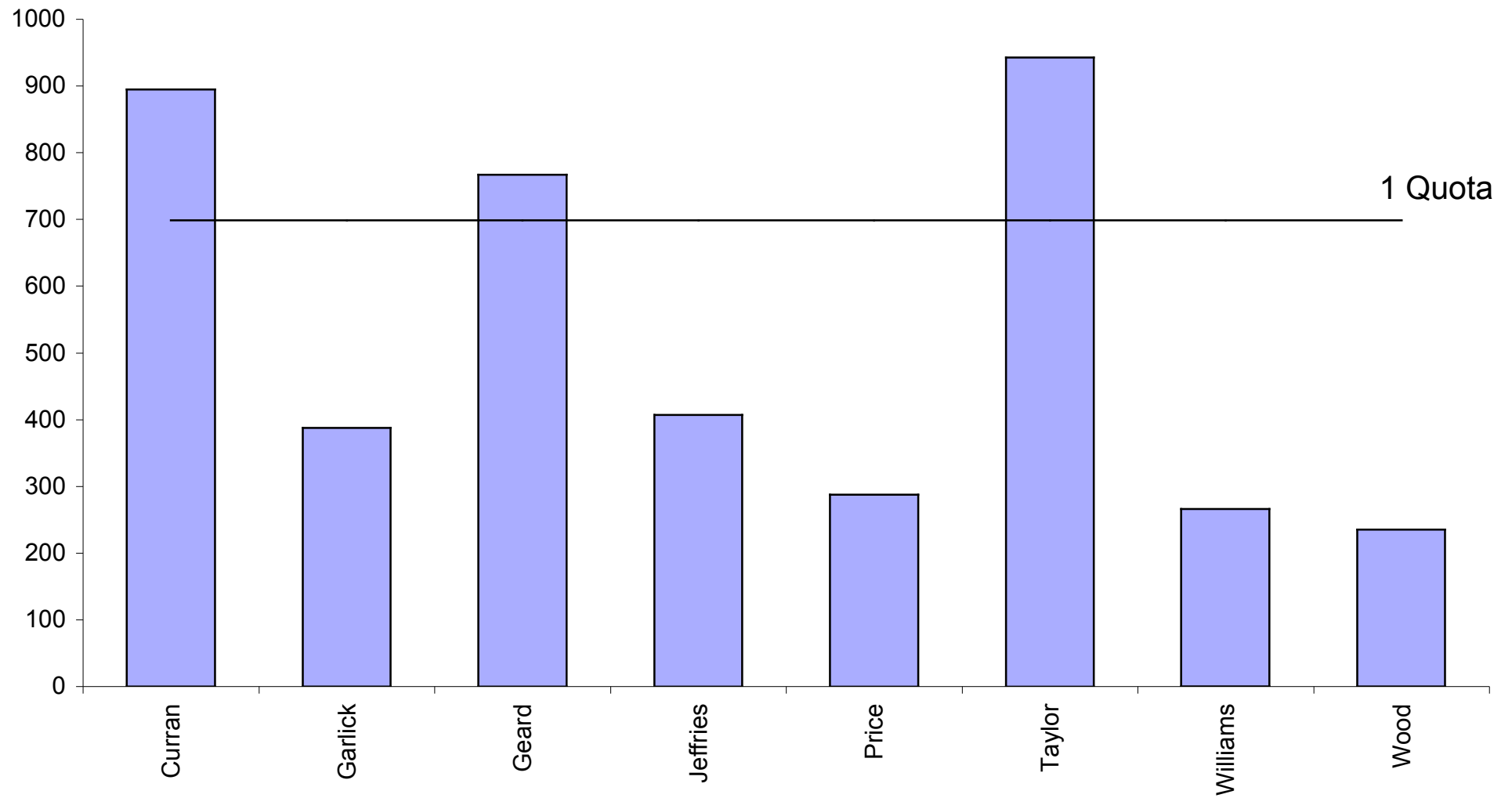
Rejection rate: 1.56%

Informality rate: 1.92%

Quota = 699

Count	Curran	Garlick	Geard	Jeffries	Price	Taylor	Williams	Wood	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	895.00	388.00	767.00	407.00	288.00	943.00	266.00	235.00			4 189.00	<b>Taylor elected 1, Curran elected 2, Geard elected 3</b>
2		72.19		84.86	26.65	- 244.00	33.63	26.65		0.02	4 189.00	Taylor's surplus distributed
3	895.00	460.19	767.00	491.86	314.65	699.00	299.63	261.65		0.02	4 189.00	Curran's surplus distributed
	- 196.00	46.42		70.07	26.06		20.80	32.63		0.02	4 189.00	Curran's surplus distributed
4	699.00	506.61	767.00	561.93	340.71	699.00	320.43	294.28		0.04	4 189.00	
		21.63	- 68.00	18.61	8.86		11.79	7.09		0.02	4 189.00	Geard's surplus distributed
5 to 8	699.00	528.24	699.00	580.54	349.57	699.00	332.22	301.37		0.06	4 189.00	
		50.10		102.95	100.95		47.32	- 301.37		0.05	4 189.00	Wood excluded
	699.00	578.34	699.00	683.49	450.52	699.00	379.54	0.00		0.11	4 189.00	
9		118.00		82.00	98.00		- 299.00		1.00	0.00	4 189.00	Williams part excluded
	699.00	696.34	699.00	765.49	548.52	699.00	80.54		1.00	0.11	4 189.00	<b>Jeffries elected 4</b>
10		27.42			10.60		- 39.32		1.29	0.01	4 189.00	Williams part excluded
	699.00	723.76	699.00	765.49	559.12	699.00	41.22		2.29	0.12	4 189.00	<b>Garlick elected 5</b>

## 2007 Brighton Councillor election - first preferences



## Brighton Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

### Mayor –

Tony Foster (elected unopposed)

### Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4279

Formal Votes: 4155

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Informal ballot papers: 117

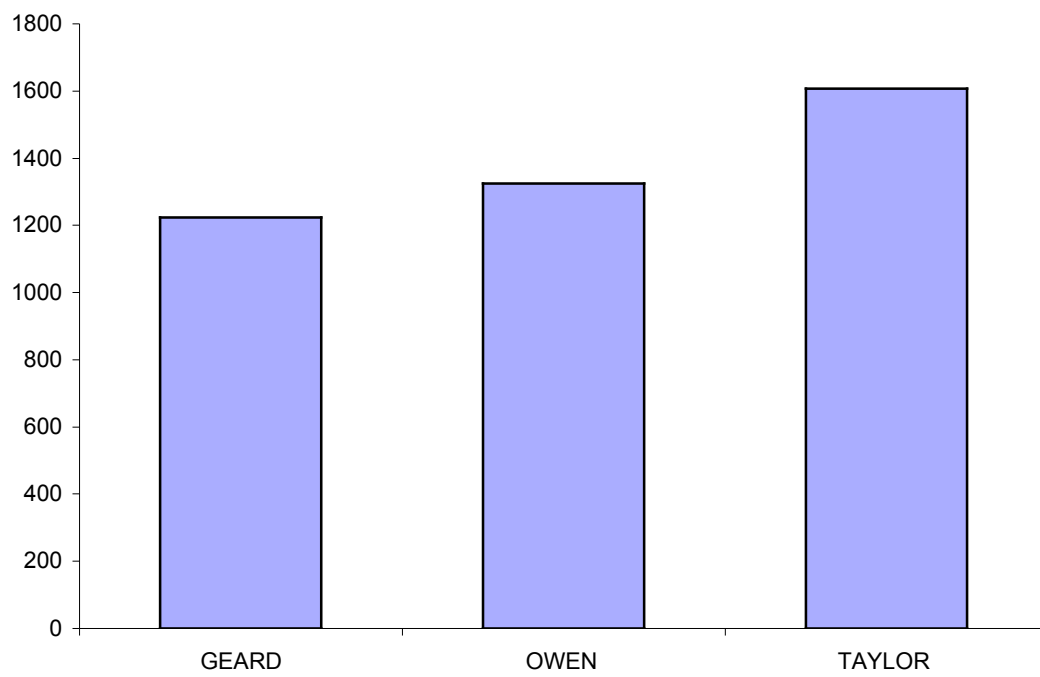
Total ballot papers: 4272

Informality rate: 2.74%

#### Candidates

		<b>GEARD</b>	<b>OWEN</b>	<b>TAYLOR</b>	Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	1 224	1 324	1 607		4 155	2 078	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	-1 224	446	701	77			Geard excluded
	Progress Total	0	1 770	2 308	77	4 155	2 040	<b>Taylor elected</b>

**2007 Brighton Deputy Mayor election - first preferences**



## 2005 Brighton Council - Recount

Recount due to the death of Councillor Ted Jeffries

21 November 2005

		Candidates			Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		BRODERICK Wendy	GARLICK Wayne	NASERS Gary				
Count 1	Total	175.12	333.01	163.79	3.99	0.05	<b>675.96</b>	Jeffries votes distributed
Count 2	Votes Transferred	62.03	86.73	- 163.79	15.00	0.03		Nasers excluded
	Total	<b>237.15</b>	<b>419.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18.99</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>675.96</b>	<b>Garlick elected</b>

## 2006 Brighton Council - Recount

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor Kate Fitzpatrick

30 May 2006

		Candidates				Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		HIGGINS Keith	JOSEPH Roger	MANSER Helen	PRICE Heather				
Count 1	Total	99.03	102.49	159.53	<b>382.93</b>	38.00	0.02	<b>782.00</b>	<b>Price elected</b>