



Meander Valley 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 Meander Valley Council Election

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

13 586 Meander Valley electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 13 479 (99.21%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 107 (0.79%) from the General Manager's roll.

59.86% of Meander Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43 % statewide.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors		
RICHARDSON, Bob	Westbury	★ FELLOWS, Geoff		Westbury
★ SHELTON, Mark	Bracknell	★ HOWARD, Ian		Reedy Marsh
		KNOWLES, Kevin		Western Creek
		LINGER, Rodney		Caveside
		★ NOWELL, Elizabeth		Westbury
Deputy Mayor		PERKINS-SHAW, Sallie		Deloraine
FROST, Pat	Westbury	PORTER, Carl		Exton
JOHNSTONE, Ray	Prospect Vale	★ SHELTON, Mark		Bracknell
KELLY, Michael	Deloraine	SYNFLD, Rodney		Western Creek
★ LOONE, Bob	Chudleigh			

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Meander Valley Councillors following the 2007 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors		
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>	
SHELTON, Mark	SHELTON, Mark	LOONE, Bob	
Deputy Mayor	FELLOWS, Geoff	JOHNSTONE, Ray	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	HOWARD, Ian	RICHARDSON, Bob	
LOONE, Bob	NOWELL, Elizabeth	FROST, Pat	
		KELLY, Michael	

Meander Valley Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Electors enrolled: 13586

Declarations rejected: 124

Ballot paper adjustment: 10

Formal Votes: 7858

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 8132

Declarations admitted: 8008

Total ballot papers: 7998

Informal ballot papers: 140

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 59.86%

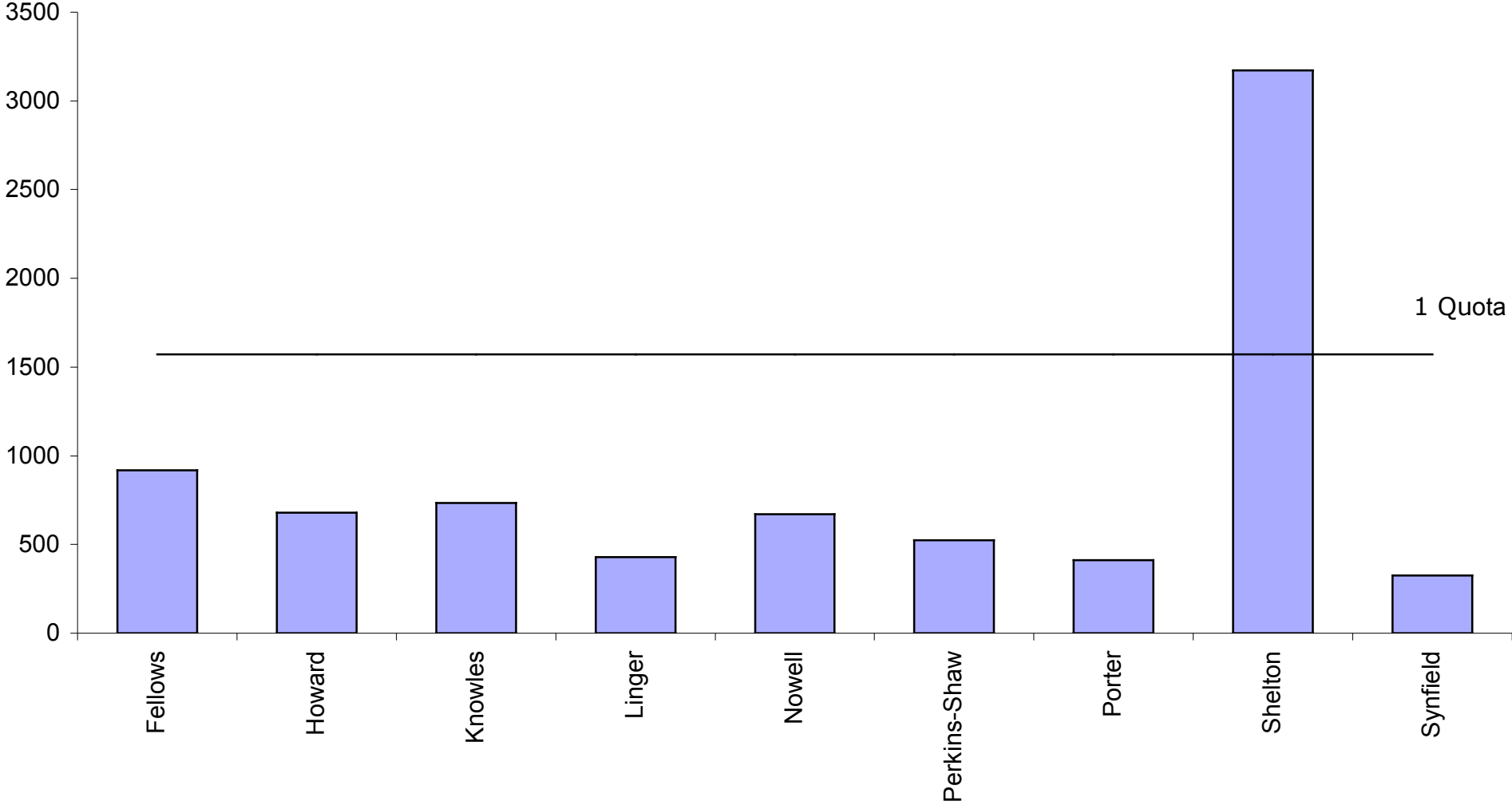
Rejection rate: 1.52%

Informality rate: 1.75%

Quota = 1572

Count	Fellows	Howard	Knowles	Linger	Nowell	Perkins-Shaw	Porter	Shelton	Synfield	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	918.00	679.00	733.00	429.00	670.00	523.00	411.00	3 171.00	324.00			7 858.00	Shelton elected 1
2	634.35	115.47	68.57	193.13	132.61	196.66	197.66	-1 599.00	60.51		0.04		Shelton's surplus distributed
	1 552.35	794.47	801.57	622.13	802.61	719.66	608.66	1 572.00	384.51		0.04	7 858.00	
3	24.00	60.00	24.00	84.00	34.00	41.00	57.00		- 324.00		0.00		Synfield part excluded
	1 576.35	854.47	825.57	706.13	836.61	760.66	665.66	1 572.00	60.51		0.04	7 858.00	Fellows elected 2
4		11.59	4.53	18.65	6.55	11.09	8.06		- 60.51		0.04		Synfield fully excluded
	1 576.35	866.06	830.10	724.78	843.16	771.75	673.72	1 572.00	0.00		0.08	7 858.00	
5	- 4.35	1.26	0.18	1.45	0.72	0.18	0.54				0.02		Fellows' surplus distributed
	1 572.00	867.32	830.28	726.23	843.88	771.93	674.26	1 572.00			0.10	7 858.00	
6 to 8		89.92	72.85	266.82	91.70	144.93	- 674.26			8.03	0.01		Porter excluded
	1 572.00	957.24	903.13	993.05	935.58	916.86	0.00	1 572.00		8.03	0.11	7 858.00	
9 to 11		396.41	- 903.13	119.67	239.15	138.19				9.70	0.01		Knowles excluded
	1 572.00	1 353.65	0.00	1 112.72	1 174.73	1 055.05		1 572.00		17.73	0.12	7 858.00	
12 to 13		268.66		314.23	401.72	-1 054.87				70.26	0.00		Perkins-Shaw part excluded
	1 572.00	1 622.31		1 426.95	1 576.45	0.18		1 572.00		87.99	0.12	7 858.00	Howard elected 3, Nowell elected 4

2007 Meander Valley Councillor election - first preferences



Meander Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 8 008

Formal Votes: 7 887

Ballot paper adjustment: 11

Informal ballot papers: 110

Total ballot papers: 7 997

Informality rate: 1.38%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		RICHARDSON	SHELTON			
Count 1	First Preferences	2 844	5 043	7 887	3 945	SHELTON elected

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 8008

Formal Votes: 7898

Ballot paper adjustment: 10

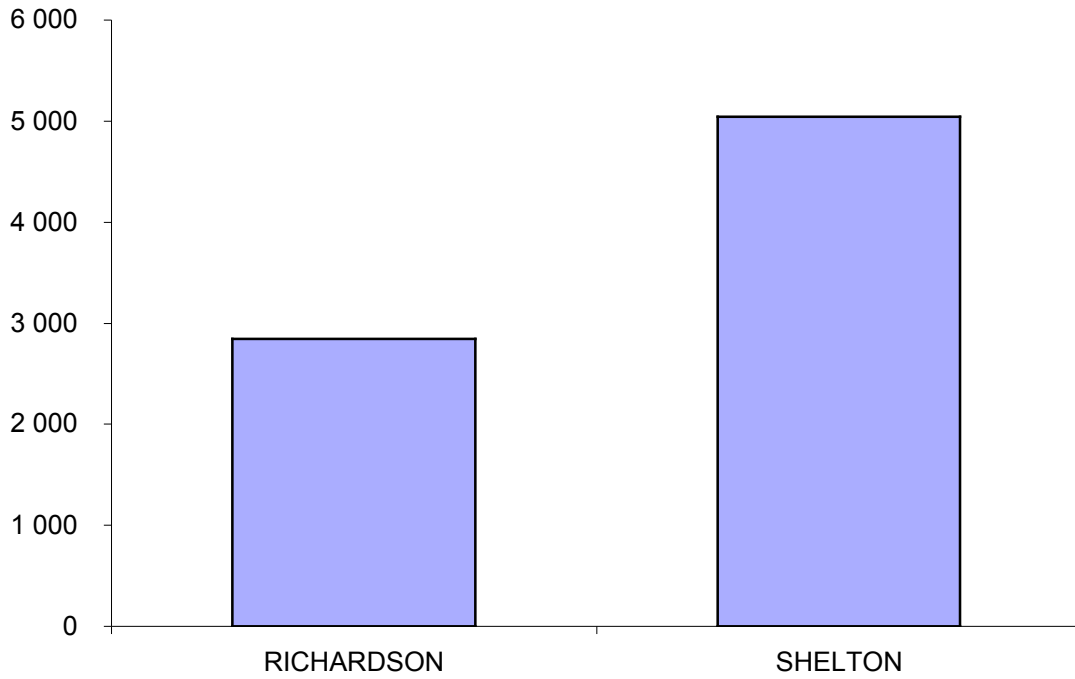
Informal ballot papers: 100

Total ballot papers: 7998

Informality rate: 1.25%

		Candidates				Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		FROST	JOHNSTONE	KELLY	LOONE				
Count 1	Total	1 352	1 221	1 794	3 531		7 898	3 950	First Preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	380	-1 221	285	429	127			Johnstone excluded
	Progress Total	1 732	0	2 079	3 960	127	7 898	3 886	
Count 3	Votes transferred	-1 732		938	616	178			Frost excluded
	Progress Total	0		3 017	4 576	305	7 898	3 797	Loone elected

2007 Meander Valley Mayor election - first preferences



2007 Meander Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

