



Burnie City 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 Burnie City Council Election

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

14 165 Burnie City electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 13 975 (98.66%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 190 (1.34%) from the General Manager's roll.

63.77% of Burnie City electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors (Aldermen)	
★ BOYD, Alwyn*	Montello	ANDERSON, Mick	Upper Burnie
KONS, Steve	Burnie	BENTLEY, Robert*	Mooreville
RYAN, Malcolm	East Cam	BURCH, Nigel	Burnie
		★ DOW, Anita*	Sulphur Creek
		EDNEY, Darrell	Upper Burnie
		★ FRENCH, Sandra*	Burnie
Deputy Mayor		HEATHCOTE, Bruce Neil	Stowport
★ DOW, Anita*	Sulphur Creek	★ KONS, Steve	Burnie
FRENCH, Sandra	Burnie	MATTHEWS, Mick	Stowport
MUNRO, John	Park Grove	MORET, Alan	Upper Burnie
		★ RYAN, Malcolm*	East Cam
		★ SIMPSON, James	Burnie
		WEATHERALL, Adrian	Montello

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Burnie City Councillors (Aldermen) following the 2009 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors (Aldermen)	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
BOYD, Alwyn	KONS, Steve	BOYD, Alwyn
Deputy Mayor	DOW, Anita	MUNRO, John
<i>term ends 2011</i>	SIMPSON, James	WINTER, Colin
DOW, Anita	FRENCH, Sandra	GREEN, Steve
	RYAN, Malcolm	

Burnie City Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 14165

Declarations rejected: 150

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Formal Votes: 8729

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 9033

Declarations admitted: 8883

Total ballot papers: 8876

Informal ballot papers: 147

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Response: 63.77%

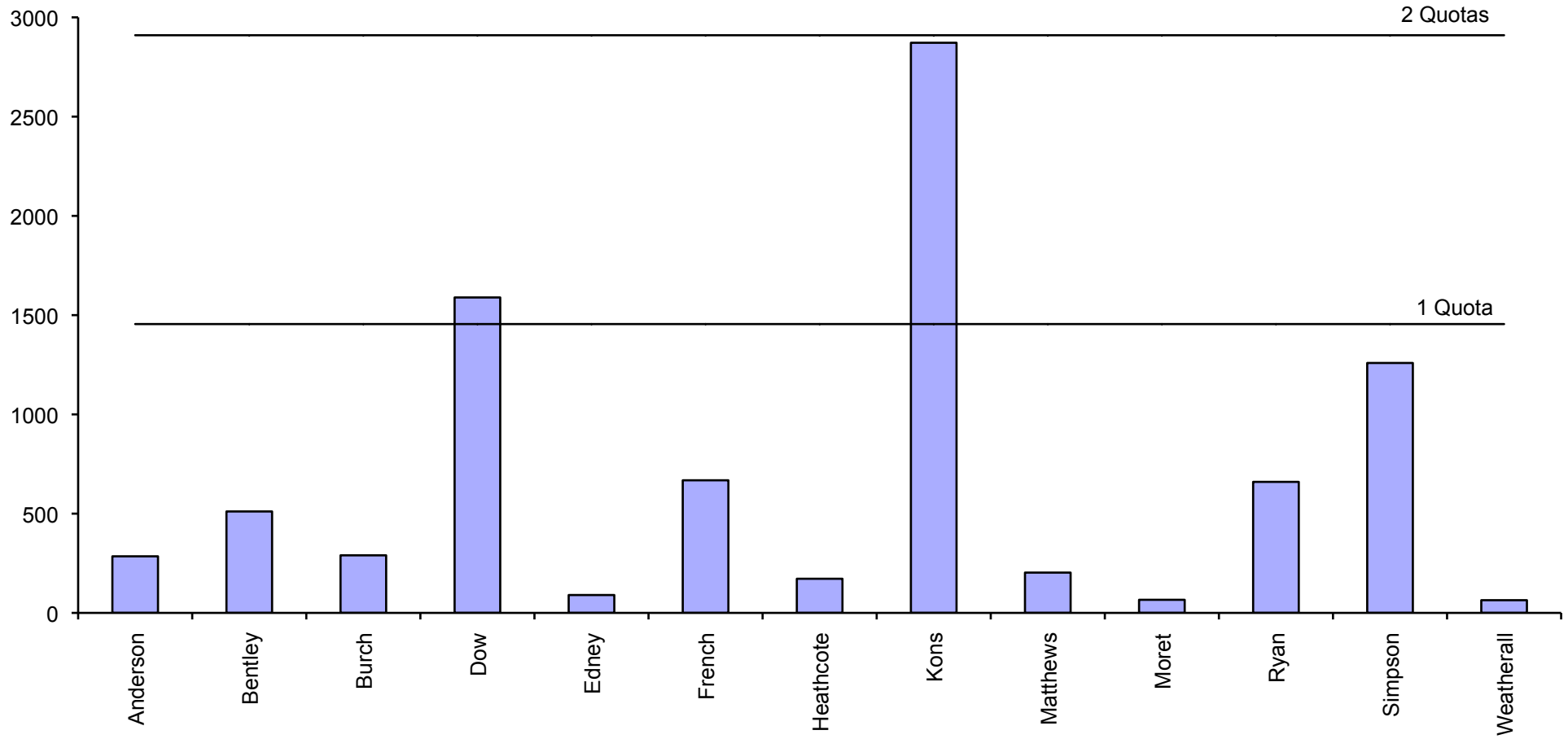
Rejection rate: 1.66%

Informality rate: 1.66%

Quota = 1455

Count	Anderson	Bentley	Burch	Dow	Edney	French	Heathcote	Kons	Matthews	Moret	Ryan	Simpson	Weatherall	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	285.00	511.00	290.00	1 589.00	90.00	668.00	172.00	2 872.00	203.00	66.00	660.00	1 259.00	64.00			8 729.00	Kons elected 1, Dow elected 2
2	89.30	151.46	53.28		28.12	346.84	81.40	-1 417.00	98.67	32.06	211.66	307.37	16.77		0.07		Kons' surplus distributed
	374.30	662.46	343.28	1 589.00	118.12	1 014.84	253.40	1 455.00	301.67	98.06	871.66	1 566.37	80.77		0.07	8 729.00	Simpson elected 3
3	6.49	29.85	7.67	- 134.00	2.86	46.04	8.01		5.39	1.85	22.76		3.03		0.05		Dow's surplus distributed
	380.79	692.31	350.95	1 455.00	120.98	1 060.88	261.41	1 455.00	307.06	99.91	894.42	1 566.37	83.80		0.12	8 729.00	
4	11.79	13.76	6.79		3.21	25.38	9.83		10.54	6.07	18.94	- 111.37	5.00		0.06		Simpson's surplus distributed
	392.58	706.07	357.74	1 455.00	124.19	1 086.26	271.24	1 455.00	317.60	105.98	913.36	1 455.00	88.80		0.18	8 729.00	
5 to 8	10.58	10.57	7.33		15.40	15.17	5.98		7.79	8.27	7.62		- 88.80		0.09		Weatherall excluded
	403.16	716.64	365.07	1 455.00	139.59	1 101.43	277.22	1 455.00	325.39	114.25	920.98	1 455.00	0.00		0.27	8 729.00	
9 to 12	21.72	8.14	20.61		8.59	11.19	7.03		19.79	- 114.25	16.25			0.84	0.09		Moret excluded
	424.88	724.78	385.68	1 455.00	148.18	1 112.62	284.25	1 455.00	345.18	0.00	937.23	1 455.00		0.84	0.36	8 729.00	
13 to 16	32.34	22.63	26.56		- 148.18	19.95	12.05		15.33		18.77			0.49	0.06		Edney excluded
	457.22	747.41	412.24	1 455.00	0.00	1 132.57	296.30	1 455.00	360.51		956.00	1 455.00		1.33	0.42	8 729.00	
17 to 20	38.17	55.34	24.80			59.21	- 296.30		57.54		57.83			3.33	0.08		Heathcote excluded
	495.39	802.75	437.04	1 455.00		1 191.78	0.00	1 455.00	418.05		1 013.83	1 455.00		4.66	0.50	8 729.00	
21 to 24	102.86	82.78	68.37			87.27			- 418.05		61.09			15.65	0.03		Matthews excluded
	598.25	885.53	505.41	1 455.00		1 279.05		1 455.00	0.00		1 074.92	1 455.00		20.31	0.53	8 729.00	
25 to 28	88.02	114.78	- 505.41			113.74					167.71			21.16	0.00		Burch excluded
	686.27	1 000.31	0.00	1 455.00		1 392.79		1 455.00			1 242.63	1 455.00		41.47	0.53	8 729.00	
29	- 459.00	150.00				134.00					140.00			35.00	0.00		Anderson part excluded
	227.27	1 150.31		1 455.00		1 526.79		1 455.00			1 382.63	1 455.00		76.47	0.53	8 729.00	French elected 4
30 to 32	- 227.27	110.50									74.96			41.90	- 0.09		
	0.00	1 260.81		1 455.00		1 526.79		1 455.00			1 457.59	1 455.00		118.37	0.44	8 729.00	Ryan elected 5

2009 Burnie City Councillor election - first preferences



Burnie City Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 8883

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Total ballot papers: 8876

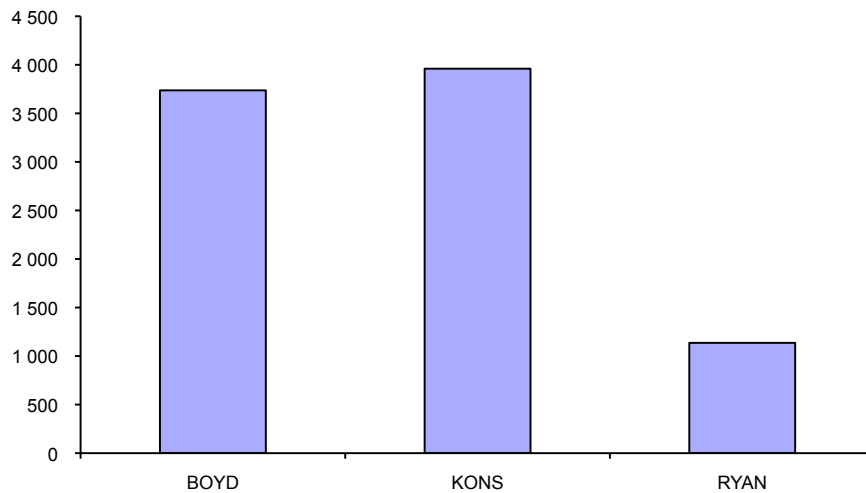
Formal Votes: 8833

Informal ballot papers: 43

Informality rate: 0.48%

		Candidates				Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BOYD	KONS	RYAN	Exhausted			
Count 1	Progress Total	3 737	3 960	1 136		8 833	4 417	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	737	294	-1 136	105			Ryan excluded
	Progress Total	4 474	4 254	0	105	8 833	4 365	Boyd elected

2009 Burnie City Mayor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Andy Brockbank

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 8883

Formal Votes: 8789

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Informal ballot papers: 87

Total ballot papers: 8876

Informality rate: 0.98%

		Candidates			Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DOW	FRENCH	MUNRO			
Count 1	First Preferences	4 930	2 188	1 671	8 789	4 395	DOW Elected

2009 Burnie City Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

