



Kentish 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 Kentish Council Election

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

4414 Kentish electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 4295 (97.30%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 119 (2.70%) from the General Manager's roll.

58.84% of Kentish electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
KEDDIE, Andrew	Sheffield	★ DEVERELL, John*	Sheffield
★ THWAITES, Don*	Paradise	★ ROBINSON, Bob	Lorinna
		★ WILSON, Tim*	Sheffield
		★ WISSE, Bart	Lorinna
Deputy Mayor			
DEVERELL, John*	Sheffield		
WILLOCK, Annie	Lorinna		
★ WILSON, Tim	Sheffield		

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Kentish Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
THWAITES, Don	DEVERELL, John	THWAITES, Don
	ROBINSON, Bob	KEDDIE, Andrew
Deputy Mayor	WILSON, Tim	CAMPBELL, Peter
<i>term ends 2011</i>	WISSE, Bart	LANE, Penny
WILSON, Tim		WILLOCK, Annie

Kentish Council - 2009 Councillor election

Number to be elected: 4

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

No ballot required

Councillors (elected unopposed) —

DEVERELL, John

ROBINSON, Bob

WILSON, Tim

WISSE, Bart

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Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2554

Formal Votes: 2486

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

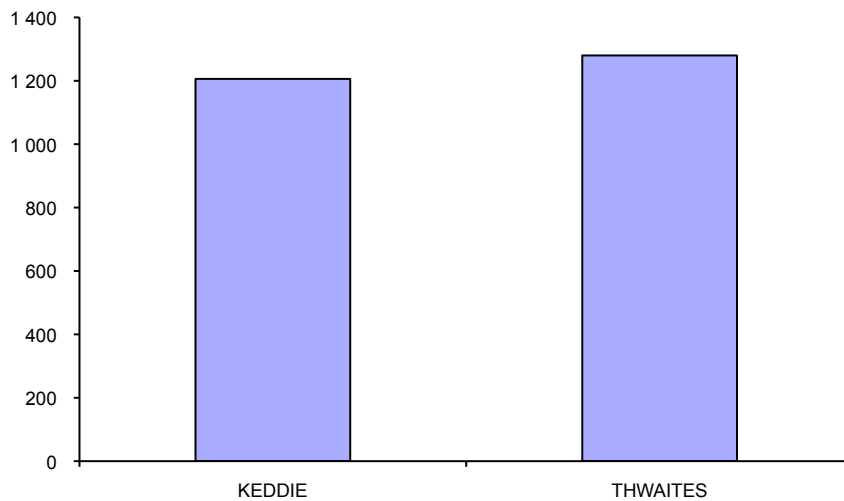
Informal ballot papers: 68

Total ballot papers: 2554

Informality rate: 2.66%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		KEDDIE	THWAITES			
Count 1	First Preferences	1 206	1 280	2 486	1 244	THWAITES elected

2009 Kentish Mayor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2554

Formal Votes: 2494

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Informal ballot papers: 60

Total ballot papers: 2554

Informality rate: 2.35%

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DEVERELL	WILLOCK	WILSON				
Count 1	Progress Total	696	679	1 119	0	2 494	1 248	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	201	- 679	409	69			Willock excluded
	Progress Total	897	0	1 528	69	2 494	1 213	WILSON elected

2009 Kentish Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

