Tasmanian Electoral Commission

Latrobe 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.

Bruce Taylor ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER February 2010

Report on the 2009 Latrobe Council Election

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

7110 Latrobe electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 7049 (99.14%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 61 (0.86%) from the General Manager's roll.

57.74% of Latrobe electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor

✶ GAFFNEY, Michael*   Latrobe

Deputy Mayor

✶ ROCKLIFF, Rick*   Sassafras

✶ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Councillors

	ALLISON, Shayne	Port Sorell
✶	BEVERIDGE, Rob*	Hawley Beach
	DENNISON, Dayna	Shearwater
✶	DICK, Stephen*	Port Sorell
✶	McLAREN, Mike*	Latrobe
	WICKS, Gerrad	Latrobe
✶	YOUNG, Lesley	Sassafras

Latrobe Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor
term ends 2011
GAFFNEY, Michael

Deputy Mayor
term ends 2011
ROCKLIFF, Rick

9 Councillors

term ends 2013	*term ends 2011*
BEVERIDGE, Rob	GAFFNEY, Michael
DICK, Stephen	ROCKLIFF, Rick
YOUNG, Lesley	SIMS, Garry Steven
McLAREN, Mike	STUART, Lynette D
	PERKINS, John

Latrobe Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Number to be elected: 4

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Electors enrolled: 7 110

Declarations returned: 4 105

Response: 57.74%

Declarations rejected: 63

Declarations admitted: 4 042

Rejection rate: 1.53%

Ballot paper adjustment: 14

Total ballot papers: 4 042
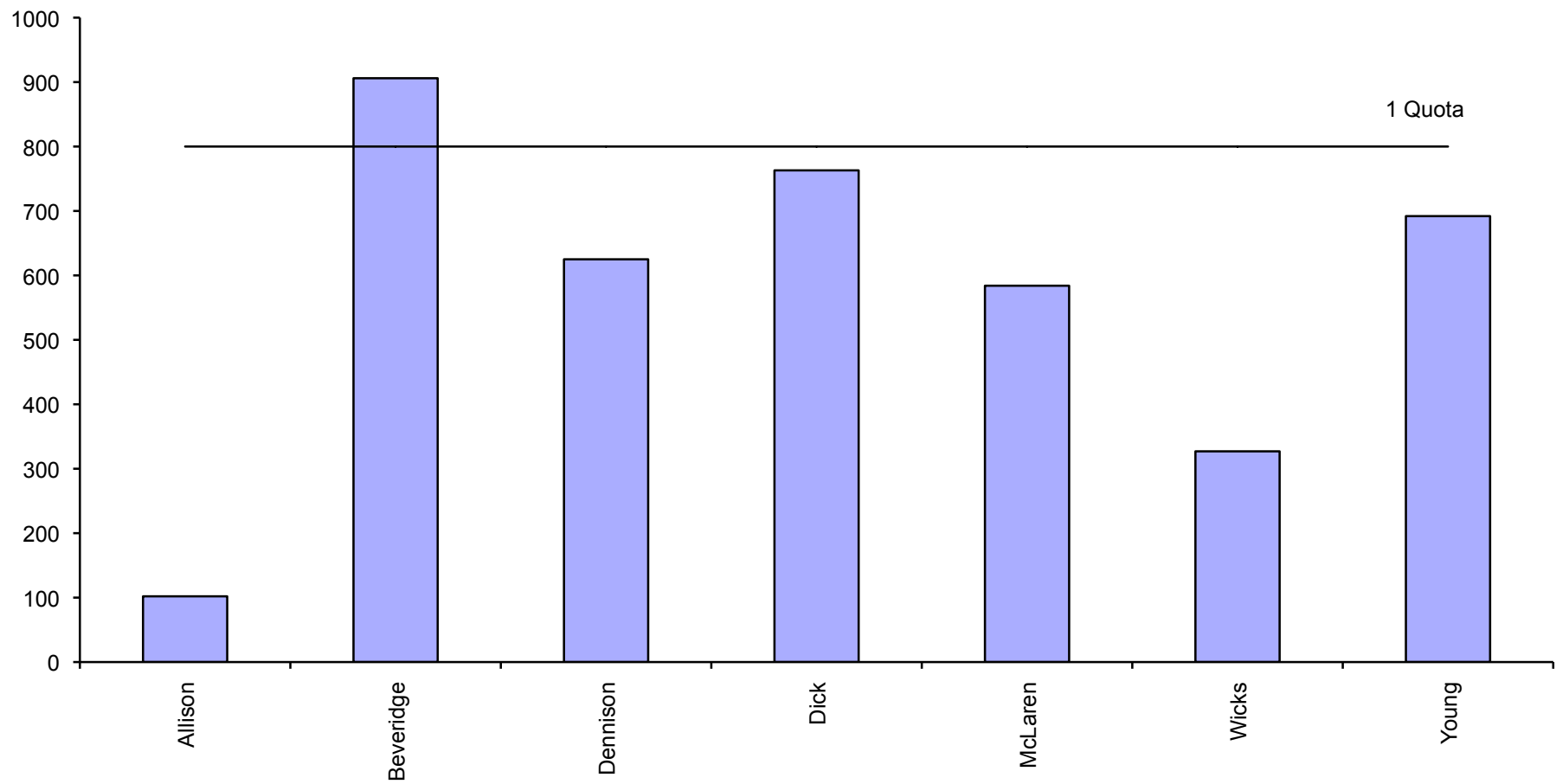
Formal Votes: 3 999

Informal ballot papers: 29

Informality rate: 0.72%

Quota = 800

Count	Allison	Beveridge	Dennison	Dick	McLaren	Wicks	Young	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	102.00	906.00	625.00	763.00	584.00	327.00	692.00			3 999.00	**Beveridge elected 1**
2	3.04	- 106.00	11.46	35.91	25.62	7.83	22.11		0.03		Beveridge's surplus distributed
	105.04	800.00	636.46	798.91	609.62	334.83	714.11		0.03	3 999.00	
3	- 102.00		21.00	28.00	8.00	19.00	26.00		0.00		Allison part excluded
	3.04	800.00	657.46	826.91	617.62	353.83	740.11		0.03	3 999.00	**Dick elected 2**
4	- 3.04		1.16		0.58	1.05	0.23		0.02		Allison excluded
	0.00	800.00	658.62	826.91	618.20	354.88	740.34		0.05	3 999.00	
5			12.49	- 26.91	3.84	5.76	4.80		0.02		Dick's surplus distributed
		800.00	671.11	800.00	622.04	360.64	745.14		0.07	3 999.00	
6			70.00		159.00	- 346.00	112.00	5.00	0.00		Wicks part excluded
		800.00	741.11	800.00	781.04	14.64	857.14	5.00	0.07	3 999.00	**Young elected 3**
7 to 8			3.27		11.37	- 14.64		0.00	0.00		Wicks excluded
		800.00	744.38	800.00	792.41	0.00	857.14	5.00	0.07	3 999.00	
9			25.50		30.61		- 57.14	1.02	0.01		Young's surplus distributed
		800.00	769.88	800.00	823.02		800.00	6.02	0.08	3 999.00	**McLaren elected 4**

2009 Latrobe Councillor election - first preferences

Latrobe Council

Polling closed at 10am 22 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Rod Huskins

Mayor — Michael Gaffney (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor — Rick Rockliff (elected unopposed)