



Northern Midlands Council 2018 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

The 2018 Northern Midlands Council election was conducted by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are published on the TEC website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

2018 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 8 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6pm Thursday 13 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 24 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 25 September
Ballot material received by electors	8–12 October
Polling period	8–30 October
Close of poll	10am Tuesday 30 October

Councillor casual vacancies

Councillor casual vacancies are filled by recount. Only unelected candidates from the relevant election may contest a recount. If there are no unelected candidates able to contest the recount, or the casual vacancy is also for the mayoral position, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

No casual vacancies are filled within 6 months of the next ordinary election, unless the vacancy results in the council unable to have a quorum.

Elector polls

A council may hold an elector poll on any issue it determines. A council 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

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.

Voting in Tasmanian local government elections is not compulsory.

Andrew Hawkey ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER July 2019

Report on the 2018 Northern Midlands Council Elections

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

10 123 Northern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2018 elections, comprising 9 990 (98.69%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 133 (1.31%) from the General Manager's roll.

61.78% of Northern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 58.72% statewide.

Northern Midlands Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

Prior to the 2018 elections

Mayor

DOWNIE, David

Deputy Mayor

GOSS, Richard

9 Councillors

DOWNIE, David

ADAMS, Dick

GOSS, Richard

LAMBERT, Janet

POLLEY, Michael

CALVERT, Andrew

KNOWLES, Mary

GONINON, Ian

GORDON, Leisa

Following the 2018 elections

Mayor

KNOWLES, Mary

Deputy Mayor

GOSS, Richard

9 Councillors

ADAMS, Dick

KNOWLES, Mary

DAVIS, Jan

LAMBERT, Janet

GOSS, Richard

POLLEY, Michael

BROOKS, Matthew

GONINON, Ian

CALVERT, Andrew

The candidates

Northern Midlands Council

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Councillor	15 candidates (9 to be elected)	
ADAMS, Dick		Longford
BOLTON, Jennifer		Ross
BROOKS, Matthew		Longford
CALVERT, Andrew		Longford
CLARKE, Joanne		Longford
DAVIS, Jan		Perth
GONINON, Ian		Devon Hills
GORDON, Leisa		Conara
GOSS, Richard		Longford
KNOWLES, Mary		Rossarden
LAMBERT, Janet		Devon Hills
PEART, Kim		Ross
POLLEY, Michael		Longford
READ, James		Longford
TUBB, Neil		Longford

Mayor	4 candidates	
ADAMS, Dick		Longford
DAVIS, Jan		Perth
KNOWLES, Mary		Rossarden
PEART, Kim		Ross

Deputy Mayor	2 candidates	
GOSS, Richard		Longford
LAMBERT, Janet		Devon Hills

Northern Midlands Council - 2018 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Electors enrolled: 10 123

Declarations rejected: 91

Number to be elected: 9

Declarations returned: 6 254

Declarations admitted: 6 163

Returning Officer: Meegan Spurr

Response rate: 61.78%

Rejection rate: 1.46%

Count	ADAMS	BOLTON	BROOKS	CALVERT	CLARKE	DAVIS	GONINON	GORDON	GOSS	KNOWLES	LAMBERT	PEARTE
1	1103.00	58.00	236.00	213.00	96.00	796.00	199.00	152.00	643.00	936.00	692.00	72.00
2	- 509.00	19.38	40.60	35.99	29.99		40.60	27.22				47.53
	594.00	77.38	276.60	248.99	125.99	796.00	239.60	179.22	643.00	936.00	692.00	119.53
3		27.40	36.53	52.24	39.09		51.15	61.01		- 342.00		36.90
	594.00	104.78	313.13	301.23	165.08	796.00	290.75	240.23	643.00	594.00	692.00	156.43
4		7.86	15.22	51.51	22.07	- 202.00	40.85	18.52				21.57
	594.00	112.64	328.35	352.74	187.15	594.00	331.60	258.75	643.00	594.00	692.00	178.00
5		8.92	14.16	11.75	14.30		15.29	12.60			- 98.00	7.93
	594.00	121.56	342.51	364.49	201.45	594.00	346.89	271.35	643.00	594.00	594.00	185.93
6		2.66	9.67	8.53	4.64		7.62	2.20	- 49.00			5.02
	594.00	124.22	352.18	373.02	206.09	594.00	354.51	273.55	594.00	594.00	594.00	190.95
7		2.60	11.59	10.42	4.16		12.63	3.90				5.60
	594.00	126.82	363.77	383.44	210.25	594.00	367.14	277.45	594.00	594.00	594.00	196.55
8 to 14		- 126.82	13.36	10.36	13.68		11.92	37.04				29.38
	594.00	0.00	377.13	393.80	223.93	594.00	379.06	314.49	594.00	594.00	594.00	225.93
15 to 21			35.28	12.58	10.19		17.57	13.19				20.69
	594.00		412.41	406.38	234.12	594.00	396.63	327.68	594.00	594.00	594.00	246.62
22 to 28			60.52	29.78	- 234.12		26.61	50.34				31.99
	594.00		472.93	436.16	0.00	594.00	423.24	378.02	594.00	594.00	594.00	278.61
29 to 35			42.88	44.68			67.90	72.59				- 278.61
	594.00		515.81	480.84		594.00	491.14	450.61	594.00	594.00	594.00	0.00
36			102.00	58.00			65.00	52.00				
	594.00		617.81	538.84		594.00	556.14	502.61	594.00	594.00	594.00	
37 to 40				39.39			41.60	51.37				
	594.00		617.81	578.23		594.00	597.74	553.98	594.00	594.00	594.00	
41 to 42				9.23				5.46				
	594.00		617.81	587.46		594.00	597.74	559.44	594.00	594.00	594.00	
43			- 23.81	12.13				10.27				
	594.00		594.00	599.59		594.00	597.74	569.71	594.00	594.00	594.00	

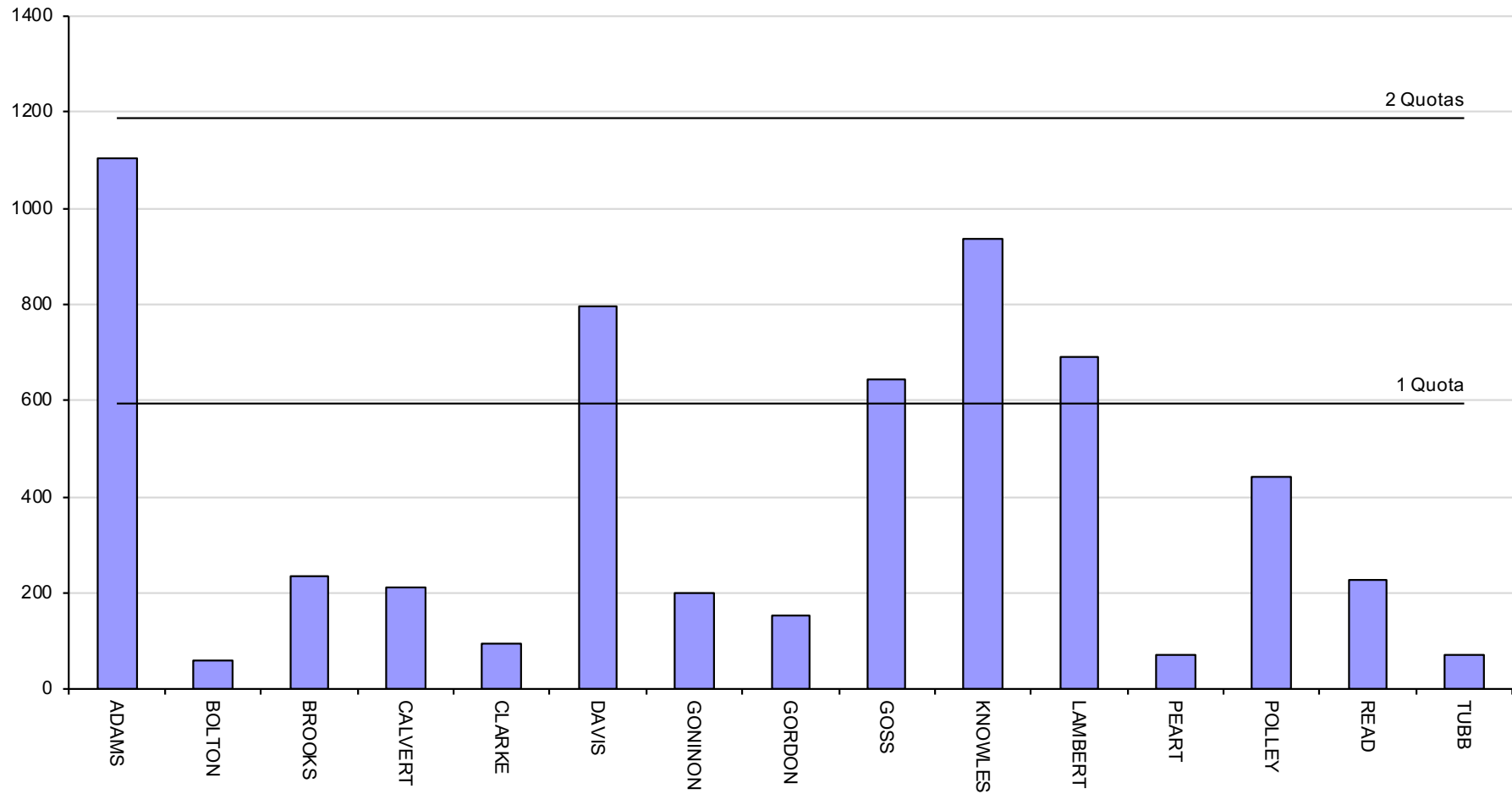
Ballot paper adjustment: 27
 Total ballot papers: 6 136

Formal Votes: 5 935
 Informal ballot papers: 201
 Informality rate: 3.28%

Quota = 594

POLLEY	READ	TUBB	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
441.00	228.00	70.00		0.00	5935.00	ADAMS elected 1, KNOWLES elected 2, DAVIS elected 3, LAMBERT elected 4, GOSS elected 5
213.19	29.07	25.38		0.05		ADAMS' surplus distributed
654.19	257.07	95.38		0.05	5935.00	POLLEY elected 6
	21.19	16.44		0.05		KNOWLES' surplus distributed
654.19	278.26	111.82		0.10	5935.00	
	13.95	10.40		0.05		DAVIS' surplus distributed
654.19	292.21	122.22		0.15	5935.00	
	8.63	4.39		0.03		LAMBERT's surplus distributed
654.19	300.84	126.61		0.18	5935.00	
	5.48	3.12		0.06		GOSS' surplus distributed
654.19	306.32	129.73		0.24	5935.00	
- 60.19	4.82	4.42		0.05		POLLEY's surplus distributed
594.00	311.14	134.15		0.29	5935.00	
	6.61	4.26		0.21		BOLTON excluded
594.00	317.75	138.41		0.50	5935.00	
	28.75	- 138.41		0.16		TUBB excluded
594.00	346.50	0.00		0.66	5935.00	
	34.84			0.04		CLARKE excluded
594.00	381.34			0.70	5935.00	
	48.00		2.51	0.05		PEART excluded
594.00	429.34		2.51	0.75	5935.00	
	- 279.00		2.00	0.00		READ part excluded
594.00	150.34		4.51	0.75	5935.00	BROOKS elected 7
	- 135.05		2.72	(0.03)		READ part excluded
594.00	15.29		7.23	0.72	5935.00	GONINON elected 8
	- 15.29		0.61	(0.01)		READ excluded
594.00	0.00		7.84	0.71	5935.00	
			1.40	0.01		BROOKS' surplus distributed
594.00			9.24	0.72	5935.00	CALVERT elected 9

2018 Northern Midlands Councillor election - first preferences



Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Returning Officer: Meegan Spurr

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 6 163

Ballot paper adjustment: 33

Total ballot papers: 6 130

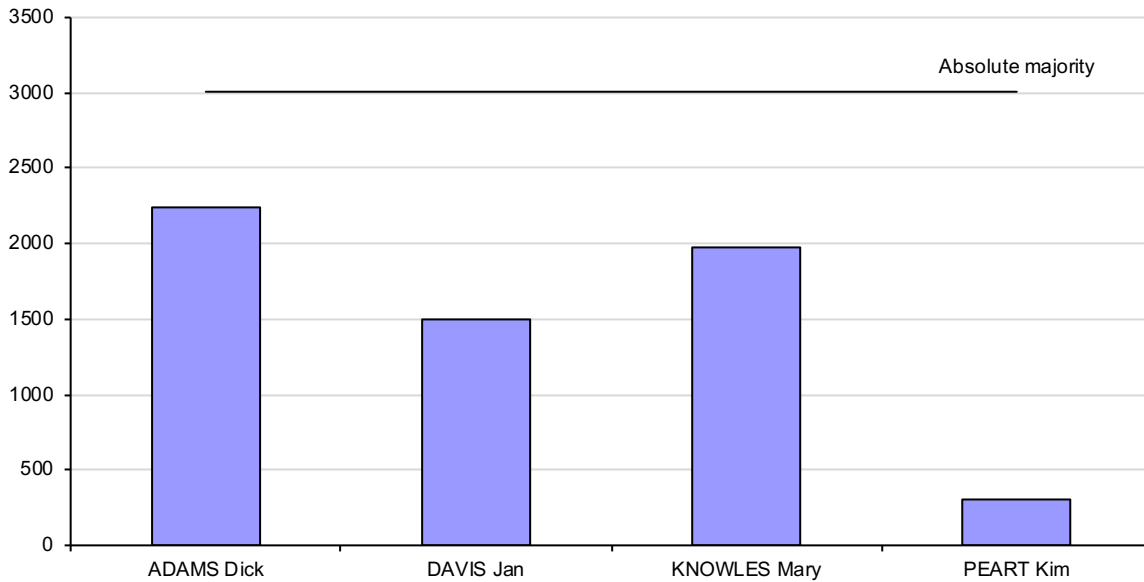
Formal Votes: 6 015

Informal ballot papers: 115

Informality rate: 1.88%

		ADAMS Dick	DAVIS Jan	KNOWLES Mary	PEART Kim	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	2239	1493	1978	305		6015	3008	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	67	85	132	-305	21			PEART excluded
	Progress Total	2306	1578	2110	0	21	6015	2998	
Count 3	Votes transferred	372	-1578	1061		145			DAVIS excluded
	Progress Total	2678	0	3171		166	6015	2925	KNOWLES elected

2018 Northern Midlands Mayor election - first preferences



Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Returning Officer: Meegan Spurr

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 6 163

Formal Votes: 5 914

Ballot paper adjustment: 34

Informal ballot papers: 215

Total ballot papers: 6 129

Informality rate: 3.51%

		GOSS Richard	LAMBERT Janet	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	First preferences	3012	2902	5914	2958	GOSS elected

2018 Northern Midlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

