



# Central Highlands Council

## 2005 election report

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## Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 councils 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) with the next elections due in October 2007.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are 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](http://www.electoral.tas.gov.au).

### 2005 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September— 12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 25 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 2005 Central Highlands Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 6 Councillors, 5 of which for 4 year terms and 1 casual position for 2 years.

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 2743 Central Highlands electors were enrolled, comprising 1727 (62.96%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 1016 (37.04%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Central Highlands electors returning their ballot papers was 61.98%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

### Recounts

One recount was held between the 2002 and 2005 elections. Councillor Nigel Tomlin resigned from the Central Highlands Council on Tuesday 9 March 2004. Only one unelected candidate from the 2000 Central Highlands Council election contested the recount and was therefore elected unopposed on Wednesday 10 March 2004. Full details are provided on the back page.

### Candidates at the 2005 elections

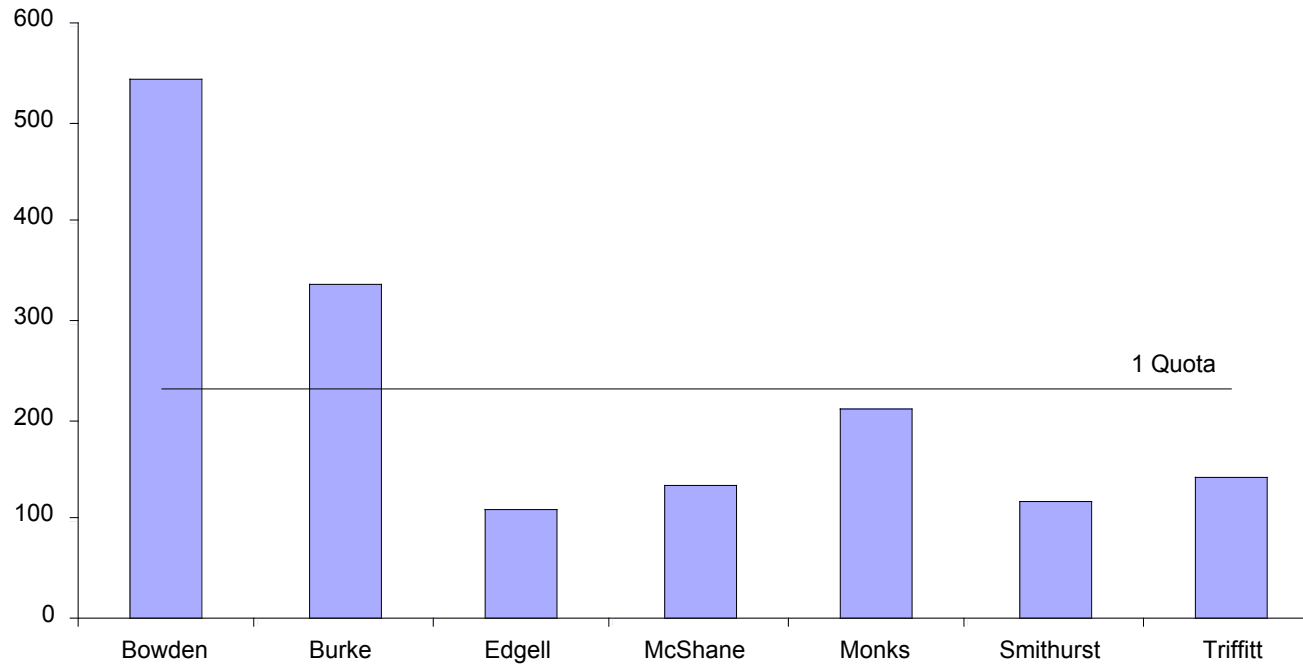
<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ FLINT, Deirdre*	Hollow Tree	★ BOWDEN, Richard*	Bothwell
		★ BURKE, Lyn	Hamilton
		★ EDGELL, Henry*	Bothwell
		★ MCSHANE, Peter	Bothwell
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ MONKS, Janet*	Bothwell
★ BOWDEN, Richard*	Bothwell	SMITHURST, Terry	Ellendale
MONKS, Janet	Bothwell	^★ TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)	Hamilton

★ denotes elected candidate  
\* denotes seeking re-election  
^ denotes filled casual vacancy

### Central Highlands Councillors following the 2005 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2007</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2007</i>
FLINT, Deirdre	BOWDEN, Richard	FLINT, Deidre
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	BURKE, Lyn	DOWNIE, Andrew
<i>term ends 2007</i>	MONKS, Janet	HONNER, Julie
BOWDEN, Richard	MCSHANE, Peter	TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)
	EDGELL, Henry	

### Central Highlands Councillor 2005 First Preferences



## Central Highlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Electors enrolled: 2743

Declarations rejected: 40

Ballot paper adjustment: 21

Formal Votes: 1608

Number to be elected: 6

Declarations returned: 1700

Declarations admitted: 1660

Total ballot papers: 1639

Informal ballot papers: 31

Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

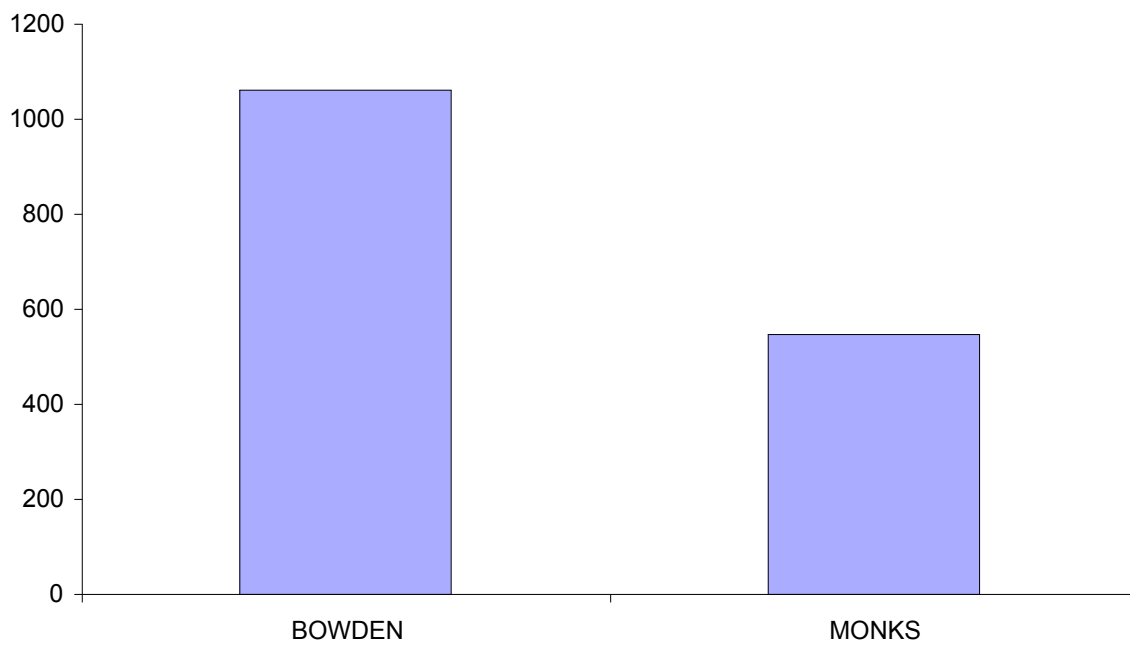
Response: 61.98%

Rejection rate: 2.35%

Informality rate: 1.89%

		Candidates								Quota = 230		
		Bowden	Burke	Edgell	McShane	Monks	Smithurst	Triffitt	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total	547.00	339.00	111.00	135.00	213.00	119.00	144.00	0.00	0.00		
	Progress Totals	547.00	339.00	111.00	135.00	213.00	119.00	144.00	0.00	0.00	1608.00	<b>Bowden elected 1, Burke elected 2</b>
Count 2	Votes Transferred	- 317.00		92.72	86.92	82.29	23.18	31.87	0.00	0.02		Bowden's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	230.00	339.00	203.72	221.92	295.29	142.18	175.87	0.00	0.02	1608.00	<b>Monks elected 3</b>
Count 3	Votes Transferred		- 109.00	14.79	19.93		25.40	48.87	0.00	0.01		Burke's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	230.00	230.00	218.51	241.85	295.29	167.58	224.74	0.00	0.03	1608.00	<b>McShane elected 4</b>
Count 4	Votes Transferred			34.48		- 65.29	7.35	23.44	0.00	0.02		Monks' surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	230.00	230.00	252.99	241.85	230.00	174.93	248.18	0.00	0.05	1608.00	<b>Edgell elected 5, Triffitt elected 6</b>

### Central Highlands Deputy Mayor 2005 First Preferences



**Central Highlands Mayor— Deirdre Flint  
Elected unopposed**

**Central Highlands Council**

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

Declarations admitted: 1660

Ballot paper adjustment: 21

Total ballot papers: 1639

Formal Votes: 1607

Informal ballot papers: 32

Informality rate: 1.95%

**Deputy Mayor**

		Candidates		Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BOWDEN	MONKS				
Count 1	Total	1062	545	0			
	Progress Totals	1062	545	0	1607	805	<b>BOWDEN elected</b>

# Central Highlands Council recount

Recount due to resignation of Councillor Nigel Tomlin

10 March 2004

**Terry Smithurst elected unopposed**