



Northern Midlands 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.

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 Northern Midlands Council Election

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

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 8844 Northern Midlands electors were enrolled, comprising 8714 (98.53%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 130 (1.47%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Northern Midlands electors returning their ballot papers was 68.18%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

Recounts

One recount was held between the 2002 and 2005 elections following the death of Councillor David Chugg on Thursday 7 October 2004. Three unelected candidates from the 2000 Northern Midlands Council election contested the recount. The recount took place at noon Monday 1 November 2004. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
ANDERSON, Russell	Cressy	★ BROOKS, Matthew	Longford
★ POLLEY, Kim*	Longford	★ CARINS, Jeff*	Longford
		COX, Brian	Evandale
		DARKE, Peter	Longford
		★ DOWNIE, David*	Campbell Town
Deputy Mayor		★ GONINON, Ian	Devon Hills
★ McSHANE, Don*	Perth	GREEN, Rae	Longford
		HAYES, Don	Cressy
		McCULLAGH, Carol	Longford
		MOORE, Mike	Relbia
		★ POLLEY, Tim	Longford

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Northern Midlands Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2007</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2007</i>
POLLEY, Kim	DOWNIE, David	POLLEY, Kim
	CARINS, Jeff	McSHANE, Don
Deputy Mayor	POLLEY, Tim	ANDERSON, Russell
<i>term ends 2007</i>	BROOKS, Matthew	DOWLING, Tru
McSHANE, Don	GONINON, Ian	

Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Number to be elected: 5

Returning Officer: Mr Stephen Ferris

Electors enrolled: 8844

Declarations returned: 6030

Response: 68.18%

Declarations rejected: 72

Declarations admitted: 5958

Rejection rate: 1.19%

		Candidates								
		Brooks	Carins	Cox	Darke	Downie	Gonnon	Green	Hayes	McCullagh
Count 1	Total	726.00	759.00	553.00	327.00	884.00	670.00	407.00	389.00	228.00
	Progress Totals	726.00	759.00	553.00	327.00	884.00	670.00	407.00	389.00	228.00
Count 2	Votes Transferred	9.00	16.00	33.00	23.00	26.00	19.00	11.00	15.00	10.00
	Progress Totals	735.00	775.00	586.00	350.00	910.00	689.00	418.00	404.00	238.00
Count 3	Votes Transferred	47.00	17.00	19.00	15.00	9.00	17.00	60.00	23.00	- 238.00
	Progress Totals	782.00	792.00	605.00	365.00	919.00	706.00	478.00	427.00	0.00
Count 4	Votes Transferred	45.00	63.00	27.00	- 365.00	90.00	37.00	36.00	31.00	
	Progress Totals	827.00	855.00	632.00	0.00	1009.00	743.00	514.00	458.00	
Count 5	Votes Transferred	0.77	6.61	7.38		- 35.00	6.99	3.11	5.44	
	Progress Totals	827.77	861.61	639.38		974.00	749.99	517.11	463.44	
Count 6 to 7	Votes Transferred	65.00	98.16	78.94			52.38	58.77	- 463.44	
	Progress Totals	892.77	959.77	718.32		974.00	802.37	575.88	0.00	
Count 8	Votes Transferred	140.00	168.00	37.00			107.00	- 572.00		
	Progress Totals	1032.77	1127.77	755.32		974.00	909.37	3.88		
Count 9	Votes Transferred			2.33			1.16	- 3.88		
	Progress Totals	1032.77	1127.77	757.65		974.00	910.53	0.00		
Count 10	Votes Transferred		- 153.77	42.10			94.27			
	Progress Totals	1032.77	974.00	799.75		974.00	1004.80			

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

Formal Votes: 5842

Total ballot papers: 5953

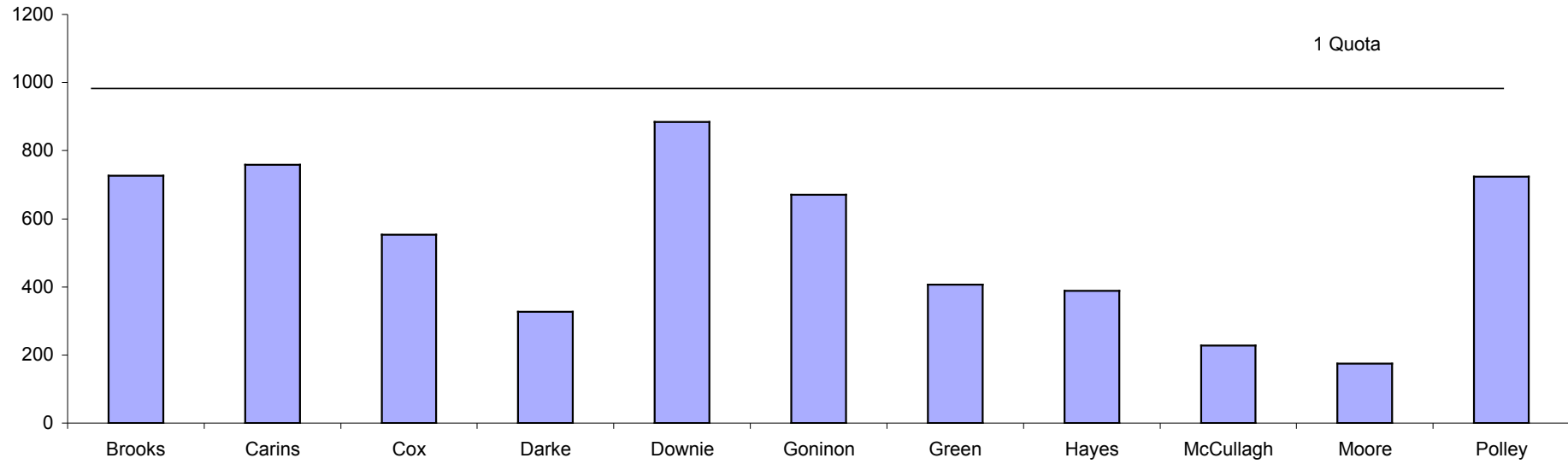
Informal ballot papers: 111

Informality rate: 1.86%

Quota = 974

Moore	Polley	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
175.00	724.00	0.00	0.00		
175.00	724.00	0.00	0.00	5842.00	Moore excluded
- 175.00	13.00	0.00	0.00		Moore's votes distributed
0.00	737.00	0.00	0.00	5842.00	Moore fully excluded, McCullagh excluded
	31.00	0.00	0.00		McCullagh's votes distributed
	768.00	0.00	0.00	5842.00	McCullagh fully excluded, Darke excluded
	36.00	0.00	0.00		Darke's votes distributed
	804.00	0.00	0.00	5842.00	Darke fully excluded, Downie elected 1
	4.66	0.00	0.04		Downie's surplus distributed
	808.66	0.00	0.04	5842.00	Hayes excluded
	110.16	0.00	0.03		Hayes' votes distributed
	918.82	0.00	0.07	5842.00	Hayes fully excluded, Green excluded
	114.00	6.00	0.00		Green's votes distributed
	1032.82	6.00	0.07	5842.00	Carins elected 2, Polley elected 3, Brooks elected 4 , Green partially excluded
		0.38	0.01		Green's votes distributed
	1032.82	6.38	0.08	5842.00	Green fully excluded
		17.39	0.01		Carins' surplus distributed
	1032.82	23.77	0.09	5842.00	Goninon elected 5

Northern Midlands Councillor 2005 First Preferences



Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mr Stephen Ferris

Declarations admitted: 5958

Ballot paper adjustment: 6

Total ballot papers: 5952

Formal Votes: 5864

Informal ballot papers: 88

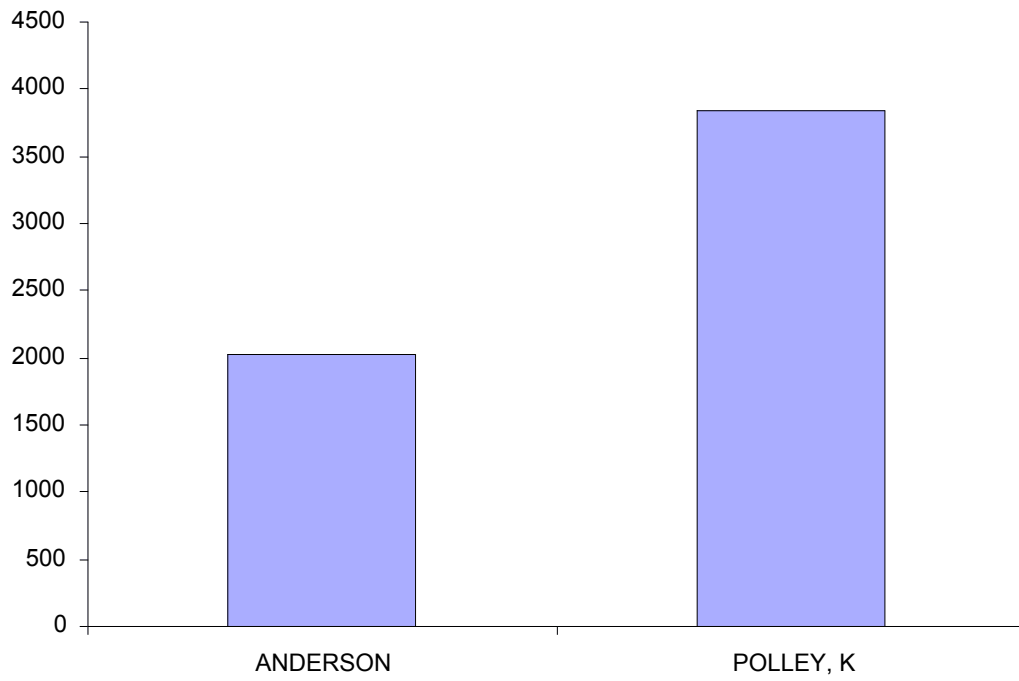
Informality rate: 1.48%

Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		ANDERSON	POLLEY, K				
Count 1	Total	2020	3844	0			
	Progress Totals	2020	3844	0	5864	2933	POLLEY elected

**Northern Midlands Deputy Mayor— Don McShane
Elected unopposed**

Northern Midlands Mayor 2005 First Preferences



Northern Midlands Council - Recount

Recount due to the death of Councillor David Chugg

1 November 2004

		DELL Marnie	DUNCOMBE Geoff	GONINON Ian	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Counts 1 to 3	Total	201.26	202.73	478.00	13.00	0.01	895	441	Distribution of Chugg Goninon Elected