



Dorset Council 2011 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 councillors. 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 approximately biennially since 1994, with the next elections due in October 2013.

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.

2011 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 2011 Dorset Council Election

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

5512 Dorset electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 5234 (94.96%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 278 (5.04%) from the General Manager's roll.

62.30% of Dorset electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ JARVIS, Barry*	Bridport	★ ARNOLD, Steve*	Bridport
		★ BROWN, Russell	Legerwood
Deputy Mayor		★ JARVIS, Barry*	Bridport
ARNOLD, Steve	Bridport	★ JENNINGS, Jeff	Bridport
★ BESWICK, John	Deviot	POWELL, Michael	Springfield
STEIN, Leonie	Bridport	RANSOM, Thomas*	Bridport
		^★ STEIN, Leonie*	Bridport

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

^ denotes filled casual vacancy

Dorset Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor

term ends 2013

JARVIS, Barry

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2013

BESWICK, John

term ends 2015

JARVIS, Barry

JENNINGS, Jeff

ARNOLD, Steve

BROWN, Russell

9 Councillors

term ends 2013

BESWICK, John

THORNE, Yvonne R

MARTIN, Sheryl

PARTRIDGE, Peter William

STEIN, Leonie

Dorset Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 5 512

Declarations rejected: 38

Ballot paper adjustment: 6

Formal Votes: 3 349

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 3 434

Declarations admitted: 3 396

Total ballot papers: 3 390

Informal ballot papers: 41

Returning Officer: Ms Sarah Dixon

Response: 62.30%

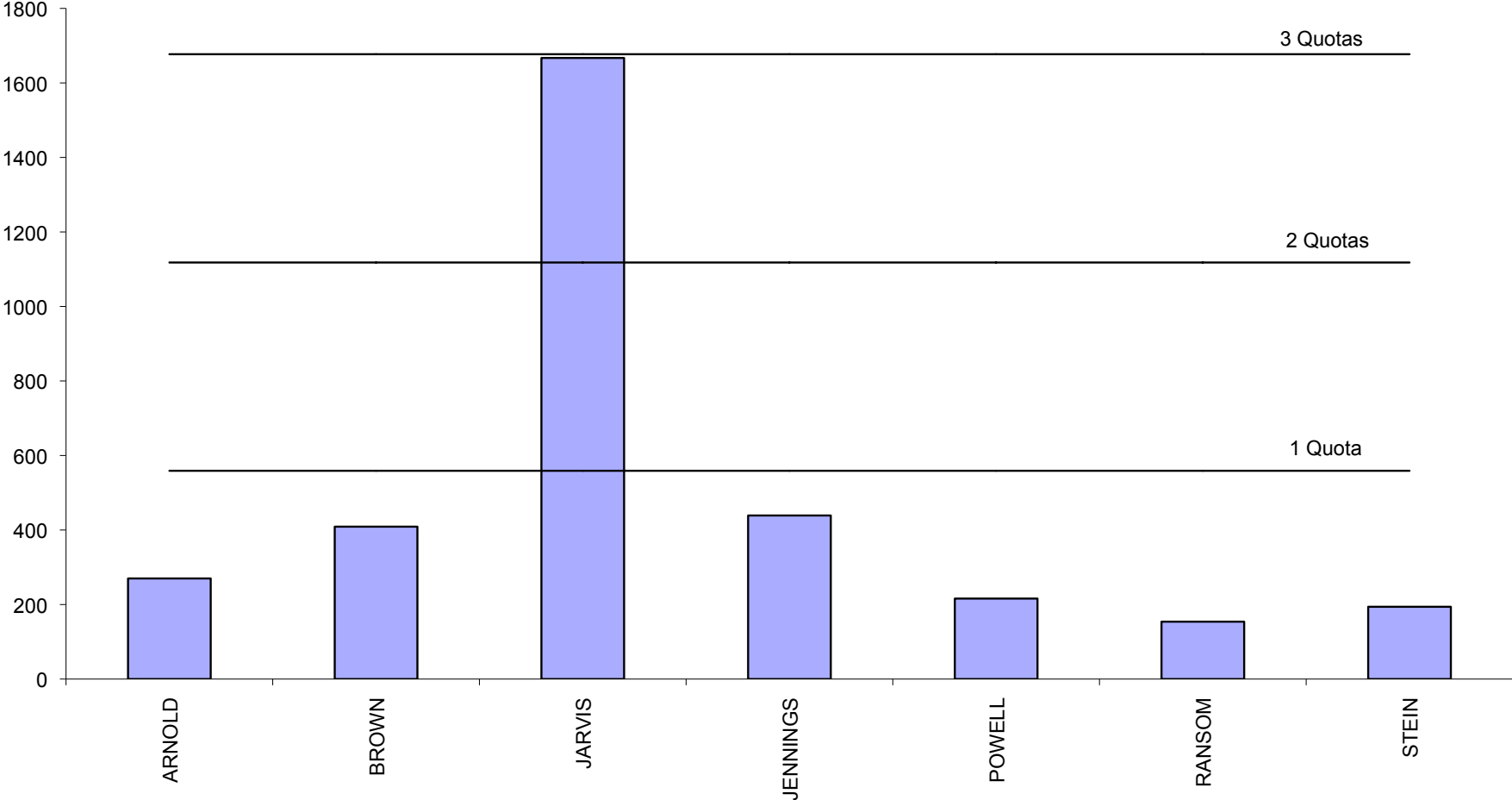
Rejection rate: 1.11%

Informality rate: 1.21%

Quota = 559

Count	ARNOLD	BROWN	JARVIS	JENNINGS	POWELL	RANSOM	STEIN	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	270.00	409.00	1667.00	439.00	216.00	154.00	194.00			3349.00	JARVIS elected 1
2	372.21	96.37	- 1108.00	235.95	91.72	126.95	184.77		0.03		JARVIS' surplus distributed
	642.21	505.37	559.00	674.95	307.72	280.95	378.77		0.03	3349.00	JENNINGS elected 2, ARNOLD elected 3
3		18.61		- 115.95	29.06	24.49	43.76		0.03		JENNINGS' surplus distributed
	642.21	523.98	559.00	559.00	336.78	305.44	422.53		0.06	3349.00	
4	- 83.21	13.07			13.52	22.28	34.32		0.02		ARNOLD's surplus distributed
	559.00	537.05	559.00	559.00	350.30	327.72	456.85		0.08	3349.00	
5		25.00			56.00	- 154.00	73.00		0.00		RANSOM part excluded
	559.00	562.05	559.00	559.00	406.30	173.72	529.85		0.08	3349.00	BROWN elected 4
6					47.85	- 126.95	79.09	0.00	0.01		RANSOM part excluded
	559.00	562.05	559.00	559.00	454.15	46.77	608.94	0.00	0.09	3349.00	STEIN elected 5

2011 Dorset Councillor election - first preferences



Dorset Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Ms Sarah Dixon

Mayor — Barry Jarvis (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3 396

Formal Votes: 3 336

Ballot paper adjustment: 6

Informal ballot papers: 54

Total ballot papers: 3 390

Informality rate: 1.59%

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	ARNOLD	BESWICK	STEIN				
		927	1 724	685	0	3 336	1 669	BESWICK elected

2011 Dorset Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

