



# Southern Midlands Council

## 2014 election report

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## Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Tasmania's local government elections were held in September-October 2014. These were the first all-in, all-out elections conducted since the enactment on 20 June 2013 of the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2013* and the making of the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2013*, the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2014* and the *Local Government (Elections) Order 2013*.

The effect of these was to defer the elections, originally scheduled for 2013, until 2014 when all councillors and aldermen, and mayors and deputy mayors, would be elected for a four year term ending in 2018. The terms of office of councillors elected in both 2009 and 2011 ended in 2014.

There was also a reduction in the number of councillors or aldermen to be elected to nine councils in 2014 (see statewide *Local government election report 2014* for further details).

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 quadrennial elections due in October 2018.

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](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au).

### 2014 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 13 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 18 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 29 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 30 September
Ballot material received by electors	14–17 October
Polling period	14–28 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 28 October

### Casual vacancies for councillor/alderman

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. If a recount is not possible, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

### 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 2014 Southern Midlands Council Election**

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 7 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

4 531 Southern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 4 462 (98.48%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 69 (1.52%) from the General Manager's roll.

58.13% of Southern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58% statewide.

### **Southern Midlands Councillors following the 2014 elections**

#### **Mayor**

BISDEE, Tony

#### **Deputy Mayor**

JONES, Mark

#### **7 Councillors**

BISDEE, Tony

JONES, Mark

BATT, Edwin

GREEN, Alex

BANTICK, AR (Tony)

FISH, Donald Frank

CAMPBELL, Bob

## The candidates

### Southern Midlands Council

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<b>Councillor</b>	12 candidates (7 to be elected)	
BAIN, Jo		Parattah
BANTICK, AR (Tony) <sup>*^</sup>		Bagdad
BARNES, Richard		Mangalore
BATT, Edwin <sup>*</sup>		Lower Marshes
BISDEE, Tony <sup>*^</sup>		Melton Mowbray
CAMPBELL, Bob <sup>*^</sup>		Andover
FISH, Donald Frank <sup>*^</sup>		Andover
GREEN, Alex <sup>*^</sup>		Campania
JONES, Mark <sup>*^</sup>		Oatlands
McDOUGALL, Rowena		Baden
MARSHALL, David		Campania
WILLIAMS, Craig		Tea Tree

<b>Mayor</b>	3 candidates	
BARNES, Richard		Mangalore
BISDEE, Tony <sup>*^</sup>		Melton Mowbray
CAMPBELL, Bob		Andover

<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	2 candidates	
GREEN, Alex		Campania
JONES, Mark <sup>*^</sup>		Oatlands

\* denotes elected candidate

<sup>^</sup> denotes seeking re-election

# Southern Midlands Council - 2014 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Electors enrolled: 4 531

Declarations rejected: 25

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

Formal Votes: 2 541

Number to be elected: 7

Declarations returned: 2 634

Declarations admitted: 2 609

Total ballot papers: 2 604

Informal ballot papers: 63

Returning Officer: Maree Fasoli

Response rate: 58.13%

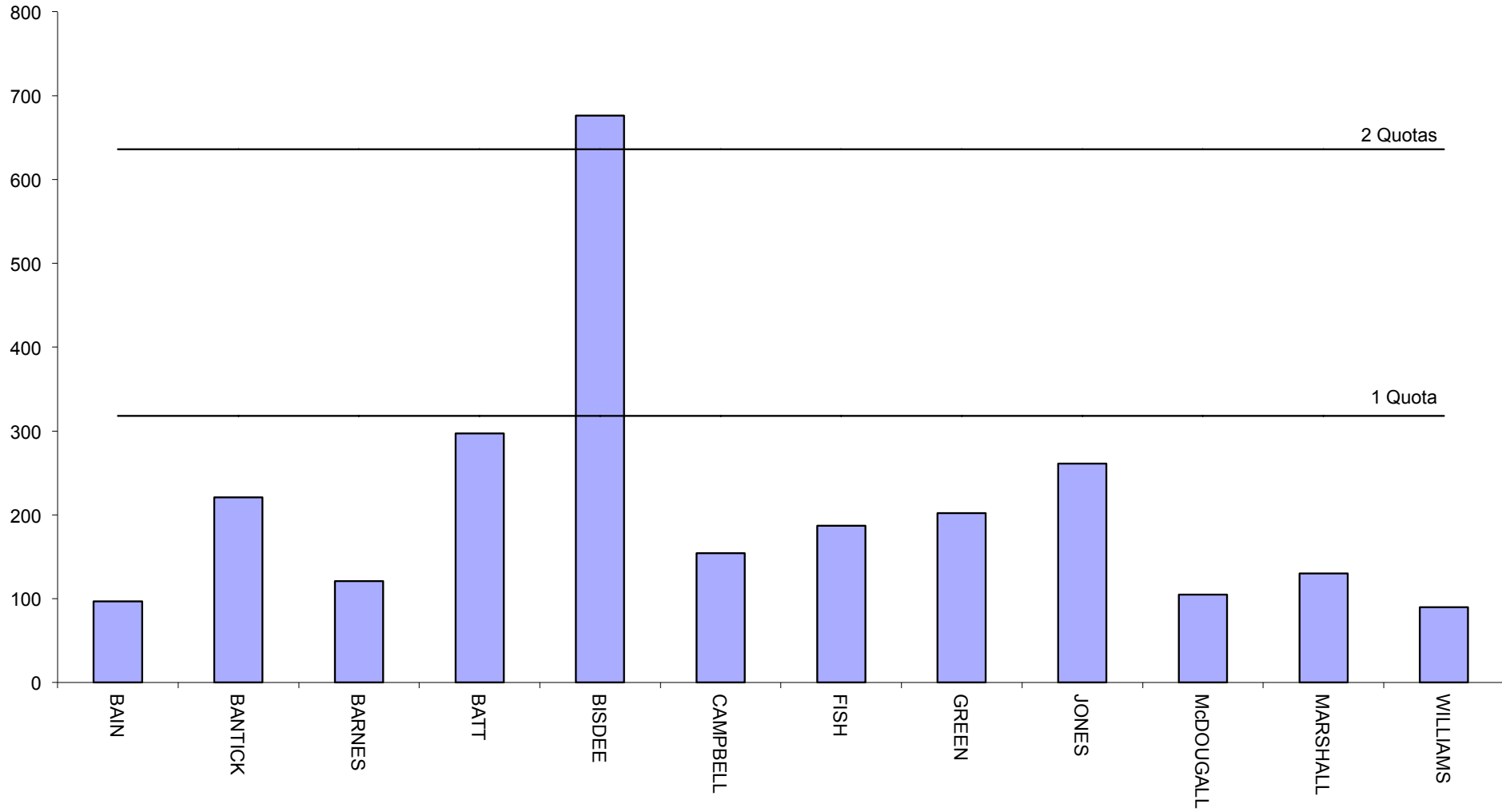
Rejection rate: 0.95%

Informality rate: 2.42%

Quota = 318

Count	BAIN	BANTICK	BARNES	BATT	BISDEE	CAMPBELL	FISH	GREEN	JONES	MCDUGALL	MARSHALL	WILLIAMS	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	97.00	221.00	121.00	297.00	676.00	154.00	187.00	202.00	261.00	105.00	130.00	90.00		0.00	2541.00	<b>BISDEE elected 1</b>
2	4.76	35.48	14.29	40.77	- 358.00	26.47	43.42	42.36	130.80	7.41	6.88	5.29		0.07		BISDEE's surplus distributed
	101.76	256.48	135.29	337.77	318.00	180.47	230.42	244.36	391.80	112.41	136.88	95.29		0.07	2541.00	<b>JONES elected 2, BATT elected 3</b>
3	1.19	5.97	2.98			8.06	31.37	15.53	- 73.80	2.98	2.98	2.68		0.06		JONES' surplus distributed
	102.95	262.45	138.27	337.77	318.00	188.53	261.79	259.89	318.00	115.39	139.86	97.97		0.13	2541.00	
4	1.28	3.33	1.02	- 19.77		2.05	5.13	3.33		1.28	1.54	0.77		0.04		BATT's surplus distributed
	104.23	265.78	139.29	318.00	318.00	190.58	266.92	263.22	318.00	116.67	141.40	98.74		0.17	2541.00	
5 to 8	7.52	11.25	20.05			11.17	19.49	8.81		4.25	16.11	- 98.74		0.09		WILLIAMS excluded
	111.75	277.03	159.34	318.00	318.00	201.75	286.41	272.03	318.00	120.92	157.51	0.00		0.26	2541.00	
9 to 12	- 111.75	11.58	11.25			15.52	9.25	14.15		41.65	8.29			0.06		BAIN excluded
	0.00	288.61	170.59	318.00	318.00	217.27	295.66	286.18	318.00	162.57	165.80			0.32	2541.00	
13		21.00	27.00			12.00	16.00	33.00		- 148.00	39.00			0.00		McDOUGALL part excluded
		309.61	197.59	318.00	318.00	229.27	311.66	319.18	318.00	14.57	204.80			0.32	2541.00	<b>GREEN elected 4</b>
14 to 16		4.53	1.32			1.87	5.17			- 14.57	1.64			0.04		McDOUGALL excluded
		314.14	198.91	318.00	318.00	231.14	316.83	319.18	318.00	0.00	206.44			0.36	2541.00	
17		0.17	0.42			0.25	0.21	- 1.18			0.10			0.03		GREEN's surplus distributed
		314.31	199.33	318.00	318.00	231.39	317.04	318.00	318.00		206.54			0.39	2541.00	
18		52.00	- 178.00			39.00	42.00				45.00			0.00		BARNES part excluded
		366.31	21.33	318.00	318.00	270.39	359.04	318.00	318.00		251.54			0.39	2541.00	<b>BANTICK elected 5, FISH elected 6</b>
19 to 22			- 21.33			12.33					8.34		0.69	(0.03)		BARNES excluded
		366.31	0.00	318.00	318.00	282.72	359.04	318.00	318.00		259.88		0.69	0.36	2541.00	
23		- 48.31				14.86					26.01		7.43	0.01		BANTICK's surplus distributed
		318.00		318.00	318.00	297.58	359.04	318.00	318.00		285.89		8.12	0.37	2541.00	
24						15.63	- 41.04				24.42		0.97	0.02		FISH's surplus distributed
		318.00		318.00	318.00	313.21	318.00	318.00	318.00		310.31		9.09	0.39	2541.00	<b>CAMPBELL elected 7</b>

## 2014 Southern Midlands Councillor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Maree Fasoli

## Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2 609

Formal Votes: 2 568

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

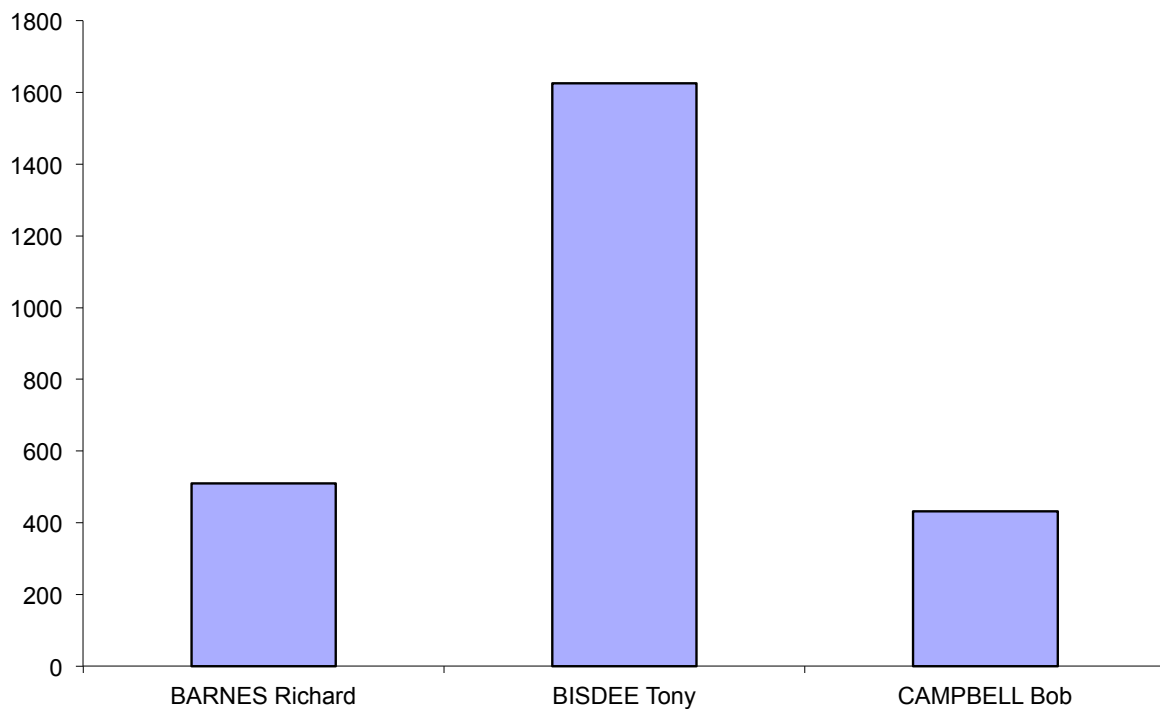
Informal ballot papers: 36

Total ballot papers: 2 604

Informality rate: 1.38%

		<b>BARNES</b> Richard	<b>BISDEE</b> Tony	<b>CAMPBELL</b> Bob	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	510	1626	432	0	2568	1285	<b>BISDEE elected</b>

2014 Southern Midlands Mayor election - first preferences





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Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Maree Fasoli

## Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2 609

Ballot paper adjustment: 5

Total ballot papers: 2 604

Formal Votes: 2 557

Informal ballot papers: 47

Informality rate: 1.80%

		GREEN Alex	JONES Mark	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	1048	1509	2557	1279	<b>JONES elected</b>

### 2014 Southern Midlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

