## Dorset Council

## 2022 ELECTION REPORT

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## Local government elections in Tasmania

This booklet provides election details for the 2022 Dorset Council election, which was conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

This booklet also contains details of any casual vacancies or elector polls that were conducted between the 2018 and 2022 council elections.

Statewide election results are published on the TEC website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

## 2022 Election timetable

Notice of election published
Nominations opened
Electoral rolls closed
Nominations closed
Nominations announced
Ballot material received by electors
Polling period
Close of poll

## Saturday 3 September

Monday 5 September
Thursday 8 September
Monday 19 September
Tuesday 20 September
3-7 October
3-25 October
2pm Tuesday 25 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 compulsory.

## Report on the 2022 Dorset Council elections

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.
5,537 Dorset electors were enrolled for the 2022 elections, comprising 5,330 (96.26\%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 207 (3.74\%) from the General Manager's roll. $86.96 \%$ of Dorset Council electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with $84.79 \%$ statewide.

## Dorset Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

| Prior to the 2022 election |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mayor | Following the 2022 |
| HOWARD, Greg | Mayor |
| Deputy Mayor | HOWARD, Greg |
| JESSUP, Dale | Deputy Mayor |
| Councillors | JESSUP, Dale |
| HOWARD, Greg | Councillors |
| McLENNAN, Wendy | HOWARD, Greg |
| NICHOLS, Jerrod | DONOGHUE, Beth |
| JESSUP, Dale | JESSUP, Dale |
| LADE, Murray | SIMMONS, Kahlia |
| STEIN, Leonie | NICHOLS, Jerrod |
| POWELL, Edwina | COXEN, Anna Curtayne |
| HUGHES, Jan | STEIN, Leonie |
| CHILCOTT, Mervyn* | POWELL, Edwina |
| *elected by recount | CHILCOTT, Mervyn |

## Recounts between the 2018 and 2022 elections

A recount was conducted on 25 February 2019, to fill a vacancy for councillor on the Dorset Council following the resignation of Councillor Max Hall on 6 February 2019.

Five unelected candidates from the 2018 Dorset Council election contested the recount.
An abstract of the count is at the back of this report.

## The candidates

Dorset Council
enrolment 5,537

## Councillor

| BICANIC, Nick | Scottsdale |
| :--- | ---: |
| CASHION, James | Branxholm |
| CHILCOTT, Mervyn | Scottsdale |
| COXEN, Anna Curtayne | Bridport |
| CUTHBERTSON, Karlene | Nabowla |
| DONOGHUE, Beth | Bridport |
| HOWARD, Greg | Jetsonville |
| HUGHES, Jan | Scottsdale |
| JESSUP, Dale | Bridport |
| McLENNAN, Wendy | Bridport |
| NICHOLS, Jerrod | North Scottsdale |
| POWELL, Edwina | Springfield |
| SIMMONS, Kahlia | Scottsdale |
| STEIN, Leonie | Bridport |
| TEICHMANN, Vincent | Pioneer |
| Mayor | 3 candidates |
| DONOGHUE, Beth | Bridport |
| HOWARD, Greg | Jetsonville |
| POWELL, Edwina | Springfield |
| Deputy Mayor | 2 candidates |
| JESSUP, Dale | Bridport |
| STEIN, Leonie | Bridport |

## Dorset Council - 2022 Councillor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022
Returning officer: Nick Young
Number to be elected: 9

Candidates

Count BICANIC CASHION CHILCOTT COXEN CUTHBERTSON DONOGHUE HOWARD HUGHES JESSUP McLENNAN


| Electors enrolled: | 5,537 | Declarations admitted: | 4,757 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Declarations returned: | 4,815 | Rejection rate: | $1.20 \%$ |
| Response rate: | $86.96 \%$ | Ballot paper adjustment: | 52 |
| Declarations rejected: | 58 | Total ballot papers: | 4,705 |


| Informal ballot papers: | 115 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Informality rate: | $2.44 \%$ |
| Formal ballot papers: | 4,590 |
| Quota $=$ | 460 |

Candidates (cont.)

NICHOLS POWELL SIMMONS STEIN TEICHMAN
Votes Loss (Gain) Total Votes
Exhausted by Fraction
Remarks

| 293.00 | 300.00 | 400.00 | 261.00 | 56.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | $4,590.00$ | HOWARD elected 1, <br> DONOGHUE elected 2 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 92.87 | 19.90 | 45.83 | 103.13 | 1.20 | 0.00 | 0.07 |  | HOWARD's surplus distributed |
| 385.87 | 319.90 | 445.83 | 364.13 | 57.20 | 0.00 | 0.07 | $4,590.00$ | JESSUP elected 3 |
| 29.55 | 22.46 | 22.75 | 28.07 | 4.13 | 0.00 | 0.07 |  | DONOGHUE's surplus distributed |
| 415.42 | 342.36 | 468.58 | 392.20 | 61.33 | 0.00 | 0.14 | $4,590.00$ | SIMMONS elected 4 |
| 44.48 | 2.43 |  | 14.09 | 1.21 | 0.00 | 0.06 |  | JESSUP's surplus distributed |
| 459.90 | 344.79 | 468.58 | 406.29 | 62.54 | 0.00 | 0.20 | $4,590.00$ |  |
| 2.22 | 0.33 | -8.58 | 0.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 |  | SIMMONS' surplus distributed |
| 462.12 | 345.12 | 460.00 | 407.18 | 62.54 | 0.00 | 0.25 | $4,590.00$ | NICHOLS elected 5 |
| -2.12 | 0.21 |  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.05 |  | NICHOLS' surplus distributed |
| 460.00 | 345.33 | 460.00 | 407.18 | 62.54 | 0.10 | 0.30 | $4,590.00$ |  |
|  | 12.59 |  | 1.00 | -62.54 | 0.00 | 0.02 |  | TEICHMANN excluded |

First preferences by councillor candidate


## Dorset Council - Mayor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022
Returning officer: Nick Young

| Electors enrolled: | 5,537 | Ballot paper adjustment: | 22 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Declarations returned: | 4,815 | Total ballot papers: | 4,735 |
| Response rate: | $86.96 \%$ | Informal ballot papers: | 91 |
| Declarations rejected: | 58 | Informality rate: | $1.92 \%$ |
| Declarations admitted: | 4,757 | Formal ballot papers: | 4,644 |


|  |  | Candidates |  |  | Exhausted votes | Formal votes | Absolute majority | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | DONOGHUE <br> Beth | HOWARD Greg | POWELL <br> Edwina |  |  |  |  |
| Count 1 | First preferences | 1,609 | 2,191 | 844 |  | 4,644 | 2,323 |  |
| Count 2 | Votes transferred | 651 | 159 | -844 | 34 |  |  | POWELL excluded |
|  | Total votes | 2,260 | 2,350 | 0 | 34 | 4,644 | 2,306 | HOWARD elected |
|  | Percentage | 49.02\% | 50.98\% |  |  |  |  |  |

First preferences by mayor candidate


## Dorset Council - Deputy Mayor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022
Returning officer: Nick Young

|  | Electors enrolled: |  | 5,537 | Ballot paper adjustment: |  |  | 24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Declarations returned: |  | 4,815 | Total ballot papers: |  |  | 4,733 |  |
|  | Response rate: |  | 86.96\% | Informal ballot papers: |  |  | 195 |  |
| Declarations rejected: |  |  | 58 | Informality rate: |  |  | 4.12\% |  |
| Declarations admitted: |  |  | 4,757 | Formal ballot papers: |  |  | 4,538 |  |
| Candidates |  |  |  | Exhausted votes | Formal votes | Absolute majority |  | Remarks |
|  |  | JESSUP <br> Dale | STEIN <br> Leonie |  |  |  |  |  |
| Count 1 | First preferences | 2,666 | 1,872 | n/a | 4,538 | 2,270 |  | JESSUP elected |
|  | Percentage | 58.75\% | 41.25\% |  |  |  |  |  |

First preferences by deputy mayor candidate


## Dorset Council - recount results

## Recount due to resignation of Councillor Max Hall

Recount conducted 25 February 2019

|  |  | Candidates |  |  |  |  | Exhausted Votes | Lost by fraction | Total Absolute Votes majority |  | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | CHILCOTT <br> Mervyn | DONALDSON Kerrie | O'NEILL lain | PRIESTLEY Trevor Charles | SMITH <br> Terry J |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Counts } \\ & 1-5 \end{aligned}$ | Total | 140.80 | 69.00 | 51.68 | 51.72 | 59.71 | 0.00 | 0.09 | 373.00 | 186.51 | Distribution of Hall |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Counts } \\ & 6-10 \end{aligned}$ | Votes transferred | 13.83 | 7.74 | -51.68 | 13.89 | 15.79 | 0.38 | 0.05 |  |  | O'NEILL excluded |
|  | Progress total | 154.63 | 76.74 | 0.00 | 65.61 | 75.50 | 0.38 | 0.14 | 373.00 | 186.32 |  |
| Counts 11-15 | Votes transferred | 28.74 | 16.89 |  | -65.61 | 18.52 | 1.46 | 0.00 |  |  | PRIESTLEY excluded |
|  | Progress total | 183.37 | 93.63 |  | 0.00 | 94.02 | 1.84 | 0.14 | 373.00 | 185.59 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Counts } \\ & 16-20 \end{aligned}$ | Votes transferred | 40.09 | -93.63 |  |  | 37.54 | 16.00 | 0.00 |  |  | DONALDSON excluded |
|  | Progress total | 223.46 | 0.00 |  |  | 131.56 | 17.84 | 0.14 | 373.00 | 177.59 | CHILCOTT elected |

