



Central Highlands Council

2000 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every second (even) year 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 Office (TEO) 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) and 2000, with the next elections due in October 2002.

Following recent changes to the Act, mayors and deputy mayors were elected directly by the electors in each municipal area for the first time in 2000.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are available from the TEO and are posted on the TEO website www.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2000 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 16 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 21 September
Nomination period	25 September— 12 noon on 4 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 4 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 5 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	17–20 October
Polling period	17–31 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 31 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.

Electoral 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 2000 Central Highlands Council Election

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

2548 Central Highlands electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 1707 (66.99%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 841 (33.00%) from the General Manager's roll.

65.97% of Central Highlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

By-Election

A by-election was held between the 1999 and 2000 elections. Councillor Terry Cashion died on 12 July 1999. The ballot closed at 10 am Tuesday 7 September 1999. Four candidates contested the by-election. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2000 elections

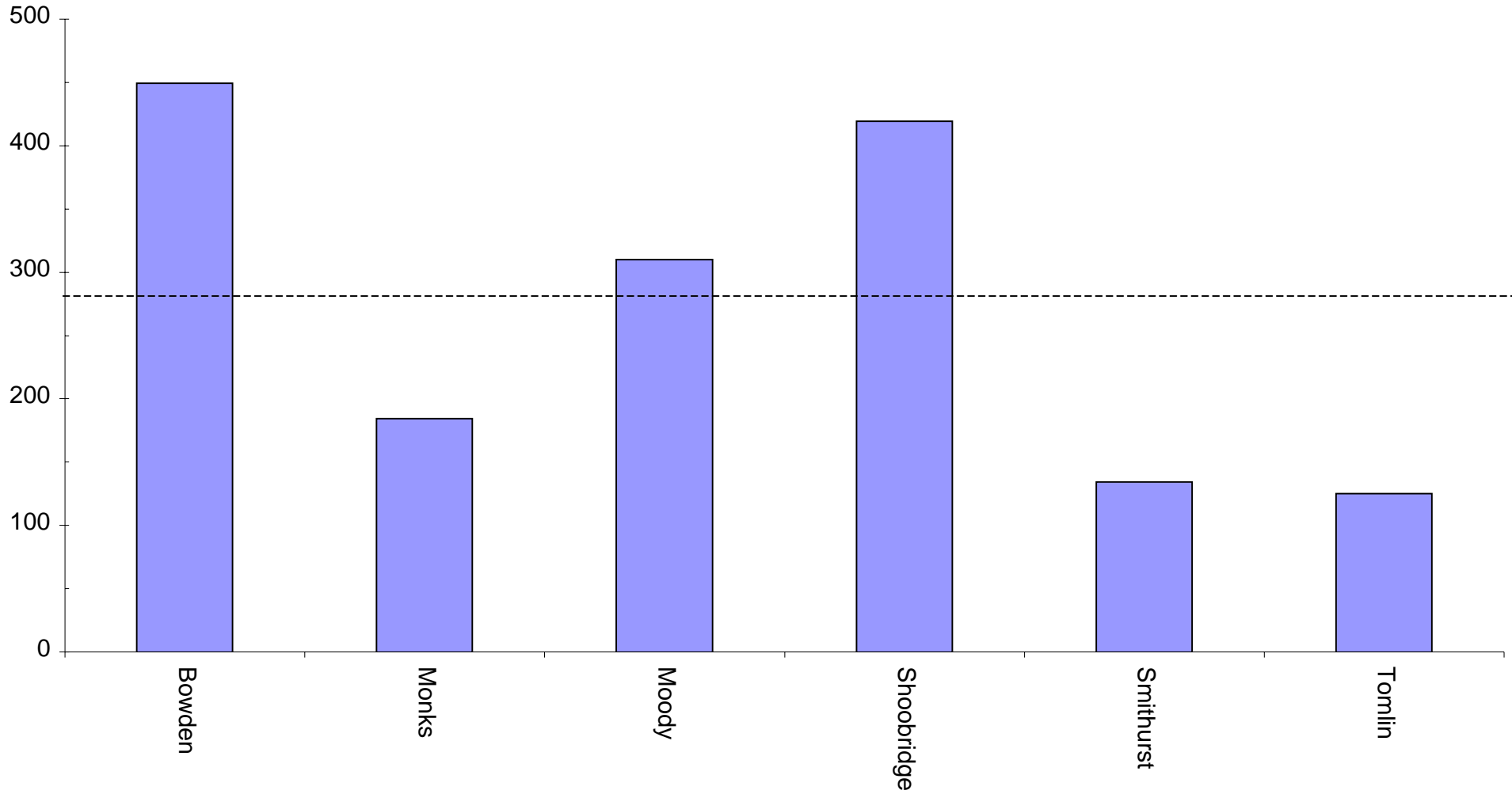
Mayor		Councillors	
★ PARSONS, Geoff	Gretna	★ BOWDEN, Richard*	Bothwell
		★ MONKS, Janet	Bothwell
		★ MOODY, Anne*	Miena
		★ SHOBRIDGE, John Rupert*	Ouse
		SMITHURST, Terry	Ellendale
		★ TOMLIN, Nigel	Ellendale
Deputy Mayor			
★ BOWDEN, Richard*	Bothwell		

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Central Highlands Councillors following the 2000 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2002</i> PARSONS Geoff	<i>term ends 2004</i> BOWDEN Richard SHOBRIDGE John Rupert MOODY Annette MONKS Janet TOMLIN Nigel	<i>term ends 2002</i> FLINT Tony FLINT Deirdre McSHANE Peter PARSONS Geoffrey Francis
Deputy Mayor <i>term ends 2002</i> BOWDEN Richard		

Central Highlands Council - 2000 Councillor first preferences



Central Highlands Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Number to be elected : 5

Returning Officer : Mr Peter Weldon

Electors enrolled : 2 548

Declarations returned : 1 681

Response 65.97%

Declarations rejected : 33

Declarations admitted : 1 648

Rejection rate : 1.96%

Ballot paper adjustment : 13

Total ballot papers : 1 635

Formal votes : 1 621

Informal ballot papers : 14

Informality rate : 0.85%

Quota = 271

CANDIDATES

	BOWDEN	MONKS	MOODY	SHOOBRIDGE	SMITHURST	TOMLIN	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	449.00	184.00	310.00	419.00	134.00	125.00		1 621.00	BOWDEN elected 1, SHOOBRIDGE elected 2, MOODY elected 3
Count 2	- 178.00	100.69			36.47	40.83	0.01		BOWDEN's surplus distributed
Progress totals	271.00	284.69	310.00	419.00	170.47	165.83	0.01	1 621.00	MONKS elected 4
Count 3				- 148.00	63.57	84.41	0.02		SHOOBRIDGE's surplus distributed
Progress totals	271.00	284.69	310.00	271.00	234.04	250.24	0.03	1 621.00	
Count 4			- 39.00		19.87	19.12	0.01		MOODY's surplus distributed
Progress totals	271.00	284.69	271.00	271.00	253.91	269.36	0.04	1 621.00	
Count 5		- 13.69			7.11	6.57	0.01		MONKS' surplus distributed
Progress totals	271.00	271.00	271.00	271.00	261.02	275.93	0.05	1 621.00	TOMLIN elected 5

Central Highlands Council

Returning Officer : Mr Peter Weldon

Mayor — Geoff Parsons elected unopposed

Deputy Mayor — Richard Bowden elected unopposed

Central Highlands Council

By-election due to the death of Councillor **Terry Cashion**

By-election polling closed at 10am Tuesday 7 September 1999

Electors enrolled : 2 599

Declarations rejected : 9

Adjustment: 0

Formal votes : 1 572

Declarations returned : 1 595

Declarations admitted : 1 586

Total ballot papers : 1 586

Informal ballot papers : 14

Response rate : 61.37%

Rejection rate : 0.56 %

Informality rate : 0.88 %

CANDIDATES

	FARR Roy	FLINT Tony	JONES John R	TAPLEY Michael	Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count1 First preferences	295	635	479	163		1 572	787	
Count 2 Votes transferred	54	63	40	- 163	6			Tapley excluded
Progressive total	349	698	519	0	6	1 572	784	
Count 3 Votes transferred	- 349	255	78		16			Farr excluded
Progressive total	0	953	597		22	1 572	776	Flint Elected