



Northern Midlands Council

2007 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 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), and 2007 with the next elections due in October 2009.

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.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2007 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 20 September
Nomination period	17 September— 12 noon on 1 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 1 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 2 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	16–19 October
Polling period	16–30 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 30 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 2007 Northern Midlands Council Election

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

8994 Northern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2007 elections, comprising 8855 (98.45%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 139 (1.55%) from the General Manager's roll.

66.76% of Northern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.43% statewide.

Candidates at the 2007 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ POLLEY, Kim	Longford	CADOGAN-COWPER, Geoff	Ross
		★ CALVERT, Andrew	Longford
		CHUGG, Bill	Campbell Town
		COX, Jamie	Longford
Deputy Mayor		★ GEEVES, Michael	Perth
CARINS, Jeff	Longford	★ GOSS, Richard	Longford
★ DOWNIE, David	Epping Forest	GREY, Carol	Avoca
		LAMBERT, Janet	Devon Hills
		★ POLLEY, Kim*	Longford

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Northern Midlands Councillors following the 2007 elections

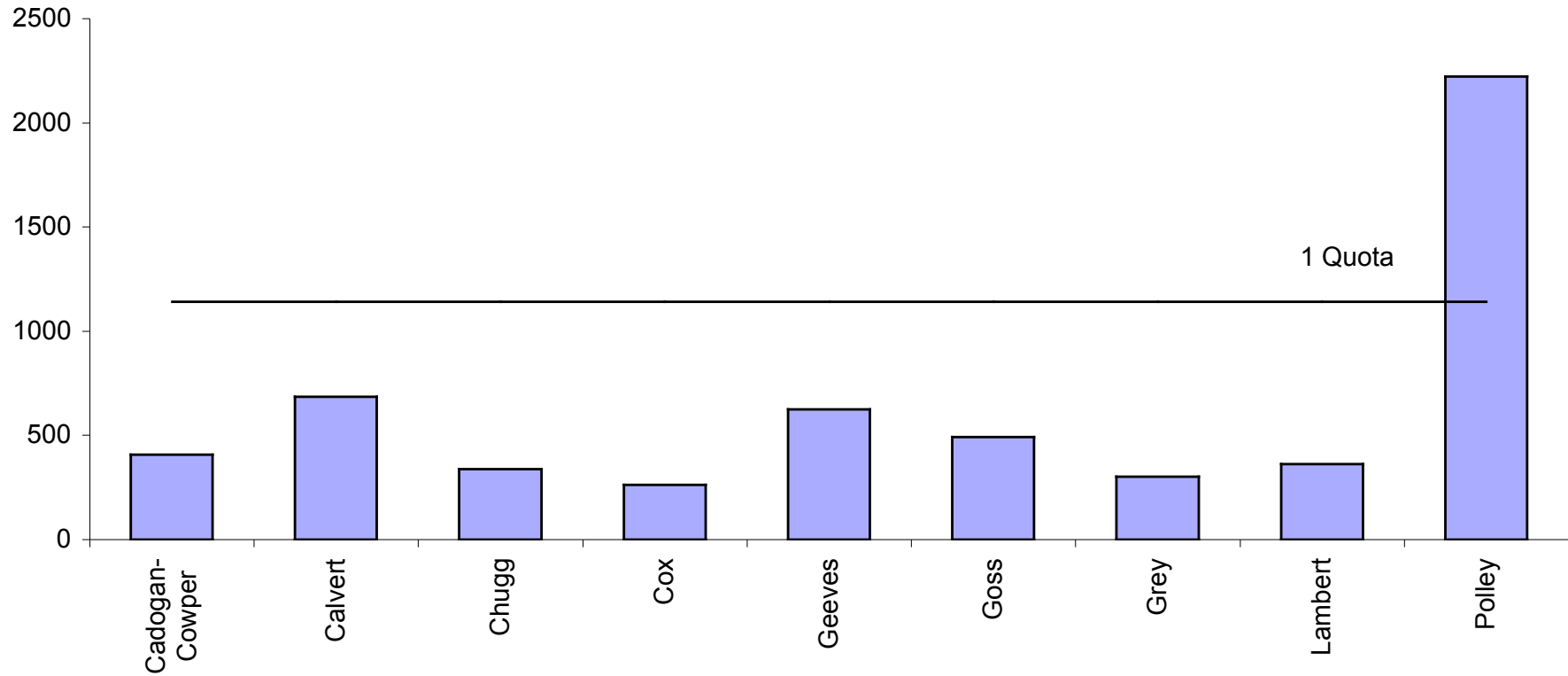
Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>
POLLEY, Kim	POLLEY, Kim	DOWNIE, David
	CALVERT, Andrew	CARINS, Jeff
Deputy Mayor	GEEVES, Michael	POLLEY, Tim
<i>term ends 2009</i>	GOSS, Richard	BROOKS, Matthew
DOWNIE, David		GONINON, Ian

Northern Midlands Council - 2007 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007 Electors enrolled: 8994 Declarations rejected: 109 Ballot paper adjustment: 10 Formal Votes: 5700
 Number to be elected: 4 Declarations returned: 6004 Declarations admitted: 5895 Total ballot papers: 5885 Informal ballot papers: 185
 Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes Response: 66.76% Rejection rate: 1.82% Informality rate: 3.14%
 Quota = 1141

Count	Cadogan-Cowper	Calvert	Chugg	Cox	Geeves	Goss	Grey	Lambert	Polley	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	408.00	686.00	339.00	263.00	626.00	493.00	302.00	361.00	2 222.00			5 700.00	Polley elected 1
2	83.67	180.49	105.08	102.65	137.19	196.05	123.57	152.27	-1 081.00		0.03		Polley's surplus distributed
	491.67	866.49	444.08	365.65	763.19	689.05	425.57	513.27	1 141.00		0.03	5 700.00	
3 to 4	33.86	54.13	71.91	- 365.65	40.72	60.37	49.67	54.94			0.05		Cox excluded
	525.53	920.62	515.99	0.00	803.91	749.42	475.24	568.21	1 141.00		0.08	5 700.00	
5 to 6	53.08	81.81	98.78		66.64	51.35	- 475.24	123.56			0.02		Grey excluded
	578.61	1 002.43	614.77		870.55	800.77	0.00	691.77	1 141.00		0.10	5 700.00	
7	- 475.00	215.00	77.00		85.00	44.00		54.00			0.00		Cadogan-Cowper part excluded
	103.61	1 217.43	691.77		955.55	844.77		745.77	1 141.00		0.10	5 700.00	Calvert elected 2
8	- 103.61		21.89		28.70	21.89		26.75		4.37	0.01		Cadogan-Cowper fully excluded
	0.00	1 217.43	713.66		984.25	866.66		772.52	1 141.00	4.37	0.11	5 700.00	
9		- 76.43	10.66		30.92	19.90		11.37		3.55	0.03		Calvert's surplus distributed
		1 141.00	724.32		1 015.17	886.56		783.89	1 141.00	7.92	0.14	5 700.00	
10			- 540.00		162.00	193.00		154.00		31.00	0.00		Chugg part excluded
		1 141.00	184.32		1 177.17	1 079.56		937.89	1 141.00	38.92	0.14	5 700.00	Geeves elected 3
11			- 173.66			80.27		73.46		19.94	- 0.01		Chugg part excluded
		1 141.00	10.66		1 177.17	1 159.83		1 011.35	1 141.00	58.86	0.13	5 700.00	Goss elected 4

2077 Northern Midlands Councillor election - first preferences



Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2007

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor – Kim Polley (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5 895

Ballot paper adjustment: 7

Total ballot papers: 5 888

Formal Votes: 5 670

Informal ballot papers: 218

Informality rate: 3.70%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		CARINS	DOWNIE			
Count 1	First Preferences	2 440	3 230	5 670	2 836	DOWNIE elected

2007 Northern Midlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

