



Meander Valley 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 Meander Valley Council Election

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

14 114 Meander Valley electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 14 011 (99.27%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 103 (0.73%) from the General Manager's roll.

53.33% of Meander Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors		
HOWARD, Ian	Reedy Marsh	★ CONNOR, Andrew	Blackstone Heights	
★ PERKINS, Craig	Prospect Vale	FLOWERS, Ron	Elizabeth Town	
		★ HOWARD, Ian*	Reedy Marsh	
		★ MACKENZIE, Ian (Macca)	Bracknell	
Deputy Mayor		PARKER, Trevor	Hadspen	
LINGER, Rodney	Caveside	★ WHITE, Deborah*	Exton	
★ LOONE, Bob*	Chudleigh			

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Meander Valley Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
PERKINS, Craig	HOWARD, Ian	LOONE, Bob
	MACKENZIE, Ian (Macca)	FROST, Pat
Deputy Mayor	WHITE, Deborah	RICHARDSON, Bob
<i>term ends 2013</i>	CONNOR, Andrew	LINGER, Rodney
LOONE, Bob		PERKINS, Craig

Meander Valley Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 14 114

Declarations rejected: 104

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Formal Votes: 7 265

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 7 527

Declarations admitted: 7 423

Total ballot papers: 7 414

Informal ballot papers: 149

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 53.33%

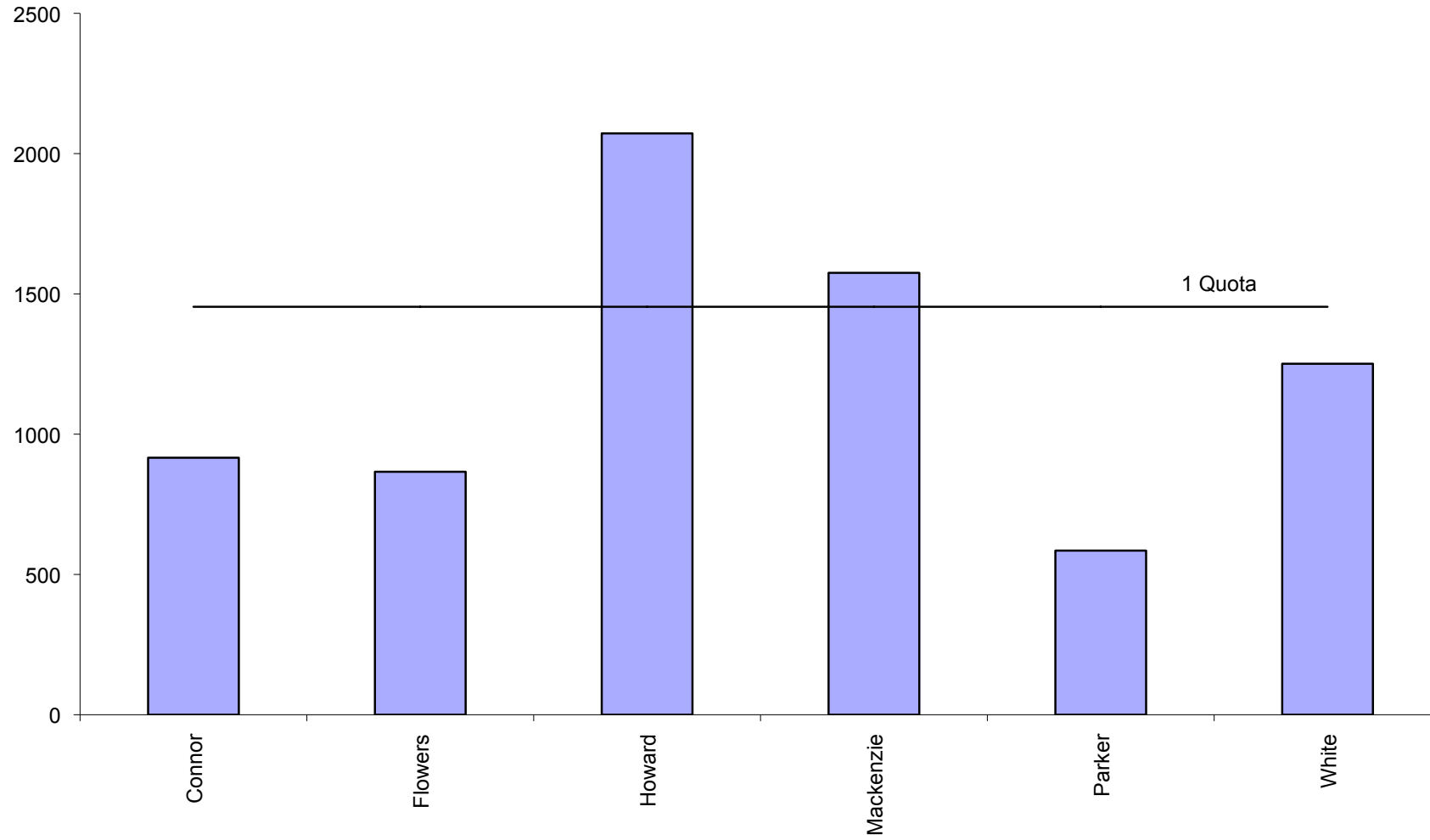
Rejection rate: 1.38%

Informality rate: 2.01%

Quota = 1 454

Count	Connor	Flowers	Howard	Mackenzie	Parker	White	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	916.00	866.00	2072.00	1575.00	585.00	1251.00			7265.00	Howard elected 1, Mackenzie elected 2
2	107.97	128.84	- 618.00		85.89	295.27		0.03		Howard's surplus distributed
	1023.97	994.84	1454.00	1575.00	670.89	1546.27		0.03	7265.00	White elected 3
3	33.87	43.71		- 121.00	43.40			0.02		Mackenzie's surplus distributed
	1057.84	1038.55	1454.00	1454.00	714.29	1546.27		0.05	7265.00	
4	35.32	13.98			42.96	- 92.27		0.01		White's surplus distributed
	1093.16	1052.53	1454.00	1454.00	757.25	1454.00		0.06	7265.00	
5 to 6	374.33	285.87			- 670.89		10.68	0.01		Parker part excluded
	1467.49	1338.40	1454.00	1454.00	86.36	1454.00	10.68	0.07	7265.00	Connor elected 4

2011 Meander Valley Councillor election - first preferences



Meander Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 7 423

Formal Votes: 7 253

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

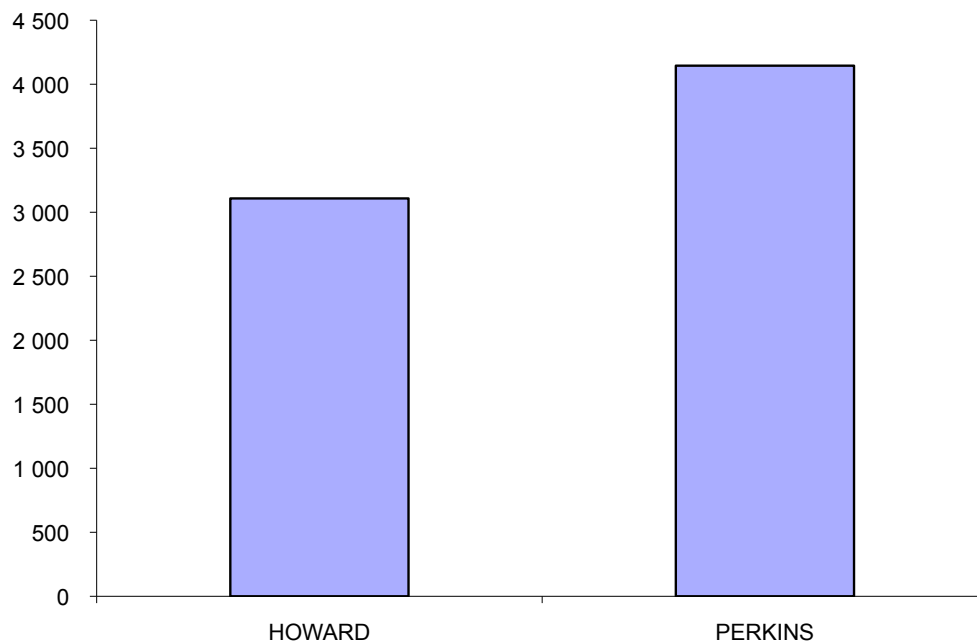
Informal ballot papers: 161

Total ballot papers: 7 414

Informality rate: 2.17%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		HOWARD	PERKINS			
Count 1	First Preferences	3 108	4 145	7 253	3 627	PERKINS elected

2011 Meander Valley Mayor election - first preferences



Meander Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 7 423

Formal Votes: 7 302

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Informal ballot papers: 112

Total ballot papers: 7 414

Informality rate: 1.51%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		LINGER	LOONE			
Count 1	First Preferences	2 856	4 446	7 302	3 652	LOONE elected

2011 Meander Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

