



Sorell 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 Sorell Council Election

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

9670 Sorell electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 9463 (97.86%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 207 (2.14%) from the General Manager's roll.

54.19% of Sorell electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
DEGRASSI, Kerry	Dodges Ferry	★ BUNYAN, Robyn	Midway Point
THE DUKE OF AVRAM, John	Sorell	★ DUNBABIN, James F*	Penna
★ TORENIUS, Carmel*	Forcett	★ EVANS, Graeme*	Sorell
		LEACH, Robert	Copping
		★ McDONALD, Brett*	Midway Point
Deputy Mayor		MUS, Gerard	Nugent
★ McDONALD, Brett	Midway Point	THE DUKE OF AVRAM, John	Sorell
		★ WHITE, Lindsay	Nugent
		YOUNG, Judy*	Dunalley

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Sorell Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
TORENIUS, Carmel	EVANS, Graeme	TORENIUS, Carmel
Deputy Mayor	McDONALD, Brett	DEGRASSI, Kerry
<i>term ends 2013</i>	WHITE, Lindsay	VINCENT, Kerry
McDONALD, Brett	DUNBABIN, James F	PURDON, Mike
	BUNYAN, Robyn	

Sorell Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 9 670

Declarations rejected: 58

Ballot paper adjustment: 9

Formal Votes: 5 069

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 5 240

Declarations admitted: 5 182

Total ballot papers: 5 173

Informal ballot papers: 104

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Fasoli

Response: 54.19%

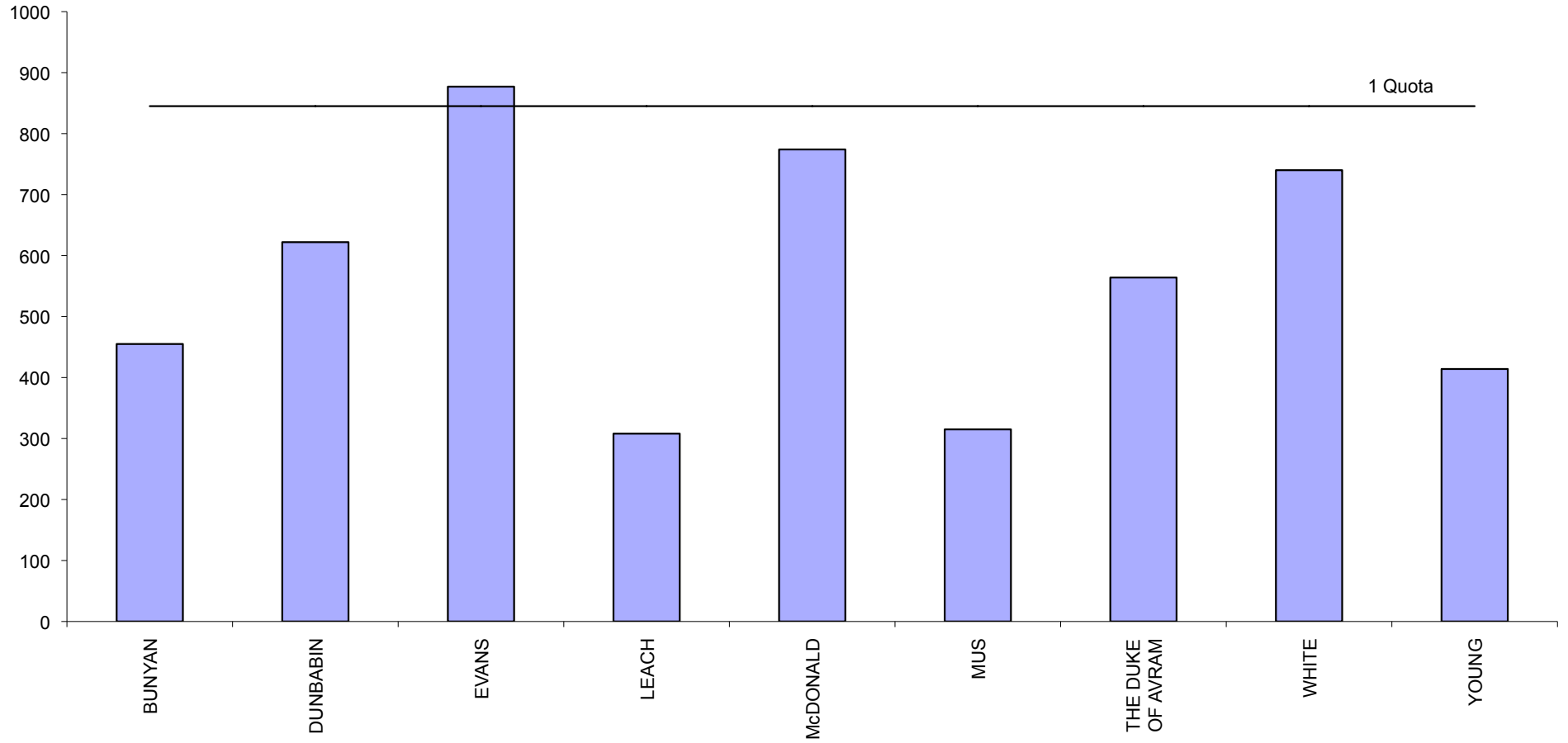
Rejection rate: 1.11%

Informality rate: 2.01%

Quota = 845

Count	BUNYAN	DUNBABIN	EVANS	LEACH	McDONALD	MUS	THE DUKE OF AVRAM	WHITE	YOUNG	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	455.00	622.00	877.00	308.00	774.00	315.00	564.00	740.00	414.00			5069.00	EVANS elected 1
2	2.48	8.20	- 32.00	1.86	6.05	1.86	2.73	4.99	3.79		0.04		EVANS' surplus distributed
	457.48	630.20	845.00	309.86	780.05	316.86	566.73	744.99	417.79		0.04	5069.00	
3	24.00	45.00		- 308.00	69.00	38.00	38.00	55.00	39.00		0.00		LEACH part excluded
	481.48	675.20	845.00	1.86	849.05	354.86	604.73	799.99	456.79		0.04	5069.00	McDONALD elected 2
4	0.18	0.25		- 1.86		0.29	0.18	0.69	0.25		0.02		LEACH excluded
	481.66	675.45	845.00	0.00	849.05	355.15	604.91	800.68	457.04		0.06	5069.00	
5	0.64	0.52			- 4.05	0.64	0.52	0.93	0.76		0.04		McDONALD's surplus distributed
	482.30	675.97	845.00		845.00	355.79	605.43	801.61	457.80		0.10	5069.00	
6	53.00	105.00				- 353.00	40.00	99.00	56.00		0.00		MUS part excluded
	535.30	780.97	845.00		845.00	2.79	645.43	900.61	513.80		0.10	5069.00	WHITE elected 3
7 to 8	0.49	1.04				- 2.79	0.54		0.64	0.03	0.05		MUS excluded
	535.79	782.01	845.00		845.00	0.00	645.97	900.61	514.44	0.03	0.15	5069.00	
9	16.28	26.40					4.49	- 55.61	5.61	2.80	0.03		WHITE's surplus distributed
	552.07	808.41	845.00		845.00		650.46	845.00	520.05	2.83	0.18	5069.00	
10	255.00	196.00					51.00		- 509.00	7.00	0.00		YOUNG part excluded
	807.07	1004.41	845.00		845.00		701.46	845.00	11.05	9.83	0.18	5069.00	DUNBABIN elected 4
11 to 13	8.36						2.29		- 11.05	0.40	0.00		YOUNG excluded
	815.43	1004.41	845.00		845.00		703.75	845.00	0.00	10.23	0.18	5069.00	
14	112.23	- 159.41					28.46			18.70	0.02		DUNBABIN's surplus distributed
	927.66	845.00	845.00		845.00		732.21	845.00		28.93	0.20	5069.00	BUNYAN elected 5

2011 Sorell Councillor election - first preferences



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Returning Officer: Ms Maree Fasoli

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5 182

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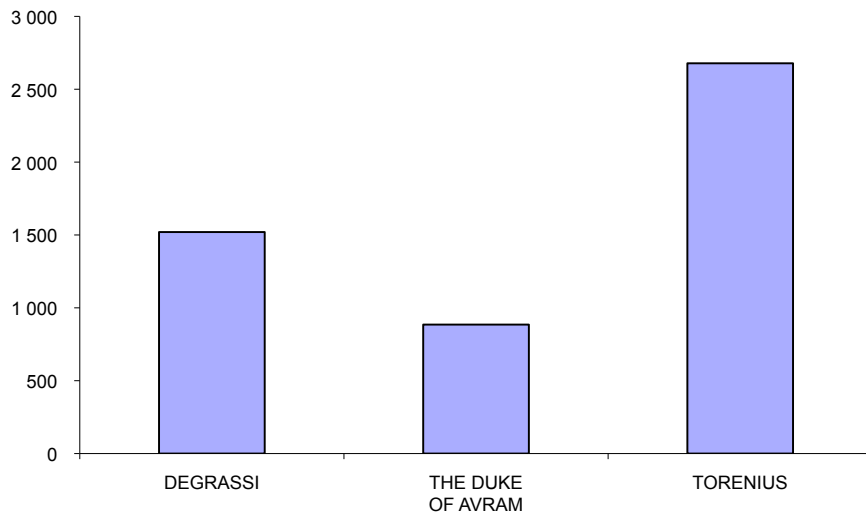
Formal Votes: 5 083

Informal ballot papers: 90

Informality rate: 1.74%

Count 1	Progress Total	Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DEGRASSI	THE DUKE OF AVRAM	TORENIUS				
		1 520	885	2 678	0	5 083	2 542	Torenium elected

2011 Sorell Mayor election - first preferences



Deputy Mayor — Brett McDonald (elected unopposed)