



# Northern Midlands 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](http://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 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.

9352 Northern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 9199 (98.36%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 153 (1.64%) from the General Manager's roll.

56.79% of Northern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ POLLEY, Kim*	Longford	★ CALVERT, Andrew*	Longford
		GEEVES, Michael*	Perth
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ GOSS, Richard*	Longford
★ DOWNIE, David*	Campbell Town	HART, Toby	Evandale
VERVAART, Bob	Longford	★ LAMBERT, Janet	Devon Hills
		★ POLLEY, Kim*	Longford
		VERVAART, Bob	Longford

★ denotes elected candidate  
\* denotes seeking re-election

### Northern Midlands Councillors following the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
POLLEY, Kim	POLLEY, Kim	DOWNIE, David
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	LAMBERT, Janet	CARINS, Jeffrey Ian
<i>term ends 2013</i>	GOSS, Richard	GONINON, Ian
DOWNIE, David	CALVERT, Andrew	KNOWLES, Mary
		BROOKS, Matthew

# Northern Midlands Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 9 352

Declarations rejected: 72

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Formal Votes: 5 138

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 5 311

Declarations admitted: 5 239

Total ballot papers: 5 236

Informal ballot papers: 98

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 56.79%

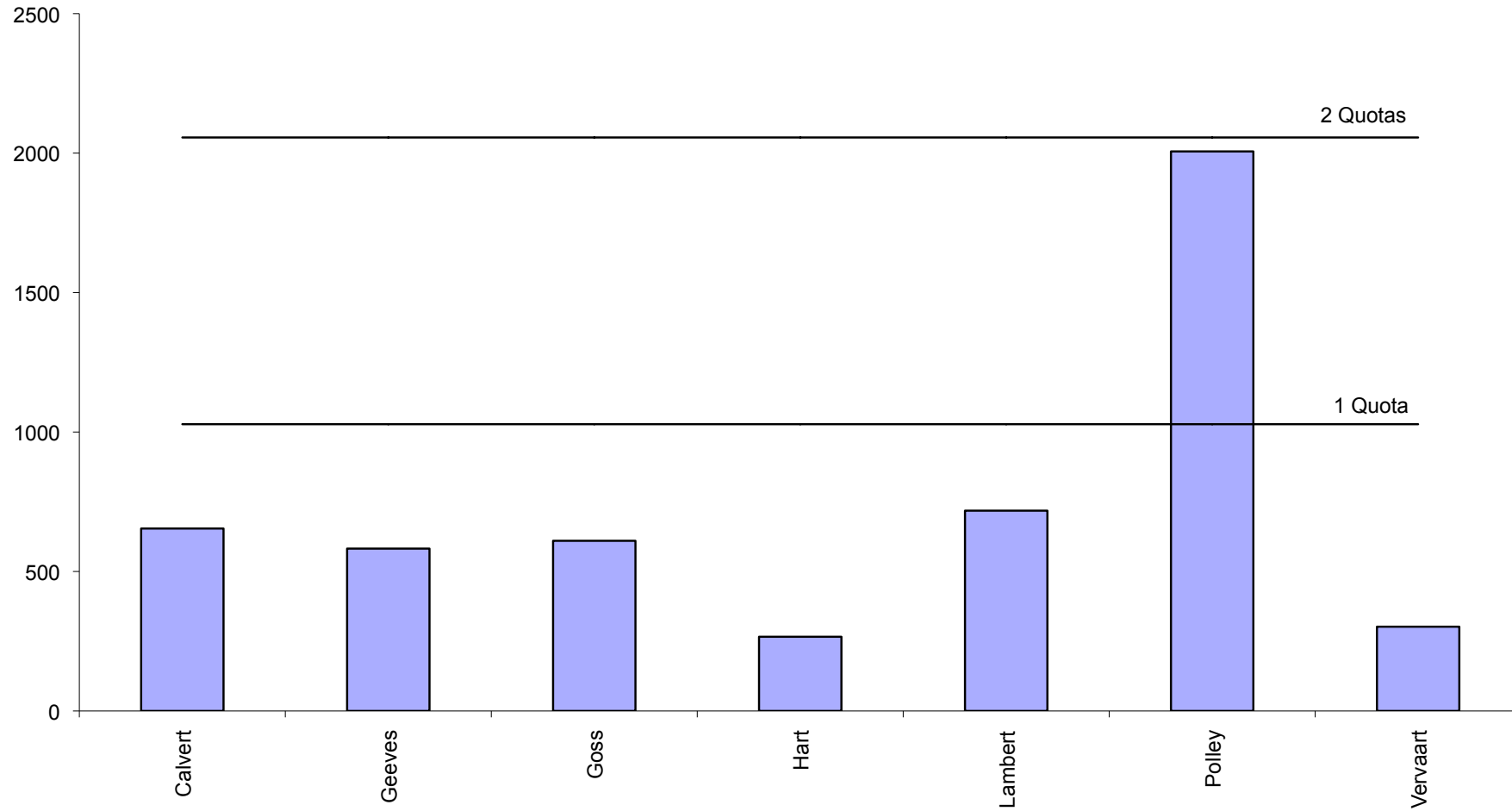
Rejection rate: 1.36%

Informality rate: 1.87%

Quota = 1 028

Count	Calvert	Geeves	Goss	Hart	Lambert	Polley	Vervaart	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	654.00	582.00	610.00	266.00	718.00	2006.00	302.00			5138.00	<b>Polley elected 1</b>
2	216.95	152.11	223.77	46.80	237.91	- 978.00	100.43		0.03		Polley's surplus distributed
	870.95	734.11	833.77	312.80	955.91	1028.00	402.43		0.03	5138.00	
3 to 4	45.18	67.33	68.72	- 312.80	83.18		48.36		0.03		Hart excluded
	916.13	801.44	902.49	0.00	1039.09	1028.00	450.79		0.06	5138.00	<b>Lambert elected 2</b>
5	1.77	3.54	3.99		- 11.09		1.77		0.02		Lambert's surplus distributed
	917.90	804.98	906.48		1028.00	1028.00	452.56		0.08	5138.00	
6	102.00	96.00	144.00				- 345.00	3.00	0.00		Vervaart part excluded
	1019.90	900.98	1050.48		1028.00	1028.00	107.56	3.00	0.08	5138.00	<b>Goss elected 3</b>
7	52.65	50.70					- 105.79	2.43	0.01		Vervaart part excluded
	1072.55	951.68	1050.48		1028.00	1028.00	1.77	5.43	0.09	5138.00	<b>Calvert elected 4</b>

## 2011 Northern Midlands Councillor election - first preferences



# Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

**Mayor** — Kim Polley (elected unopposed)

## Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5 239

Formal Votes: 5 063

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Informal ballot papers: 173

Total ballot papers: 5 236

Informality rate: 3.30%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DOWNIE	VERVAART			
Count 1	First Preferences	3 614	1 449	5 063	2 532	<b>DOWNIE elected</b>

**2011 Northern Midlands Deputy Mayor election -  
first preferences**

