



Southern 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.

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 Southern 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.

4439 Southern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 4370 (98.45%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 69 (1.55%) from the General Manager's roll.

62.40% of Southern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ BISDEE, Tony*	Melton Mowbray	BAIN, Maria	Bagdad
		★ BANTICK, A R (Tony)	Bagdad
Deputy Mayor		★ BEVEN, Colin John*	Campania
CAMPBELL, Bob	Andover	★ FISH, Donald Frank*	Andover
GREEN, Alex	Campania	★ JONES, Mark*	Oatlands
JONES, John*	Kempton	KERNKE, David Rawson	Pontville
★ JONES, Mark	Oatlands	KNIGHT, Craig	Bagdad

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Southern Midlands Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor

term ends 2013

BISDEE, Tony

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2013

JONES, Mark

9 Councillors

term ends 2015

JONES, Mark

FISH, Donald Frank

BANTICK, A R (Tony)

BEVEN, Colin John

term ends 2013

BISDEE, Tony

JONES, John

GREEN, Alex

CONNORS, Marie

CAMPBELL, Bob

Southern Midlands Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 4 439

Declarations rejected: 30

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Formal Votes: 2 697

Number to be elected: 4

Declarations returned: 2 770

Declarations admitted: 2 740

Total ballot papers: 2 738

Informal ballot papers: 41

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Response: 62.40%

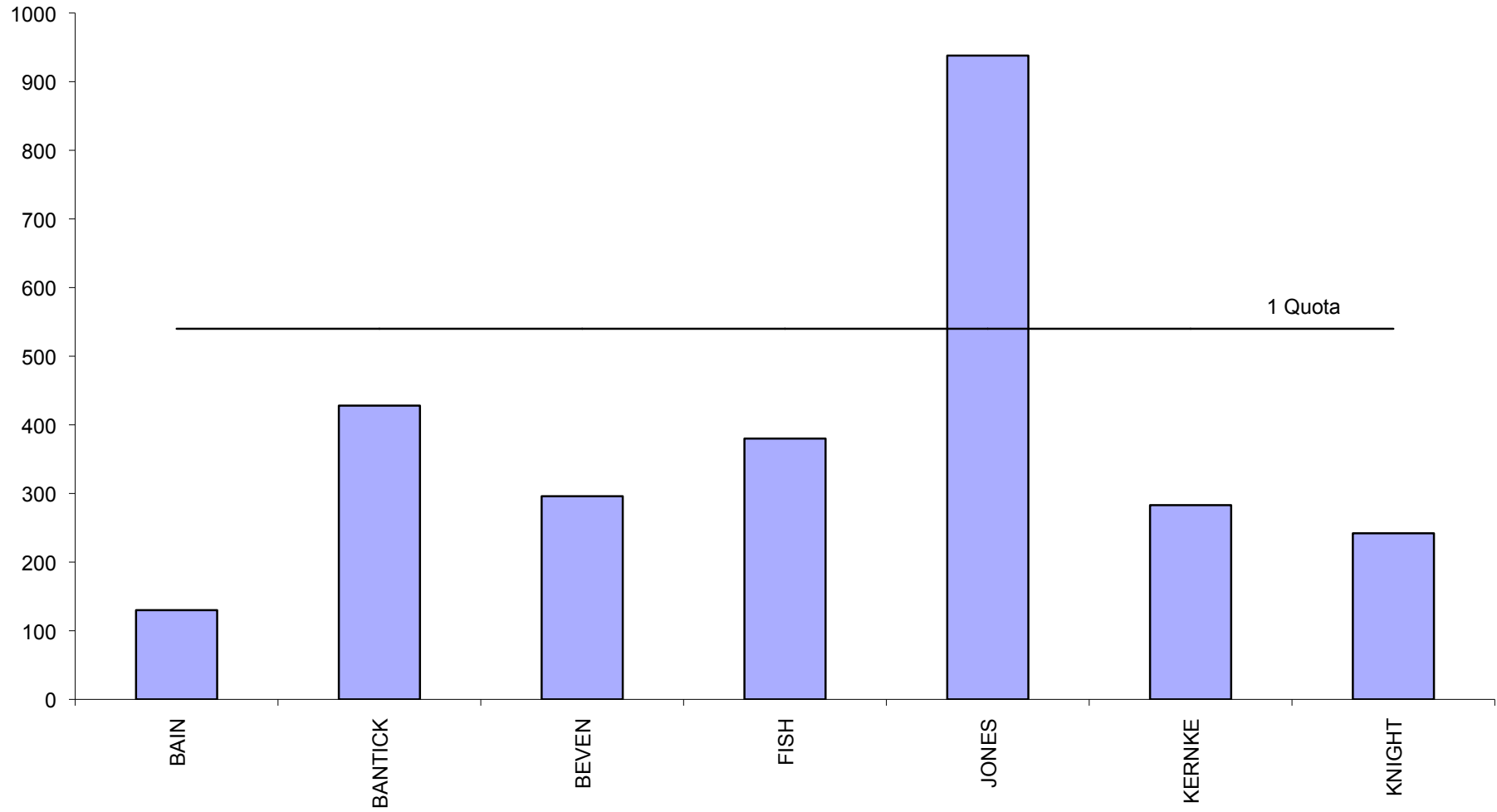
Rejection rate: 1.08%

Informality rate: 1.50%

Quota = 540

Count	BAIN	BANTICK	BEVEN	FISH	JONES	KERNKE	KNIGHT	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	130.00	428.00	296.00	380.00	938.00	283.00	242.00			2697.00	JONES elected 1
2	23.33	43.70	59.82	221.06	- 398.00	21.63	28.42		0.04		JONES' surplus distributed
	153.33	471.70	355.82	601.06	540.00	304.63	270.42		0.04	2697.00	FISH elected 2
3	6.21	10.07	31.52	- 61.06		5.27	7.96		0.03		FISH's surplus distributed
	159.54	481.77	387.34	540.00	540.00	309.90	278.38		0.07	2697.00	
4 to 6	- 159.54	59.55	29.91			34.41	35.64		0.03		BAIN excluded
	0.00	541.32	417.25	540.00	540.00	344.31	314.02		0.10	2697.00	BANTICK elected 3
7		- 1.32	0.46			0.39	0.33	0.13	0.01		BANTICK's surplus distributed
		540.00	417.71	540.00	540.00	344.70	314.35	0.13	0.11	2697.00	
8 to 11			118.48			184.01	- 314.35	11.86	0.00		KNIGHT excluded
		540.00	536.19	540.00	540.00	528.71	0.00	11.99	0.11	2697.00	BEVEN elected 4

2011 Southern Midlands Councillor election - first preferences



Southern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Mayor — Tony Bisdee (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 2 740

Formal Votes: 2 696

Ballot paper adjustment: 2

Informal ballot papers: 42

Total ballot papers: 2 738

Informality rate: 1.53%

		Candidates				Votes Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		CAMPBELL	GREEN	JONES J	JONES M				
Count 1	Progress Total	366	602	767	961	0	2 696	1 349	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	- 366	118	88	123	37			Campbell excluded
	Progress Total	0	720	855	1 084	37	2 696	1 330	
Count 3	Votes transferred		- 720	274	379	67			Green excluded
	Progress Total		0	1 129	1 463	104	2 696	1 297	Jones M elected

2011 Southern Midlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

