



Northern Midlands Council

2014 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Tasmania's local government elections were held in September-October 2014. These were the first all-in, all-out elections conducted since the enactment on 20 June 2013 of the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2013* and the making of the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2013*, the *Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2014* and the *Local Government (Elections) Order 2013*.

The effect of these was to defer the elections, originally scheduled for 2013, until 2014 when all councillors and aldermen, and mayors and deputy mayors, would be elected for a four year term ending in 2018. The terms of office of councillors elected in both 2009 and 2011 ended in 2014.

There was also a reduction in the number of councillors or aldermen to be elected to nine councils in 2014 (see statewide *Local government election report 2014* for further details).

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 quadrennial elections due in October 2018.

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.

2014 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 13 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 15 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 18 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 29 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 30 September
Ballot material received by electors	14–17 October
Polling period	14–28 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 28 October

Casual vacancies for councillor/alderman

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. If a recount is not possible, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

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 2014 Northern Midlands Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

9 628 Northern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 9 480 (98.46%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 148 (1.54%) from the General Manager's roll.

61.75% of Northern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58% statewide.

Northern Midlands Councillors following the 2014 elections

Mayor

DOWNIE, David

Deputy Mayor

GOSS, Richard

9 Councillors

DOWNIE, David

ADAMS, Dick

GOSS, Richard

LAMBERT, Janet

POLLEY, Michael

CALVERT, Andrew

KNOWLES, Mary

GONINON, Ian

GORDON, Leisa

The candidates

Northern Midlands Council

enrolment 9 628

Councillor

10 candidates (9 to be elected)

ADAMS, Dick *	Longford
CALVERT, Andrew *^	Longford
DOWNIE, David *^	Campbell Town
GONINON, Ian *^	Devon Hills
GORDON, Leisa *	Conara
GOSS, Richard *^	Longford
KNOWLES, Mary *^	Rossarden
LAMBERT, Janet *^	Devon Hills
POLLEY, Michael *	Longford
THIRKELL-JOHNSTON, Vanessa	Cressy

Mayor

2 candidates

ADAMS, Dick	Longford
DOWNIE, David *	Campbell Town

Deputy Mayor

4 candidates

GONINON, Ian	Devon Hills
GOSS, Richard *	Longford
KNOWLES, Mary	Rossarden
LAMBERT, Janet	Devon Hills

* denotes elected candidate

^ denotes seeking re-election

Northern Midlands Council - 2014 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Electors enrolled: 9 628

Declarations rejected: 88

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Formal Votes: 5 724

Number to be elected: 9

Declarations returned: 5 945

Declarations admitted: 5 857

Total ballot papers: 5 857

Informal ballot papers: 133

Returning Officer: Damian Read

Response rate: 61.75%

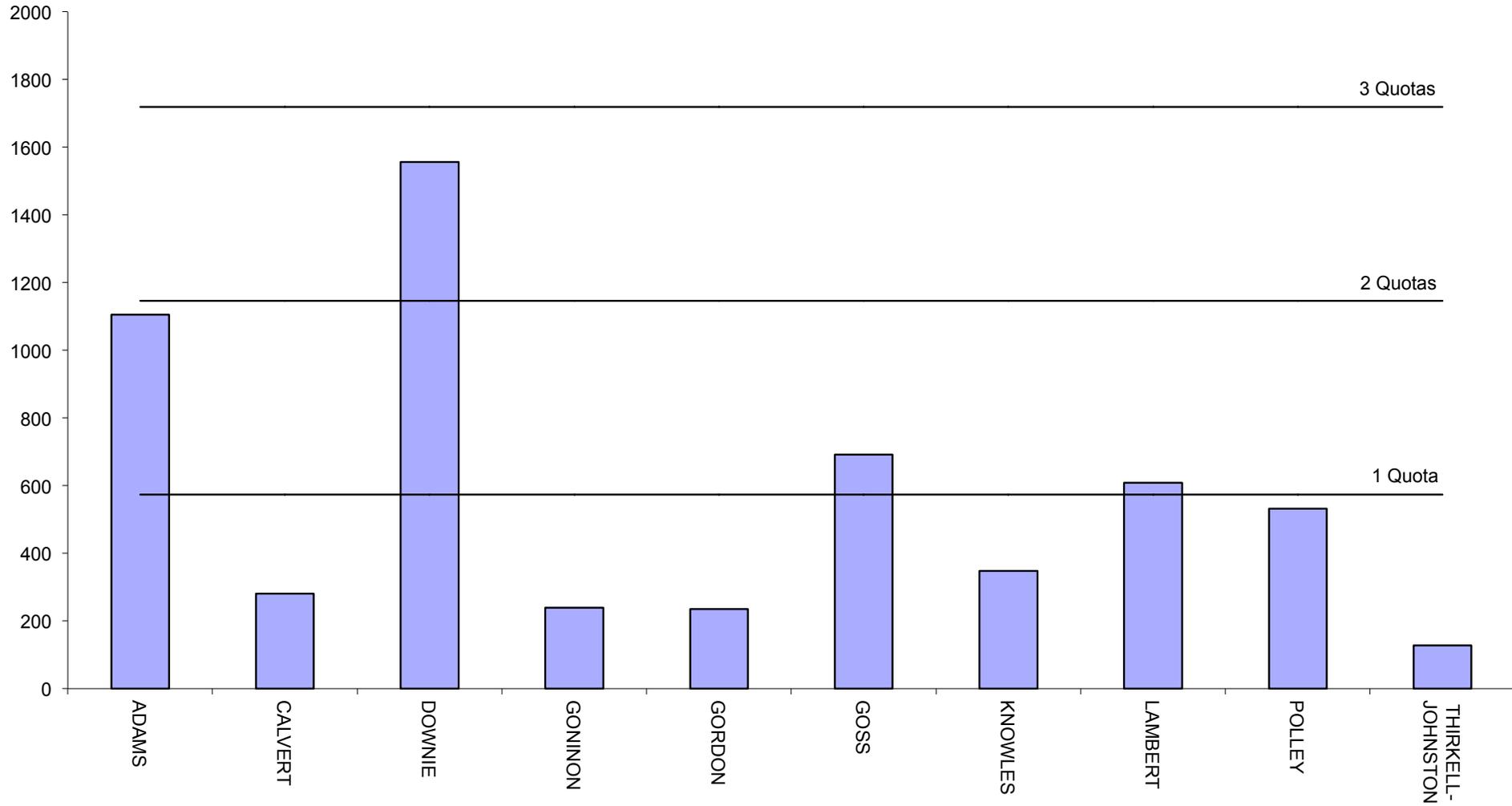
Rejection rate: 1.48%

Informality rate: 2.27%

Quota = 573

Count	ADAMS	CALVERT	DOWNIE	GONINON	GORDON	GOSS	KNOWLES	LAMBERT	POLLEY	THIRKELL-JOHNSTON	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	1105.00	281.00	1556.00	239.00	235.00	692.00	348.00	608.00	532.00	128.00		0.00	5724.00	DOWNIE elected 1, ADAMS elected 2, GOSS elected 3, LAMBERT elected 4
2		317.76	- 983.00	255.85	75.17		176.25		95.39	62.54		0.04		DOWNIE's surplus distributed
3	1105.00	598.76	573.00	494.85	310.17	692.00	524.25	608.00	627.39	190.54		0.04	5724.00	POLLEY elected 5, CALVERT elected 6
4	- 532.00			184.87	91.95		179.09			76.06		0.03		ADAMS' surplus distributed
5	573.00	598.76	573.00	679.72	402.12	692.00	703.34	608.00	627.39	266.60		0.07	5724.00	KNOWLES elected 7, GONINON elected 8
6					65.51	- 119.00				53.48		0.01		GOSS' surplus distributed
7	573.00	598.76	573.00	679.72	467.63	573.00	703.34	608.00	627.39	320.08		0.08	5724.00	
8					19.45			- 35.00		15.54		0.01		LAMBERT's surplus distributed
9	573.00	598.76	573.00	679.72	487.08	573.00	703.34	573.00	627.39	335.62		0.09	5724.00	
10					28.45				- 54.39	25.93		0.01		POLLEY's surplus distributed
11	573.00	598.76	573.00	679.72	515.53	573.00	703.34	573.00	573.00	361.55		0.10	5724.00	
12		- 25.76			14.03					11.72		0.01		CALVERT's surplus distributed
13	573.00	573.00	573.00	679.72	529.56	573.00	703.34	573.00	573.00	373.27		0.11	5724.00	
14					72.52		- 130.34			57.81	0.00	0.01		KNOWLES' surplus distributed
15	573.00	573.00	573.00	679.72	602.08	573.00	573.00	573.00	573.00	431.08	0.00	0.12	5724.00	GORDON elected 9

2014 Northern Midlands Councillor election - first preferences



Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Damian Read

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5 857

Formal Votes: 5 772

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

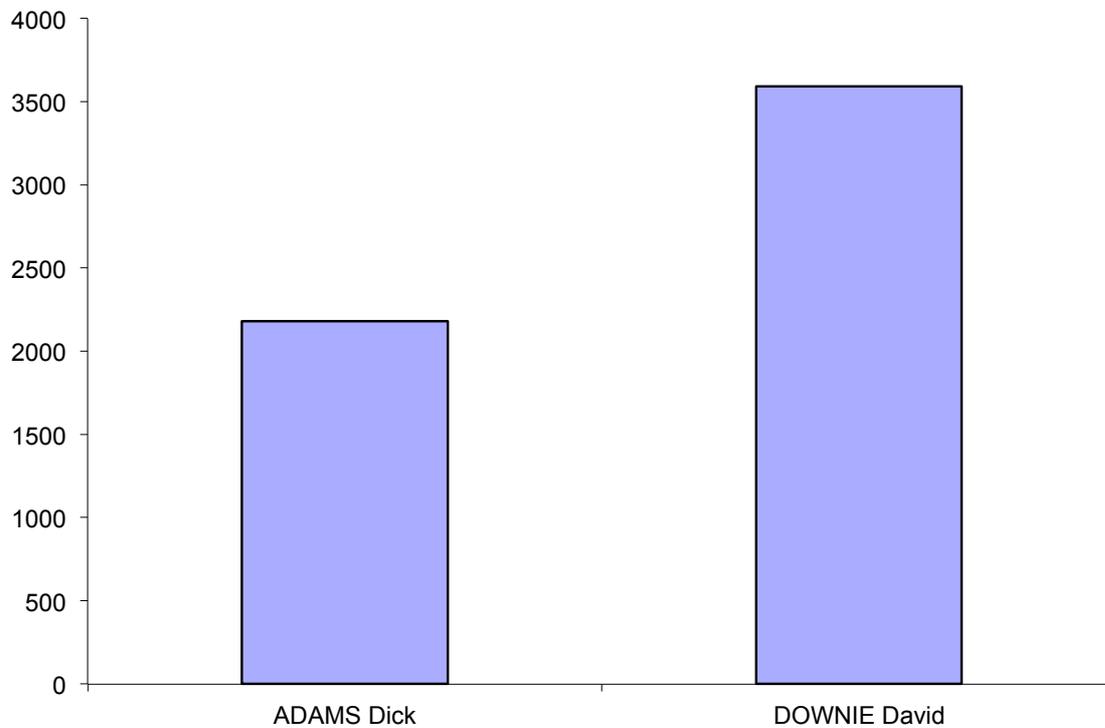
Informal ballot papers: 77

Total ballot papers: 5 849

Informality rate: 1.32%

		ADAMS Dick	DOWNIE David	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	First preferences	2181	3591	5772	2887	DOWNIE elected

2014 Northern Midlands Mayor election - first preferences



Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014

Returning Officer: Damian Read

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5 857

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Total ballot papers: 5 857

Formal Votes: 5 775

Informal ballot papers: 82

Informality rate: 1.40%

		GONINON Ian	GOSS Richard	KNOWLES Mary	LAMBERT Janet	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	1117	2002	1109	1547	0	5775	2888	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	167	275	-1109	582	85			KNOWLES excluded
	Progress Total	1284	2277	0	2129	85	5775	2846	
Count 3	Votes transferred	-1284	697		460	127			GONINON excluded
	Progress Total	0	2974		2589	212	5775	2782	GOSS elected

2014 Northern Midlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

