



# Sorell Council

## 2018 election report

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## Local Government Elections in Tasmania

The 2018 Sorell Council election was conducted by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are published on the TEC website [www.tec.tas.gov.au](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au).

### 2018 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 8 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6pm Thursday 13 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 24 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 25 September
Ballot material received by electors	8–12 October
Polling period	8–30 October
Close of poll	10am Tuesday 30 October

### Councillor casual vacancies

Councillor casual vacancies are filled by recount. Only unelected candidates from the relevant election may contest a recount. If there are no unelected candidates able to contest the recount, or the casual vacancy is also for the mayoral position, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

No casual vacancies are filled within 6 months of the next ordinary election, unless the vacancy results in the council unable to have a quorum.

### Elector polls

A council may hold an elector poll on any issue it determines. A council 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

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.

Voting in Tasmanian local government elections is not compulsory.

Andrew Hawkey ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER July 2019

## Report on the 2018 Sorell Council Elections

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

11 393 Sorell electors were enrolled for the 2018 elections, comprising 11 156 (97.92%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 237 (2.08%) from the General Manager's roll.

56.83% of Sorell electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 58.72% statewide.

### Sorell Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

#### Prior to the 2018 elections

##### **Mayor**

VINCENT, Kerry John

##### **Deputy Mayor**

McDONALD, Brett

##### **9 Councillors**

VINCENT, Kerry John

TORENIUS, Carmel

McDONALD, Brett

REYNOLDS, Natham

DE WILLIAMS, Deborah

EVANS, Graeme

WHITE, Lindsay

GALA, Vlad

DEGRASSI, Kerry

#### Following the 2018 elections

##### **Mayor**

VINCENT, Kerry

##### **Deputy Mayor**

REYNOLDS, Natham

##### **9 Councillors**

De WILLIAMS, Deborah

DEGRASSI, Kerry

GALA, Vlad

JACKSON, Geoffrey

NICHOLS, Beth

REED, Melinda

REYNOLDS, Natham

TORENIUS, Carmel

VINCENT, Kerry

## The candidates

### Sorell Council

enrolment 11 393

<b>Councillor</b>	9 candidates (9 to be elected) – no ballot required	
De WILLIAMS, Deborah		Midway Point
DEGRASSI, Kerry		Dodges Ferry
GALA, Vlad		Dodges Ferry
JACKSON, Geoffrey		Sorell
NICHOLS, Beth		Dodges Ferry
REED, Melinda		Dodges Ferry
REYNOLDS, Natham		Midway Point
TORENIUS, Carmel		Forcett
VINCENT, Kerry		Forcett

<b>Mayor</b>	1 candidate – no ballot required	
VINCENT, Kerry		Forcett

<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	4 candidates	
De WILLIAMS, Deborah		Midway Point
REED, Melinda		Dodges Ferry
REYNOLDS, Natham		Midway Point
TORENIUS, Carmel		Forcett

# **Sorell Council - 2018 Councillor election**

Returning Officer: Ashley Cooper

Number to be elected: 9

Number of candidates: 9 (elected unopposed)

**De WILLIAMS, Deborah**

**DEGRASSI, Kerry**

**GALA, Vlad**

**JACKSON, Geoffrey**

**NICHOLS, Beth**

**REED, Melinda**

**REYNOLDS, Natham**

**TORENIUS, Carmel**

**VINCENT, Kerry**

## Sorell Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Returning Officer: Ashley Cooper

**Mayor** — Kerry Vincent (elected unopposed)

### Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 6 321

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 6 317

Formal Votes: 6 256

Informal ballot papers: 61

Informality rate: 0.97%

		De WILLIAMS Deborah	REED Melinda	REYNOLDS Natham	TORENIUS Carmel	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	988	1097	2318	1853	0	6256	3129	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	-988	422	273	233	60			De WILLIAMS excluded
	Progress Total	0	1519	2591	2086	60	6256	3099	
Count 3	Votes transferred		-1519	811	640	68			REED excluded
	Progress Total		0	3402	2726	128	6256	3065	<b>REYNOLDS elected</b>

2018 Sorell Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

