



Derwent Valley Council

2018 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

The 2018 Derwent Valley 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.

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 Derwent Valley Council Elections

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 8 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

7 517 Derwent Valley electors were enrolled for the 2018 elections, comprising 7 394 (98.36%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 123 (1.64%) from the General Manager's roll.

59.78% of Derwent Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 58.72% statewide.

Derwent Valley Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

Prior to the 2018 elections

Mayor

EVANS, Martyn

Deputy Mayor

SHAW, Ben

8 Councillors

EVANS, Martyn

BELCHER, Paul

TRIFFETT, Julie

SHAW, Ben

PEARCE, Frank

GRAHAM, James

LATHEY, Barry Keith

SALT, Anne*

Following the 2018 elections

Mayor

SHAW, Ben

Deputy Mayor

COSGROVE, Jessica

8 Councillors

BELCHER, Paul Damien

SHAW, Ben

TRIFFETT, Julie

COSGROVE, Jessica

POWER, Rachel

EVANS, Martyn

BROWNING, Luke

SALT, Anne

* elected by recount

Recounts between the 2014 and 2018 elections

A recount was conducted on 27 March 2018, to fill a vacancy for Councillor on the Derwent Valley Council following the resignation of Damian Rodney Bester on 28 February 2018. Six unelected candidates from the 2014 Derwent Valley Council election contested the recount. An abstract of the count is at the back of this report.

The candidates

Derwent Valley Council

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Councillor	18 candidates (8 to be elected)	
BELCHER, Paul Damien		New Norfolk
BINGLEY, Phillip		Lachlan
BROWNING, Luke		Lawitta
COSGROVE, Jessica		New Norfolk
EVANS, Martyn		Magra
GRAHAM, James		New Norfolk
HALL, Kristy		Magra
HILL, Matthew		New Norfolk
LATHEY, Barry		New Norfolk
LESTER, Chris		Magra
NICHOLSON, Tony		Lachlan
PEARCE, Frank		New Norfolk
POWER, Rachel		Mount Field
SALT, Anne		New Norfolk
SHAW, Ben		Lawitta
SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne		New Norfolk
TRIFFETT, Julie		New Norfolk
WOODS, Natasha		New Norfolk

Mayor	6 candidates	
BELCHER, Paul Damien		New Norfolk
BINGLEY, Phillip		Lachlan
LESTER, Chris		Magra
SALT, Anne		New Norfolk
SHAW, Ben		Lawitta
TRIFFETT, Julie		New Norfolk

Deputy Mayor	8 candidates	
COSGROVE, Jessica		New Norfolk
HILL, Matthew		New Norfolk
LATHEY, Barry		New Norfolk
NICHOLSON, Tony		Lachlan
PEARCE, Frank		New Norfolk
POWER, Rachel		Mount Field
SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne		New Norfolk
WOODS, Natasha		New Norfolk

Derwent Valley Council - 2018 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Electors enrolled: 7 517

Declarations rejected: 76

Number to be elected: 8

Declarations returned: 4 494

Declarations admitted: 4 418

Returning Officer: Ashley Cooper

Response rate: 59.78%

Rejection rate: 1.69%

Count	BELCHER	BINGLEY	BROWNING	COSGROVE	EVANS	GRAHAM	HALL	HILL	LATHY	LESTER	NICHOLSON	PEARCE
1	854.00	98.00	171.00	215.00	232.00	141.00	131.00	145.00	57.00	195.00	60.00	72.00
2	- 384.00	26.52	48.56	41.81	25.18	23.38	19.33	48.11	20.23	21.58	14.38	16.18
3	470.00	124.52	219.56	256.81	257.18	164.38	150.33	193.11	77.23	216.58	74.38	88.18
4	470.00	137.91	271.34	313.50	301.82	173.30	192.73	217.21	92.40	230.41	84.20	103.80
5 to 8	470.00	137.97	271.47	313.76	302.16	173.46	192.96	217.44	92.50	230.46	84.30	104.11
9 to 12	470.00	144.64	278.15	315.64	308.38	181.24	195.29	221.77	94.83	242.03	86.54	105.00
13 to 16	470.00	151.43	287.39	324.77	315.41	186.47	197.18	226.44	104.06	249.17	0.00	109.45
17 to 20	470.00	155.31	298.67	340.70	326.45	202.20	201.07	231.56	0.00	256.74		114.68
21 to 24	470.00	156.75	308.36	352.75	335.67	214.87	208.96	242.26		258.18		119.57
25 to 28	470.00	166.01	318.31	360.45	356.96	228.06	209.85	253.50		263.31		0.00
29 to 32	470.00	- 166.01	18.52	25.52	24.79	18.48	6.24	13.49		29.42		
33 to 36	470.00	0.00	336.83	385.97	381.75	246.54	216.09	266.99		292.73		
37	470.00		37.22	40.71	31.97	13.81	- 216.09	19.26		14.13		
38	470.00		374.05	426.68	413.72	260.35	0.00	286.25		306.86		
39 to 40	470.00		38.11	37.54	42.03	- 260.35		29.76		38.19		
41	470.00		412.16	464.22	455.75	0.00		316.01		345.05		
42	470.00		57.00	46.00	23.00			- 214.00		20.00		
43	470.00		469.16	510.22	478.75			102.01		365.05		
44	470.00		34.62					- 65.13		18.88		
45	470.00		503.78	510.22	478.75			36.88		383.93		
46	470.00		503.78	510.22	478.75			- 36.88		9.47		
47	470.00		503.78	510.22	478.75			0.00		393.40		
48	470.00		503.78	470.00	478.75					13.11		
49	470.00		503.78	470.00	478.75					406.51		
50	470.00		503.78	470.00	478.75					9.20		
51	470.00		503.78	470.00	478.75					415.71		
52	470.00		503.78	470.00	470.00					3.04		
53	470.00		503.78	470.00	470.00					418.75		
54	470.00		- 33.78							15.35		
55	470.00		470.00	470.00	470.00					434.10		

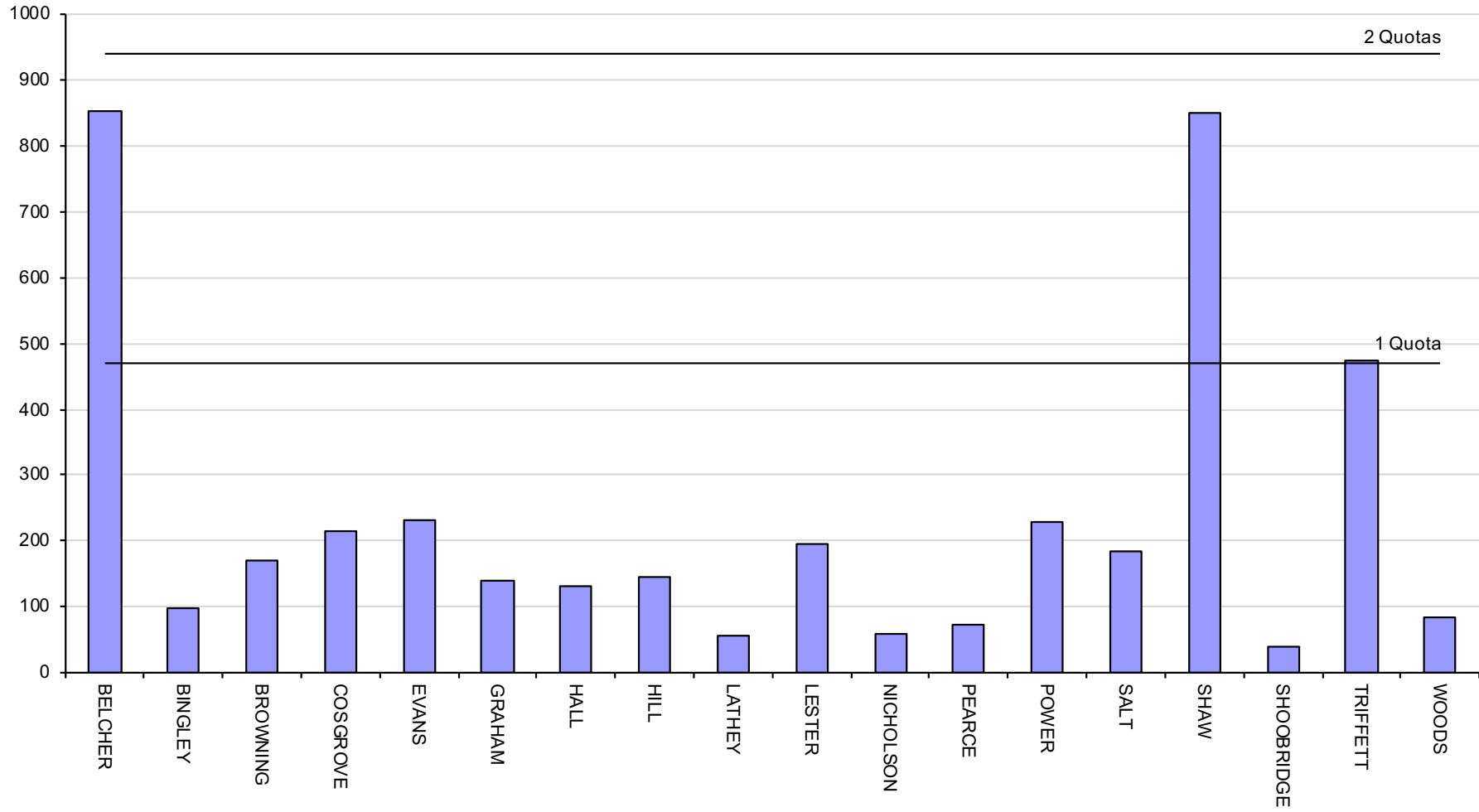
Ballot paper adjustment: 31
 Total ballot papers: 4 387

Formal Votes: 4 229
 Informal ballot papers: 158
 Informality rate: 3.60%

Quota = 470

POWER	SALT	SHAW	SHOOBRIDGE	TRIFFETT	WOODS	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
230.00	184.00	849.00	39.00	473.00	83.00		0.00	4229.00	BELCHER elected 1, SHAW elected 2, TRIFFETT elected 3
37.32	19.33		13.93		8.09		0.07		BELCHER's surplus distributed
267.32	203.33	849.00	52.93	473.00	91.09		0.07	4229.00	
41.06	18.74	- 379.00	12.05		10.71		0.08		SHAW's surplus distributed
308.38	222.07	470.00	64.98	473.00	101.80		0.15	4229.00	
0.39	0.32		0.04	- 3.00	0.21		0.07		TRIFFETT's surplus distributed
308.77	222.39	470.00	65.02	470.00	102.01		0.22	4229.00	
6.23	5.23		- 65.02		0.44		0.20		SHOOBRIDGE excluded
315.00	227.62	470.00	0.00	470.00	102.45		0.42	4229.00	
6.44	9.78				5.33		0.19		NICHOLSON excluded
321.44	237.40	470.00		470.00	107.78		0.61	4229.00	
7.45	12.57				4.22		0.15		LATHEY excluded
328.89	249.97	470.00		470.00	112.00		0.76	4229.00	
17.18	24.70				- 112.00		0.13		WOODS excluded
346.07	274.67	470.00		470.00	0.00		0.89	4229.00	
23.76	17.05						0.11		PEARCE excluded
369.83	291.72	470.00		470.00			1.00	4229.00	
15.92	13.58						0.05		BINGLEY excluded
385.75	305.30	470.00		470.00			1.05	4229.00	
26.98	31.98						0.03		HALL excluded
412.73	337.28	470.00		470.00			1.08	4229.00	
33.56	41.20						(0.04)		GRAHAM excluded
446.29	378.48	470.00		470.00			1.04	4229.00	
46.00	20.00					2.00	0.00		HILL part excluded
492.29	398.48	470.00		470.00		2.00	1.04	4229.00	COSGROVE elected 4, POWER elected 5, EVANS elected 6
	10.34					1.34	(0.05)		HILL part excluded
492.29	408.82	470.00		470.00		3.34	0.99	4229.00	BROWNING elected 7
	16.64					10.82	(0.05)		HILL excluded
492.29	425.46	470.00		470.00		14.16	0.94	4229.00	
	20.10					6.99	0.02		COSGROVE's surplus distributed
492.29	445.56	470.00		470.00		21.15	0.96	4229.00	
- 22.29	10.17					2.90	0.02		POWER's surplus distributed
470.00	455.73	470.00		470.00		24.05	0.98	4229.00	
	4.18					1.52	0.01		EVANS' surplus distributed
470.00	459.91	470.00		470.00		25.57	0.99	4229.00	
	10.96					7.45	0.02		BROWNING's surplus distributed
470.00	470.87	470.00		470.00		33.02	1.01	4229.00	SALT elected 8

2018 Derwent Valley Councillor election - first preferences



Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Returning Officer: Ashley Cooper

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4 418

Ballot paper adjustment: 10

Total ballot papers: 4 408

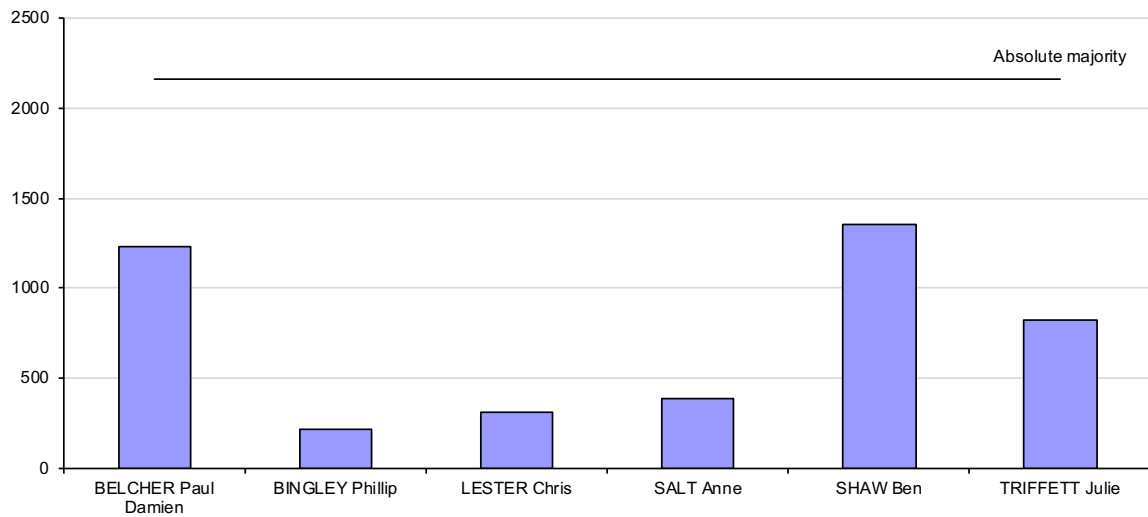
Formal Votes: 4 320

Informal ballot papers: 88

Informality rate: 2.00%

	BELCHER Paul Damien	BINGLEY Phillip	LESTER Chris	SALT Anne	SHAW Ben	TRIFFETT Julie	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks	
Count 1	Progress Total	1227	213	315	387	1350	828	0	4320	2161	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	44	-213	45	29	27	30	38			BINGLEY excluded
	Progress Total	1271	0	360	416	1377	858	38	4320	2142	
Count 3	Votes transferred	101		-360	65	68	69	57			LESTER excluded
	Progress Total	1372		0	481	1445	927	95	4320	2113	
Count 4	Votes transferred	98			-481	103	207	73			SALT excluded
	Progress Total	1470			0	1548	1134	168	4320	2077	
Count 5	Votes transferred	509				456	-1134	169			TRIFFETT excluded
	Progress Total	1979				2004	0	337	4320	1992	SHAW elected

2018 Derwent Valley Mayor election - first preferences



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Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Returning Officer: Ashley Cooper

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 4 418

Ballot paper adjustment: 10

Total ballot papers: 4 408

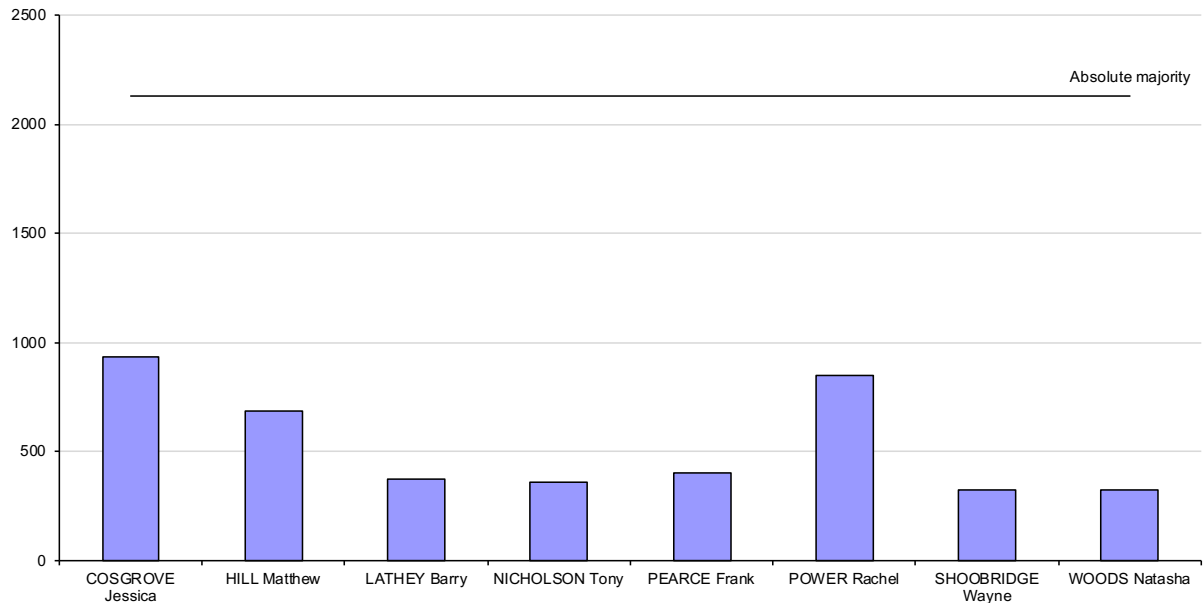
Formal Votes: 4 257

Informal ballot papers: 151

Informality rate: 3.43%

		Candidates								Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		COSGROVE Jessica	HILL Matthew	LATHEY Barry	NICHOLSON Tony	PEARCE Frank	POWER Rachel	SHOBRIDGE Wayne	WOODS Natasha				
Count 1	Progress Total	935	683	375	357	405	851	327	324	0	4257	2129	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	69	43	5	16	19	94	20	-324	58			WOODS excluded
	Progress Total	1004	726	380	373	424	945	347	0	58	4257	2100	
Count 3	Votes transferred	39	46	62	49	38	49	-347		64			SHOBRIDGE excluded
	Progress Total	1043	772	442	422	462	994	0		122	4257	2068	
Count 4	Votes transferred	75	76	98	-422	46	69			58			NICHOLSON excluded
	Progress Total	1118	848	540	0	508	1063			180	4257	2039	
Count 5	Votes transferred	108	91	85		-508	142			82			PEARCE excluded
	Progress Total	1226	939	625		0	1205			262	4257	1998	
Count 6	Votes transferred	165	208	-625			158			94			LATHEY excluded
	Progress Total	1391	1147	0			1363			356	4257	1951	
Count 7	Votes transferred	528	-1147				469			150			HILL excluded
	Progress Total	1919	0				1832			506	4257	1876	COSGROVE elected

2018 Derwent Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences



Derwent Valley Council Councillor Recount

Recount due to resignation of Damian Rodney Bester

27 March 2018

		LESTER Chris	MORRIS Tim	NICHOLSON Tony	SALT Anne	SHAW Scott Darrell	SHOOBRIDGE Wayne	Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Counts 1-5	Total	68.93	55.77	96.29	89.76	72.18	31.66	4.41	0.00	419.00	207.30	Distribution of Bester
Counts 6-8	Votes transferred	8.72	0.83	7.25	2.83	12.00	- 31.66	0.00	0.03			SHOOBRIDGE excluded
	Progress total	77.65	56.60	103.54	92.59	84.18	0.00	4.41	0.03	419.00	207.30	
Counts 9-10	Votes transferred	8.00	- 56.60	12.25	18.83	10.51		7.00	0.01			MORRIS excluded
	Progress total	85.65	0.00	115.79	111.42	94.69		11.41	0.04	419.00	203.80	
Counts 11-13	Votes transferred	- 85.65		17.25	36.09	21.83		10.46	0.02			LESTER excluded
	Progress total	0.00		133.04	147.51	116.52		21.87	0.06	419.00	198.57	
Counts 14-17	Votes transferred			51.99	46.20	- 116.52		18.32	0.01			SHAW excluded
	Progress total			185.03	193.71	0.00		40.19	0.07	419.00	189.41	SALT elected