



# Northern Midlands Council

## 2000 election report

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## Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every second (even) year elections are held in all 29 councils for the positions of mayor and deputy mayor and half the councillor positions. Where required, by-elections are held concurrently for vacancies that have occurred since the last elections.

The Tasmanian Electoral Office (TEO) supervises the conduct of elections in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. Elections by postal ballot have been held in 1994, 1996, 1999 (deferred from 1998) and 2000, with the next elections due in October 2002.

Following recent changes to the Act, mayors and deputy mayors were elected directly by the electors in each municipal area for the first time in 2000.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are available from the TEO and are posted on the TEO website [www.electoral.tas.gov.au](http://www.electoral.tas.gov.au).

### 2000 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 16 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 21 September
Nomination period	25 September— 12 noon on 4 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 4 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 5 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	17–20 October
Polling period	17–31 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 31 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.

### Electoral 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 2000 Northern Midlands Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms and 5 Councillors for 4 year terms.

8374 Northern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 8225 (98.22%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 149 (1.77%) from the General Manager's roll.

65.39% of Northern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

## Candidates at the 2000 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ POLLEY, Kim	Longford	★ BARNES, Marie*	Perth
		★ CHUGG, David	Relbia
		DELL, Marnie	Perth
		★ DOWNIE, David*	Campbell Town
		DUNCOMBE, Geoff	Campbell Town
		GONINON, Ian*	Devon Hills
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ GREEN, Rae Elizabeth	Longford
DOWNIE, David	Campbell Town	PERKINS-SHAW, Sallie*	Evandale
GONINON, Ian	Devon Hills	★ PITT, Len	Longford
★ McSHANE, Don	Avoca		
PERKINS-SHAW, Sallie	Evandale		

★ denotes elected candidate

\* denotes seeking re-election

## Northern Midlands Councillors following the 2000 elections

### Mayor

*term ends 2002*

POLLEY Kim

### Deputy Mayor

*term ends 2002*

McSHANE Don

### 9 Councillors

*term ends 2004*

DOWNIE David J

CHUGG David

BARNES Marie

PITT Len

GREEN Rae Elizabeth

*term ends 2002*

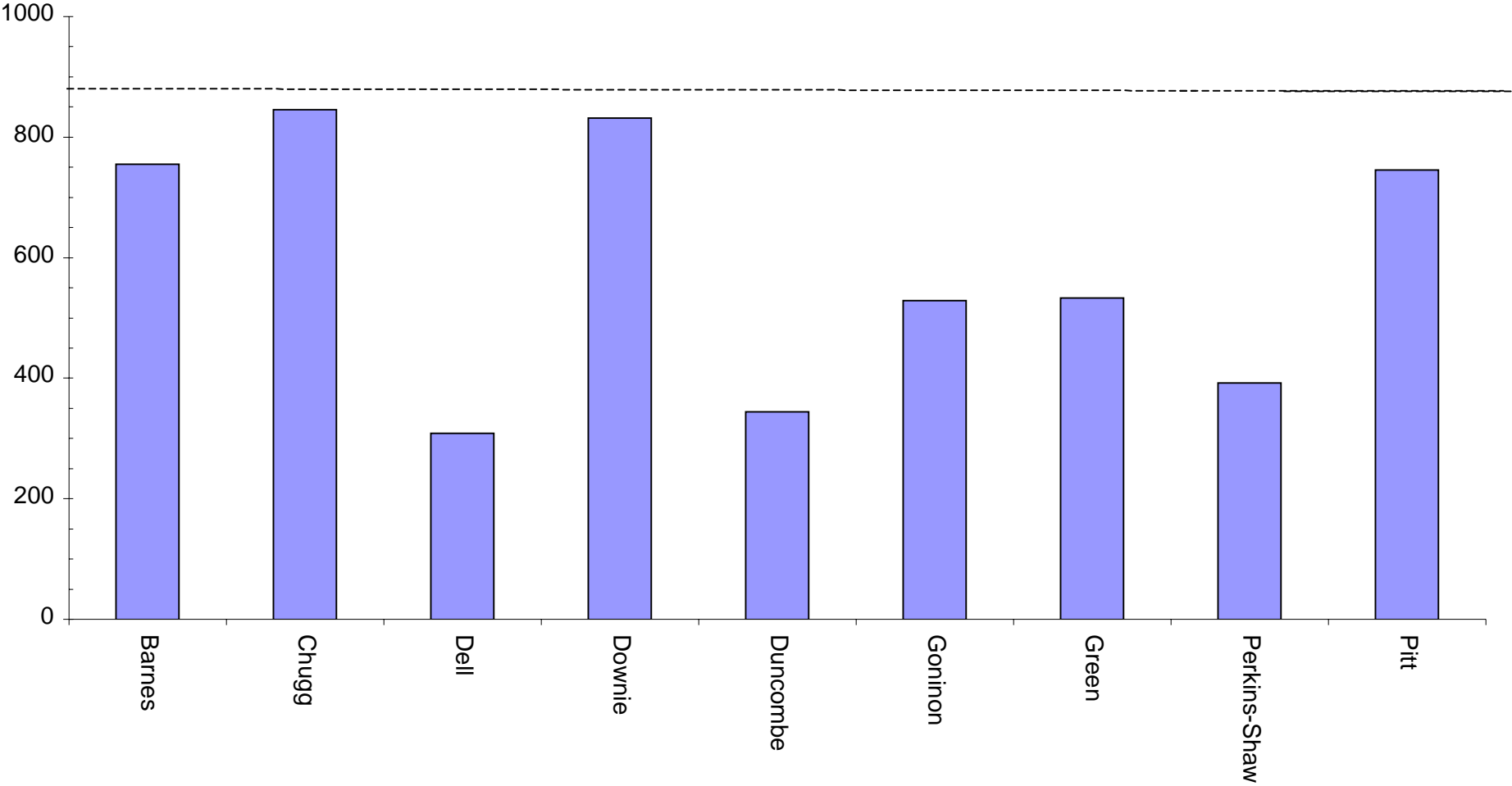
POLLEY Kim

GATENBY David J

McSHANE Don

WILLIAMS Max

# 2000 Councillor first preferences



## Council Distribution Preferences

### Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Number to be elected : 5

Returning Officer : Mr Stephen Ferris

Electors enrolled : 8 374

Declarations returned : 5 476

Response 65.39%

Declarations rejected : 113

Declarations admitted : 5 363

Rejection rate : 2.06%

Ballot paper adjustment : 4

Total ballot papers : 5 359

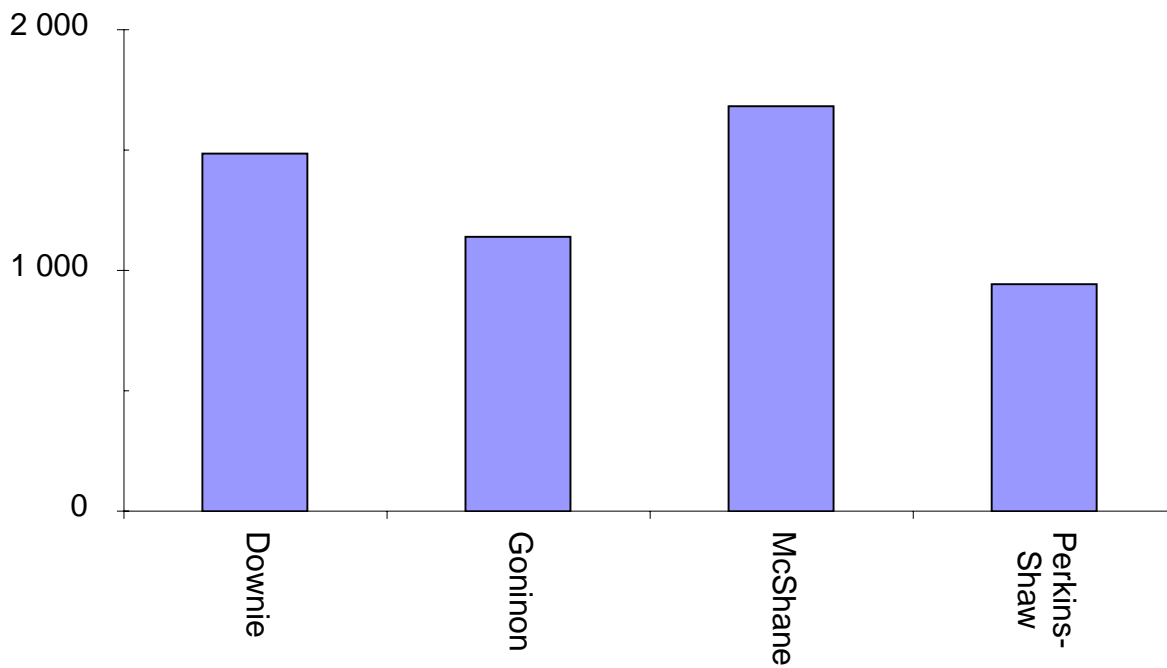
Formal votes : 5 281

Informal ballot papers : 78

Informality rate : 1.45%

		CANDIDATES									Quota = 881			
		Barnes	Chugg	Dell	Downie	Duncombe	Gonion	Green	Perkins-Shaw	Pitt	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	Total	755.00	845.00	308.00	831.00	344.00	528.00	533.00	392.00	745.00			5 281.00	
Count 2	Votes transferred	69.00	19.00	- 308.00	30.00	11.00	24.00	78.00	51.00	26.00				Dell excluded
	Progress totals	824.00	864.00	0.00	861.00	355.00	552.00	611.00	443.00	771.00			5 281.00	
Count 3	Votes transferred	41.00	38.00		157.00	- 355.00	13.00	22.00	41.00	43.00				Duncombe excluded
	Progress totals	865.00	902.00		1 018.00	0.00	565.00	633.00	484.00	814.00			5 281.00	<b>Downie elected 1, Chugg elected 2</b>
Count 4	Votes transferred	35.77			- 137.00		24.43	13.96	32.28	29.66	0.87	0.03		Downie's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	900.77	902.00		881.00		589.43	646.96	516.28	843.66	0.87	0.03	5 281.00	<b>Barnes elected 3</b>
Count 5	Votes transferred		- 21.00				6.07	2.76	4.97	7.18	0.00	0.02		Chugg's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	900.77	881.00		881.00		595.50	649.72	521.25	850.84	0.87	0.05	5 281.00	
Count 6	Votes transferred	- 19.77					4.33	3.37	8.19	3.37	0.48	0.03		Barnes' surplus distributed
	Progress totals	881.00	881.00		881.00		599.83	653.09	529.44	854.21	1.35	0.08	5 281.00	
Count 7	Votes transferred						144.00	219.00	- 484.00	119.00	2.00	0.00		Perkins-Shaw part excluded
	Progress totals	881.00	881.00		881.00		743.83	872.09	45.44	973.21	3.35	0.08	5 281.00	<b>Pitt elected 4</b>
Count 8	Votes transferred						16.57	13.08	- 32.28		2.61	0.02		Perkins-Shaw part excluded
	Progress totals	881.00	881.00		881.00		760.40	885.17	13.16	973.21	5.96	0.10	5 281.00	<b>Green elected 5</b>

### Northern Midlands Council – 2000 Deputy Mayor first preferences



# Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Returning Officer : Mr Stephen Ferris

Electors enrolled : 8 374

Declarations returned : 5 476

Response 65.39%

## Mayor — Kim Polley

Elected unopposed

## Deputy Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 3

Total ballot papers : 5 360

Formal votes : 5 246

Informal ballot papers : 114

Informality Rate : 2.12%

		CANDIDATES				Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Remarks
		Downie	Goninon	McShane	Perkins-Shaw			
Count 1	Total	1 484	1 138	1 682	942		5 246	
Count 2	Votes transferred	273	293	257	- 942	119		Perkins-Shaw excluded
	Progress totals	1 757	1 431	1 939	0	119	5 246	
Count 3	Votes transferred	603	-1 431	679		149		Goninon excluded
	Progress totals	2 360	0	2 618	0	268	5 246	<b>McShane Elected</b>