



Sorell 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.

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 Sorell Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, 4 Councillors for 4 year terms and one by-election for a Councillor for a 2 year term.

7651 Sorell electors were enrolled for the 2000 elections, comprising 7351 (96.07%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 300 (3.92%) from the General Manager's roll.

59.33% of Sorell electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.78% statewide.

Recount

One recount was held between the 1999 and 2000 elections. Councillor William Alfred Deeks resigned from the Sorell Council on 19 April 2000. Five unelected candidates from the 1999 Sorell election consented to contest the recount. The recount took place at noon Monday 8 May 2000. Full details are provided on the back page.

Candidates at the 2000 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
DEAN, Bryan	Midway Point	BRUCE-MULLINS, Tony	Midway Point
DEGRASSI, Kerry*	Dodges Ferry	CROSS, Mike	Park Beach
★ TORENIUS, Carmel	Lewisham	DAVIS, Anthony	Sorell
		DAVIS, John	Marion Bay
		DEEKS, William	Sorell
		★ DEGRASSI, Kerry*	Dodges Ferry
		KNOX, Elizabeth	Copping
		LEACH, Rob*	Carlton
		★ McDERMOTT, Tony	Sorell
		MEAD, Stan (Junior)	Dodges Ferry
		PRIOR, Sharon	Dodges Ferry
		★ PURDON, Mike*	Sorell
		★ RHEINBERGER, Jack	Sorell
		★ TORENIUS, Carmel*	Lewisham
Deputy Mayor			
★ EVANS, Graeme	Sorell		
GILL, Graeme	Sorell		
PURDON, Mike	Sorell		
WARD, Keith	Dunalley		

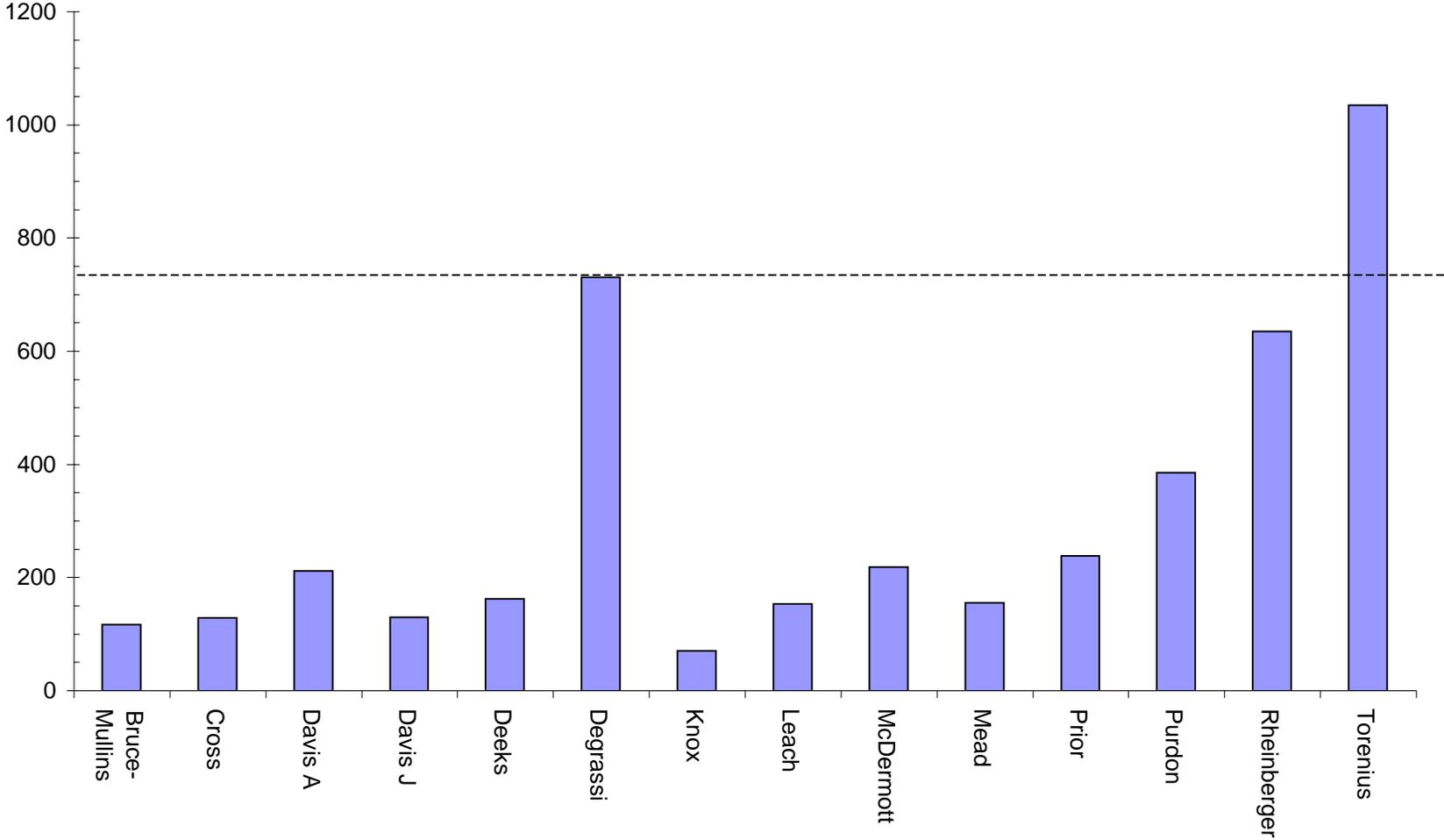
★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Sorell Councillors following the 2000 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2002</i>	<i>term ends 2004</i>	<i>term ends 2002</i>
TORENIUS Carmel	TORENIUS Carmel	WARD Keith
	DEGRASSI Kerry	DEAN Bryan
Deputy Mayor	RHEINBERGER Jack	GILL Graeme
<i>term ends 2002</i>	PURDON Mike	EVANS Graeme
EVANS Graeme		McDERMOTT Tony

2000 Councillor first preferences



Councillor distribution of preferences

Sorell Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Number to be elected : 5

Returning Officer : Mr Graham Hyde

Electors enrolled : 7 651
 Declarations returned : 4 539
 Response 59.32%

Declarations rejected : 88
 Declarations admitted : 4 451
 Rejection rate : 1.93%

Ballot paper adjustment : 3
 Total ballot papers : 4 448

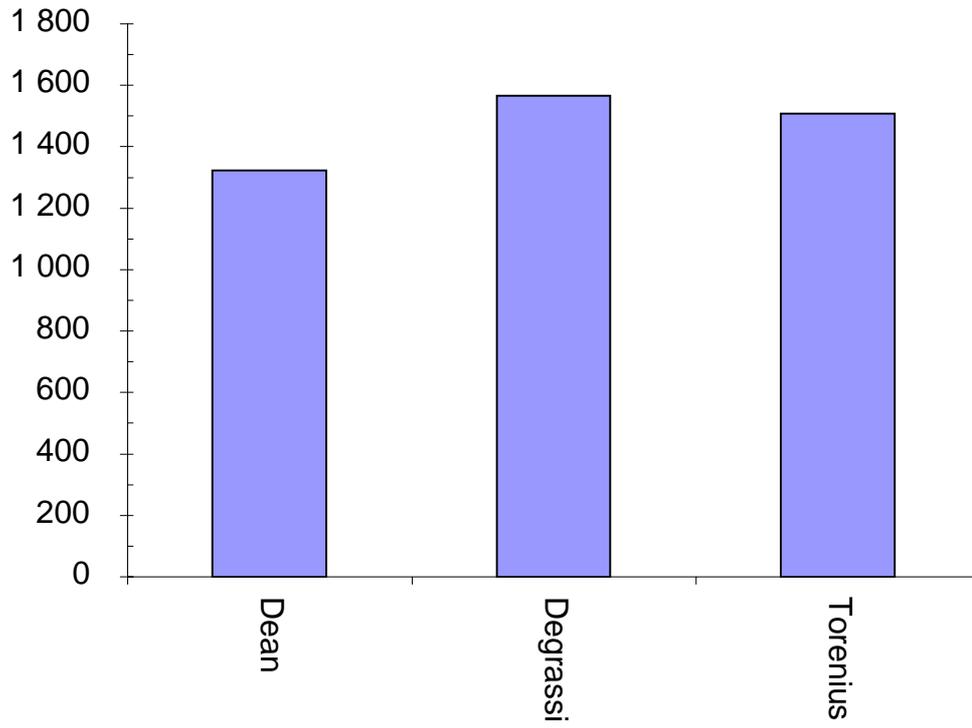
Formal votes : 4 364
 Informal ballot papers : 84
 Informality rate : 1.88%

CANDIDATES

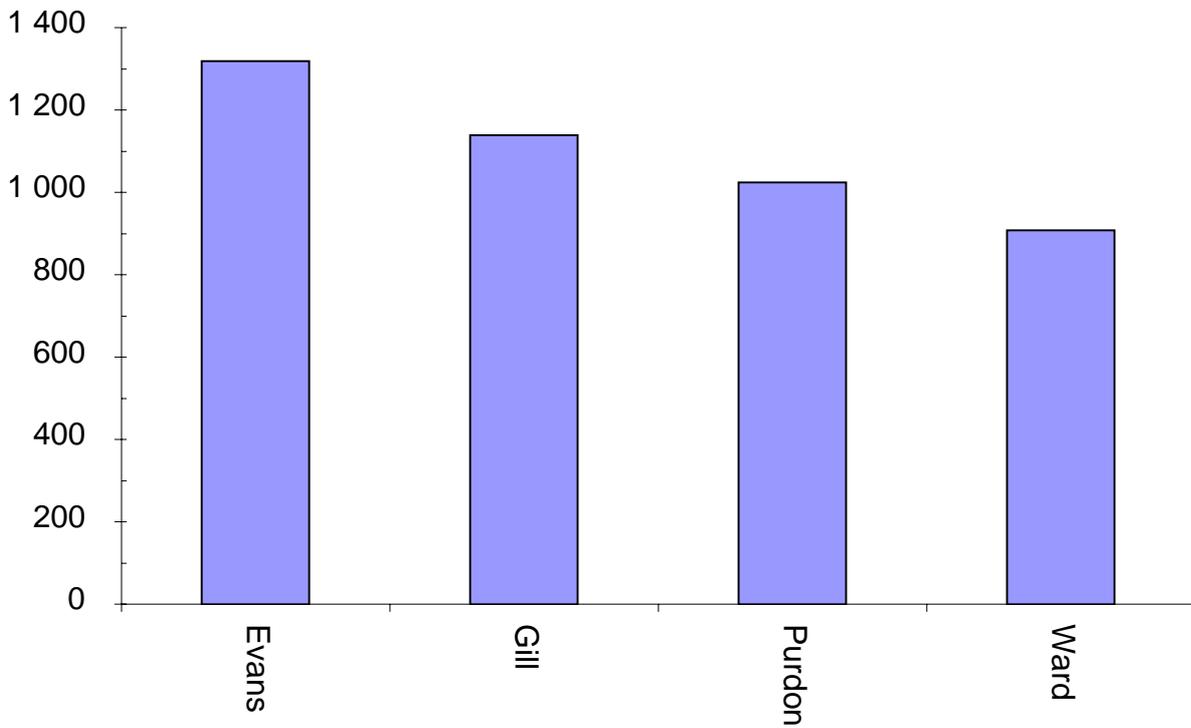
Quota = 728

	Bruce-Mullins	Cross	Davis A	Davis J	Deeks	Degrassi	Knox	Leach	McDermott	Mead	Prior	Purdon	Rheinberger	Torenius	Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
Count 1	116.00	128.00	211.00	129.00	162.00	730.00	70.00	153.00	218.00	155.00	238.00	385.00	635.00	1 034.00			4 364.00	Torenius elected 1,
Count 2	14.50	11.54	22.19	18.34	8.58		11.83	21.30	36.40	21.60	14.79	29.88	94.99	- 306.00		0.06		Degrassi elected 2
Count 3	130.50	139.54	233.19	147.34	170.58	730.00	81.83	174.30	254.40	176.60	252.79	414.88	729.99	728.00		0.06		Torenius's surplus distributed
Count 4	0.05	0.13	0.13	0.08	0.12	- 2.00	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.24	0.51				0.06		Rheinberger elected 3
Count 5 to 8	130.55	139.67	233.32	147.42	170.70	728.00	81.98	174.48	254.58	176.77	253.03	415.39	729.99	728.00		0.12		Degrassi's surplus distributed
Count 9 to 12	0.07	0.06	0.29	0.24	0.04		0.04	0.22	0.61	0.22	0.05	0.10	- 1.99			0.05		Rheinberger's surplus distributed
Count 13 to 16	130.62	139.73	233.61	147.66	170.74	728.00	82.02	174.70	255.19	176.99	253.08	415.49	728.00	728.00		0.17		Knox excluded
Count 17 to 20	5.29	16.88	1.59	3.18	3.29		- 82.02	4.90	8.47	2.89	26.09	9.30				0.14		
Count 21 to 24	135.91	156.61	235.20	150.84	174.03	728.00	0.00	179.60	263.66	179.88	279.17	424.79	728.00	728.00		0.31		Bruce-Mullins excluded
Count 25 to 28	- 135.91	11.60	30.15	13.08	11.29		11.19	23.96	23.96	12.19	6.59	15.77				0.09		Davis, J Excluded
Count 29 to 32	0.00	168.21	265.35	163.92	185.32	728.00	190.79	287.62	192.07	285.76	440.56	728.00	728.00	728.00	2.00	0.08		
Count 33	15.19	32.28	- 163.92	12.88			16.59	30.23	24.87	4.60	25.20				2.00	0.48		Cross excluded
Count 34 to 36	183.40	297.63	0.00	198.20	728.00		207.38	317.85	216.94	290.36	465.76	728.00	728.00	728.00	0.30	0.04		Deeks excluded
Count 37	- 183.40	15.18		15.30			14.09	16.78	15.99	83.62	22.10				2.30	0.52		Leach excluded
	0.00	312.81		213.50	728.00		221.47	334.63	232.93	373.98	487.86	728.00	728.00	728.00	4.00	0.05		Mead excluded
	25.90			- 213.50			37.49	30.48	34.81	24.89	55.88				6.30	0.57		Davis A Part excluded
	338.71			0.00			258.96	365.11	267.74	398.87	543.74	728.00	728.00	728.00	9.48	- 0.01		Purdon elected 4
	37.15			37.15			- 258.96	59.01	51.89	46.62	54.82				15.78	0.56		Davis A Fully excluded
	375.86			68.78			0.00	424.12	319.63	445.49	598.56	728.00	728.00	728.00	17.34	- 0.02		Purdon's surplus distributed
	68.78			444.64			518.87	0.00	484.33	698.50	728.00	728.00	728.00	728.00	33.12	0.54		McDermott elected 5
	- 393.00			51.64			156.00		59.00	137.00					41.00	0.00		
	51.64			- 51.64			674.87		543.33	835.50	728.00	728.00	728.00	728.00	74.12	0.54		
	0.00			0.00			704.09		11.72						10.75	- 0.05		
							555.05		835.50	728.00	728.00	728.00	728.00	728.00	84.87	0.49		
							58.06		21.97	- 107.50					27.46	0.01		
							762.15		577.02	728.00	728.00	728.00	728.00	728.00	112.33	0.50		

Sorell Council – 2000 Mayor first preferences



Sorell Council – 2000 Deputy Mayor first preferences



Sorell Council

Polling closed at 10 am Tuesday 31 October 2000

Returning Officer : Mr Graham Hyde

Electors enrolled : 7 651

Declarations returned : 4 539

Response 59.32%

Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 2

Total ballot papers : 4 449

Formal votes : 4 394

Informal ballot papers : 55

Informality Rate : 1.23%

		CANDIDATES			Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Remarks
		Dean	Degrassi	Torenus			
Count 1	Total	1 322	1 565	1 507		4 394	
Count 2	Votes transferred	-1 322	483	600	239		Dean excluded
	Progress totals	0	2 048	2 107	239	4 394	Torenus Elected

Deputy Mayor

Ballot paper adjustment : 4

Total ballot papers : 4 447

Formal votes : 4 387

Informal ballot papers : 60

Informality Rate : 1.34%

		CANDIDATES				Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Remarks
		Evans	Gill	Purdon	Ward			
Count 1	Total	1 318	1 138	1 024	907		4 387	
Count 2	Votes transferred	241	275	260	- 907	131		Ward excluded
	Progress totals	1 559	1 413	1 284	0	131	4 387	
Count 3	Votes transferred	560	491	-1 284		233		Purdon excluded
	Progress totals	2 119	1 904	0		364	4 387	Evans Elected

Recount due to the resignation of Councillor **William Deeks**

Recount conducted at noon Monday 8 May 2000

Distribution of preferences (multiplied by 100)

		CANDIDATES					Exhausted Votes	Lost by fraction	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
		KING Allan	LEACH Rob	MEAD Stan	PRIOR Sharon	WHITE Scott					
Counts 1 to 5	Deeks Distribution	15 107	17 139	17 701	6 459	8 823	500	5	65 734	32 615	
Counts 6 to 7	Votes transferred	1 326	1 254	1 871	-6 459	1 499	506	3			Prior excluded
	Progressive total	16 433	18 393	19 572	0	10 322	1 006	8	65 734	32 361	
Counts 8 to 12	Votes transferred	2 608	4 185	2 318		-10 322	1 208	3			White excluded
	Progressive total	19 041	22 578	21 890		0	2 214	11	65 734	31 755	
Count 13	Votes transferred	-17 900	9 500	6 200			2 200	0			King part excluded
	Progressive total	1 141	32 078	28 090			4 414	11	65 734	30 655	Leach Elected