



Central Highlands Council

2002 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), 2000 and 2002, with the next elections due in October 2004.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are elected directly by the electors in each municipal area.

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.

2002 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 14 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 19 September
Nomination period	23 September— 12 noon on 2 October
Nominations closed	12 noon Wednesday 2 October
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Thursday 3 October
Ballot material delivered to electors	15–18 October
Polling period	15–29 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 29 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.

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 2002 Central Highlands 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

2 518 Central Highlands electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 1 653 (65.65%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 865 (34.35%) from the General Manager's roll.

67.08% of Central Highlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

Candidates at the 2002 elections

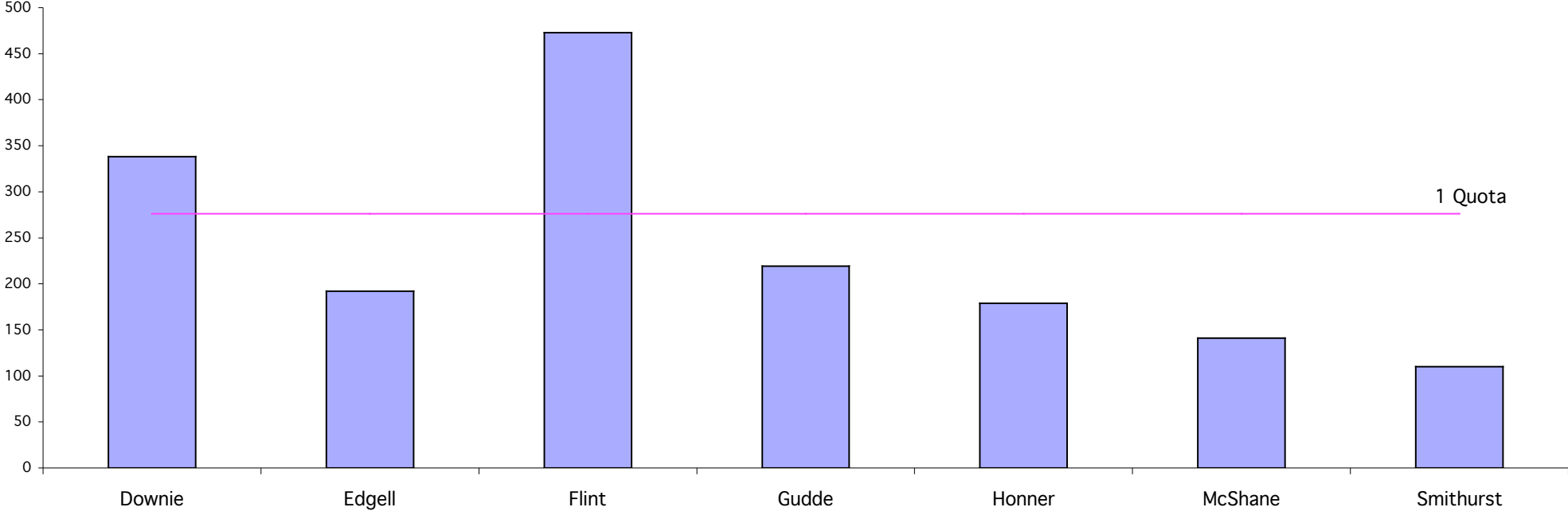
Mayor		Councillors	
★ FLINT, Deirdre	Hollow Tree	★ DOWNIE, Andrew	Gretna
		★ EDGELL, Henry	Bothwell
		★ FLINT, Deirdre*	Hollow Tree
		★ GUDDE, David	Hamilton
		★ HONNER, Julie	Miena
		McSHANE, Peter*	Bothwell
		SMITHURST, Terry	Ellendale
Deputy Mayor			
★ BOWDEN, Richard*	Bothwell		

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Central Highlands Councillors following the 2002 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2004</i>	<i>term ends 2006</i>	<i>term ends 2004</i>
FLINT Deidre	FLINT Deidre	BOWDEN Richard
	DOWNIE Andrew	SHOOBRIDGE John Rupert
Deputy Mayor	GUDDE David	MONKS Janet
<i>term ends 2004</i>	HONNER Julie	TOMLIN Nigel
BOWDEN Richard		EDGELL Henry

Central Highlands Councillor 2002 First Preferences



Central Highlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 29 October 2002

Number to be elected: 5

Returning Officer: Mr Graham Hyde

Electors enrolled: 2518

Declarations returned: 1689

Response: 67.08%

Declarations rejected: 20

Declarations admitted: 1669

Rejection rate: 1.18%

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 1665

Quota= 276

Formal Votes: 1652

Informal ballot papers: 13

Informality rate: 0.78%

		Candidates						Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		Downie	Edgell	Flint	Gudde	Honner	McShane				
Count 1	Total	338.00	192.00	473.00	219.00	179.00	141.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	1652 Flint elected 1, Downie elected 2
Count 2	Votes transferred		30.82	-197.00	39.56	53.31	47.06	26.23	0.00	0.02	Flint's surplus distributed
Count 3	Progress totals	338.00	222.82	276.00	258.56	232.31	188.06	136.23	0.00	0.02	1652
	Votes transferred	-62.00	13.57		14.85	8.80	17.42	7.33	0.00	0.03	Downie's surplus distributed
Count 4	Progress totals	276.00	236.39	276.00	273.41	241.11	205.48	143.56	0.00	0.05	1652 Smithhurst excluded
	Votes transferred		11.00		55.00	25.00	19.00	-110.00	0.00	0.00	Smithhurst's votes distributed
Count 5	Progress totals	276.00	247.39	276.00	328.41	266.11	224.48	33.56	0.00	0.05	1652 Gudde elected 3 , Smithhurst partially excluded
	Votes transferred		2.91			10.82	12.49	-26.23	0.00	0.01	Smithhurst's votes distributed
Count 6	Progress totals	276.00	250.30	276.00	328.41	276.93	236.97	7.33	0.00	0.06	1652 Honner elected 4 , Smithhurst partially excluded
	Votes transferred		2.75				4.58	-7.33	0.00	0.00	Smithhurst's votes distributed
Count 7	Progress totals	276.00	253.05	276.00	328.41	276.93	241.55	0.00	0.00	0.06	1652 Smithhurst fully excluded
	Votes transferred		21.91		-52.41		30.49		0.00	0.01	Gudde's surplus distributed
Count 8	Progress totals	276.00	274.96	276.00	276.00	276.93	272.04		0.00	0.07	1652
	Votes transferred		0.25			-0.93	0.64		0.03	0.01	Honner's surplus distributed
Count 9	Progress totals	276.00	275.21	276.00	276.00	276.00	272.68		0.03	0.08	1652 McShane excluded, Edgell elected 5

Mayor— Deirdre Flint

Elected unopposed

Deputy Mayor— Richard Bowden
Elected unopposed