



Northern Midlands 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 Northern Midlands Council Election

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

8 654 Northern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2002 elections, comprising 8 524 (98.50%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 130 (1.50%) from the General Manager's roll.

65.18% of Northern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 57.48% statewide.

Candidates at the 2002 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ POLLEY, Kim	Longford	★ ANDERSON, Russell	Cressy
		BOVILLE, John	Cressy
		★ CARINS, Jeff	Longford
		CASSIDY, Karen	Cressy
		★ DOWLING, Tru	Ross
		GONINON, Ian	Devon Hills
		GOSS, Richard	Longford
		GREGOR, Rob	Devon Hills
		★ McSHANE, Don*	Perth
		MITCHELL, Leonie	Perth
		★ POLLEY, Kim*	Longford

Deputy Mayor

BARNES, Marie Perth
★ McSHANE, Don* Perth

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Northern Midlands Councillors following the 2002 elections

Mayor

term ends 2004
POLLEY Kim

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2004
McSHANE Don

9 Councillors

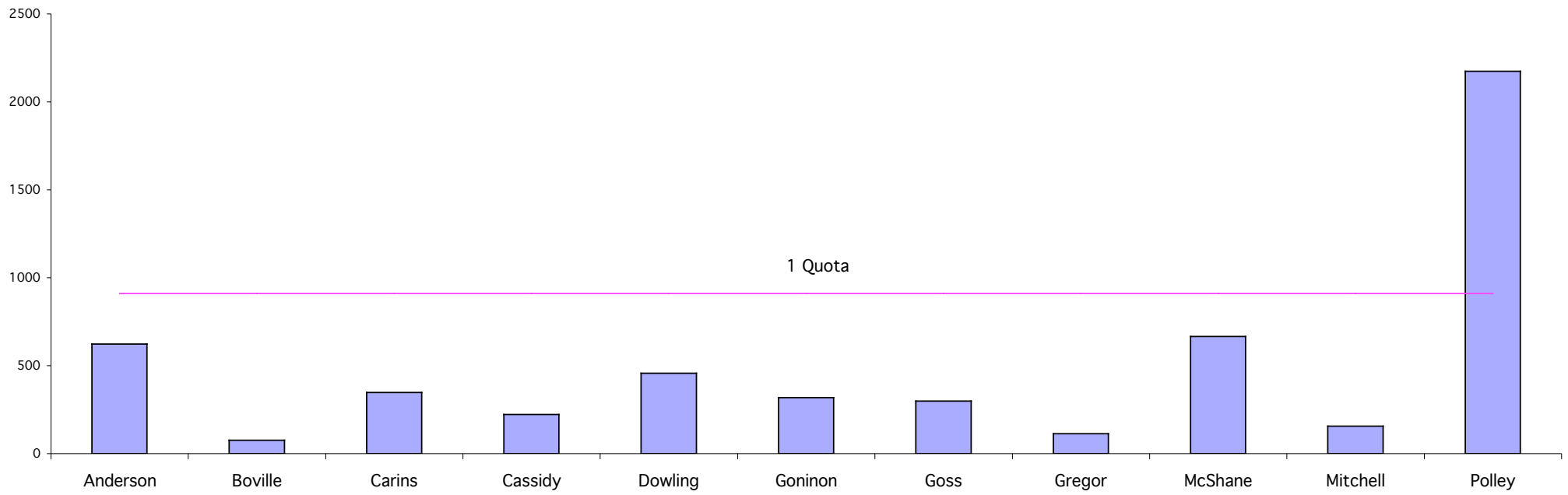
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POLLEY Kim
McSHANE Don
ANDERSON Russell
DOWLING Tru

term ends 2004

DOWNIE David J
CHUGG David
BARNES Marie
PITT Len
CARINS Jeff

Northern Midlands Councillor 2002 First Preferences



Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 29 October 2002

Number to be elected: 5

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Electors enrolled: 8654

Declarations returned: 5641

Response: 65.18%

Declarations rejected: 92

Declarations admitted: 5549

Rejection rate: 1.63%

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Total ballot papers: 5546

Formal Votes: 5455

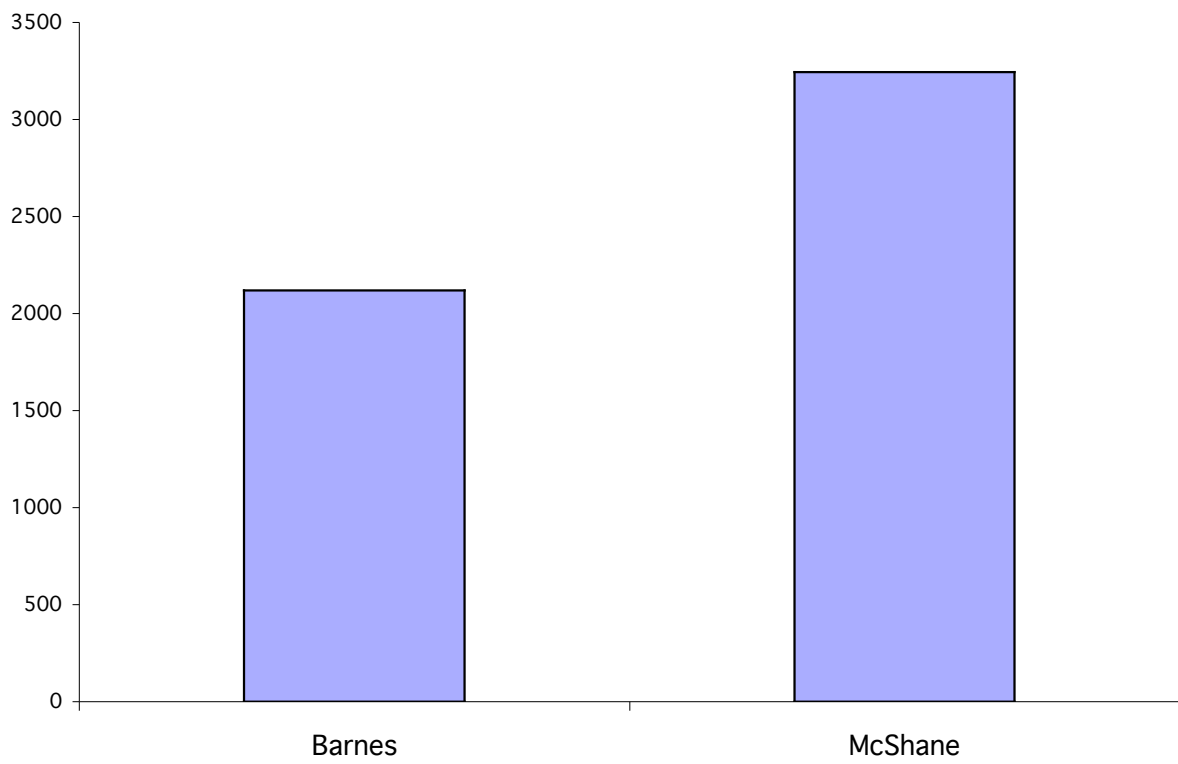
Informal ballot papers: 91

Informality rate: 1.64%

Quota= 910

		Candidates											Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		Anderson	Boville	Carins	Cassidy	Dowling	Goninon	Goss	Gregor	McShane	Mitchell	Polley				
Count 1	Total	623.00	77.00	348.00	223.00	458.00	319.00	298.00	113.00	666.00	156.00	2174.00	0.00	0.00	5455	Polley elected 1
Count 2	Votes transferred	202.33	26.74	113.37	58.72	78.49	84.30	91.86	36.04	507.57	64.53	-1264.00	0.00	0.05		Polley's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	825.33	103.74	461.37	281.72	536.49	403.30	389.86	149.04	1173.57	220.53	910.00	0.00	0.05	5455	McShane elected 2
Count 3	Votes transferred	66.72	6.03	38.64	17.20	33.21	35.32	32.00	12.07	-263.57	22.34		0.00	0.04		McShane's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	892.05	109.77	500.01	298.92	569.70	438.62	421.86	161.11	910.00	242.87	910.00	0.00	0.09	5455	Boville excluded
Count 4 to 6	Votes transferred	16.38	-109.77	19.73	14.20	12.08	14.80	14.95	10.22		7.34		0.00	0.07		Boville's votes distributed
	Progress totals	908.43	0.00	519.74	313.12	581.78	453.42	436.81	171.33	910.00	250.21	910.00	0.00	0.16	5455	Boville fully excluded, Gregor excluded
Count 7	Votes transferred	14.00		7.00	50.00	10.00	11.00	17.00	-120.00		11.00		0.00	0.00		Gregor's votes distributed
	Progress totals	922.43		526.74	363.12	591.78	464.42	453.81	51.33	910.00	261.21	910.00	0.00	0.16	5455	Anderson elected 3 , Gregor partially excluded
Count 8 to 9	Votes transferred			12.10	12.57	2.92	9.36	8.78	-51.33		5.26		0.30	0.04		Gregor's votes distributed
	Progress totals	922.43		538.84	375.69	594.70	473.78	462.59	0.00	910.00	266.47	910.00	0.30	0.20	5455	Gregor fully excluded
Count 10	Votes transferred	-12.43		4.43	4.43	1.77	0.88	0.00			0.88		0.00	0.04		Anderson's surplus distributed
	Progress totals	910.00		543.27	380.12	596.47	474.66	462.59		910.00	267.35	910.00	0.30	0.24	5455	Mitchell excluded
Count 11 to 14	Votes transferred			52.05	81.17	29.20	49.71	48.98			-267.35		6.22	0.02		Mitchell's votes distributed
	Progress totals	910.00		595.32	461.29	625.67	524.37	511.57		910.00	0.00	910.00	6.52	0.26	5455	Mitchell fully excluded, Cassidy excluded
Count 15 to 18	Votes transferred			87.14	-461.29	169.63	74.88	106.06					23.56	0.02		Cassidy's votes distributed
	Progress totals	910.00		682.46	0.00	795.30	599.25	617.63		910.00		910.00	30.08	0.28	5455	Cassidy fully excluded, Goninon excluded
Count 19	Votes transferred			157.00		140.00	-435.00	113.00					25.00	0.00		Goninon's votes distributed
	Progress totals	910.00		839.46		935.30	164.25	730.63		910.00		910.00	55.08	0.28	5455	Dowling elected 4 , Goninon partially excluded
Count 20 to 22	Votes transferred			87.28			-164.25	60.51					16.47	-0.01		Goninon's votes distributed
Count 23	Progress totals	910.00		926.74		935.30		791.14		910.00		910.00	71.55	0.27	5455	Carins elected 5

Northern Midlands Deputy Mayor 2002 First Preferences



**Mayor— Kim Polley
Elected unopposed**

Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 29th October 2002
Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Declarations admitted: 5549
Ballot paper adjustment: 4
Total ballot papers: 5545
Formal votes: 5363
Informal ballot papers: 182
Informality rate: 3.28%

Deputy Mayor

		Candidates		Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		Barnes	McShane				
Count 1	Total	2120	3243	0	5363	2682	McShane elected