



Sorell Council

2005 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years 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 Commission (TEC) 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, 2002, 2005 (deferred from 2004) with the next elections due in October 2007.

Since 2000 mayors and deputy mayors are elected directly by the electors in all municipal areas. Previously, in most councils, mayors and deputy mayors were elected by the councillors at the first meeting of a new council.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are available from the TEC and are posted on the TEC website www.electoral.tas.gov.au.

2005 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 15 September
Nomination period	12 September— 12 noon on 26 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 26 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 27 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	11–14 October
Polling period	11–25 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 25 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 2005 Sorell Council Election

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

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 8456 Sorell electors were enrolled, comprising 8276 (97.87%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 180 (2.13%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Sorell electors returning their ballot papers was 59.39%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
DEGRASSI, Kerry	Dodges Ferry	★ DEGRASSI, Kerry*	Dodges Ferry
PURDON, Mike	Sorell	JOHNSON, Howard	Boomer Bay
★ TORENIUS, Carmel*	Forcett	KELLEY, Alan	Lewisham
		MILLAR, Glenn	Forcett
		PEREY, Frederika	Boomer Bay
		★ PURDON, Mike*	Sorell
Deputy Mayor		★ RHEINBERGER, Jack*	Sorell
★ EVANS, Graeme*	Sorell	★ TORENIUS, Carmel*	Forcett

★ denotes elected candidate

* denotes seeking re-election

Sorell Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor

term ends 2007

TORENIUS, Carmel

Deputy Mayor

term ends 2007

EVANS, Graeme

9 Councillors

term ends 2009

TORENIUS, Carmel

PURDON, Mike

DEGRASSI, Kerry

RHEINBERGER, Jack

term ends 2007

EVANS, Graeme

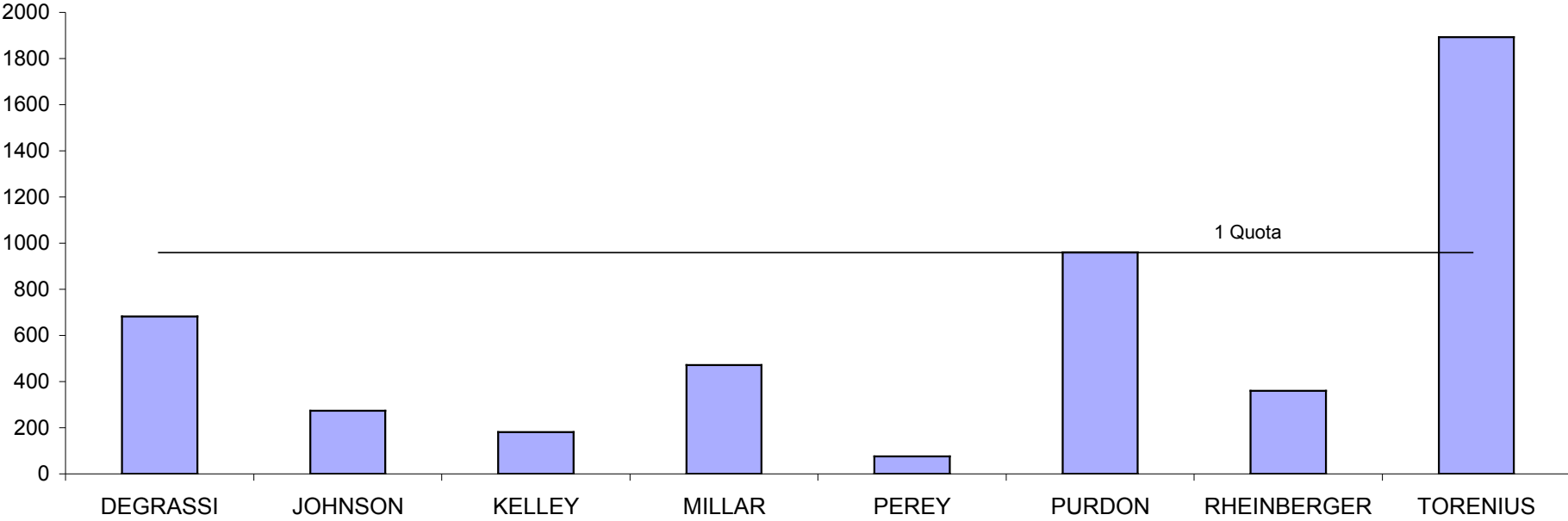
CURTAIN, Barry

McDERMOTT, Tony

PRIOR, Sharon

WARD, Keith

Sorell Councillor 2005 First Preferences



Sorell Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Number to be elected: 4

Returning Officer: Mr Peter Weldon

Electors enrolled: 8456

Declarations returned: 5022

Response: 59.39%

Declarations rejected: 43

Declarations admitted: 4979

Rejection rate: 0.86%

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 4975

Formal Votes: 4896

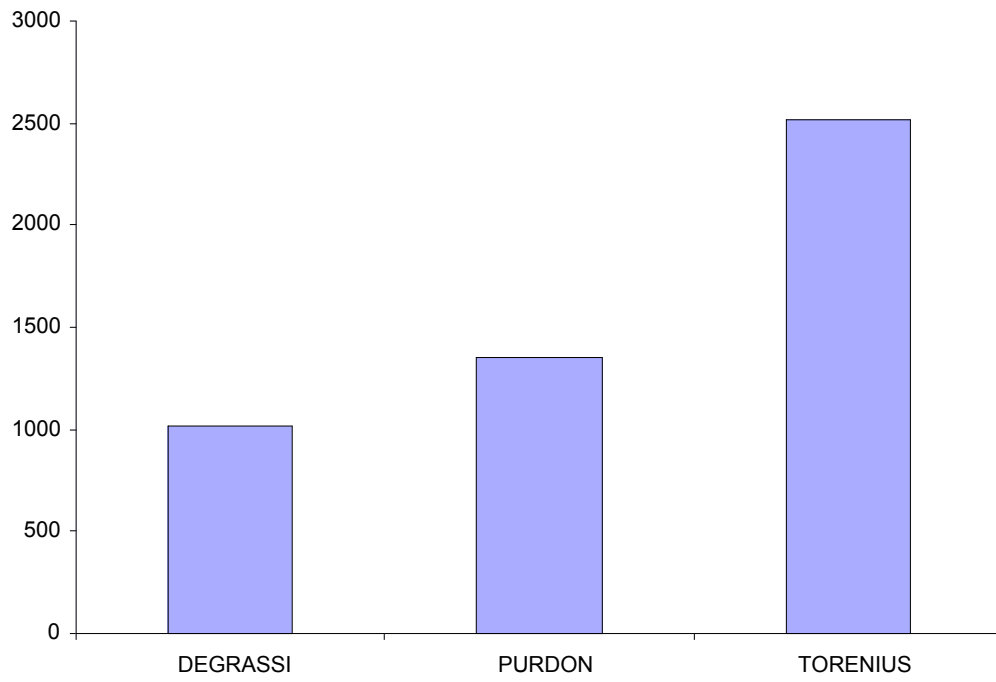
Informal ballot papers: 79

Informality rate: 1.59%

Quota = 980

		Candidates								Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		DEGRASSI	JOHNSON	KELLEY	MILLAR	PEREY	PURDON	RHEINBERGER	TORENIUS				
Count 1	Total	683.00	274.00	181.00	471.00	76.00	959.00	360.00	1892.00	0.00	0.00		
	Progress Totals	683.00	274.00	181.00	471.00	76.00	959.00	360.00	1892.00	0.00	0.00	4896.00	TORENIUS elected 1
Count 2	Votes Transferred	244.87	87.24	63.14	65.07	26.99	180.76	243.90	- 912.00	0.00	0.03		TORENIUS' surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	927.87	361.24	244.14	536.07	102.99	1139.76	603.90	980.00	0.00	0.03	4896.00	PURDON elected 2
Count 3	Votes Transferred	53.67	23.85	15.76	17.89	4.26	- 159.76	44.30		0.00	0.03		PURDON's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	981.54	385.09	259.90	553.96	107.25	980.00	648.20	980.00	0.00	0.06	4896.00	DEGRASSI elected 3
Count 4	Votes Transferred	- 1.54	0.20	0.24	0.42	0.10		0.54		0.00	0.04		DEGRASSI's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	980.00	385.29	260.14	554.38	107.35	980.00	648.74	980.00	0.00	0.10	4896.00	PEREY excluded
Count 5 to 8	Votes Transferred		19.77	19.01	53.98	- 107.35		14.05		0.49	0.05		PEREY's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	980.00	405.06	279.15	608.36	0.00	980.00	662.79	980.00	0.49	0.15	4896.00	PEREY fully excluded, KELLEY excluded
Count 9 to 12	Votes Transferred		77.58	- 279.15	96.68			99.58		5.28	0.03		KELLEY's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	980.00	482.64	0.00	705.04		980.00	762.37	980.00	5.77	0.18	4896.00	KELLEY fully excluded, JOHNSON excluded
Count 13 to 14	Votes Transferred		- 451.67		134.88			290.26		26.53	0.00		JOHNSON's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	980.00	30.97		839.92		980.00	1052.63	980.00	32.30	0.18	4896.00	RHEINBERGER elected 4 , JOHNSON partially excluded

Sorell Mayor 2005 First Preferences



Sorell Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mr Peter Weldon

Declarations admitted: 4979

Ballot paper adjustment: 4

Total ballot papers: 4975

Formal Votes: 4876

Informal ballot papers: 99

Informality rate: 1.99%

Mayor

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		DEGRASSI	PURDON	TORENIUS				
Count 1	Total	1014	1350	2512	0			
	Progress Totals	1014	1350	2512	0	4876	2439 TORENIUS elected	

**Sorell Deputy Mayor— Graeme Evans
Elected unopposed**