



Southern Midlands 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 Southern 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.

For the 2005 Local Government elections, 4307 Southern Midlands electors were enrolled, comprising 4108 (95.38%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 199 (4.62%) from the General Manager's roll.

The percentage of Southern Midlands electors returning their ballot papers was 64.89%, in comparison with 58.52% statewide.

Candidates at the 2005 elections

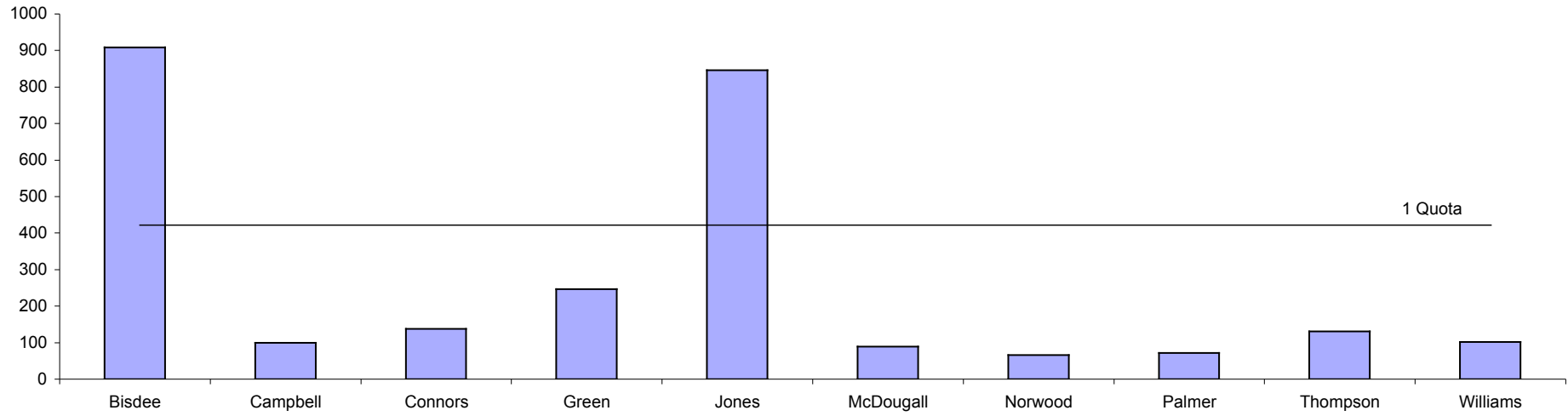
Mayor		Councillors	
★ BISDEE, Tony	Melton Mowbray	★ BISDEE, Tony*	Melton Mowbray
JONES, John	Kempton	CAMPBELL, Bob	Andover
		★ CONNORS, Marie*	Tunnack
		★ GREEN, Alex	Campania
		★ JONES, John	Kempton
Deputy Mayor		McDOUGALL, Rowena	Andover
★ SCOTT, Helen	Woodsdale	NORWOOD, Mark	Oatlands
		PALMER, Margaret	Oatlands
		★ THOMPSON, Delia	Campania
		WILLIAMS, Russ	Mangalore

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Southern Midlands Councillors following the 2005 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2007</i>	<i>term ends 2009</i>	<i>term ends 2007</i>
BISDEE, Tony	BISDEE, Tony	BEVEN, Colin
Deputy Mayor	JONES, John	SCOTT, Helen
<i>term ends 2007</i>	GREEN, Alex	FISH, Donald
SCOTT, Helen	CONNORS, Marie	GEARD, Stephen
	THOMPSON, Delia	

Southern Midlands Councillor 2005 First Preferences



Southern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005
 Number to be elected: 5
 Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

Electors enrolled: 4307
 Declarations returned: 2795
 Response: 64.89%

Declarations rejected: 48
 Declarations admitted: 2747
 Rejection rate: 1.72%

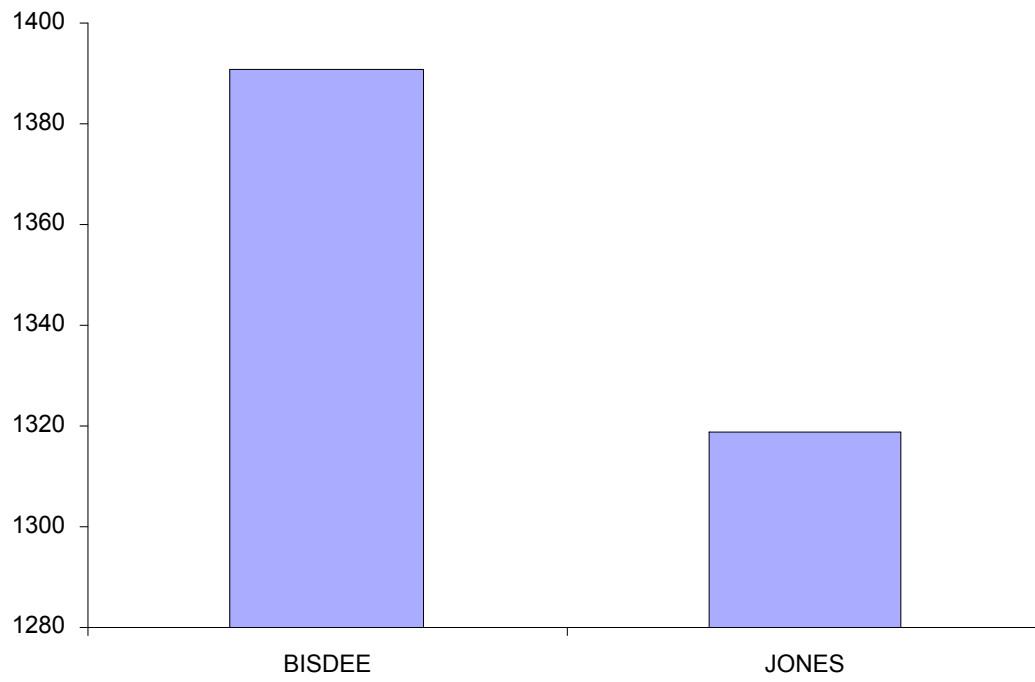
Ballot paper adjustment: 3
 Total ballot papers: 2744

Formal Votes: 2698
 Informal ballot papers: 46
 Informality rate: 1.68%

Quota = 450

		Candidates										Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
		Bisdee	Campbell	Connors	Green	Jones	McDougall	Norwood	Palmer	Thompson	Williams				
Count 1	Total	909.00	99.00	138.00	246.00	846.00	89.00	66.00	72.00	131.00	102.00	0.00	0.00		
	Progress Totals	909.00	99.00	138.00	246.00	846.00	89.00	66.00	72.00	131.00	102.00	0.00	0.00	2698.00	Bisdee elected 1, Jones elected 2
Count 2	Votes Transferred	- 459.00	61.60	112.09	68.67		42.92	52.00	63.11	25.24	33.32	0.00	0.05		Bisdee's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	160.60	250.09	314.67	846.00	131.92	118.00	135.11	156.24	135.32	0.00	0.05	2698.00	
Count 3	Votes Transferred		65.99	69.27	72.08	- 396.00	50.55	34.17	48.68	26.21	29.02	0.00	0.03		Jones' surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	226.59	319.36	386.75	450.00	182.47	152.17	183.79	182.45	164.34	0.00	0.08	2698.00	Norwood excluded
Count 4 to 6	Votes Transferred		22.63	24.10	32.68		21.22	- 152.17	22.18	15.41	13.90	0.00	0.05		Norwood's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	249.22	343.46	419.43	450.00	203.69	0.00	205.97	197.86	178.24	0.00	0.13	2698.00	Norwood fully excluded, Williams excluded
Count 7 to 9	Votes Transferred		19.75	20.21	21.52		9.42		16.73	90.55	- 178.24	0.00	0.06		Williams' votes distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	268.97	363.67	440.95	450.00	213.11		222.70	288.41	0.00	0.00	0.19	2698.00	Williams fully excluded, McDougall excluded
Count 10	Votes Transferred		23.00	21.00	17.00		- 106.00		25.00	20.00		0.00	0.00		McDougall's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	291.97	384.67	457.95	450.00	107.11		247.70	308.41		0.00	0.19	2698.00	Green elected 3 , McDougall partially excluded
Count 11 to 12	Votes Transferred		27.84	33.36			- 107.11		23.38	20.14		2.37	0.02		McDougall's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	319.81	418.03	457.95	450.00	0.00		271.08	328.55		2.37	0.21	2698.00	McDougall fully excluded
Count 13	Votes Transferred		1.87	2.33	- 7.95				1.87	1.87		0.00	0.01		Green's surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	321.68	420.36	450.00	450.00			272.95	330.42		2.37	0.22	2698.00	Palmer excluded
Count 14	Votes Transferred		23.00	53.00					- 112.00	34.00		2.00	0.00		Palmer's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	344.68	473.36	450.00	450.00			160.95	364.42		4.37	0.22	2698.00	Connors elected 4 , Palmer partially excluded
Count 15 to 17	Votes Transferred		67.45						- 160.95	70.67		22.84	(0.01)		Palmer's votes distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	412.13	473.36	450.00	450.00				435.09		27.21	0.21	2698.00	Palmer fully excluded
Count 18	Votes Transferred		7.49	- 23.36						14.10		1.76	0.01		Connors' surplus distributed
	Progress Totals	450.00	419.62	450.00	450.00	450.00				449.19		28.97	0.22	2698.00	Thompson elected 5

Southern Midlands Mayor 2005 First Preferences



Southern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2005

Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

Declarations admitted: 2747

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Total ballot papers: 2744

Formal Votes: 2710

Informal ballot papers: 34

Informality rate: 1.24%

Mayor

		Candidates			Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BISDEE	JONES	Exhausted			
Count 1	Total	1391	1319	0			
	Progress Totals	1391	1319	0	2710	1356 BISDEE elected	

Southern Midlands Deputy Mayor— Helen Scott
Elected unopposed