



Northern Midlands Council

2009 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Every two years elections are held in all 29 municipal areas 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. In 2009, 27 elections were held in September/October, with the Break O'Day and Glamorgan-Spring Bay elections being postponed while an investigation into a proposed voluntary merger between them took place. These elections were then held in November/December.

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), 2007 and 2009 with the next elections due in October 2011.

Since 2000, mayors and deputy mayors have been 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.tec.tas.gov.au.

2009 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 12 September
Electoral rolls closed	6 pm Thursday 17 September
Nomination period	14 September–12 noon on 28 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 28 September
Nominations announced & draw for ballot paper positions	12 noon Tuesday 29 September
Ballot material delivered to electors	13–16 October
Polling period	13–27 October
Close of poll	10 am Tuesday 27 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 2009 Northern 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.

9103 Northern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2009 elections, comprising 9046 (99.37%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 57 (0.63%) from the General Manager's roll.

58.57% of Northern Midlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 55.54% statewide.

Candidates at the 2009 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ POLLEY, Kim*	Longford	BETTS, Dennis	Longford
		★ BROOKS, Matthew*	Longford
		★ CARINS, Jeffrey Ian*	Longford
Deputy Mayor		★ DOWNIE, David*	Campbell Town
CARINS, Jeffrey Ian	Longford	★ GONINON, Ian*	Devon Hills
★ DOWNIE, David*	Campbell Town	★ KNOWLES, Mary	Rossarden
		LAMBERT, Janet	Devon Hills
		PETROVSKY, Irina	Evandale

★ denotes elected candidate
* denotes seeking re-election

Northern Midlands Councillors following the 2009 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2011</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2011</i>
POLLEY, Kim	DOWNIE, David	POLLEY, Kim
Deputy Mayor	CARINS, Jeffrey Ian	CALVERT, Andrew
<i>term ends 2011</i>	GONINON, Ian	GEEVES, Michael
DOWNIE, David	KNOWLES, Mary	GOSS, Richard
	BROOKS, Matthew	

Northern Midlands Council - 2009 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Electors enrolled: 9 103

Declarations rejected: 74

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Formal Votes: 5 175

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 5 332

Declarations admitted: 5 258

Total ballot papers: 5 255

Informal ballot papers: 80

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Response: 58.57%

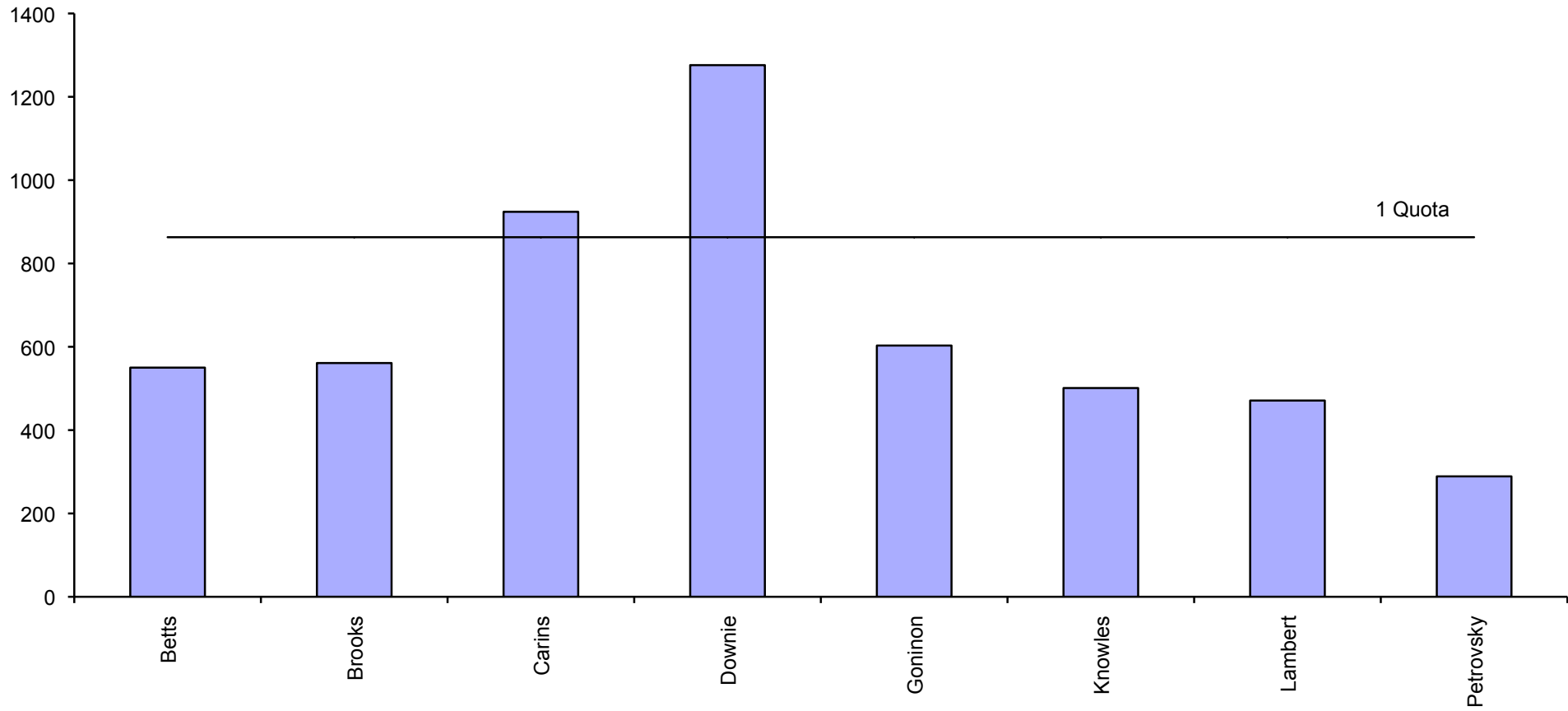
Rejection rate: 1.39%

Informality rate: 1.52%

Quota = 863

Count	Betts	Brooks	Carins	Downie	Goninon	Knowles	Lambert	Petrovsky	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	550.00	561.00	924.00	1 276.00	603.00	501.00	471.00	289.00			5 175.00	Downie elected 1, Carins elected 2
2	56.96	65.05		- 413.00	149.53	63.43	44.66	33.33		0.04		Downie's surplus distributed
	606.96	626.05	924.00	863.00	752.53	564.43	515.66	322.33		0.04	5 175.00	
3	10.16	16.30	- 61.00		17.23	4.88	8.18	4.22		0.03		Carins' surplus distributed
	617.12	642.35	863.00	863.00	769.76	569.31	523.84	326.55		0.07	5 175.00	
4 to 6	38.16	26.75			66.54	119.23	75.84	- 326.55		0.03		Petrovsky excluded
	655.28	669.10	863.00	863.00	836.30	688.54	599.68	0.00		0.10	5 175.00	
7	101.00	142.00			98.00	200.00	- 541.00			0.00		Lambert part excluded
	756.28	811.10	863.00	863.00	934.30	888.54	58.68			0.10	5 175.00	Goninon elected 3, Knowles elected 4
8 to 9	26.23	32.31					- 58.68		0.13	0.01		Lambert excluded
	782.51	843.41	863.00	863.00	934.30	888.54	0.00		0.13	0.11	5 175.00	
10	33.46	36.37			- 71.30				1.45	0.02		Goninon's surplus distributed
	815.97	879.78	863.00	863.00	863.00	888.54			1.58	0.13	5 175.00	Brooks elected 5

2009 Northern Midlands Councillor election - first preferences



Northern Midlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 27 October 2009

Returning Officer: Mr Davin Foulkes

Mayor — Kim Polley (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 5258

Ballot paper adjustment: 3

Total ballot papers: 5255

Formal Votes: 5137

Informal ballot papers: 118

Informality rate: 2.25%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		CARINS	DOWNIE			
Count 1	First Preferences	2 201	2 936	5 137	2 569	DOWNIE elected

2009 Northern Midlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

