



Central Highlands Council

2011 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 councillors. 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 approximately biennially since 1994, with the next elections due in October 2013.

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.

2011 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 2011 Central Highlands Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 5 Councillors, 4 of which for 4 year terms, and 1 casual position for 2 years.

2582 Central Highlands electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 1681 (65.10%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 901 (34.90%) from the General Manager's roll.

68.20% of Central Highlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

Candidates at the 2011 elections

Mayor		Councillors	
★ FLINT, Deirdre*	Hollow Tree	★ ALLWRIGHT, Jim	Ellendale
TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)	Hamilton	★ DOWNIE, Andrew*	Richmond
		★ FLINT, Deirdre*	Hollow Tree
Deputy Mayor		^★ HERBERT, Geoffrey L*	Bothwell
★ DOWNIE, Andrew*	Richmond	McMILLAN, David	Wayatinah
		POULTON, Debra	Ellendale
		★ TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)*	Hamilton

✦ denotes elected candidate
 * denotes seeking re-election
 ^ denotes filled casual vacancy

Central Highlands Councillors following the 2011 elections

Mayor	9 Councillors	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
FLINT, Deirdre	FLINT, Deirdre	BOWDEN, Richard
Deputy Mayor	TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)	BAILEY, Tony
<i>term ends 2013</i>	DOWNIE, Andrew	JACKA, Joe
DOWNIE, Andrew	ALLWRIGHT, Jim	McMICHAEL, Ian
		HERBERT, Geoffrey L

Central Highlands Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 2 582

Declarations rejected: 16

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

Formal Votes: 1 715

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 1 761

Declarations admitted: 1 745

Total ballot papers: 1 737

Informal ballot papers: 22

Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

Response: 68.20%

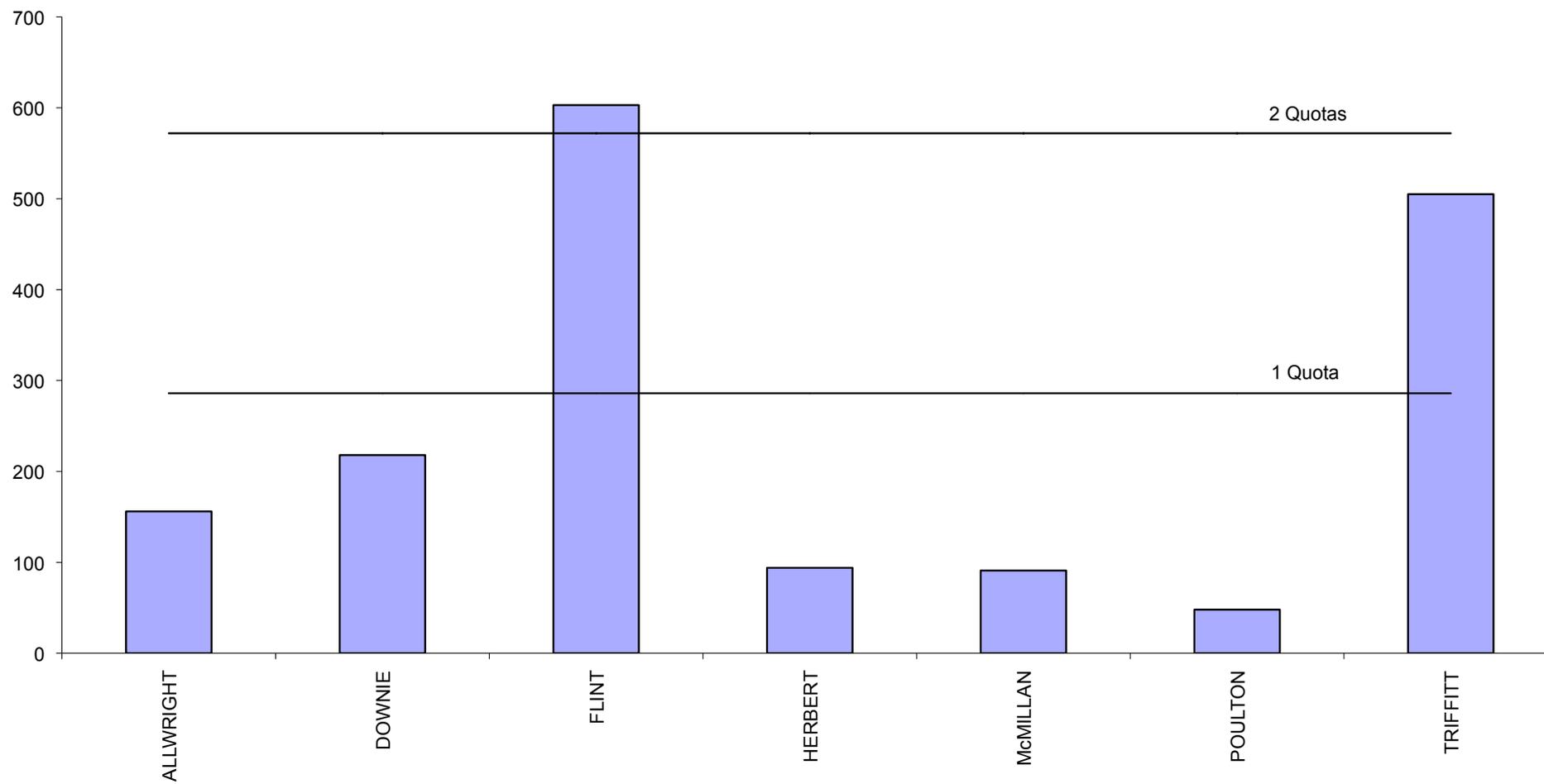
Rejection rate: 0.91%

Informality rate: 1.27%

Quota = 286

Count	ALLWRIGHT	DOWNIE	FLINT	HERBERT	McMILLAN	POULTON	TRIFFITT	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	156.00	218.00	603.00	94.00	91.00	48.00	505.00			1715.00	FLINT elected 1, TRIFFITT elected 2
2	49.41	159.28	- 317.00	56.25	24.18	27.86			0.02		FLINT's surplus distributed
	205.41	377.28	286.00	150.25	115.18	75.86	505.00		0.02	1715.00	DOWNIE elected 3
3	77.62			44.66	50.73	45.96	- 219.00		0.03		TRIFFITT's surplus distributed
	283.03	377.28	286.00	194.91	165.91	121.82	286.00		0.05	1715.00	
4	37.35	- 91.28		28.92	13.85	11.14			0.02		DOWNIE's surplus distributed
	320.38	286.00	286.00	223.83	179.76	132.96	286.00		0.07	1715.00	ALLWRIGHT elected 4
5	- 34.38			17.18	8.87	8.31			0.02		ALLWRIGHT's surplus distributed
	286.00	286.00	286.00	241.01	188.63	141.27	286.00		0.09	1715.00	
6 to 8				59.26	61.02	- 121.82		1.52	0.02		POULTON part excluded
	286.00	286.00	286.00	300.27	249.65	19.45	286.00	1.52	0.11	1715.00	HERBERT elected 5

2011 Central Highlands Councillor election - first preferences



Central Highlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Mr Damian Read

Mayor

Declarations admitted: 1 745

Formal Votes: 1 698

Ballot paper adjustment: 8

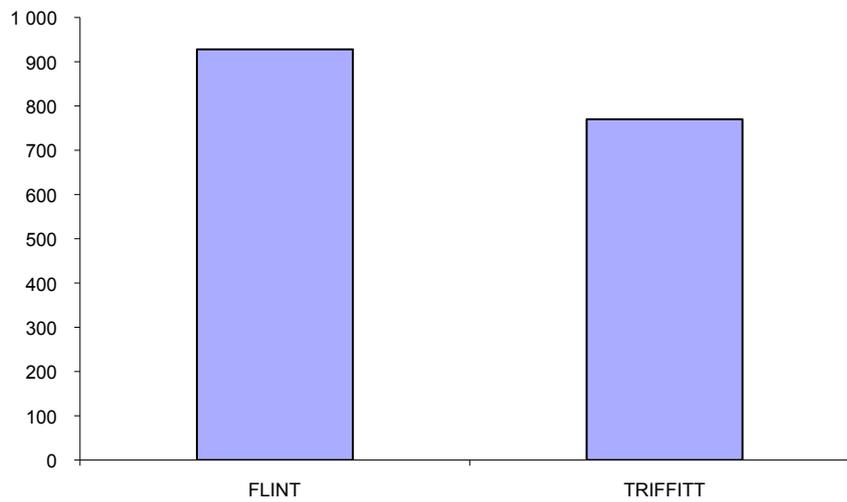
Informal ballot papers: 39

Total ballot papers: 1 737

Informality rate: 2.25%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		FLINT	TRIFFITT			
Count 1	First Preferences	928	770	1 698	850	FLINT elected

2011 Central Highlands Mayor election - first preferences



Deputy Mayor — Andrew Downie (elected unopposed)