



# Derwent Valley 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](http://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 Derwent Valley Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2 year terms, and 5 Councillors for 4 year terms.

6881 Derwent Valley electors were enrolled for the 2011 elections, comprising 6762 (98.27%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 119 (1.73%) from the General Manager's roll.

57.72% of Derwent Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.28% statewide.

### Candidates at the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Councillors</b>	
★ EVANS, Martyn John*	Magra	BINGLEY, Phil	New Norfolk
NICHOLSON, Tony	Lachlan	★ BROMFIELD, Judy*	New Norfolk
		COWLEY, Dane	New Norfolk
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>		★ EVANS, Martyn John*	Magra
BROMFIELD, Judy	New Norfolk	★ LESTER, Chris	Magra
★ LATHEY, Barry Keith	New Norfolk	McDIARMID, Mark	Magra
SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne	New Norfolk	★ NICHOLSON, Tony	Lachlan
		ROLFE, Simon	New Norfolk
		★ SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne	New Norfolk

★ denotes elected candidate  
\* denotes seeking re-election

### Derwent Valley Councillors following the 2011 elections

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>9 Councillors</b>	
<i>term ends 2013</i>	<i>term ends 2015</i>	<i>term ends 2013</i>
EVANS, Martyn John	EVANS, Martyn John	SHAW, Scott Darrell
	NICHOLSON, Tony	BESTER, Damian Rodney
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	LESTER, Chris	LATHEY, Barry Keith
<i>term ends 2013</i>	BROMFIELD, Judy	GRAHAM, James
LATHEY, Barry Keith	SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne	

# Derwent Valley Council - 2011 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Electors enrolled: 6 881

Declarations rejected: 35

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Formal Votes: 3 868

Number to be elected: 5

Declarations returned: 3 972

Declarations admitted: 3 937

Total ballot papers: 3 937

Informal ballot papers: 69

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

Response: 57.72%

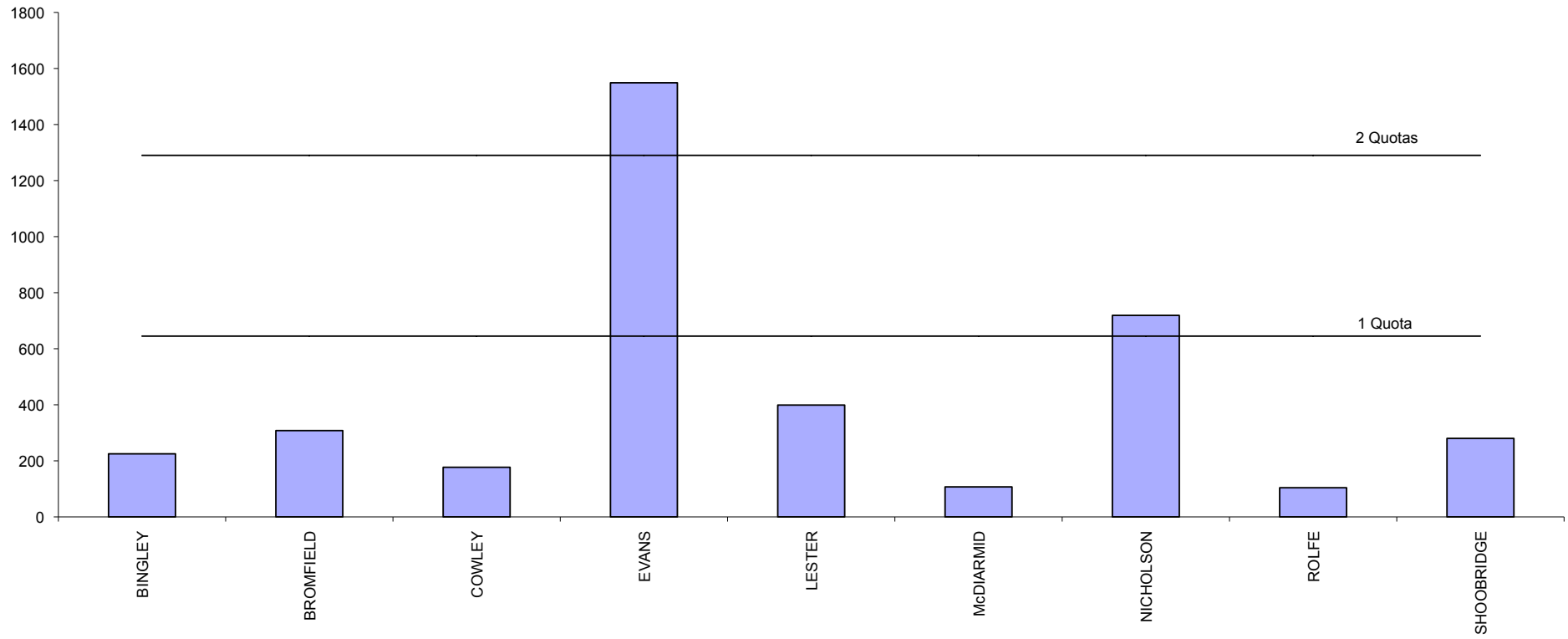
Rejection rate: 0.88%

Informality rate: 1.75%

Quota = 645

Count	BINGLEY	BROMFIELD	COWLEY	EVANS	LESTER	McDIARMID	NICHOLSON	ROLFE	SHOOBRIDGE	Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
1	225.00	308.00	177.00	1549.00	399.00	107.00	719.00	104.00	280.00			3868.00	<b>EVANS elected 1, NICHOLSON elected 2</b>
2	86.95	267.28	79.36	- 904.00	159.32	58.94		32.68	219.43		0.04	3868.00	EVANS' surplus distributed
	311.95	575.28	256.36	645.00	558.32	165.94	719.00	136.68	499.43		0.04	3868.00	
3	7.92	21.92	7.41		9.57	4.42	- 74.00	4.52	18.21		0.03	3868.00	NICHOLSON's surplus distributed
	319.87	597.20	263.77	645.00	567.89	170.36	645.00	141.20	517.64		0.07	3868.00	
4 to 6	27.15	18.20	27.82		21.58	14.88		- 141.20	31.52		0.05	3868.00	ROLFE excluded
	347.02	615.40	291.59	645.00	589.47	185.24	645.00	0.00	549.16		0.12	3868.00	
7 to 8	22.33	26.75	25.50		58.25	- 180.10			47.25		0.02	3868.00	McDIARMID part excluded
	369.35	642.15	317.09	645.00	647.72	5.14	645.00		596.41		0.14	3868.00	<b>LESTER elected 3</b>
9	1.02	1.33	1.44			- 5.14			1.23	0.10	0.02	3868.00	McDIARMID excluded
	370.37	643.48	318.53	645.00	647.72	0.00	645.00		597.64	0.10	0.16	3868.00	
10	0.41	0.24	1.07		- 2.72				0.98	0.00	0.02	3868.00	LESTER's surplus distributed
	370.78	643.72	319.60	645.00	645.00		645.00		598.62	0.10	0.18	3868.00	
11	71.00	64.00	- 212.00						75.00	2.00	0.00	3868.00	COWLEY part excluded
	441.78	707.72	107.60	645.00	645.00		645.00		673.62	2.10	0.18	3868.00	<b>BROMFIELD elected 4, SHOOBRIDGE elected 5</b>

2011 Derwent Valley Councillor election - first preferences



# Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

## Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3 937

Formal Votes: 3 845

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

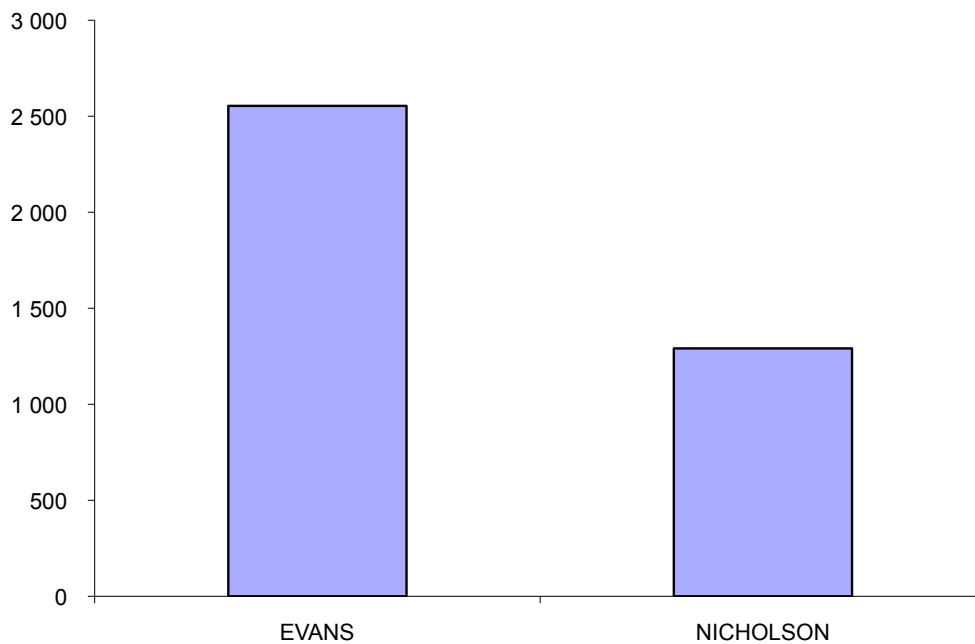
Informal ballot papers: 92

Total ballot papers: 3 937

Informality rate: 2.34%

		Candidates		Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		EVANS	NICHOLSON			
Count 1	First Preferences	2 554	1 291	3 845	1 923	<b>EVANS elected</b>

2011 Derwent Valley Mayor election - first preferences



## Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 25 October 2011

Returning Officer: Ms Maree Ward

### Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 3 937

Ballot paper adjustment: 0

Total ballot papers: 3 937

Formal Votes: 3 878

Informal ballot papers: 59

Informality rate: 1.50%

		Candidates			Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
		BROMFIELD	LATHEY	SHOOBRIDGE				
Count 1	Progress Total	1 166	1 524	1 188	0	3 878	1 940	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	-1 166	536	504	126			Bloomfield excluded
	Progress Total	0	2 060	1 692	126	3 878	1 877	<b>Lathey elected</b>

2011 Derwent Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences

