



Southern Midlands Council

2022 ELECTION REPORT

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Local government elections in Tasmania

This booklet provides election details for the 2022 Southern Midlands Council election, which was conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

This booklet also contains details of any casual vacancies or elector polls that were conducted between the 2018 and 2022 council elections.

Statewide election results are published on the TEC website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

2022 Election timetable

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Notice of election published | Saturday 3 September |
| Nominations opened | Monday 5 September |
| Electoral rolls closed | Thursday 8 September |
| Nominations closed | Monday 19 September |
| Nominations announced | Tuesday 20 September |
| Ballot material received by electors | 3–7 October |
| Polling period | 3–25 October |
| Close of poll | 2pm Tuesday 25 October |

Councillor casual vacancies

Councillor casual vacancies are filled by recount. Only unelected candidates from the relevant election may contest a recount. If there are no unelected candidates able to contest the recount, or the casual vacancy is also for the mayoral position, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

No casual vacancies are filled within 6 months of the next ordinary election, unless the vacancy results in the council unable to have a quorum.

Elector polls

A council may hold an elector poll on any issue it determines. A council 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

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.

Voting in Tasmanian local government elections is compulsory.

Report on the 2022 Southern Midlands Council elections

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 7 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

4,962 Southern Midlands electors were enrolled for the 2022 elections, comprising 4,915 (99.05%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 47 (0.95%) from the General Manager's roll.

85.67% of Southern Midlands Council electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 84.79% statewide.

Southern Midlands Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

Prior to the 2022 election

Mayor

GREEN, Alex

Deputy Mayor

BATT, Edwin

Councillors

DUDGEON, Karen

BISDEE, Tony

GREEN, Alex

McDOUGALL, Rowena

BATT, Edwin

BANTICK, Tony

FISH, Donald Frank

Following the 2022 election

Mayor

BATT, Edwin

Deputy Mayor

DUDGEON, Karen

Councillors

DUDGEON, Karen

BATT, Edwin

BLACKWELL, Donna

BISDEE, Tony

McDOUGALL, Rowena

FISH, Donald Frank

MILLER, Fraser

The candidates

Southern Midlands Council

enrolment 4,962

| Councillor | 7 Councillors - 8 candidates |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| BATT, Edwin | Melton Mowbray |
| BISDEE, Tony | Melton Mowbray |
| BLACKWELL, Donna | Elderslie |
| CAMPBELL, Bob | Andover |
| DUDGEON, Karen | Andover |
| FISH, Donald Frank | Andover |
| McDOUGALL, Rowena | Baden |
| MILLER, Fraser | Colebrook |
| Mayor | 1 candidate, no ballot required |
| BATT, Edwin | Melton Mowbray |
| Deputy Mayor | 4 candidates |
| CAMPBELL, Bob | Andover |
| DUDGEON, Karen | Andover |
| McDOUGALL, Rowena | Baden |
| MILLER, Fraser | Colebrook |

Southern Midlands Council – 2022 Councillor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022

Returning officer: Peter Moore

Number to be elected: 7

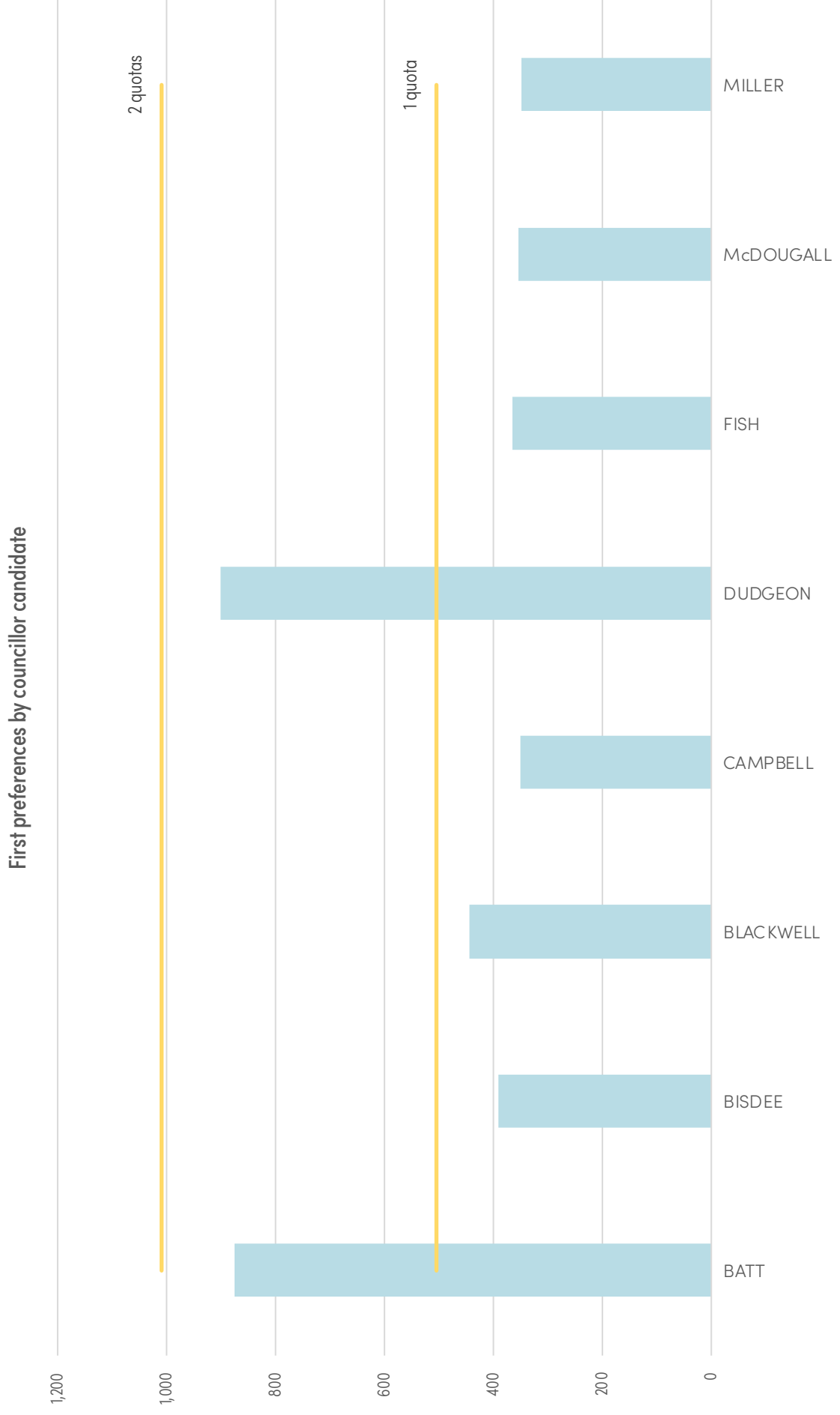
| Count | Candidates | | | | | |
|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | BATT | BISDEE | BLACKWELL | CAMPBELL | DUDGEON | FISH |
| 1 | 876.00 | 392.00 | 445.00 | 351.00 | 901.00 | 365.00 |
| 2 | | 69.00 | 66.36 | 32.08 | -396.00 | 96.25 |
| | 876.00 | 461.00 | 511.36 | 383.08 | 505.00 | 461.25 |
| 3 | -371.00 | 94.86 | | 45.73 | | 75.80 |
| | 505.00 | 555.86 | 511.36 | 428.81 | 505.00 | 537.05 |
| 4 | | | -6.36 | 2.69 | | |
| | 505.00 | 555.86 | 505.00 | 431.50 | 505.00 | 537.05 |
| 5 | | -50.86 | | 24.06 | | |
| | 505.00 | 505.00 | 505.00 | 455.56 | 505.00 | 537.05 |
| 6 | | | | 16.47 | | |
| | 505.00 | 505.00 | 505.00 | 472.03 | 505.00 | 537.05 |
| 7 | | | | 16.29 | | -32.05 |
| | 505.00 | 505.00 | 505.00 | 488.32 | 505.00 | 505.00 |

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|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Electors enrolled: | 4,962 | Declarations admitted: | 4,182 | Informal ballot papers: | 119 |
| Declarations returned: | 4,251 | Rejection rate: | 1.62% | Informality rate: | 2.87% |
| Response rate: | 85.67% | Ballot paper adjustment: | 30 | Formal ballot papers: | 4,033 |
| Declarations rejected: | 69 | Total ballot papers: | 4,152 | Quota = | 505 |

Candidates (cont.)

| McDOUGALL | MILLER | Votes Exhausted | Loss (Gain) by Fraction | Total Votes | Remarks |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 354.00 | 349.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,033.00 | DUDGEON elected 1, BATT elected 2 |
| 96.69 | 35.60 | 0.00 | 0.02 | | DUDGEON's surplus distributed |
| 450.69 | 384.60 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 4,033.00 | BLACKWELL elected 3 |
| 98.25 | 56.32 | 0.00 | 0.04 | | BATT's surplus distributed |
| 548.94 | 440.92 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 4,033.00 | BISDEE elected 4, McDOUGALL elected 5, FISH elected 6 |
| | 3.20 | 0.46 | 0.01 | | BLACKWELL's surplus distributed |
| 548.94 | 444.12 | 0.46 | 0.07 | 4,033.00 | |
| | 21.34 | 5.44 | 0.02 | | BISDEE's surplus distributed |
| 548.94 | 465.46 | 5.90 | 0.09 | 4,033.00 | |
| -43.94 | 25.94 | 1.51 | 0.02 | | McDOUGALL's surplus distributed |
| 505.00 | 491.40 | 7.41 | 0.11 | 4,033.00 | |
| | 13.78 | 1.96 | 0.02 | | FISH's surplus distributed |
| 505.00 | 505.18 | 9.37 | 0.13 | 4,033.00 | MILLER elected 7 |

Southern Midlands Council – Councillor election – first preferences



Southern Midlands Council – Mayor election

1 candidate – no ballot required.

BATT, Edwin elected unopposed.

Southern Midlands Council – Deputy Mayor election

Polling closed: 2pm Tuesday 25 October 2022

Returning officer: Peter Moore

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|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Electors enrolled: | 4,962 | Ballot paper adjustment: | 18 |
| Declarations returned: | 4,251 | Total ballot papers: | 4,164 |
| Response rate: | 85.67% | Informal ballot papers: | 101 |
| Declarations rejected: | 69 | Informality rate: | 2.43% |
| Declarations admitted: | 4,182 | Formal ballot papers: | 4,063 |

| | | Candidates | | | | Exhausted votes | Formal votes | Absolute majority | Remarks |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | | CAMPBELL Bob | DUDGEON Karen | McDOUGALL Rowena | MILLER Fraser | | | | |
| Count 1 | First preferences | 778 | 1,802 | 766 | 717 | | 4,063 | 2,032 | |
| Count 2 | Votes transferred | 216 | 223 | 239 | -717 | 39 | | | MILLER excluded |
| | Total votes | 994 | 2,025 | 1,005 | 0 | 39 | 4,063 | 2,013 | DUDGEON elected |
| | Percentage | 24.70% | 50.32% | 24.98% | | | | | |

First preferences by deputy mayor candidate

