



Central Highlands Council 2018 election report

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Local Government Elections in Tasmania

The 2018 Central Highlands Council election was conducted by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are published on the TEC website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

2018 Election timetable

Notice of election published	Saturday 8 September
Nominations opened	9am Monday 10 September
Electoral rolls closed	6pm Thursday 13 September
Nominations closed	12 noon Monday 24 September
Nominations announced	12 noon Tuesday 25 September
Ballot material received by electors	8–12 October
Polling period	8–30 October
Close of poll	10am Tuesday 30 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 not compulsory.

Andrew Hawkey ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER July 2019

Report on the 2018 Central Highlands Council Elections

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 9 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

2 501 Central Highlands electors were enrolled for the 2018 elections, comprising 1 637 (65.45%) from the State House of Assembly roll and 864 (34.55%) from the General Manager's roll.

68.09% of Central Highlands electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 58.72% statewide.

Central Highlands Councillors

Councillors are listed in order of their election.

Prior to the 2018 elections

Mayor

TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)*

Deputy Mayor

WALKER-BENSON, Lana^

9 Councillors

ALLWRIGHT, Jim

BAILEY, Tony

BOWDEN, Richard George

CASSIDY, Robert

McRAE, Erika Michelle

TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)

WALKER-BENSON, Lana*

POORE, Jim*

HONNER, Julie Annette*

Following the 2018 elections

Mayor

TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)

Deputy Mayor

ALLWRIGHT, Jim

9 Councillors

TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)

ALLWRIGHT, Jim

CAMPBELL, Anita

BAILEY, Tony

BOWDEN, Scott

HONNER, Julie

CASSIDY, Robert

ARCHER, Anthony

POORE, Jim

* elected at by-election

^ elected by councillors following by-elections

By-elections between the 2014 and 2018 elections

A by-election, conducted by postal ballot, was held to fill a vacancy for one councillor following the resignation of Councillor Evan Evans on 7 March 2016. The ballot closed at 10am Tuesday 19 April 2016. Three candidates contested the councillor by-election. An abstract of the count is at the back of this report.

By-elections, conducted by postal ballot, were held to fill vacancies for mayor and one councillor following the resignation of Mayor Deirdre Flint on 16 August 2016. The ballot closed at 10am Tuesday 11 October 2016. One candidate contested the councillor by-election and three candidates contested the mayor by-election. An abstract of each count are at the back of this report.

A by-election, conducted by postal ballot, was held to fill a vacancy for one councillor following the resignation of Deputy Mayor Andrew Downie on 15 December 2016. The ballot closed at 10am Tuesday 7 March 2017. Four candidates contested the councillor by-election. An abstract of the count is at the back of this report.

The candidates

Central Highlands Council

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Councillor	10 candidates (9 to be elected)	
ALLCOCK, Keith		Bothwell
ALLWRIGHT, Jim		Ellendale
ARCHER, Anthony		Bothwell
BAILEY, Tony		Hamilton
BOWDEN, Scott		Bothwell
CAMPBELL, Anita		Bothwell
CASSIDY, Robert		Bothwell
HONNER, Julie		Miena
POORE, Jim		Bothwell
TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)		Hamilton

Mayor	1 candidate – no ballot required	
TRIFFITT, Loueen (Lou)		Hamilton

Deputy Mayor	4 candidates	
ALLWRIGHT, Jim		Ellendale
CASSIDY, Robert		Bothwell
HONNER, Julie		Miena
POORE, Jim		Bothwell

Central Highlands Council - 2018 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Electors enrolled: 2 501

Declarations rejected: 21

Number to be elected: 9

Declarations returned: 1 703

Declarations admitted: 1 682

Returning Officer: Ashley Cooper

Response rate: 68.09%

Rejection rate: 1.23%

Count	ALLCOCK	ALLWRIGHT	ARCHER	BAILEY	BOWDEN	CAMPBELL	CASSIDY	HONNER	POORE	TRIFFITT
	28.00	201.00	65.00	116.00	137.00	167.00	83.00	82.00	41.00	716.00
2	27.75		63.21	132.60	82.49		79.40	121.03	45.48	- 552.00
	55.75	201.00	128.21	248.60	219.49	167.00	162.40	203.03	86.48	164.00
3	6.44	- 37.00	14.72				8.46		7.36	
	62.19	164.00	142.93	248.60	219.49	167.00	170.86	203.03	93.84	164.00
4	0.93		1.18			- 3.00			0.88	
	63.12	164.00	144.11	248.60	219.49	164.00	170.86	203.03	94.72	164.00
5	24.10		38.36	- 84.60					22.13	
	87.22	164.00	182.47	164.00	219.49	164.00	170.86	203.03	116.85	164.00
6	27.48				- 55.49				28.00	
	114.70	164.00	182.47	164.00	164.00	164.00	170.86	203.03	144.85	164.00
7	20.88							- 39.03	18.14	
	135.58	164.00	182.47	164.00	164.00	164.00	170.86	164.00	162.99	164.00
8	2.68						- 6.86		4.17	
	138.26	164.00	182.47	164.00	164.00	164.00	164.00	164.00	167.16	164.00

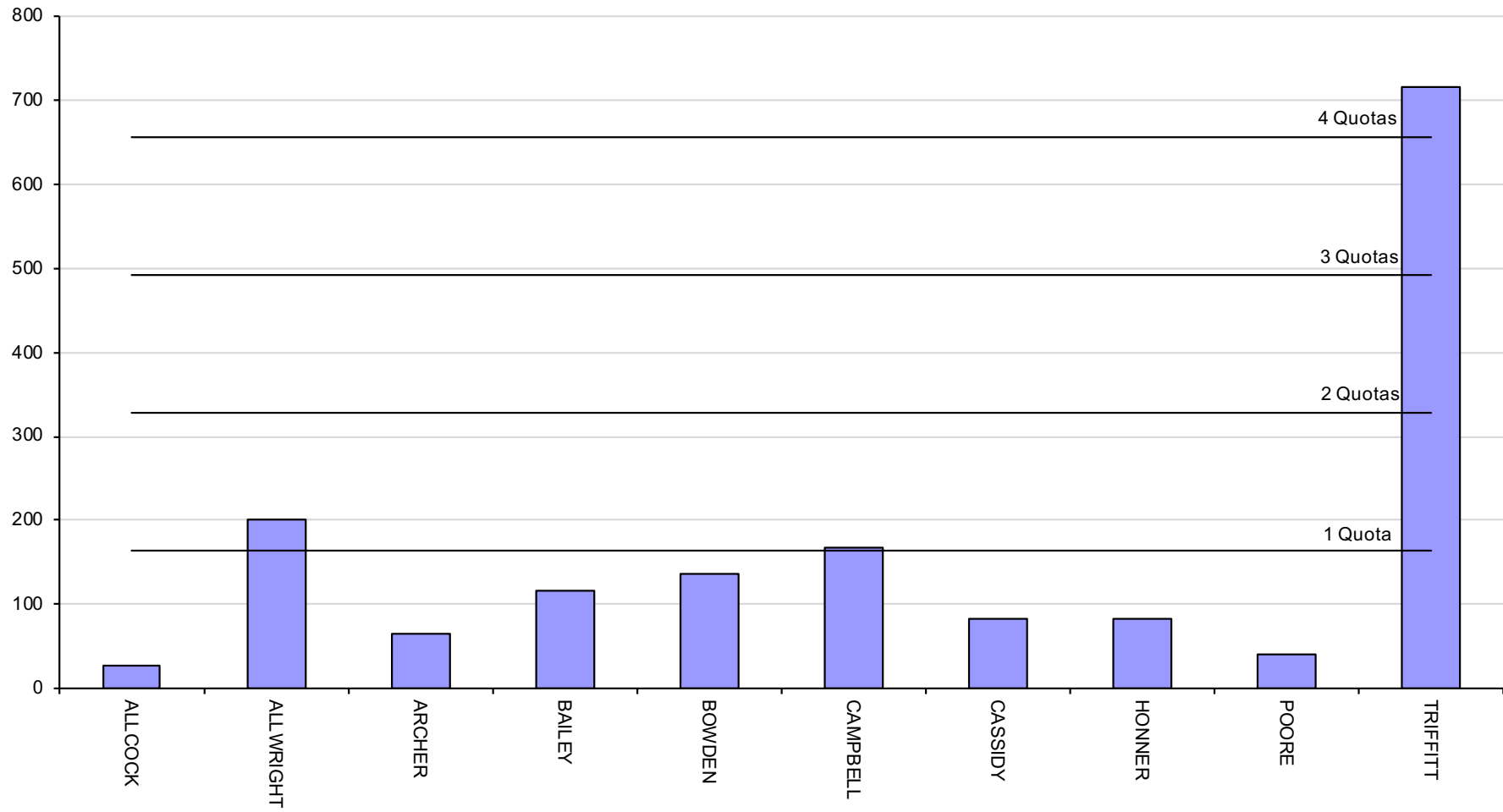
Ballot paper adjustment: 8
 Total ballot papers: 1 674

Formal Votes: 1 636
 Informal ballot papers: 38
 Informality rate: 2.27%

Quota = 164

Votes Exhausted	Loss (Gain) by Fraction	Total Votes	Remarks
	0.00	1636.00	TRIFFITT elected 1, ALLWRIGHT elected 2, CAMPBELL elected 3
	0.04		TRIFFITT's surplus distributed
	0.04	1636.00	BAILEY elected 4, BOWDEN elected 5, HONNER elected 6
	0.02		ALLWRIGHT's surplus distributed
	0.06	1636.00	CASSIDY elected 7
	0.01		CAMPBELL's surplus distributed
	0.07	1636.00	
	0.01		BAILEY's surplus distributed
	0.08	1636.00	ARCHER elected 8
	0.01		BOWDEN's surplus distributed
	0.09	1636.00	
	0.01		HONNER's surplus distributed
	0.10	1636.00	
0.00	0.01		CASSIDY's surplus distributed
0.00	0.11	1636.00	POORE elected 9

2018 Central Highlands Councillor election - first preferences



Central Highlands Council

Polling closed at 10am 30 October 2018

Returning Officer: Ashley Cooper

Mayor — Loueen (Lou) Triffitt (elected unopposed)

Deputy Mayor

Declarations admitted: 1 682

Ballot paper adjustment: 16

Total ballot papers: 1 666

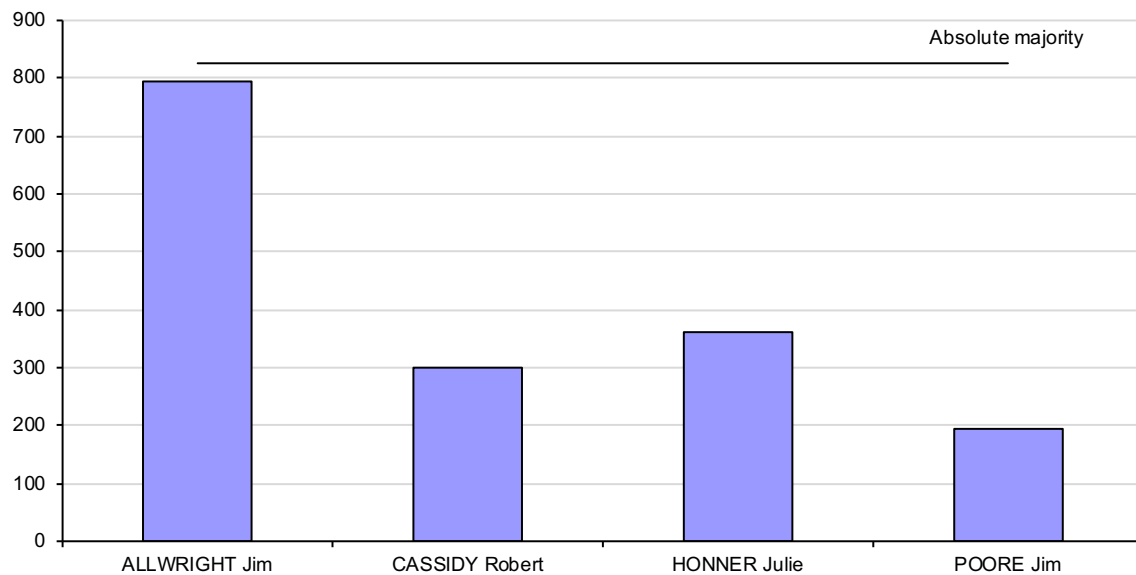
Formal Votes: 1 651

Informal ballot papers: 15

Informality rate: 0.90%

		ALLWRIGHT Jim	CASSIDY Robert	HONNER Julie	POORE Jim	Exhausted	Total Votes	Absolute Majority	Remarks
Count 1	Progress Total	793	300	363	195	0	1651	826	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	81	45	47	-195	22			POORE excluded
	Progress Total	874	345	410	0	22	1651	815	ALLWRIGHT elected

2018 Central Highlands Deputy Mayor election - first preferences



Central Highlands Council Councillor By-election

By-election due to the resignation of Councillor Evan Evans

19 April 2016

Informal: 10

Candidates

	ALLCOCK Keith	DONAGHY Tony	WALKER-BENSON Lana	Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1 Total	322	337	491		1 150	576	First preferences
Count 2 Votes transferred	- 322	94	196	32			ALLCOCK excluded
Progressive total	0	431	687	32	1 150	560	WALKER-BENSON elected

Central Highlands Council Councillor By-election

By-election due to the resignation of Mayor Deirdre Flint

11 October 2016

Jim Poore elected unopposed.

Central Highlands Council Mayor By-election

By-election due to the resignation of Mayor Deirdre Flint

11 October 2016

Informal: 12

		Candidates						
		BENSON Lana Michelle	CASSIDY Robert L	TRIFFITT Loueen (Lou)	Exhausted Votes	Total Votes	Absolute majority	Remarks
Count 1	First preferences	610	329	641	0	1580	791	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	154	-329	169	6			CASSIDY excluded
	Progressive total	764	0	810	6	1580	788	TRIFFITT elected

Central Highlands Councillor By-election

By-election due to the resignation of Deputy Mayor Andrew Downie

7 March 2017

Informal: 16

		Candidates				Exhausted	Total	Absolute	Remarks
		ALLCOCK Keith	HONNER Julie Annette	JONES John Reid	STEPHENSON John	Votes	Votes	majority	
Count 1	Total	298	600	382	167	0	1 447	724	First preferences
Count 2	Votes transferred	54	78	33	- 167	2			STEPHENSON excluded
	Progressive total	352	678	415	0	2	1 447	723	
Count 3	Votes transferred	- 352	233	95		24			ALLCOCK excluded
	Progressive total	0	911	510		26	1 447	711	HONNER elected