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The last issue of the *LGB* highlighted some key battlegrounds in the 2011 local elections. This issue looks at the aftermath.

The highest voter turnout for local elections so far – 57.64%

The voter turnout in this year's municipal elections was a record 57.64%, an increase of almost 9% on the 2006 (48.4%) and 2000 (48.05%) elections. Four of the nine provinces exceeded the national average, and in three of these provinces the turnout exceeded 60%.

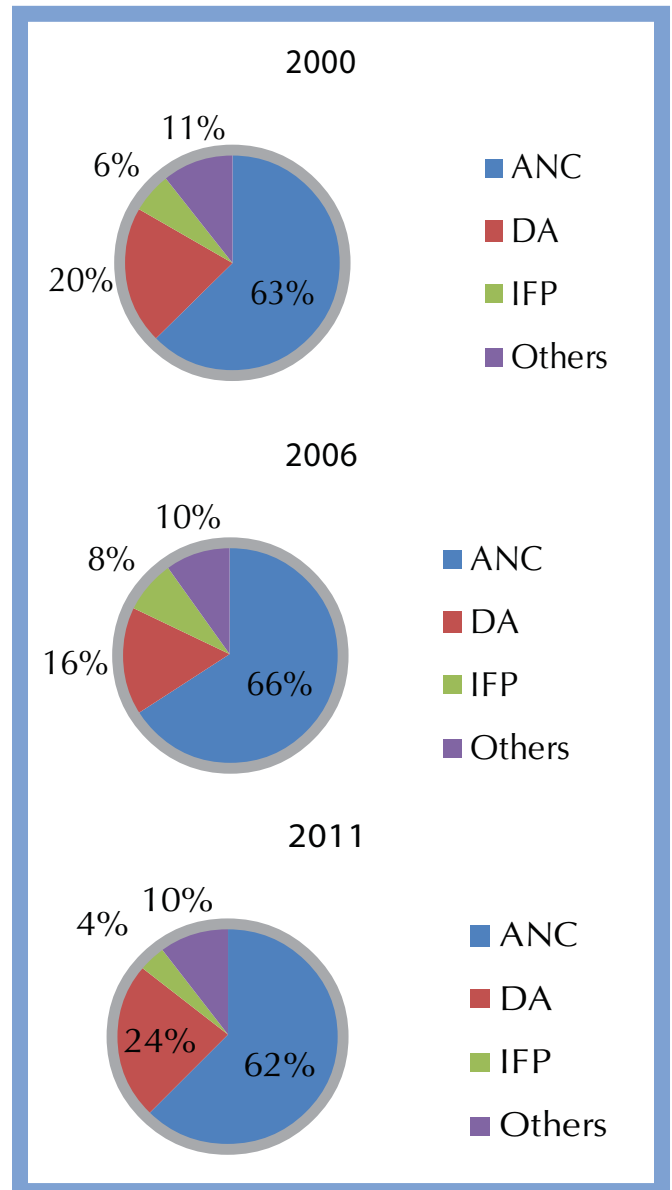
Province	Registered voters	Voter turnout	Voter turnout %
Eastern Cape	3 111 535	1 813 802	58.16
Free State	1 386 521	767 321	55.22
Gauteng	5 592 676	3 127 671	55.77
KZN	4 648 733	2 865 855	61.53
Limpopo	2 340 799	1 172 855	50.05
Mpumalanga	1 718 309	960 748	55.80
North West	1 576 898	845 093	53.47
Northern Cape	572 140	363 361	63.36
Western Cape	2 706 736	1 748 208	64.37
Total	23 654 347	13 664 914	57.64

Source: Independent Electoral Commission

ANC remains dominant political force in local politics with 62% of council seats

The DA's share of council seats has grown from 16% to 24%. Support for the ANC has declined since its 66% in 2006, but it remains the dominant party in 2011, with almost 62% percent of all municipal council seats under its control.

Figure 1: Results of local elections since 2000 (percentage of council seats)



Source: Independent Electoral Commission

Table 2: Performance of political parties in 2011 local elections

Party	Ward		PR		Ward + PR	
	Total valid votes	%	Total valid votes	%	Total valid votes	%
ACDP	86 865	0.65	78 737	0.59	165 602	0.62
ANC	8 143 397	60.98	8 405 429	62.93	16 548 826	61.95
APC	38 159	0.29	54 332	0.41	92 491	0.35
AZAPO	24 331	0.18	26 300	0.20	50 631	0.19
COPE	274 074	2.05	296 624	2.22	570 698	2.14
DA	3 177 883	23.80	3 216 006	24.08	6 393 889	23.94
Independent	302 242	2.26			302 242	1.13
IFP	478 400	3.58	475 621	3.56	954 021	3.57
MF	60 153	0.45	53 042	0.40	113 195	0.42
NFP	326 565	2.45	318 352	2.38	644 917	2.41
PAC	63 976	0.48	54 846	0.41	118 822	0.44
UCDP	25 031	0.19	2 971	0.19	51 002	0.19
UDM	83 728	0.63	84 623	0.63	168 351	0.63
FF+	66 588	0.50	53 931	0.40	120 519	0.45
Other parties	202 595	1.52	213 697	1.60	416 292	1.56
Total valid votes	13 353 987	100.00	13 357 511	100.00	26 711 498	100.00

Source: SA Local Government Briefing

DA wins Cape Town outright and gains ground in the metros

The outcome of the contest between the ANC and the DA in the metropolitan cities was widely anticipated, especially in Cape Town and Nelson Mandela Bay. The DA defeated the

ANC convincingly in Cape Town and now has 61% of the council seats under its control. Support for the DA appears to have grown significantly in all metros between elections. Except in Durban, the DA is fast approaching the 35–40% threshold that represents real political muscle in a municipal council.

Table 3: Local election results in the metros

Metropolitan city	ANC			DA		
	2000 %	2006 %	2011 %	2000 %	2006 %	2011 %
Cape Town	38.49	38.57	31.4	53.55	42.86	61
Durban	46.94	58.50	58.6	26.5	17.00	21
Nelson Mandela Bay	66.67	67.50	52.1	28.7	25.00	40
Johannesburg	58.99	62.67	59.3	33.78	27.19	35
Ekurhuleni	56.57	61.71	62.2	31.43	25.71	30.6
Pretoria	56.58	57.24	56.4	35.53	30.92	39

Source: Independent Electoral Commission

DA cleans up in the Western Cape

The results in the Western Cape were among the most expected. The ANC was determined at least not to lose the council seats already under its control, while the DA set out to control all the municipalities in the province. In the end the DA was the most successful party in the province.

The DA gained an absolute majority in 15 municipalities including Cape Town. Of the 13 municipalities under coalitions, the DA has the largest number of seats in seven, even though it does not have an outright majority.

Table 4: Local election results in the Western Cape

Municipalities led by majority parties	Party	Municipalities led by coalitions	Parties
West Coast	DA (60%)	Central Karoo	ANC (50%) DA (50%)
Cape Winelands	DA (56.2%)	Matzikama	DA (47%) ANC (40%) others (13%)
Overberg	DA (55.5%)	Cederberg	ANC (45%) DA (36) others (19%)
Eden	DA (53.3%)	Witzenberg	DA (45.4%) ANC (36.3%) others (17.3%)
Bergrivier	DA (53%)	Langeberg	DA (46.8%) ANC (30.4%) others (21.8%)
Saldanha Bay	DA (62.5%)	Cape Agulhas	ANC (50%) DA (50%)
Swartland	DA (65.2%)	Swellendam	DA (45%) ANC (45%) others (10%)
Drakenstein	DA (57.3%)	Kannaland	ICOSA (43%) ANC (28.5) DA (28.5%)
Stellenbosch	DA (58.1%)	Hessequa	DA (46.6%) ANC (40%) others (12.4%)
Breede Valley	DA (53%)	Oudtshoorn	ANC (44%) DA (46%) others (10%)
Theewaterskloof	DA (52%)	Bitou	ANC (46%) DA (48%) others (6%)
Overstrand	DA (60%)	Laingsburg	ANC (48%) DA (30%) others (22%)
Mossel Bay	DA (59%)	Prince Albert	KGP (50.5%) ANC(23.8) DA (25.6)
George	DA (51%)		
Beaufort West	ANC (53%)		

Source: Independent Electoral Commission

ANC triumph and IFP death throes in KZN

In KwaZulu-Natal the most keenly anticipated outcome was whether the IFP would continue its downward spiral of the previous two municipal elections. The statistics show a party that has imploded. It had majority control in 32 municipalities

in 2006 and it now has an outright majority in just two. The ANC has an outright majority in 34 district and local municipalities. The newly formed National Freedom Party (NFP), a breakaway from the IFP, gained an outright majority in one municipality.

Table 5: Party control of KZN municipalities after 2011 local elections

Municipalities led by IFP	Municipalities led by ANC	Municipalities led by coalitions	Municipality led by NFP
Msinga, Ulundi	UMgungundlovu, Uthukela, Uthungulu, iLembe, Sisonke, Durban, Vulamehlo, Umdoni, Umzumbe, UMuziwabantu, Ezinqoleni, Hibiscus Coast, uMshwathi, uMngeni, Mooi Mpofana, Impendle, Msunduzi, Mkhambathini, Richmond, Emnambithi, Umtshezi, Okhahlamba, Newcastle, Umhlalabuyalingana, Mfolozi, uMhlathuze, Mandeni, KwaDukuza, Ndwedwe, Maphumulo, Ingwe, Kwa Sani, Greater Kokstad, Ubuhlebezwe, Umzimkhulu	Amajuba, Zululand, Umkhanyakude, Indaka, Imbabazane, Endumeni, Nqutu, Umvoti, UPhongolo, Abaqulusi, Nongoma, Jozini, The Big 5 False Bay, Hlabisa, Mtubatuba, Ntambana, uMlalazi, Mthonjaneni, Nkandla	eDumbe

Source: Independent Electoral Commission

ANC consolidates in North West despite problems in municipalities

The DA could not capitalise on the ANC's problems in the North West province, where the ANC remained formidable and

won all municipalities. But the number of municipalities with opposition parties taking 20% and more has increased.

Table 6: Opposition representation in North West municipalities

Municipalities with >20% opposition			Municipalities with <20% opposition		
2000	2006	2011	2000	2006	2011
Christiana		Bojanala	Brits	Greater Taung	Ngaka Modiri Molema
Molopo	Molopo	Dr Kenneth Kaunda	Moretele	Kagisano	Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati
Greater Taung	Naledi	Madibeng	Ventersdorp	Moretele	Moretele
Schweizer-Reneke	Mafikeng	Rustenburg	Merafong	Madibeng	Moses Kotane
Naledi	Rustenburg	Kgetlengrivier		Moses Kotane	Greater Taung
Kagisano	Ditsobotla	Ratlou		Ratlou	Ventersdorp
Zeerust	Ramotshere	Tswaing		Tswaing	
Lichtenburg	Mamusa	Mafikeng		Lekwa-Temane	
Mafikeng	Potchefstroom	Ditsobotla		Ventersdorp	
Greater Delareyville	Matlosana	Ramotshere		Maquassi Hills	
Mankwe	Merafong	Naledi			
Rustenburg	Kgetlengrivier	Mamusa			
Koster		Lekwa-Teemane			
		Ganyesa			
		Potchefstroom			
		Maquassi Hills			
		Matlosana			

Source: Independent Electoral Commission



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