

Explanation of Mackerras Pendulum for Victoria reflecting Legislative Assembly election results Saturday 26 November 2022

The pendulum overleaf is the standard Mackerras pendulum based on the two-party preferred vote. There is, however, one exceptional case. It is Prahran. The buffer statistic of 12.1 per cent is the swing needed by the Liberal Party to take Prahran from the sitting Greens member, Sam Hibbins. By contrast, in the other Greens seats (Brunswick, Melbourne and Richmond), the buffer statistic shown on the pendulum is the swing needed by the Liberal Party to take the seat from a notional Labor member. All other seats are placed on the pendulum according to their conventional two-party preferred statistics. The tables below give the statistics for all seats that were not contests between the Labor candidate and the Liberal or National candidate.

TABLE 1: SEATS WHERE GREENS COMPETITIVE (7)

Brunswick – Greens versus Labor

Tim Read (Greens)	27,664	63.68%
Mike Williams (Labor)	15,781	36.32%
Swing needed by Labor: 13.7%		

Footscray – Labor versus Greens

Katie Hall (Labor)	21,880	54.24%
Elena Pereyra (Greens)	18,460	45.76%
Swing needed by Greens: 4.3%		

Melbourne – Greens versus Labor

Ellen Sandell (Greens)	25,593	60.19%
Rebecca Thistleton (Labor)	16,926	39.81%
Swing needed by Labor: 10.2%		

Northcote – Labor versus Greens

Kat Theophanous (Labor)	21,413	50.22%
Campbell Gome (Greens)	21,229	49.78%
Swing needed by Greens: 0.3%		

Prahran – Greens versus Liberal

Sam Hibbins (Greens)	24,334	62.01%
Matthew Lucas (Liberal)	14,909	37.99%
Swing needed by Liberal: 12.1%		

Preston – Labor versus Greens

Nathan Lambert (Labor)	20,761	52.09%
Patchouli Paterson (Greens)	19,096	47.91%
Swing needed by Greens: 2.1%		

Richmond – Greens versus Labor

Gabrielle De Vietri (Greens)	22,772	57.32%
Lauren O'Dwyer (Labor)	16,959	42.68%
Swing needed by Labor: 7.4%		

Brunswick – Two-party preferred vote

Mike Williams (Labor)	36,518	84.06%
Minh Nguyen (Liberal)	6,927	15.94%
Swing needed by Liberal: 34.1%		

Footscray – Two-party preferred vote

Katie Hall (Labor)	30,523	75.66%
Emete Joesika (Liberal)	9,817	24.34%
Swing needed by Liberal: 25.7%		

Melbourne – Two-party preferred vote

Rebecca Thistleton (Labor)	31,895	75.01%
George Palackalody (Liberal)	10,624	24.99%
Swing needed by Liberal: 25.1%		

Northcote – Two-party preferred vote

Kat Theophanous (Labor)	34,840	81.70%
Stewart Todhunter (Liberal)	7,802	18.30%
Swing needed by Liberal: 31.7%		

Prahran – Two-party preferred vote

Wesa Chau (Labor)	23,966	61.07%
Matthew Lucas (Liberal)	15,277	38.93%
Swing needed by Liberal: 11.8%		

Preston – Two-party preferred vote

Nathan Lambert (Labor)	27,769	69.67%
Amanda Paliouras (Liberal)	12,088	30.33%
Swing needed by Liberal: 19.7%		

Richmond - Two-party preferred vote

Lauren O'Dwyer (Labor)	29,451	74.13%
Lucas Moon (Liberal)	10,280	25.87%
Swing needed by Liberal: 24.2%		

TABLE 2: SEATS NATIONALS TOOK FROM INDEPENDENTS (2)

Mildura – Nationals versus Independent

Jade Benham (Nationals)	19,520	51.18%
Ali Cupper (Independent)	18,620	48.82%
Swing needed by Cupper: 1.2%		

Shepparton – Nationals versus Independent

Kim O'Keeffe (Nationals)	23,455	56.79%
Suzanna Sheed (Independent)	17,846	43.21%
Swing needed by Sheed: 6.8%		

Note that Morwell is not included in the above. It might have been so included but the redistribution made Morwell notionally Labor. So, the Nationals needed a swing of 4.6 per cent to take Morwell from a notional Labor member.

TABLE 3: SEATS CONTESTED BETWEEN LIBERAL AND INDEPENDENT (3)

Benambra – Liberal versus Independent

Bill Tilley (Liberal)	20,956	50.94%
Jacque Hawkins (Independent)	20,179	49.06%
Swing needed by Hawkins: 1.0%		

Mornington - Liberal versus Independent

Chris Crewther (Liberal)	21,326	50.70%
Kate Lardner (Independent)	20,736	49.30%
Swing needed by Lardner: 0.7%		

Narracan – Liberal versus Independent

Wayne Farnham (Liberal)	23,448	63.02%
Tony Wolfe (Independent)	13,757	36.98%
Swing needed by Lardner: 13.1%		

Benambra – Two-party preferred vote

Bill Tilley (Liberal)	26,021	63.26%
Mark Tait (Labor)	15,114	36.74%
Swing needed by Labor: 13.3%		

Mornington – Two-party preferred vote

Chris Crewther (Liberal)	24,514	58.28%
Georgia Fowler (Labor)	17,548	41.72%
Swing needed by Labor: 8.3%		

Narracan

There is no strictly comparable two-party preferred vote, so I have taken the Labor vote to be 13,757 and the Liberal vote to be 23,448.

TABLE 4: SEAT CONTESTED BETWEEN LABOR AND INDEPENDENT (1)

Mulgrave – Labor versus Independent

Daniel Andrews (Labor)	23,070	60.83%
Ian Cook (Independent)	14,854	39.17%
Swing needed by Cook: 10.9%		

It will be noticed that the above adds up to 37,924 votes. There is no strictly comparable two-party preferred vote. For that reason, in my compilation of the aggregate two-party preferred vote for the state as a whole I have the Labor Mulgrave vote as 23,070 and the Liberal Mulgrave vote as 14,854. It is, however, worth quoting the earlier, much less reliable, two-party preferred vote which was shown to be the following:

Mulgrave – Two-party preferred vote

Daniel Andrews (Labor)	22,976	60.20%
Michael Piastrino (Liberal)	15,191	39.80%

So, on that basis the Labor buffer on the pendulum would be shown as 10.2%. Nevertheless, in my full post-election analysis I have chosen the fuller count with Cook as my Liberal vote due to the above reasoning and also because I think it better reflects the seat. Thus, on the pendulum I have Bendigo East highest with a Labor percentage of 60.85 followed by Mulgrave, followed by Clarinda on 60.19 per cent. Mulgrave would be in the middle of the three regardless of whether I showed the Labor buffer to be 10.9 per cent or 10.2 per cent. Since my definition is always the swing needed by the Liberal Party in metropolitan seats, I have decided to show the Labor buffer as 10.2%.

Mackerras Pendulum Victoria 2022 Result

