

## Information sheet - 1

# Election night counts

Further information will be provided on Thursday 22 August 2024, for help contact the NT Electoral Commission on 1800 698 683 or email [ntec@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntec@nt.gov.au)

From 6.00pm on election night votes cast at election day, early voting and remote mobile centres will be counted across various scrutiny centres.

Election day centres will count ordinary votes taken at their respective division locations which may also include neighbouring divisions due to the number of ordinary absent votes taken. Early voting centres have various regions that allow for ballot papers to be placed in ballot boxes and counted on election night.

The following table is provided to detail what counts will be undertaken at each voting and scrutiny centre post 6.00pm on election night. The NT Electoral Commission will attempt to undertake counting of all votes cast at centres on election night; however, under the organisation fatigue management policy no new counts will commence after 10.30pm. All postal counts and other counts affected under this policy will be completed the following day from 10.00am.

### Election day voting centres

Election day voting centre	Location	Home division	Other divisions counted
Alice Springs	Alice Plaza	Araluen	Braitling, Namatjira
Berrimah	Haileybury Rendall School	Fong Lim	Karama, Sanderson
Berry Springs	Berry Springs Shopping Centre	Daly	
Braitling	Braitling Primary School	Braitling	
Casuarina	Casuarina Square	Casuarina	Johnston, Sanderson, Wanguri
Coolalinga	Coolalinga Central Shopping Centre	Nelson	Goyder
Darwin City	Darwin Entertainment Centre	Port Darwin	Fannie Bay, Fong Lim
Eaton	Old Flip Out site, Osgood Drive	Sanderson	Johnston
Gillen	Gillen Primary School	Araluen	Namatjira
Howard Springs	Whitewood Hall	Nelson	
Humpty Doo	Taminmin College	Goyder	Nelson
Ilparpa	Blatherskite Park	Namatjira	

Karama	O'Loughlin Catholic College	Karama	
Katherine	Katherine Central Shopping Centre	Katherine	
Larapinta	Living Waters Lutheran School	Namatjira	Araluen
Leanyer	Leanyer Primary School	Wanguri	
Ludmilla	Ludmilla Primary School	Fannie Bay	Fong Lim
Malak	Sanderson Middle School	Sanderson	Karama
Moil	Moil Primary School	Johnston	Sanderson
Nhulunbuy	Nhulunbuy Town Hall	Mulka	
Nightcliff	Nightcliff Middle School	Nightcliff	Johnston
Palmerston City	Palmerston Shopping Centre	Drysdale	
Parap	Parap Primary School	Fannie Bay	Fong Lim
Rosebery	Palmerston College 7-9 Campus	Brennan	Blain
Sadadeen	Centralian Senior College	Braitling	
Tennant Creek	Tennant Creek Civic Hall	Barkly	
Tindal	Tindal Community Hall	Arnhem	
Wagait Beach	Wagait Community Centre	Daly	
Woodroffe	Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	Blain	Drysdale
Yarrowonga	Gateway Shopping Centre	Spillett	Drysdale
Zuccoli	Zuccoli Primary School	Brennan	Spillett

## Early voting and remote mobile voting centres

Scrutiny location	Voting centre	Divisions counted
Alice Plaza	Alice Springs EVC	Araluen, Barkly, Braitling, Gwoja & Namatjira
	Mobile teams	Mobile Team Alice Springs 1, Mobile Team Barkly 2, Mobile Team Barkly 3, Mobile Team Gwoja 2, Mobile Team Gwoja 3, Mobile Team Namatjira 1
	Postal Counts (Sunday)	Araluen, Barkly, Braitling, Gwoja & Namatjira
Tennant Creek Civic Centre	Tennant Creek EVC	Barkly
Nhulunbuy Town Hall	Nhulunbuy EVC	Mulka
Katherine Central Shopping Centre	Katherine EVC	Arnhem, Gwoja & Katherine Mobile Team Katherine
Eaton	Berry Springs EVC	Daly, Goyder & Nelson
	Casuarina EVC	Blain, Brennan, Casuarina, Daly, Drysdale, Fannie Bay, Fong Lim, Goyder, Johnston, Karama, Nelson, Nightcliff, Port Darwin, Sanderson, Spillett & Wanguri
	Coolalinga EVC	Daly, Goyder & Nelson
	Darwin EVC	Blain, Brennan, Casuarina, Daly, Drysdale, Fannie Bay, Fong Lim, Goyder, Johnston, Karama, Nelson, Nightcliff, Port Darwin, Sanderson, Spillett & Wanguri
	Eaton EVC	Blain, Brennan, Casuarina, Daly, Drysdale, Fannie Bay, Fong Lim, Goyder, Johnston, Karama, Nelson, Nightcliff, Port Darwin, Sanderson, Spillett & Wanguri
	Palmerston EVC	Blain, Brennan, Daly, Drysdale, Goyder, Nelson & Spillett
	Parap EVC	Fannie Bay and Fong Lim
	Yarrowonga EVC	Blain, Brennan, Daly, Drysdale, Goyder, Nelson & Spillett
	Mobile teams	Mobile team Arafura 1, Mobile team Arafura 2, Mobile Team Arafura 3, Mobile team Arnhem 1, Mobile team Arnhem 2, Mobile team Barkly 1, Mobile team Daly 1, Mobile team Daly 2, Mobile Team Darwin Urban, Mobile Team Gwoja 1, Mobile Team Mulka 1, Mobile Team Mulka 2
	Postal Counts (Sunday)	Arafura, Arnhem, Blain Brennan, Casuarina, Daly, Drysdale, Fannie Bay, Fong Lim, Goyder, Johnston, Karama, Katherine, Mulka, Nelson, Nightcliff, Port Darwin, Sanderson, Spillett & Wanguri

## Additional details for 2024 Territory Election counts

### Eaton and Alice Springs

#### Counting tables

- **Eaton (Darwin):** There will be 16 counting bays with 1 count table in each bay. Candidates are permitted one scrutineer in a counting bay while a count for their division is being conducted.
  - Maximum number of counts at any one time:
    - **6 Counts:** Daly, Goyder & Nelson
    - **4 Counts:** Blain, Brennan, Drysdale & Spillett
    - **2 Counts:** Casuarina, Fannie Bay, Fong Lim, Johnston, Karama, Nightcliff, Port Darwin, Sanderson, Wanguri
    - **1 Count:** Arafura, Arnhem, Barkly, Daly, Gwoja, Mulka
- **Alice Springs:** There are 4 counting bays. The EVC count for Araluen, Braitling, Gwoja & Namatjira will be conducted first. Once Gwoja is finished, the count for Barkly will commence. Mobile team counts will start progressively as other EVC counts are finalised. Only one count per division will be undertaken at any one time.

#### Scrutineers

Scrutineers can be appointed by different candidates in multiple divisions.

- **Lock-in/lock-out times:** Scrutineers should arrive around 5:00 pm for check-in and a pre-count briefing, which will start shortly after 5:30 pm. The counts will commence in all bays at 6:00 pm and are planned to be finalised by 11:00 pm.
- **Esky with water:** Volunteers are allowed to bring a small esky with water. A break out area will be set up for scrutineers to take calls with tea and coffee provided.

### Early voting centres turning into election day booths

- **Voting capability:** Each centre will continue to issue votes for all electorates as per the attached Information Sheet. For example, Casuarina will issue ordinary votes for Casuarina, Johnston, Sanderson, and Wanguri, and will begin counting those from 6:00 pm, starting with Casuarina. Votes for other divisions will be issued as absents.
- **Counting tables:** Only one count will be undertaken at any one time, even if a centre issues votes for multiple divisions.

### Voting outside allocated centres

If someone votes at a voting centre that isn't in their enrolled division, they will receive an absent vote unless a ballot box for their division is present. For example, at Parap there will be a ballot box for Fannie Bay and Fong Lim, so voters from those 2 divisions will receive an ordinary vote rather than an absent vote. Voters from all other divisions will receive an absent vote

## Count timeline

This timeline outlines the key stages and deadlines for the 2024 Territory Election counting process, leading up to the final declaration of results.

### 5:00 pm, election night:

- Scrutineers arrive at scrutiny centres for check-in and pre-count briefing.

### 5:30 pm, election night:

- Pre-count briefing begins for all scrutineers at scrutiny centres.
- Scrutineers arrive at election day voting centres with a briefing to be conducted prior to 6pm

### 6:00 pm, election night:

- Counts begin simultaneously in all counting bays.
- Election day voting centres start counting ordinary votes for their respective divisions.
- Counting of votes issued at Early voting centres begin for multiple divisions, starting with designated priority divisions.
- Mobile polling team counting begins

### 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm, election night:

- Counts continue progressively for various divisions at counting centres.
- No new counts will commence after 10:30 pm in accordance with the fatigue management policy.

### By 11:00 pm, election night:

- All planned counts for the evening are expected to be finalised.

### Next Day (10:00 am, Sunday, 25 August):

- Any remaining counts, including postal votes, will resume and be completed.

### Monday, 26 August (9:00 am):

- Recheck of all counts undertaken on Saturday night commence

### Tuesday, 27 August – Thursday 5 September

- Recheck of all counts undertaken on Saturday night continues (if required)
- Counts of Absent, Further Postal and accepted Declaration Votes are undertaken

### Friday, 6 September (12:00 noon):

- Deadline for receipt of postal votes.
- Final counts of postal votes commence.
- Distribution of preferences begins.

### Monday, 9 September (10:00 am):

- Declaration of the election result.