

## 2026 City of Darwin, Chan Ward by-election

**30 May 2026**

Date	Time	
Friday 8 May		Nominations open
Tuesday 12 May	5:00 pm	Electoral roll closes
Thursday 14 May	12:00 noon	Nominations close
	1:00 pm	Declaration of nominations, draw for position on ballot papers
Monday 18 May		Postal vote mail-out commences
	8:00 am	Mobile voting commences
Saturday 23 May	8:00 am	Early voting commences
Tuesday 26 May	6:00 pm	Overseas postal voting despatches cease
Thursday 28 May	6:00 pm	All postal voting despatches cease
Friday 29 May	6:00 pm	Early voting ceases
<b>Saturday 30 May</b>		<b>Election day</b>
	8:00 am	Election day voting commences
	6:00 pm	Election day voting ceases
		Mobile voting ceases
		Primary counts of ordinary, postal and early votes commence
Monday 1 June	9:00 am	Declaration vote verification checks, commence recheck of all counts
Tuesday 9 June	9:00 am	Primary counts of accepted declaration votes, further postal counts: <i>Kings Birthday 8 June 2026</i>
Friday 12 June	12:00 noon	Deadline for receipt of postal votes
		Final counts of postal votes commence
	1:00 pm	Distribution of preferences
Monday 15 June	10:00 am	Declaration of the election result
Monday 29 June		Campaign disclosure period ends
Saturday 8 August		Campaign donation return due