



Northern Territory Electoral Commission

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Community voting centres offer extended remote voting options

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission has partnered with 6 remote councils to deliver extended voting services in the bush for the 2021 Local Government Elections.

Voting services will be available in 37 community service centres prior to election day.

Electoral Commissioner Iain Loganathan said that voter turnout in remote areas for the 2017 local government elections was an abysmal 36 per cent.

"To help improve voter turnout 6 regional councils will offer early voting services at council offices," Mr Loganathan said.

"Early voting is very popular in urban areas and regional councils have asked for extended voting times in remote communities to give residents more opportunity to vote.

"Arrangements have been made with the 6 regional councils for early voting services to be offered in 37 communities, including large centres such as Maningrida, Wadeye and Galiwinku in the Top End and Hermannsburg and Santa Teresa in Central Australia."

A total of 102 council staff will be appointed as authorised officers and trained through face-to-face and online sessions so that they can offer voting services at each centre.

"Local government elections are charged on a marginal cost recovery model. It would be expensive and logistically difficult to significantly expand remote voting services in communities without the support of regional councils," Mr Loganathan said.

"This is the first time that remote council offices will be offering voting services at a major election in the NT. The model does represent some additional risks but the NTEC is working with the councils to mitigate these risks to deliver a quality voting service to remote electors."

"Council staff will receive the same training as urban staff and the votes will be counted on election night in Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

Remote voting teams will still operate throughout the Territory to deliver services to regions where community voting centres (list attached) will not be operating.

For more information about the 2021 Local Government Elections, including remote voting schedules, go to www.ntec.nt.gov.au

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Community voting centres 2021 Local Government Elections

Council	Location
Barkly Regional Council	Ali Curung - Council Service Centre Ali Curung
Barkly Regional Council	Alpurrurulam - Council Office
Barkly Regional Council	Ampilatwatja - Shire Service Centre
Barkly Regional Council	Elliott - Council Service Centre Elliott
Barkly Regional Council	Wutunugurra - Community
Central Desert Regional Council	Engawala - Council Office
Central Desert Regional Council	Laramba - Council Office
Central Desert Regional Council	Ti Tree - Council Office
Central Desert Regional Council	Yuelamu - Council Office
East Arnhem Regional Council	Angurugu - Council Office
East Arnhem Regional Council	Galiwin'ku - Galiwinku multi-purpose hall
East Arnhem Regional Council	Gapuwiyak - Council Office
East Arnhem Regional Council	Gunyangara - Council Office
East Arnhem Regional Council	Milingimbi - Youth Centre
East Arnhem Regional Council	Milyakburra - Council Office
East Arnhem Regional Council	Ramingining - Council Office
East Arnhem Regional Council	Umbakumba - Council Office
East Arnhem Regional Council	Yirrkala - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Amoonguna - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Areyonga - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Finke - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Haasts Bluff - Shire Service Centre
MacDonnell Regional Council	Hermannsburg - Community Service Centre
MacDonnell Regional Council	Imanpa - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Kaltukatjara - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Kintore - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Mt Liebig - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Papunya - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Santa Teresa - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Titjikala - Council Office
MacDonnell Regional Council	Wallace Rockhole - Council Office
West Arnhem Regional Council	Gunbalanya - Council Office
West Arnhem Regional Council	Jabiru - West Arnhem Regional Council Office
West Arnhem Regional Council	Maningrida - Council Office
West Arnhem Regional Council	Minjilang - Council Office
West Arnhem Regional Council	Waruwi - Council Office
West Daly Regional Council	Wadeye - Sport and Recreation Hall Wadeye