



# 2017 NT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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## 1. Early and mobile voting starts Monday

Early and mobile voting starts on Monday 14 August. Read the [media release](#) for more information.

[Early voting centres](#) are opening across a number of locations throughout the Territory. These centres can issue ballot papers for all councils.

**Note:** City of Darwin Civic Centre will issue ballot papers for City of Darwin voters only.

[Remote voting schedules](#) are available on the NTEC website. The schedules are subject to change and it's important to keep up-to-date via the website.

Remote teams will visit the following locations:

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| <a href="#">Barkly Regional Council</a>               | <a href="#">MacDonnell Regional Council</a>    |
| <a href="#">Belyuen Community Government Council</a>  | <a href="#">Roper Gulf Regional Council</a>    |
| <a href="#">Central Desert Regional Council</a>       | <a href="#">Tiwi Islands Regional Council</a>  |
| <a href="#">Coomalie Community Government Council</a> | <a href="#">Victoria Daly Regional Council</a> |
| <a href="#">East Arnhem Regional Council</a>          | <a href="#">West Arnhem Regional Council</a>   |
| <a href="#">Katherine Town Council</a>                | <a href="#">West Daly Regional Council</a>     |
| <a href="#">Litchfield Council</a>                    |  |

## 2. Canvassing at early voting centres

The property owners at some early voting centres (EVC) don't allow canvassing by campaign workers; however, there will be tables available at these centres so you can leave materials such as A4 posters and/or how-to-vote cards. It is the candidate's responsibility to maintain stocks of how-to-vote material throughout the course of the election.

Centres that allow canvassing will not have a table to leave supplies and candidates will be required to remove their material each time from these locations. Canvassing must be outside the 10m boundary as marked by the officer in charge.

Following is a list of early voting centres with the relevant canvassing rules:

EARLY VOTING CENTRE	ADDRESS	CANVASSING PERMISSION
Alice Springs Town Council	93 Todd St	Allowed
Casuarina Library	17 Bradshaw Tce	Allowed
City of Darwin Civic Centre	17 Harry Chan Ave	Table provided   no canvassing
Coolalinga Bendigo Bank	Coolalinga Shopping Centre Stuart Hwy	Table provided   no canvassing in shopping complex
Darwin City	82 Mitchell St	Allowed
Katherine Central Shopping Centre	5 Katherine Tce	Table provided   no canvassing in shopping complex
Tennant Creek Civic Hall	Peko Rd	Allowed

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### 3. Authorise, authorise, authorise

Candidates must ensure their campaign materials are appropriately authorised. The NTEC has received a number of complaints regarding lack of correct authorising of election materials. ALL ELECTORAL MATTER **must have the name and address of the authoriser** and if printed, the name and address of the printer. Double sided materials need authorising on BOTH sides. Authorising of electoral matter must also be clear on social media postings.

Authorising DOES NOT apply to the following items, unless it includes a representation of a ballot paper:

- T-shirt, button, badge, pen, pencil or balloon
- a business or visiting card that promotes the candidacy of a person in an election
- a letter or card on which the name of the sender appears
- a letter or media release published by or on behalf of a candidate.

See the [Advertising responsibilities information sheet](#) for further details.

### 4. Election materials, property and seeking permission

All election materials are the **property of the candidate** and removing them without permission is theft. Candidates who report to the NTEC that their campaign material has been removed will be advised to report the matter to police.

Free and fair elections rely on everyone respecting each other's right to present their candidacy. So in the interests of preserving our vibrant democracy, **please don't remove candidates' posters and materials.**

It is also important to remind candidates that **permission must be sought from property owners** before signage can be placed on their fences or within their property area. Please refer to the following publications for more information:

- [Advertising responsibilities information sheet](#)
- [Prohibition of canvassing information sheet](#)
- [Candidate Handbook](#) (page 13)

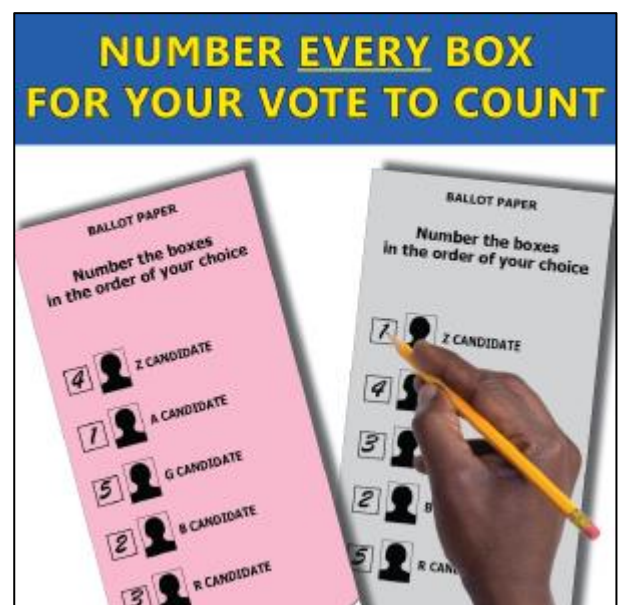
### 5. How-to-vote material

To ensure votes are formal and can be counted, how-to-vote material needs to make it clear that voters have to *number all the boxes in order of choice starting with one.*

Candidates are not obliged to show preferences for all candidates on their how-to-vote material but, if they don't, it is recommended that some text be included to advise voters that they must show a preference for **all** candidates on the ballot paper.

How-to-vote videos in 13 Indigenous languages and English, are available at the [NTEC's YouTube channel](#). These videos will be available at all voting centres on netbooks.

Remember, how-to-vote material should be properly authorised, on both sides when double-sided; authorisations apply to both printed and electronic publications.



## 6. Keeping voters updated

Voters are being updated about voting times and locations via email and SMS. On Wednesday 9 August, the first set of 2,398 emails were sent to remote electors who had provided their email address on their enrolment form. Later today 1,839 SMSs will also be sent. Further emails and SMSs will be sent between now and election day.

## 7. Councils spreading the word



East Arnhem Council has been using a mobile billboard to help inform voters about the upcoming election.

If your council is being proactive, feel free to send images and info to [ntec@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntec@nt.gov.au) so they can be shared on social media and through this newsletter.

## 8. Ballot paper colours

Ballot papers for the 2017 NT Council elections have different colours. All Mayor/President ballot papers are white. You will find ballot paper colour for your council in the table below. Wards not going to election have been excluded.

To assist voters not confusing how-to-vote material with ballots papers it would be preferable if how-to-vote cards are a different colour to the ballot paper.

A table showing the various ballot paper colours is available on the next page.



COUNCIL AREA	COUNCIL WARD (Number of positions)	BALLOT PAPER COLOUR
<b>ALICE SPRINGS</b>	MAYOR (1)	White
	Councillor (8)	Grass Green
<b>BARKLY</b>	PRESIDENT (1)	White
	Alpurrurulam Ward Councillor (1)	Blue
	Kuwarrangu Ward Councillor (2)	Pink
	Patta Ward Councillor (5)	Grass Green
<b>BELYUEN</b>	Councillor (5)	Grey
<b>CENTRAL DESERT</b>	Anmatjere Ward Councillor (4)	Lime Green
	Northern Tanami Ward Councillor (2)	Blue
	Southern Tanami Ward Councillor (4)	Yellow
<b>COOMALIE</b>	Adelaide River Councillor (2)	Blue
	Coomalie Rural Councillor (2)	Pink
<b>DARWIN</b>	LORD MAYOR (1)	White
	Chan Alderman (3)	Grass Green
	Lyons Alderman (3)	Pink
	Richardson Alderman (3)	Blue
	Waters Alderman (3)	Yellow
<b>EAST ARNHEM</b>	Anindilyakwa Ward Councillor (2)	Blue
	Birr Rawarrang Ward Councillor (2)	Grey
	Gumurr Miwatj Ward Councillor (3)	Grass Green
	Gumurr Miyarrka Councillor (2)	Orange
<b>KATHERINE</b>	MAYOR (1)	White
	Alderman (6)	Brown
<b>LITCHFIELD</b>	MAYOR (1)	White
	East Ward Councillor (1)	Teal
	North Ward Councillor (1)	Brown
<b>MACDONNELL</b>	Luritja Pintubi Ward Councillor (3)	Orange
	Rodinga Ward Councillor (4)	Brown
<b>ROPER GULF</b>	Never Never Ward Councillor (3)	Pink
	Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Councillor (2)	Blue
	Nyirrangulung Ward Councillor (3)	Yellow
	South West Gulf Ward Councillor (3)	Grass Green
<b>TIWI ISLANDS</b>	Bathurst Island Councillor (6)	Grass Green
	Pirlangimpi Ward Councillor (3)	Yellow
<b>VICTORIA DALY</b>	Pine Creek Ward Councillor (1)	Grey
	Timber Creek Ward Councillor (1)	Orange
	Walangeri Ward Councillor (1)	Bright Yellow
<b>WAGAIT</b>	Councillor (5)	Grass Green
<b>WEST ARNHEM</b>	Barrah Ward Councillor (2)	Blue
	Kakadu Ward Councillor (3)	Yellow
	Maningrida Ward Councillor (4)	Grass Green
<b>WEST DALY</b>	Nganmariyanga Ward Councillor (1)	Pink
	Thamarrurr/Pindi Ward Councillor (4)	Grass Green