



# 2017 NT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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### 1. Close of electoral roll

**The electoral roll closes on Tuesday 25 July.** You can enrol to vote or update your enrolment details [online](#). Have an enrolment question? Call 1800 698 683.

### 2. Postal voting

[Postal vote applications](#) are available to all Territorians and can be submitted [online](#). Postal vote ballot papers will be despatched from Monday 7 August 2017.

### 3. Early voting

All Territorians can vote at an [early voting centre](#); no special criteria is required. **Early and remote voting begins on Monday 14 August.**

### 4. Who votes?

The Northern Territory has a number of unincorporated areas where electors do **NOT** vote in the 2017 NT Council elections: East Arm (including Darwin Waterfront), north and east of Litchfield Council area, southeast of Adelaide River Township, west of Coomalie as well as towns of Alyangula, Nhulunbuy and Yulara.

An [information sheet](#) is available and further details; including maps, can be found on the website at [ntec.nt.gov.au/who\\_votes?](http://ntec.nt.gov.au/who_votes?)

### 5. Information guide for media

A [media guide](#) is now available for journalists interested in background and general information on elections in the Northern Territory. The guide covers both Legislative Assembly and Council events and includes the timetable for this year's 2017 NT Council elections. The media guide is attached and has been emailed to all journalists on our current contact list.

### 6. Candidate nominations open Friday 14 July

Nominations for the 2017 NT Council elections open on Friday 14 July and close at 12:00 noon SHARP on Thursday 3 August. No late nominations can be accepted. For all nomination and candidate information go to Candidate information at [www.ntec.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntec.nt.gov.au) and watch this [video](#).

### 7. Posters

A [poster](#) has been developed that uses the wording 'standing for regional council' instead of 'becoming a candidate'. If this better suits your area, please feel free to disseminate this version. More posters are available on the [NTEC media page](#).

### 8. Show circuit

Look for the NTEC stand at the Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek shows during July. All election information will be available including council boundary maps, candidate packs and enrolment facilities.

## 9. Nhulunbuy education and information sessions

On 29 and 30 May, the NTEC ran education and information sessions in Nhulunbuy and Yirrkala. Over the two days, ten education sessions were conducted which included 19 classes of 340 participants from across various year groups at Nhulunbuy Primary School, Nhulunbuy High School, Nhulunbuy Christian College and Yirrkala School.

Our school education sessions are interactive and include mock elections to teach students how to vote. Depending on their age, students voted for their favourite fruit, how they would improve their school, what attributes are important for representatives and what issues are important in their community. Strawberries and watermelon, school sport centres, representatives' love for their community and education and jobs were the winners for the student voters of Nhulunbuy and Yirrkala. Students aged 16 years and over were also given enrolment forms and encouraged to enrol.

A candidate information session was also conducted by request from the East Arnhem Council for those interested in the 2017 NT Council elections. These sessions include information about the nomination process and election rules and procedures.



Yirrkala school students having fun learning about voting