



2017 NT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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1. Countdown to roll close

The electoral roll closes at 5:00 pm on Tuesday 25 July. That means you must be on the electoral roll by this date and time to make your opinion count in the 2017 NT Council elections.

Enrolling and updating your details is easy and can be done online at ntec.nt.gov.au. Enrolment forms are also available at Australia Post outlets and council offices.

2. Advertising campaign begun

Advertising about enrolment, the close of roll and nominations has begun on radio, television, in print and on social media. Radio ads have been translated into 9 Indigenous languages and are being broadcast via a number of radio stations across the NT. August will see the rollout of advertising on voting and formality messages.

If you'd like to watch the television ads or listen to the audio versions, go to ntec.nt.gov.au and select [Communications, media & advertising](#). Remember to follow us on [Facebook](#) at NTElectoralCommission and [Twitter](#) @NTElecComm.

3. Candidate eligibility

To nominate for the 2017 NT Council elections you must be:

- an Australian citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- enrolled as an elector within the council you wish to run for.

You *cannot nominate* for the 2017 NT Council elections if you:

- hold a judicial position (Justice of the Peace excepted)
- are bankrupt or in an arrangement with creditors under the *Commonwealth Bankruptcy Act 1966*
- have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (that has not expired) of one year or more
- are a current employee of the council for which you intend to nominate
- still owe council rates or a surcharge and have failed to discharge the debt within six months of the debt becoming due
- are certified mentally unfit to carry out the functions of a member.

More information can be found in the [Candidate Handbook](#).

4. No access to the electoral roll

The [Local Government Act](#) **does not** allow candidates to be provided with a copy of the electoral roll for local government elections. Registered political parties, who receive a monthly update of the electoral roll under the *Electoral Act* (NT), have been advised that they **cannot** use or provide the roll for purposes related to the local government election. Severe penalties exist for misuse of electoral roll data.



5. Nominations open Friday 14 July

Anyone interested in nominating as a candidate for the 2017 NT Council elections can do so from 14 July by lodging their completed [nomination form](#) and a recent photograph at NTEC offices in Darwin or Alice Springs, or via email at nominations.ntec@nt.gov.au, by noon on Thursday 3 August.

Incomplete or late nominations cannot be accepted.

Sixteen councils are going to election in August and those interested in nominating are encouraged to lodge their nomination as early as possible. This provides time to resolve any issues that may arise with the form.

The recent photograph that accompanies the completed nomination form, must be a clear, full-faced, portrait image of the candidate's head and shoulders accompanied by a statement saying the photograph was taken within the last six months.

The nomination form must also **include the names, enrolled addresses and signatures** of at least three persons supporting the nomination. These supporters must be enrolled in the council area for which the candidate is standing. To help comply with this criteria, the nomination form has space for up to six people to support the nomination. Candidates are encouraged to get more than three supporters listed on their form.

Candidates will be declared on Friday 4 August. All nominations are confidential until declaration. Declaration of nominations takes place at the NTEC offices in Darwin and Alice Springs and is open to the public.

The [nomination form](#) and [Candidate handbook](#) are available at ntec.nt.gov.au, at the NTEC offices in Darwin or Alice Springs, or by calling 1800 698 683.

Anyone considering nominating as a candidate can contact Wayne Harlock on 8999 7613 or wayne.harlock@nt.gov.au to make arrangements to lodge completed nomination forms.

NB: The City of Palmerston is under official management so the Palmerston Council election has been deferred.

6. Vacancies for council

COUNCIL	ELECTION	VACANCIES
Alice Springs Town Council	Mayor	1
	Councillor	8
Barkly Regional Council	President	1
	Alpurrurulam Ward Councillor	1
	Alyawarr Ward Councillor	4
	Kuwarrangu Ward Councillor	2
Belyuen Community Government	Patta Ward Councillor	5
	Councillor	5
Central Desert Regional Council	Akityarre Ward Councillor	2
	Anmatjere Ward Councillor	4
	Northern Tanami Ward Councillor	2
Coomalie Community Government Council	Southern Tanami Ward Councillor	4
	Adelaide River Ward Councillor	2
	Batchelor Township Ward Councillor	2
	Coomalie Rural Ward Councillor	2



COUNCIL	ELECTION	VACANCIES
City of Darwin	Lord Mayor	1
	Chan Ward Alderman	3
	Lyons Ward Alderman	3
	Richardson Ward Alderman	3
	Waters Ward Alderman	3
City of Palmerston	The City of Palmerston is under official management so the Palmerston Council election has been deferred.	
East Arnhem Regional Council	Anindilyakwa Ward Councillor	2
	Birr Rawarrang Ward Councillor	2
	Gumurr Gattjirrk Ward Councillor	2
	Gumurr Marthakal Ward Councillor	3
	Gumurr Miwatj Ward Councillor	3
	Gumurr Miyarrka Ward Councillor	2
Katherine Town Council	Mayor	1
	Alderman	6
Litchfield Council	Mayor	1
	Central Ward Councillor	1
	East Ward Councillor	1
	North Ward Councillor	1
	South Ward Councillor	1
MacDonnell Regional Council	Iyarrka Ward Councillor	2
	Ljirapinta Ward Councillor	3
	Luritja Pintubi Ward Councillor	3
	Rodinga Ward Councillor	4
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Never Never Ward Councillor	3
	Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Councillor	2
	Nyirranggulong Ward Councillor	3
	South West Gulf Ward Councillor	3
	Yugul Mangi Ward Councillor	2
Tiwi Islands Regional Council	Bathurst Island Councillor	6
	Milikapiti Ward Councillor	3
	Pirlangimpi Ward Councillor	3
Victoria Daly Regional Council	Daguragu Ward Councillor	1
	Milngin Ward Councillor	1
	Pine Creek Ward Councillor	1
	Timber Creek Ward Councillor	1
	Walangeri Ward Councillor	1
Wagait Shire Council	Councillor	5
West Arnhem Regional Council	Barrah Ward Councillor	2
	Gunbalanya Ward Councillor	3
	Kakadu Ward Councillor	3
	Maningrida Ward Councillor	4
West Daily Regional Council	Nganmariyanga Ward Councillor	1
	Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward Councillor	4
	Tyemirri Ward Councillor	1

7. Show time in Alice

The NTEC display at the Alice Springs Show saw hundreds of visitors last weekend with many raising questions about enrolment and the upcoming Council elections. Candidate packs were given out and 59 enrolment checks completed. Understandably, some voters expressed confusion about another election when there had been two (federal and Territory) last year. The show was a great opportunity to provide information to voters about the local government election.

Next stop, Tennant Creek then on to the Katherine and Darwin shows.

