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1. Election day campaign material

Election day campaign material can be put up at voting centres **AFTER 6:00 pm on Friday 25 August**, OUTSIDE the 10 metre boundary which will be marked by the officer-in-charge of each voting centre.

Any campaign material erected before 6:00 pm on Friday 25 August, will be removed.

Candidates are reminded to be considerate of reticulation systems, trees and grass areas at schools. Star pickets are NOT to be inserted into the ground on school property or footpaths and signage must not be placed on trees. The NTEC takes no responsibility for campaign material placed at voting centres overnight.

At the close of voting, 6:00 pm on Saturday 26 August, all campaign materials must be promptly removed. This includes election materials erected in places other than voting centres. It is the candidates' responsibility to ensure all campaign material is removed following the close of voting.

2. Appointing scrutineers

To appoint a scrutineer to act as a candidate's representative at a scrutiny or voting centre, the [scrutineer appointment form](#) must be completed and presented to the officer-in-charge on arrival.

Note that:

- there is one scrutineer per candidate permitted inside the voting centre during voting hours. They must remove any campaign material including branded t-shirts when inside the voting centre.
- there is one scrutineer per counting table permitted at the count. Voting centres will have one count table and will begin with the Mayoral votes, then move on to the councillor/alderman votes.

Read the information about [vote counting](#) for local government elections on the NTEC website.

3. Making votes count

For votes to be included in the count, they must meet the formality requirement of every box on the ballot paper numbered in order of choice beginning with one.

Read the [ballot paper formality guide](#) for further details. This can be located from the [information sheets](#) tab under [media and publications](#) on the NTEC website. Also see the [formality commercial](#) currently appearing on television.

4. Vote counting

Refer to the proportional representation [information sheet](#) for an explanation on how votes are counted. Further information also available at ntec.nt.gov.au

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5. Early, mobile and postal vote numbers

The following table shows voting numbers as of close of business, 22 August 2017.

<i>Figures as at close of business Tuesday 22 August</i>			
COUNCIL	EARLY VOTING	REMOTE VOTING	POSTAL VOTING*
Alice Springs Town Council	3,031	-	443
Barkly Regional Council	832	338	201
Belyuen Community Government Council	1	-	5
Central Desert Regional Council	32	450	117
Coomalie Community Government Council	70	-	47
City of Darwin	6,989	-	2,080
East Arnhem Regional Council	4	361	43
Katherine Town Council	1,238	-	178
Litchfield Council	1,976	-	364
MacDonnell Regional Council	59	499	93
Roper Gulf Regional Council	49	450	135
Tiwi Islands Regional Council	6	-	13
Victoria Daly Regional Council	17	205	89
Wagait Shire Council	14	-	17
West Arnhem Regional Council	22	633	68
West Daly Regional Council	10	55	40
TOTAL	14,350	2,991	3,933

* Number of postal votes issued

6. Election night count arrangements

Once voting centres close at 6:00 pm on election day, counting will begin across the Territory. The following pages contain information of how the count will proceed on election night. A [pdf version](#) is also available.

NOTE:

- On election night there is a count of first preferences only.
- Election night figures are progressively updated to the NTEC website at ntec.nt.gov.au.
- There is no counting on Sunday 27 August.

ELECTION DAY VOTING CENTRES

Candidates may [appoint scrutineers](#) to represent them for the election night count in voting centres located within the council or ward they are standing for.

A count of first preference (primary) votes will occur after 6:00 pm on Saturday 26 August. One count table will be in operation in these centres and one scrutineer is allowed per candidate per count table.

Scrutineers are to ensure they are at the voting centre no later than 5:45 pm.

Please note that Mayoral counts will be conducted, first followed by counts for Alderman/Councillors e.g. at the Parap School voting centre, the order of counts will be:

- Darwin Lord Mayor
- Lyons Ward Alderman (as Parap school is within Lyons Ward)
- Other wards in City of Darwin (Chan, Richardson, Waters)



ELECTION DAY VOTING CENTRE LOCATIONS		
COUNCIL	VOTING CENTRE	ADDRESS
Alice Springs Town Council	Alice Springs Town Council	93 Todd St
	Braitling Primary School	80 Head St
	Gillen Primary School	55 Milner Rd
	Larapinta	Living Waters Lutheran School, Albrecht Dr
	Sadadeen	Centralian Senior College, Grevillea Dr
	Yirara College	Stuart Hwy
Barkly Regional Council	Tennant Creek Civic Hall	Peko Rd
City of Darwin	Darwin City	82 Mitchell St
	Karama	O'Loughlin Catholic College, 70 Mueller Rd
	Leanyer Primary School,	114 Leanyer Dr
	Ludmilla Primary School	41 Bagot Rd
	Moil Primary School	Moil Cres
	Nightcliff Middle School	90 Aralia St
	Parap Primary School	Urquhart St
	Sanderson Middle School	Matthews Rd, MALAK
	Stuart Park Primary School	cnr Nudl & Ashley Sts
	Tiwi	Dripstone Middle School, Delamere St
Katherine Town Council	Katherine Civic Centre	Stuart Hwy
	Katherine East	MacFarlane Pre-School, Grevillea Rd
	Tindal Community Hall	Easton Parade
Litchfield Council	Bees Creek Primary School	20 Sattler Cres
	Berry Springs Primary School	1150 Cox Peninsula Rd
	Howard Springs	Whitewood Hall, 325 Whitewood Rd
	Humpty Doo	Taminmin College, Challoner Crct
Wagait Shire Council	Wagait Beach	Wagait Community Centre Lot 62 Wagait Tower Rd

ELECTION NIGHT SCRUTINY CENTRES (EARLY AND REMOTE VOTES)

A first preference count of early, and remote votes will be conducted from 6:00 pm in scrutiny centres located in Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

Candidates may [appoint scrutineers](#) to represent them at the early and remote election night scrutiny centres.

A count of first preference (primary) votes will occur after 6:00 pm on Saturday 26 August. A count table for principal member (where applicable) and a table for ordinary members will be in operation at each centre. One scrutineer is allowed per candidate per count table.

Scrutineers are to ensure they are at the scrutiny centre no later than 5:45 pm.

ELECTION NIGHT SCRUTINY CENTRE LOCATIONS	
ALICE SPRINGS	MyVote Central Yeperenye Centre Hartley St
DARWIN	82 Mitchell St cnr Mitchell and McLachlan Sts Note: access via McLachlan St
KATHERINE	Katherine Central Shopping Centre Shop 4 opposite BWS
TENNANT CREEK	Civic Centre Peko Rd

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SCRUTINY CENTRE	COUNT DETAILS	
	VOTING CENTRE/TEAM	BALLOT PAPERS TO BE COUNTED
ALICE SPRINGS	Alice Springs EVC Remote team - Central Desert Remote team - MacDonnell	All Alice Springs Town Council Central Desert Regional Council - All wards MacDonnell Regional Council - All wards
DARWIN	Darwin EVC Darwin Civic Centre EVC Casuarina EVC Litchfield EVC Remote team - Belyuen Remote team - Coomalie Remote team - East Arnhem Remote team - Roper Gulf Remote team - Tiwi Islands Remote team - Victoria Daly Remote team - West Arnhem Remote team - West Daly	All City of Darwin All City of Darwin All City of Darwin All Litchfield Council All Belyuen Community Government Council Coomalie Community Government Council - all wards East Arnhem Regional Council - all wards Roper Gulf Regional Council - all wards Tiwi Islands Regional Council - all wards Victoria Daly Regional Council - all wards West Arnhem Regional Council - all wards West Daly Regional Council - all wards
KATHERINE	Katherine EVC	All Katherine Town Council
TENNANT CREEK	Tennant Creek EVC Remote Team - Barkly	All Barkly Regional Council All Barkly Regional Council

EVC - Early Voting Centre

7. Counting from Monday 28 August

From Monday 28 August, the count (fresh scrutiny) of the majority of ballot papers will be conducted using Easy Count, a computerised vote counting software application. Easy Count is a system that requires input of each ballot paper twice by two different data entry operators.

[Scrutineers](#) are entitled to observe the Easy Count process.

Due to the small number of candidates, the Alice Springs | Katherine | Litchfield Mayor and Barkly President counts will be conducted manually.

The remaining 39 counts (including Darwin Lord Mayor) will be conducted using Easy Count. Details about next week's counts will be in newsletter number 12.

NOTE: There will be no result until after the deadline for the close of postal votes at 12:00 noon on Friday 1 September. Once the final postal votes are counted the quota will be determined and preferences distributed.