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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- 2021 -

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by Tuesday 27 July 2021

NOMINATE

by Thursday 5 August 2021

VOTE

Early and mobile voting commences
Monday 16 August 2021

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**ELECTION
DAY**

Saturday 28 August



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How YOU can make a difference.

You can influence what happens in your local community by voting in the upcoming Local Government council elections.

Voting is compulsory in Local Government elections in the Northern Territory.

To be able to vote, you must be on the electoral roll.

Enrol to vote

To check if you are already on the electoral roll and that your details are up-to-date, visit:
<https://bit.ly/2Q1fF66>

If you need to enrol for the first time, get back on the roll, or change your address, you can complete a simple online form here: <https://bit.ly/3mGzbAU>

You are eligible to vote if you:

- are an Australian citizen, or eligible British subject;
- are aged 18 years and over on the day of the election; and
- have lived at your address for at least one month.

You must be enrolled by 5:00pm (CST) Tuesday 27 July 2021 to vote in the upcoming local government election

Becoming an elected member of a Local Government council is a great way to influence the direction of your community.

Are you:

- Passionate about your community?
- Someone who likes to get things done?
- A good listener?
- Eager to learn and participate?
- Wanting a rewarding challenge?

If yes, why not nominate for council?

The first step to getting elected to your Local Council is nominating for a position.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/3uviqLv> to learn more about who is eligible to nominate and who is not.

To nominate for Council, you need to provide:

- A completed nomination form;
- A photo that meets the guidelines; and
- The names of three local people (nominators) who support your nomination.

The details of the nomination process are available here: <https://bit.ly/2TAL5XI>

People from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to nominate. Councils are most effective when they reflect the diversity of their communities.

Nominations for Council elections open Friday 16 July 2021 and close 12 noon (CST) Thursday 5 August 2021



VOTE



There are three ways you can vote in the Local Government election.

You can:

- Request, fill out and return a postal ballot sent to your nominated address;
- Vote in person at an early voting centre or a mobile voting location; or
- Vote in person at a local polling station on the day of the election (**Saturday 28 August 2021**).

Postal Voting

From **Friday 28 May 2021** you can make an application to the NT Electoral Commission for a postal ballot here: <https://bit.ly/3eAGFlD>

Postal voting mail-out commences Monday 9 August 2021.

Once you receive your ballot, fill it in and return it in the reply paid envelope.

If you are a pre-registered general postal voter you will automatically be sent a ballot paper and will not need to lodge a new application.

To be counted, your completed postal ballot must be received by 12 noon (CST) Friday 10 September 2021.

Early and Mobile Voting

Early voting and mobile voting commence at **8am Monday, 16 August 2021**. A full list of locations can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3dITQBf>

Early voting ceases at **6pm (CST) Friday 27 August**.

Mobile voting ceases at **6pm** on election day **Saturday 28 August 2021**.

Election Day Voting

In person voting on **Saturday 28 August 2021** commences at 8am and ends at 6pm (CST). The full list of polling locations is available here: <https://bit.ly/36fivZK>

For more information, visit: <https://ntec.nt.gov.au/>



Northern Territory Electoral Commission
EVERY vote counts!



Why Local Government elections matter.

There are three layers of Government in Australia: the Federal or Commonwealth Government, the State or Territory Government; and Local Government. Local Government is the one closest to the people.

Local Government Councils have a far greater impact on communities than most people appreciate.

Local Councils collect rates from local property owners and receive grants from the federal and territory government. They spend these funds on services, programs and infrastructure that address local community priorities and essential needs. This includes services such as maintaining local roads; rubbish collection and recycling; parks, sports fields and swimming pools; libraries, public cemeteries; pet control; and parking.

Decisions on Council services, policies and projects are made by the elected council. The council consists of a group of councillors headed by a President or Mayor. Councillors are people just like you, who have been elected by local residents to represent their views for a four-year term.

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) is the peak body for the Local Government sector.

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