

Shire Council Election, Saturday 25 October 2008

Vote in the Shire Council Elections!

We now have a new system of Local Government in the Territory

In October you can vote for your ward's Shire Councillor/ Councillors.

Have your say!

Shire Elections happen every four years, have your say on who will be your voice on the Shire Council.

It's your chance to vote for a Shire Council that will work for stronger communities, better services and more opportunities.

What's new about Local Government?

Now, nearly everywhere in the Northern Territory has a Local Government.

In the town and in the bush.

Before we had a lot of small Councils each looking after one or two places.

Now we have a few big Shire Councils looking after large areas all round the Territory.

The Shire Councils look the same; they still have offices in the small towns and communities, so that you can have access to services.

COMMUNITY NOTICE



What is a Shire Council?

Your Shire Council is a kind of Local Government. It looks after the local areas in the Shire and gives you services like rubbish pickup, roads, sports and community buildings.

It's your voice for local people and local issues.

Shire Councils are strong.

They:

- speak to government for local people
- get money for local services
- share resources in the Shire fairly
- help make more opportunities for your area.

What do you need to do?

Find out which Shire and Ward you belong to.

You can find maps at www.shireelections.nt.gov.au or ask at your Shire Council office.

Decide who you want to vote for.

Look out for notices and pictures showing candidates for the Shire elections.

Remember to vote!

Everyone who lives in the Shire and is on the electoral role must vote.

What does new Local Government mean for you?

- Shires are made up of Wards.
- You will vote for who you want to represent you and your Ward, by voting for Ward Councillors.
- All of the Ward Councillors come together to make the Shire Council.



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To find out more about voting or enrolling, go to the website www.ntec.nt.gov.au or phone the Northern Territory Electoral Commission on **1800 019 159** (free call).

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