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ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER'S FOREWORD

The inaugural 2008 Rural and Shire General Elections presented an enormous logistical and administrative challenge for the NT Electoral Commission.

Although significant structural changes for local government had been foreshadowed in 2007, much of the detail that is critical to election management, such as the electoral regulations and electoral boundaries, were not entirely clear until only a matter of months before the poll.

The NT Government's announcement of a Legislative Assembly General Election for 9 August 2008 also disrupted preparations and meant that many earlier plans for the local government elections had to be either modified significantly or abandoned altogether. Moreover, the roll out of the new shires also generated its fair share of political controversy at the time and this ensured a continuous sharp focus on the event from the start.



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This report essentially tries to accomplish two things. Firstly, it seeks to give a context to the event and record the arrangements and outcomes that eventuated. Secondly, it looks beyond the specifics of the Shire and Rural Council General Elections towards March 2012, when all local government councils will be part of the general elections and, as such, the event will be quite a different proposition altogether.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my permanent and casual staff, staff from other electoral authorities, the Department of Local Government and Housing, Department of Business and Employment and Shire staff for their contribution to the successful conduct of the elections.

I would also encourage immediate efforts to review and improve arrangements for future events, bearing in mind our first operational experience with the new legislation and the structures that were created. Unfortunately, all too often, interest in improving electoral administration has tended to quickly wane the moment a poll is concluded and years down the track the same problems and challenges have to be faced again.

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Bill Shephard
Electoral Commissioner
11 December 2009

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PART 1

Election Report and Appendices



LITCHFIELD COUNCIL



WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL



1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During 2007, the NT government announced plans to replace the existing community government councils and schemes in remote areas of the Territory with regionally based 'super shire' councils. In October 2007 re-structuring orders were gazetted that established the prospective shires and deferred council elections scheduled for March 2008, except for the municipalities of Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs.

The *Local Government Act 2008* was passed by the Legislative Assembly (LA) in the April – May sittings and came into effect on 1 July 2008. Details of the new shire councils were gazetted on 30 June 2008. The Electoral Commissioner (EC) was appointed as Returning Officer (RO) for the October inaugural elections by the ten shire councils going to election and the municipality of Litchfield.

The Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008, providing the new legislative framework for all council elections, were gazetted 29 August 2008.

The elections commenced on 12 September by Notice inviting nominations and provided for the following:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Close of rolls | 5pm 23 September 2008 |
| Close of nominations | 12 noon 2 October 2008 |
| Polling day | 25 October 2008 |

1.1 Key Result Area – Enrolment and Roll Products

Over the 12 day close of rolls period to 23 September 2008, a total of 249 enrolment forms were received for the 11 rural councils, mostly for a change of address within the same council area. Over the same period, there were 146 deletions to the roll for deceased electors and those transferring to addresses elsewhere. The relatively low level of activity was a consequence of enrolment stimulation at the LA election two months before and the federal election in late 2007. At the close of rolls, 39 003 electors were enrolled to vote for the 11 councils.

1.2 Key Result Area – Advertising and Publicity

Public awareness activities were based on schematic plans drawn up for the LA elections and customised to advertise voting services for the rural council elections. The council election public awareness campaign was delivered mainly through the electronic media, the NTEC website and posters to shires and service centres for display in communities. To reach electors in the three rural councils in the outer Darwin area, advertising was placed in the regional newspapers whilst a postal box drop was arranged for Litchfield Council electors. The NTEC considered that this mix provided reasonable access for the largest number of electors, irrespective of location and literacy levels.



The TV campaign consisted of four TV advertisements with a total of 2500 program placements over the course of the election, broadcast where possible to regional areas. The advertising themes related to the roll close, the provision of voting services, mobile polling awareness and 'who does and who doesn't vote'. The latter message was required as 18 out of a possible 49 elections were not contested.

Radio was used extensively as the content could be more readily adapted for broadcasting indigenous languages and could provide a better coverage to the more remote communities. The four election advertising themes were presented by local radio staff and were broadcast over commercial stations and five community networks, the latter including broadcasts in nine indigenous languages, reflecting geographic coverage.

1.3 Key Result Area – Election Management

As the rural council elections followed immediately after the LA election, use was made of existing operational arrangements as a starting point, particularly for mobile polling. Amended procedures were used for the receipt of nominations to meet local government legislative requirements and the logistical challenges posed by the election.

Nominations

The full three week period was required to distribute nomination materials to remote locations and for the return of completed nomination forms and deposits. A total of 211 nominations from 206 persons were received for the 115 councilor and two principal member positions, with elections for 17 wards not being required as the number of nominations equaled the member positions. The election for Iyarrka Ward (MacDonnell Shire) partially failed due to insufficient nominations, thus generating a supplementary election at a later date.

Postal Voting

There were 542 registered postal voters enrolled for the rural councils and a further 127 electors applied for a postal vote. The first mailing took place on 6 October, almost three weeks before polling day and comprised 560 postal vote packs, with subsequent mailings as applications were received and processed. By the deadline for return on 31 October, 70% of postal votes issued had been returned. Very few postal votes were received after the deadline, indicating that the time provided for voting and the mailing arrangements were appropriate.

Declaration Voting

Only a small number of declaration votes were claimed by electors compared to the number at the LA election. A total of 1360 ballot papers (representing 8% of the total) were issued at the seven early voting centres that operated at council offices at Bees Creek, Jabiru, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek, at government offices at Katherine and at the two NTEC offices. In addition, 395 absent votes (2.3% of voters) were cast by persons outside of their enrolled council area and 104 other declaration votes (0.6%) claimed by persons whose name could not be found on the roll, of which 38 were admitted to the count.

Mobile Polling

The mobile polling procedures and schedules employed at the LA election were used as a base for the rural council elections. Adjustments were required to take account of the operational experience at the LA poll and those wards where polling was not required. Extensive consultation took place with council staff in developing and publicising the final schedules. Polling commenced on 13 October and over the following two weeks, 15 teams visited 208 communities in remote areas, aged care and health facilities in Katherine and Tennant Creek and hospitals and the gaols in Darwin and Alice Springs. Mobile polling accounted for 80% of votes cast in the eight new rural councils. There was an overall 10% drop in the number voting at communities and institutions compared to polling at the LA election, which is not unexpected given that this was a lower key election.

Static Polling

Static polling was available on 25 October at the 15 polling places appointed for Litchfield, Wagait and Barkly councils and in Darwin and regional centres. A total of 6508 electors voted at static booths (38.4% of the overall turnout) but the majority of these ballot papers (5013) were cast at the five polling places for Litchfield Council, with much of the remainder at Tennant Creek, Jabiru and Wagait.

The Scrutiny of Votes and Declaration of Results

The exhaustive preferential voting system legislated for NT council elections requires a computer system to count and allocate preferences in complex counts for multi-member constituencies to ensure timely and economical determination of the count.

After the conclusion of polling on 25 October, the scrutiny was undertaken at Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Details shown on the ballot papers in 24 complex counts were entered into computer count software. Seven counts were undertaken by manual scrutiny. The preliminary results of all elections were posted to the NTEC website as soon as they were available and were subsequently confirmed by the RO and Deputy ROs at the declaration of results held at the NTEC's office and regional centres on 3 November 2008.

Participation

Of the 34 125 electors enrolled in the council wards where polling was required, a total of 16 956 electors voted, giving an overall participation rate of 49.7% for the election. The average masks significant differences in turnout between councils and wards and, in remote areas, between communities. The participation rate for the eight new councils in the remote areas was 46.7% compared to 57.6% for the three rural councils in the Darwin region.

1.4 Key Result Area – Corporate Support

Staffing

The NTEC's long term permanent and contract officers were supplemented by 103 temporary staff recruited for the council elections, of whom only a small number worked over the whole seven week election period. In almost all cases, the temporary staff had prior experience in managing elections in the more remote areas of the NT. Ten temporary officers were recruited for Divisional Returning Officer (DRO) and supervisory positions with six seconded from other electoral authorities.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure support was provided by ITC officials from the Department of Business and Employment (DBE) and office accommodation in regional centres by the councils or the Department of Local Government and Housing (DLGH). For the rural council elections, the NTEC negotiated a business arrangement with the Australian Election Commission (AEC) to use the *EasyCount* vote counting system. Prior to the election, the necessary software was installed and tested on PCs and laptops for use in Darwin and regional centres. Design software for public awareness notices was used by in-house staff to prepare copy and artwork for placing directly with the media.

Election Costs

Actual expenditure was \$995 056, of which \$900 000 was funded by councils and DLGH. The residual amount between funding allocation and actual expenditure was covered by a Treasurer's Advance. The NTEC is advised this is unlikely to be the case in the future with the intention that election costs will become a recurrent budget item for councils.

1.5 Forward Planning

For a detailed discussion of issues relating to the conduct of any future general elections, see Section 7. Categorised recommendations relating to that section are as follows:

1.6 RECOMMENDATIONS

RO Appointment and Resourcing

It is recommended that -

1. The LGA be amended to provide that the NTEC be appointed as sole provider for local government elections, at least in respect to general elections.
2. In the absence of more ongoing staff resources to cope with the frequency and complexity of local government general and by-elections being forthcoming, the NTEC should move to a full cost recovery charging model.
3. The 2012 general election funds are provided in full to the NTEC at the commencement of the 2011-12, preferably from one source only.

Electoral System Fundamentals

It is recommended that -

4. The LGER be amended to provide a separate by-election timetable which affords more flexibility and scope for discretion to be exercised within broad by-election timetable parameters.
5. A review be conducted, in consultation with the NTEC, to evaluate the effectiveness of the exhaustive voting system when applied to current council/ward boundaries in terms of representative outcomes.
6. A review be conducted, in consultation with the NTEC, to evaluate ways to increase the formality rate at local government elections through adopting changes to either the voting system and/or formality provisions.
7. A more formalised process in relation to boundary reviews be prescribed in the LGER and that the NTEC play a more active, even a leading role, in those reviews.

System Procedures and Processes

It is recommended that -

8. A review be conducted, in consultation with the NTEC, to evaluate the need for a candidate's deposit and, if retained, the most appropriate payment arrangements that can be put in place.
9. The LGER to be amended to make it clear that a nomination may only be lodged at the office of the Returning Officer or a Deputy Returning Officer.
10. The LGER to be amended to make it clear that the RO's investigative powers in accepting nominations are limited.
11. The LGER be amended to accommodate the issue of ordinary votes at a polling place outside of the council area.
12. The LGER be amended to restrict the issue of ordinary ballot papers for other wards (in line with current LA procedures) where the secrecy of the ballot may be compromised because of a low number of anticipated votes issued.
13. The LGER be amended to prescribe the methodology of a recount of ballot papers previously counted using a computer.
14. The LGER be amended to adopt a methodology related to resolving ties in the count that eliminates/reduces drawing by lot and causes a fresh election in the case where the last two candidates are tied after a recount.

Legislation Management

It is recommended that -

15. A thorough review of the electoral provisions of the LGA and the LGER be undertaken before the 2012 general elections in the light of operational experience and harmonisation with the NTEA.
16. The legislation relating to the conduct of an election be moved from the LGA and LGER and be re-established in a Local Government Electoral Act, which would be administered by the NTEC.

Stakeholder Roles

It is recommended that -

17. The roles of local government officials at future elections be clarified, documented and distributed through local government networks before the commencement of the general elections in 2012.
18. Councils take a more active role in roll maintenance activities in their communities, both on an ongoing basis as well as at election time, including a major enrolment drive in the lead up to the 2012 general election.
19. Councils take a more active role in the identification of impartial local assistants for mobile polling teams.
20. Councils provide out-posted DROs with adequate office facilities for the duration of the election period.
21. A working party made up of the RO, LGANT, DLGH, AEC be established in early 2011 to commence preparations for the 2012 general elections and to ensure roles and responsibilities are fully understood.
22. Prospective candidate information sessions be rolled out as a joint initiative by LGANT, NTEC and Councils to all council areas from early 2012.

Promotional Activities

It is recommended that -

23. A review be conducted, in consultation with the NTEC, relating to the merit of providing candidate profiles at local government elections and the legislative inclusions that would need to be made to provide a process, if candidate profiles were to be adopted.
24. All election advertising undertaken by councils is channelled and cleared through the RO.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 Local Government Act and Regulations

Local government elections in the NT are conducted in accordance with legislation enacted by the NT Legislative Assembly. Carriage of legislative change lies with the Minister for Local Government, supported by the Department of Local Government and Housing (DLGH). As an independent agency, the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) may be consulted over electoral legislation but does not publicly comment on matters of government policy.

On 30 January 2007, the Minister for Local Government announced a proposal for a new local governance structure for the Northern Territory. This would entail a comprehensive overhaul of local government legislation and the structure of local representative bodies, thereby replacing the existing community government councils and schemes with regionally based 'super shire councils'.

In October 2007 re-structuring orders were gazetted that established the prospective rural councils and deferred elections for all local governments with the exception of elections for the municipalities of Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs scheduled for March 2008. The deferral included elections for Litchfield Council.

The Local Government Act 2008 (the Act) was introduced into the Legislative Assembly (LA) in February 2008 to give effect to the Minister's proposals. The Act was passed in the April – May sitting of the Assembly and came into effect on 1 July 2008. Chapter 8 of the Act sets out the legislative basis for local government elections and polls but the detailed procedures for their conduct are contained in the electoral regulations.

On 30 June 2008 DLGH gazetted eight new remote councils, including the number of members to be elected and the maps showing council and ward boundaries. Also gazetted were shires of Wagait (formally Cox Peninsula), Belyuen and Coomalie Community Government Council. The date of the 25 October 2008 was gazetted for elections for all rural shire councils except for Belyuen, which was under administration.

The regulations providing for the conduct of council elections were drafted during the first half of 2008 following consultations with stakeholders, including some discussions with the Electoral Commissioner (EC) that were more detailed in the latter part of that period. However, when the Act came into effect on 1 July and with the October date of the elections already confirmed, the time available for further consultation was limited. The Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008 (the Regulations) were gazetted on 29 August 2008.

2.2 Roles and Requirements under Legislation

The Act and regulations set out the powers and obligations of the Minister, the NTEC and councils with respect to the holding of local government elections. They include powers in relation to calling elections and by-elections, appointing returning officers (ROs), preparing rolls, the voting entitlement, methods of voting, resolving electoral disputes and the penalties that apply in relation to electoral offences.

Legislative authority for the calling of elections and by-elections is provided at ss84, 85 & 86 of the Act. The Act also provides that elections are to be conducted in accordance with the regulations (s89) which contain detailed instructions for the prosecution of elections including preparations, arrangements for voting, counting of votes (the scrutiny) and the declaration of results. The regulations also provide for a range of administrative matters including the funding of election costs by councils, offences, and the return of candidate deposits and the issuing of directions by the Electoral Commission.

For an election to proceed, the council must appoint a RO (r64), or the Minister may make this appointment under section 96(2) of the Act. Once appointed, the RO is required to undertake the administrative duties set out in the regulations.

The Act and regulations place the following requirements on the Minister and the NTEC.

The Minister:

- Determines the date for newly constituted, amalgamated, changed areas and failed general elections by Gazette notice - s84 of the Act;
- Determines the day for periodic general elections by *Gazette* notice - s85;
- May extend the time for holding an election or for taking any step in relation to the holding of an election – s96 regulation, r57(1);
- May appoint a person to be the RO for a particular election - s96.

The NTEC:

- Must prepare rolls for the conduct of an election - s88(1);
- Must make the roll available to the RO as soon as practicable after the close of rolls – s88(3);
- Must make the roll available for inspection at the NTEC’s public offices - s88(5);
- May, by *Gazette* notice, give directions to ROs about any aspect of the electoral process – r5.

Returning Officer

Councils may appoint an RO at any time, but must make the appointment by 1 July in the year preceding a general election. If no appointment is made, the council’s CEO is the RO. Councils must pay the reasonable costs and expenses to conduct an election in accordance with an agreement with the RO [r65 (1) & (2)].

In addition to the legislated obligations on councils, the RO may for practical reasons require council assistance in the following areas for the effective administration of elections:

Election Roll

- Provide written confirmation of the accuracy of council/ ward boundaries shown on the roll prior to an election in order that the election roll can be certified;
- Display the council roll for public inspection to ensure electors are listed correctly;
- Arrange for the completion of enrolment forms by eligible residents and send completed forms to reach the NTEC or the AEC before the close of rolls.

Liaison

- Nominate an election contact officer to act as a point of contact between the returning officer and council officials including those in service centres.

Public Awareness

- Copy, and display at council offices election notices in A3 format (if possible), including the nomination notice and mobile polling schedules;
- Publicise the election within the council area consistent with any Territory wide general election advertising campaign undertaken on behalf of all councils;
- Make nomination forms available at the council office.

Facilities and Infrastructure

- If appropriate, provide vehicles, mobile team support staff, office space for administrative and training needs, furniture, scrutiny and count venues and IT facilities for the conduct of the election on a no cost basis to the RO;
- Provide assistance with accommodation should electoral staff need to stay in the council area;
- Provide transportation to and from remote community airstrips, if possible;

- Identify and recruit impartial community electoral staff with appropriate literacy and linguistic skills to provide assistance to appointed electoral staff.

Full details of Returning Officer responsibilities are shown in Appendix A.

2.3 Pre-Election Preparations

Commencing in mid 2007, the NTEC reviewed the resources required if it was to undertake the council elections proposed for late 2008. The review included the staff and other resources needed, the adequacy of existing election systems, and scheduling issues relating to other election and administrative commitments. Late in the planning process, after the appointment of the EC as RO, input was sought from stakeholders and the EC responded to official requests for advice regarding the regulations.

2.4 Liaison Between the NTEC and Other Agencies

The NTEC entered into a preliminary dialogue with DLGH in March 2007 regarding the planned elections. Discussions took place on the procedures needed to implement legislation for the elections and likely costs, with the NTEC indicating that expenditure would be similar to that for an LA election. DLGH was advised that, as this was an inaugural election for which legislation and an operating model had yet to be finalised, any cost estimate could be only general and would depend on the election timetable, the development and costing of a broad communication strategy, and details in the regulations.

Issues raised by the NTEC in subsequent meetings with DLGH included:

- The lack of continuing representation for some councils arising from the suspension of elections from 30 June 2007 for all councils, with the exception of those for the urban municipalities and a small number of community councils where election preparations had already commenced;
- Limited opportunities to influence the drafting of the regulations covering the voting system to be adopted and the possible implications for electoral best practice;
- The need for an early resolution of the legislative framework and timetable for the elections to facilitate election planning;
- The use of existing LA division names for a number of the rural councils creating the potential for confusion by electors as to the jurisdiction in which they are located;
- The need to open a dialogue with rural council CEOs to develop a common understanding regarding election processes, notwithstanding the CEOs' immediate focus on establishing council infrastructure and staffing;
- The requirement of the NTEC to undertake other time critical tasks in 2008 including:
 - The March municipal elections;
 - Planning for an LA election that could be held between 19 July 2008 and 27 June 2009;
 - The application of boundary changes to the NT/Commonwealth roll management database (RMANS) arising from the 2008 LA redistribution; and
 - The application of boundaries for the new rural councils following their gazettal.

Separate discussions took place with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) commencing in November 2007 regarding the development of an appropriate election logo and the possibility of contact with individual councils in early 2008. The NTEC discussed with LGANT the inclusion of gender and date of birth details on the nomination form to obtain a statistical profile of candidates.

The NTEC had anticipated that early discussions would take place with other stakeholders, including senior staff and transitional appointees at council offices, but it was determined that this be deferred to later in 2008 due to the interim nature of council arrangements and the existing work load on council staff. As the NTEC was fully committed in managing the LA election from mid July 2008, a formal program of consultation with senior council staff could not take place prior to the election.

It is expected that at by-elections, and the general elections in 2012, the stable governance structure now in place will make it easier for council staff and the NTEC to establish an effective working relationship.

2.5 Impact of the 2008 LA Election

When writs were issued for the LA elections on 22 July 2008, council election planning had to be put on hold with the exception of the most urgent of projects. These included the commissioning of new computer count software, planning for mobile polling, developing the communication strategy and the application of council boundaries to RMANS.

Results were finalised for the LA elections on 15 August but another week was necessary for the NTEC to complete essential post-election tasks before releasing key staff to undertake council election preparations. Whilst the NTEC was able to fully complete preparations for the prosecution of the council elections on time, the timing of the LA election did limit planned election awareness and enrolment activities, and dialogue with stakeholders was restricted.

The successful completion of the elections, despite the relatively short lead time available and in the face of other election commitments, was due to the NTEC undertaking considerable planning over the 12 months prior to the appointment of the EC as the RO and the NTEC as the service provider.

2.6 Timetable for the Inaugural Shire and Rural Council Elections

| Council Elections – 25 October 2008 | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|
| Date | Time | Election Program |
| By Friday 12 September 2008 | | Notice Inviting Nominations LGER r6 |
| Tuesday 23 September 2008 | 5pm | Close of Electoral Roll LGER r11 |
| Thursday 2 October 2008 | 12 noon | Close of Nominations LGER r10 |
| Friday 3 October 2008 | 12 noon | Declaration of Nominations Draw for position on ballot papers LGER rs 3, 8 |
| | ASAP | Postal Vote Mail-out Commenced LGER r27(2) |
| Wednesday 8 October 2008 | 8am | Early Voting Commenced LGER r3 |
| Monday 13 October 2008 | 9am | Mobile Polling Commenced LGER r3 |
| Tuesday 21 October 2008 | 6pm | Overseas Postal Voting Dispatches Ceased LGER r27(3)(b) |
| Thursday 23 October 2008 | 6pm | All Postal Voting Dispatches Ceased LGER r27(3)(b) |
| Friday 24 October 2008 | 6pm | Early Voting Ceased LGER r3 |
| Saturday 25 October 2008 | 8am | Polling Day LGA ss84(2), 85 Static Polling Commenced LGER rs 3, 37 |
| | 6pm | Static & Mobile Polling Ceases LGER rs 3, 37 Primary Counts of Ordinary Votes in Static Polling Places Commenced LGER r52 Preliminary Scrutiny, Primary Counts of Postal & Early Votes Commenced LGER r46 |
| Monday 27 October 2008 | 9am | Declaration Vote Verification Checks Commenced Recheck of all counts LGER r46 |
| Thursday 30 October 2008 | 9am | Primary counts of Accepted Declaration Votes, further Postal Counts |
| Friday 31 October 2008 | 6pm | Deadline for receipt of postal votes Final Counts of Postal Votes Commenced LGER r46 Distribution of Preferences LGER rs 51 |
| Monday 3 November 2008 | 10am | Declaration of Results of Poll LGER r56 |

3. KEY RESULT AREA – ENROLMENT AND ROLL SERVICES

3.1 Application of Gazetted Council and Ward Boundaries

The NTEC commenced discussions with the AEC in early 2008 regarding the application of council boundaries to the roll, which both parties recognised could not commence until the boundaries were legally ratified.

The boundaries of the new councils were gazetted on 30 June 2008 and the information listing the towns and communities within each ward was provided to the NTEC by DLGH in early July 2008.

The AEC and NTEC commenced the application of council boundaries immediately following the gazettal. However, their translation to RMANS (the roll management system) was a lengthy process requiring frequent manual checking, especially for those areas where data could not be automatically applied. Unlike most land information systems, RMANS electoral boundary information is held in text form with each locality and address coded to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census Collection District (CCD) in which they are located. Council wards and LA divisions are then defined by the set of whole or part CCDs that fall within their boundaries. As all electors are linked to a CCD via their RMANS address, the precise alignment of electoral areas is essential for the extraction of accurate election rolls.

The first task of aligning CCDs fully contained within a ward was completed by the end of July. However, where a boundary divided a CCD, considerable research was needed to ensure that individual addresses were assigned to the correct ward. Also, as the new councils added significantly to the boundary information held on RMANS, a major re-ordering of the data for all NT local government areas was required, including that for the existing municipalities.

Despite the immediate requirements of the LA election, the NTEC allocated additional staff to the alignment of council boundaries with the aim of completing the task by late August. This target was not met due to delayed responses from councils to Commission queries about the location of individual communities. This caused a further two week delay in the release of draft boundaries to councils and posed a considerable risk to the timely commencement of the elections.

In early September RMANS reports showing the new boundaries were provided to councils for checking and sign-off. Council approval took longer than anticipated and the final application of boundaries to RMANS did not take place until 12 September, the first day of the election period. Rolls were able to be extracted on time, but the compression of the time frame for the task did pose operational problems for the AEC, NTEC and council staff.

Post election, further checks were undertaken and a number of minor boundary changes were made, but these had no bearing on election outcomes. As the address base is subject to change with urban growth, redevelopment and street re-numbering, the checking of enrolment and boundary information will need to be undertaken on a regular basis to maintain the accuracy of local government rolls.

It is anticipated that current council boundaries will more or less remain in place for future elections, subject to possible changes to incorporate those areas in the top end regions currently without local government representation.

Changes to internal ward boundaries may arise from the review of electoral representation due to be finalised before March 2011. Any changes must be captured and processed on the roll database as soon as possible after formal ratification of the new boundaries has been effected.

3.2 Enrolment Awareness Program

The NTEC considered options in mid 2007 for an enrolment and voter awareness program for the council elections. At that early stage it was considered that the program would include field work backed up with a public awareness campaign undertaken prior to the formal commencement of the election period. DLGH would play a key role.

The proposed awareness program was modeled on that undertaken by the NTEC prior to the 2005 LA general election, when visits were made to 58 remote communities in two rounds over the three months prior to the election, initially to check the roll and then to advertise mobile polling team visits. It was anticipated that for the 2008 shire council elections, a media based public awareness program would be undertaken to reinforce the fieldwork, but detailed planning was put on hold pending the appointment of the RO.

By mid July 2008 the NTEC had agreed to participate in a joint program with DLGH and council staff to visit communities to deliver candidate and voter information sessions and undertake enrolment activities. The NTEC within its resources also agreed to provide a resource pack including enrolment forms that could be made available in communities.

With the announcement of the LA election on 21 July, the NTEC was required to withdraw the level of commitment originally envisaged to pre-election fieldwork but did continue to develop public awareness and enrolment materials so that they could be put into production at the conclusion of the LA election.

Given the close proximity of the council elections to the LA elections, benefits did accrue to the electoral roll from the sharp enrolment focus preceding the Assembly elections. It could be anticipated that the advantages of a known timetable would be more marked in 2012, though concerns do exist over the timing of the elections (at the end of the wet season) and the ability to access all areas in the run up to and during the election period.

3.3 Impact of Recent Elections on Rural Council Rolls

Whilst the planned pre-election enrolment program did not take place, this did not have a significant impact on the quality of the council rolls. Over the preceding 12 months there had been three major electoral events, including the federal election in November 2007 and the municipal and LA elections in March and August 2008 respectively. Each election was preceded by an enrolment and publicity campaign that generated enrolments and, on the polling days themselves, additional forms and other roll maintenance information were received. Of particular impact was the AEC's federal election enrolment drive commencing in July 2007 that was marked by a major public awareness campaign backed up with extensive enrolment fieldwork in remote communities and regional centres.

For the whole of the NT, from July 2007 to the close of rolls for the rural council elections, approximately 39 000 enrolments were processed. These included 19 000 additions to the roll with the balance of transactions being for persons already on the NT roll who had notified a change of address. Over the same period there were 11 000 deletions to the roll, mainly transfers to other jurisdictions.

The rural councils accounted for approximately 10% of total NT enrolment activity over the 15 months to the close of rolls in September 2008. These transactions included 5500 transfers of address within the rural councils, 3000 additions to the roll and 4000 deletions and transfers out of council areas; 40% of all transactions related to the Litchfield Council roll. Compared to the rest of the Territory, enrolment activity was subdued in the eight new council areas in the lead up to both the 2008 LA and council elections.

Whilst the election activity over the previous 12 months boosted the number of NT electors, it did have an adverse impact on the accuracy of the rolls due to the restrictions the elections placed on regular roll review activities. Roll reviews identify those electors who have permanently left their enrolled address so that their names can be removed from the roll by an objection process, plus those electors who have not already been notified as deceased (generally very few). As a consequence, it is likely there were significant numbers of electors on rural council rolls who in fact had moved to new addresses outside the council area.

3.4 Enrolment Activity During the Election Period

An enrolment resource pack including posters, promotional material and forms was dispatched to reach remote council offices by 5 September. The NTEC also provided information in Election Bulletin No 3 to assist council and DLGH staff to witness enrolment forms and sight claimants' proof of identity documents. Detailed instructions were provided for the forwarding of completed enrolment forms to reach the AEC by the close of rolls on 23 September.

Compared to the three days available at LA elections, prospective electors had 11 days to enrol from the official announcement of the council elections to the close of rolls. During this period 249 enrolment forms were received, mainly for change of address, and 146 deletions processed for deceased electors and those transferring their enrolment to addresses outside shire council boundaries.

The NTEC received support from council and DLGH field staff in the distribution of enrolment forms, the provision of assistance to claimants and the timely forwarding of completed forms up to the close of rolls. This included the collection of completed forms in remote communities for subsequent faxing to the NTEC and AEC. Very few enrolments were received immediately after the close of rolls, indicating that the procedures were appropriate and adhered to by DLGH and council staff.

From the close of rolls until the declaration of the poll, a total of 736 enrolment forms were processed for rural councils, with 75% of these enrolments collected by polling staff at the time of voting or returned by electors shortly after the election. The majority of these forms were for transfers of enrolment across ward boundaries, but a significant number (220) were first time enrolments by young people. A total of 60 death deletions were made to the rolls during the election, based partly on information received by staff at the time of polling.

Whilst forms received after the close of rolls and especially during polling could not be added to the election rolls, the larger than anticipated number received during this period indicates the need for more field work and face-to-face contact with electors in remote areas on a regular basis, not just at election time.

Table 1: Enrolment by council at the close of rolls on 23 September 2008

| Rural Council | Enrolment |
|----------------|---------------|
| Barkly | 4 176 |
| Central Desert | 2 679 |
| Coomalie | 568 |
| East Arnhem | 5 266 |
| Litchfield | 10 778 |
| MacDonnell | 3 317 |
| Roper-Gulf | 3 667 |
| Tiwi Islands | 1 533 |
| Victoria Daly | 3 373 |
| Wagait | 219 |
| West Arnhem | 3 427 |
| Total | 39 003 |

The reduced turnout at both the LA and rural council elections in remote communities was an indicator of the rolls not being as up to date as would be the case following a full review. This was confirmed by mobile polling staff who received advice from electors about others who had either temporarily or permanently left their enrolled address as a consequence of the federal intervention in communities.

3.5 Roll Products

Following the close of rolls, data was supplied by the AEC for the printing of 74 reference rolls (used for enquiry purposes) and 180 certified lists (for marking off voters). The printing was undertaken by the Government Printing Office (GPO) over two days, under NTEC supervision, and comprised a total of 50 000 A4 impressions.

Due to the delays in applying council and ward boundaries, the area code printed against elector entries in both the reference rolls and certified lists was restricted to the RMANS area number. Whilst technically correct, the code was not a user friendly identifier and required the NTEC to undertake separate training for all polling staff to ensure that the correct ballot papers were issued. After the election, changes to a more recognisable alpha/numeric code to indicate shire/ward were notified to the AEC for inclusion on RMANS.

Following the application of boundaries, the NTEC printed a list of all streets and localities in the Territory showing the local government area and ward that applied. The list in the form of a booklet was provided to councils and the call centre to manage enquiries, and to mobile teams and polling places to assist with the issue of ballot papers.

Reference Rolls

Reference rolls were printed for each council showing the names and enrolled address for electors with the ward code that applied. In accordance with r11(2), the EC determined that the rolls supplied to councils were for public electoral enquiry purposes only and that CEOs would be responsible for their security and destruction after the election. A form of words was agreed to by the AEC and NTEC regarding public access to the hard copy roll and all council CEOs provided a written undertaking to make the roll available only on that basis.

No provision was made in the regulations for rolls in either printed or electronic format to be supplied to candidates for any purpose. The EC took the view that, as no change had been made to the NT Electoral Act 2004 to allow for the relevant divisional roll to be provided to a candidate at an LA election, despite a recommendation to that effect from the NTEC, it would be inappropriate to supply rolls to candidates at council elections.

Territory wide reference rolls were also printed in alternative formats showing the names of electors sorted A – Z by elector surname and separately A – Z by given name. These rolls were supplied to mobile teams and static polling places for enquiry purposes only to check the enrolled address and council and ward applying to absent voters. The A – Z roll was 600 pages in size and as there were 37 copies in each format; their production was a large and relatively expensive printing task.

Certified Lists

An average of 16 certified lists were printed for each council. The lists were in the same format as those used for federal and Territory elections and they were scannable so that elector names crossed off by polling officials could be read electronically post election to create a voters file and data extracted for analysis and reporting. The code against each elector was used to identify the relevant ward and determine the correct ballot paper to be issued.

Postal Voter Roll

To improve the efficiency of postal vote processing, the NTEC developed an in-house electronic system to streamline the issue of postal ballots based on RMANS certified list data. It replaced manual procedures used at the 2008 LA election and resulted in significant improvements in mail lodgement time and operational efficiency.

3.6 Post Election Processing of Voting Data

As the automated postal vote system allowed for the marking of returned postal vote envelopes, it was apparent that it could be adapted to record all electors marked off certified lists as having voted. Subsequent sorting by ward and council allowed reports of apparent voters and non-voters to be generated.

All council voting records were entered into the system over a three week period after the election, and electronic files of non-voters were extracted and loaded onto RMANS. This was matched against the current roll to cull electors who had a reason for not voting, e.g. electors notified as overseas or interstate or who had transferred their enrolled address as well as those marked as deceased since the close of rolls.

The in-house processing of voters from certified lists was more efficient and cheaper than the outsourced optical scanning system used for the LA election, but only because of the relatively small size of the task for the rural council elections.

Roper-Gulf requested access to the non-voter data for that council and it was supplied in electronic form in late January 2009 after the culling against RMANS. It was provided at no cost to the council. The council did not engage the NTEC to undertake any of its non-voter follow-up.

4. KEY RESULT AREA – PUBLIC AWARENESS

4.1 NTEC Role

During the first half of 2008 discussions took place between the NTEC and DLGH regarding public awareness (PA) programs and media support for the projected rural council elections. With the appointment of the EC as RO, the meetings with DLGH focused on the most appropriate activities for each agency to provide.

There was broad agreement that the NTEC would be responsible for activities relating to the conduct of the election tasks set out in the regulations including nominations, enrolment, voting, the scrutiny of votes and the declaration of the poll. DLGH would be responsible for raising elector awareness of the new council boundaries and representative structures and of governance issues, including the provision of information to prospective candidates. Separately, LGANT agreed to provide its website for the display of election awareness materials and make their brochure 'So You Want to be on a Shire Council' available to prospective candidates.

In June 2008 NTEC and DLGH met to further define their public awareness strategies. At this stage the NTEC was able to provide a summary of planned election awareness activities and anticipated start dates based on past campaigns. Further progress was dependent on finalising arrangements with DLGH and councils over the specific details of the awareness campaign, the gazettal of regulations and the recruitment of Deputy Returning Officers (DROs). However, the NTEC expressed some caution as to its commitments and concluded that an early LA election would impact severely on its council election preparations.

By the end of June, the main features of the NTEC's election awareness program had been identified. These included:

- Implementing an independent advertising campaign under the NTEC banner making full use of regional media;
- Using the NTEC website as a major tool to provide election information;
- Issuing regular election bulletins to stakeholders to provide information at key stages and to clarify matters as they arose;
- Establishing a dedicated call centre for general enquiries; and
- Providing materials and training to support awareness activities to be undertaken by DLGH and rural council field officers and DROs in advance of the election.

The early calling of the LA election in July 2008 required a total review of planned awareness activities for the council election as there was some overlap between the two elections. In particular, the development of specific resources for the first phase of an enrolment and public awareness campaign was put on hold, including the preparation of information materials for use by council field staff. The NTEC was of the view that the short but intensive enrolment stimulation program undertaken for the LA election would directly improve the roll for the shire council elections. Given the anticipated volume of enrolments received up to the close of rolls for the LA election and the additional forms and other information received on polling day, a separate shire election enrolment campaign would, to some extent, be redundant. This view was subsequently proved correct in the light of the 249 enrolments taken during the rural council close of rolls period.

In the short period available after the conclusion of the LA election, the NTEC focused on preparing for the publication of statutory notices in accordance with the regulations. At the same time, councils were provided with material focused directly on the election such as enrolment information, rather than the background awareness raising and training materials as originally planned.

The diminished NTEC contribution to an election period public awareness campaign was inevitable given the immediate operational demands of the LA general election. At the end of July the NTEC recruited two additional staff to assist with the management of awareness activities for both the LA and council elections. By late August a detailed strategic communications plan for the council elections had been completed and provided to DLGH for comment and circulation to their stakeholders.

The NTEC also prepared drafts of election notices and material to be used in the first phase of advertisements. Discussions were held with newspapers, initially to arrange display advertising and, whilst not intended, this led to positive reporting about the elections ahead of their commencement with articles appearing in the Arafura Times, Territory Regional Weekly (circulating in the Litchfield council area), Tennant Creek and District Times and the Darwin and Palmerston Sun.

A challenge for the public awareness campaign was to distinguish those parts of the Territory where no elections were scheduled and where electors were not required to vote. These areas included any uncontested wards, the urban municipal councils and the unincorporated areas.

See Appendix B for full details of public awareness activities.

4.2 Election Notices

Election notices were prepared and approved in accordance with the regulations. They were distributed in PDF format for newspaper placement and adapted as public display posters, web pages and email attachments. The notices covered:

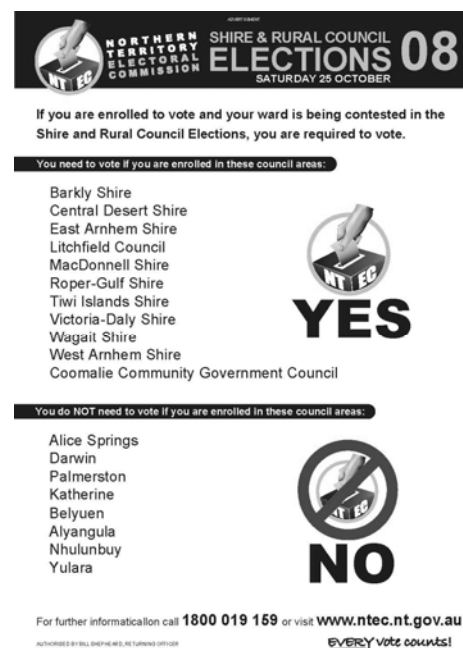
- Nominations;
- The close of rolls;
- Whether voting was required – 31 out of a possible 49 elections were contested with another partially failing and being subject to a supplementary election in December 2008;
- Early voting;
- Mobile polling - the latter with a separate schedule by council; and
- A 'Voting Today' notice in plain English for each community.

Where feasible, the notices were individualised by council and emailed to DROs and council offices for display at community service centers, schools and roadhouses. The 'Voting Today' notice was faxed and emailed to each community in advance of mobile polling teams.

All statutory notices, plus the more general election awareness advertisements, were placed in the NT News as the most widely distributed newspaper in the Territory. They were also placed in relevant regional newspapers specific to local councils to ensure that there was a further depth and reach within the community of interest. Additional press advertising took place to advise the electors as to the council and ward they resided in, which wards were contested, the location of static polling places and where full or assisted access was available for people with disabilities.

In the case of Litchfield Council, the NTEC lodged direct mail for the approximately 3000 electors who had PO boxes at Howard Springs and Humpty Doo to advise that whilst there were contested elections for ordinary members in two wards only, the election for President required all electors to vote. This information was also repeated in a full page advertisement in both the Darwin Sun and Palmerston Sun.

The NTEC contacted the NT Cattlemen's Association and provided information for their members regarding postal voting deadlines and alternatives, including voting at the time of mobile team visits if more convenient.



Picture: Who does and doesn't vote poster

4.3 Election Bulletins and Media Releases

The NTEC issued nine election bulletins commencing on 14 July with the last issued post polling on 28 October 2008. They were emailed to senior council officers and candidates after the declaration of nominations and to other stakeholders on request.

The bulletins set out:

- The responsibilities of the NTEC and council officers;
- Additional services that could be provided at the local level e.g. assistance with enrolment and nominations;
- Details regarding the NTEC's public awareness campaign;
- Key contact officers including DROs;
- Voting arrangements;
- Information for candidates e.g. requirements to authorise campaign materials (see Appendix C); and
- The post election timetable.

The bulletins were also used to flag emerging issues.

Media releases

Thirteen media releases were distributed throughout the course of the election and related to key events surrounding the election timetable.

4.4 Electronic Media

The majority of the public awareness budget was spent on television and radio advertising as it had the potential to reach the largest number of electors, irrespective of their level of literacy or where they lived.

Television

Four television advertisements were developed for screening on Southern Cross (Central 7 and Darwin 7), Channel 9 and Imparja. These were all 30 second spots and pitched at the whole of the Territory, avoiding where possible reference to individual councils. The four advertisements were put to air in 717 spots over the three networks at a total cost of \$37 000 with the following topics and timing:

- Close of rolls – broadcast from 12 to 23 September in waves alternating between prime time and low times to allow engagement with different target audiences;
- Provision of early voting and postal voting - 11 to 23 October;
- Who votes/Who doesn't vote - Advice regarding wards where voting was required and the 16 uncontested wards where it was not required - 11 to 24 October; and
- Mobile polling 11 – 24 October.

Radio

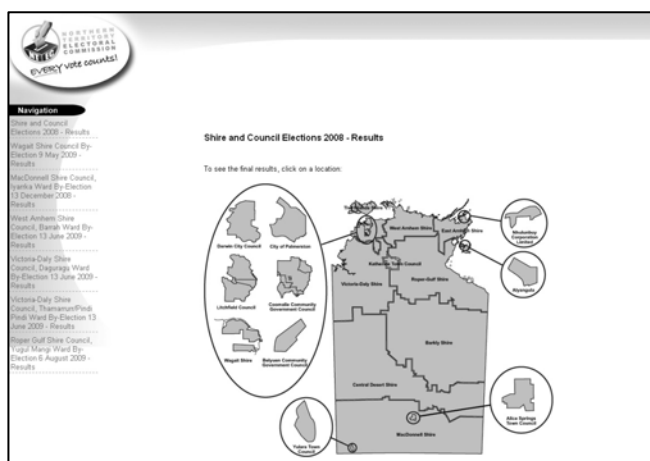
Radio was regarded by the NTEC as the most flexible of the election media as it could be used to give both a wide and general coverage and could access specific audiences in remote areas. Around 1002 advertisements were aired on seven radio stations, including the CAAMA network, with the advertisements running concurrently with those on TV. The scripts and the four themes of the TV campaign were used as the basis of the radio ads but with presentation by local radio staff. Presentations were in English and local languages including Arrernte, Pitjantjatjara, Kriol, Anmatyerre, Yolngu, Warlpiri and Tiwi.

Feedback received after the election indicated that local radio was the most important communication tool in remote areas, but that it could have been more effectively used, both in the amount of coverage and by especially tailoring it to the target audience. Positive comment was made at the post election conference at Nhulunbuy on the support given to the election in East Arnhem by ARDS Yolngu Radio.

4.5 Web-Based Public Awareness Activities

The NTEC gave prominence to the council election on its website by providing a homepage hotlink to dedicated election pages that provided detailed election information in step with the election timetable. Details and images were provided of all approved forms (e.g. the nomination form), the candidates' handbook, all public advertising text and media releases.

Links were also established from the homepages of the NT Government's intranet and internet homepages. All statutory notices were shown on the website and an interactive map of each council allowed access to ward details without the need for users to follow complicated text.



Picture: NTEC Website screenshot

Following the declaration of nominations, the names and photos, if authorised, of candidates and their public contact details were posted to the website, together with a poster showing photos of all candidates for a ward. All media releases, TV and radio ads, information brochures and updates to the mobile polling schedule were also shown.

After the conclusion of voting, election night counts were posted to the web, with totals updated after the recheck and progressive counts during the following week.

Final results were posted after the distribution of preferences on the evening of 31 October 2008.

An analysis of traffic on the NTEC's website indicated 46 000 page views by the public from the commencement of the election to the declaration of results, a level of enquiry similar to that at the August 2008 LA election. In anticipation of the load, the Data Services Branch of the NT Dept of Business and Employment reconfigured the website to improve user navigation. These changes included improving links with other websites and installing an improved navigation menu, incorporating new page content using plain English and interactive maps.

The peaks in web enquiry were at the declaration of nominations and during the early voting and mobile polling period but, unlike the LA election, there was little enquiry from polling day to the declaration of the results. It was apparent from the pages viewed that the mobile polling schedule and the map showing the contested and uncontested wards were of most interest. All media advertising included directions to the website for further information.

4.6 Call Centre

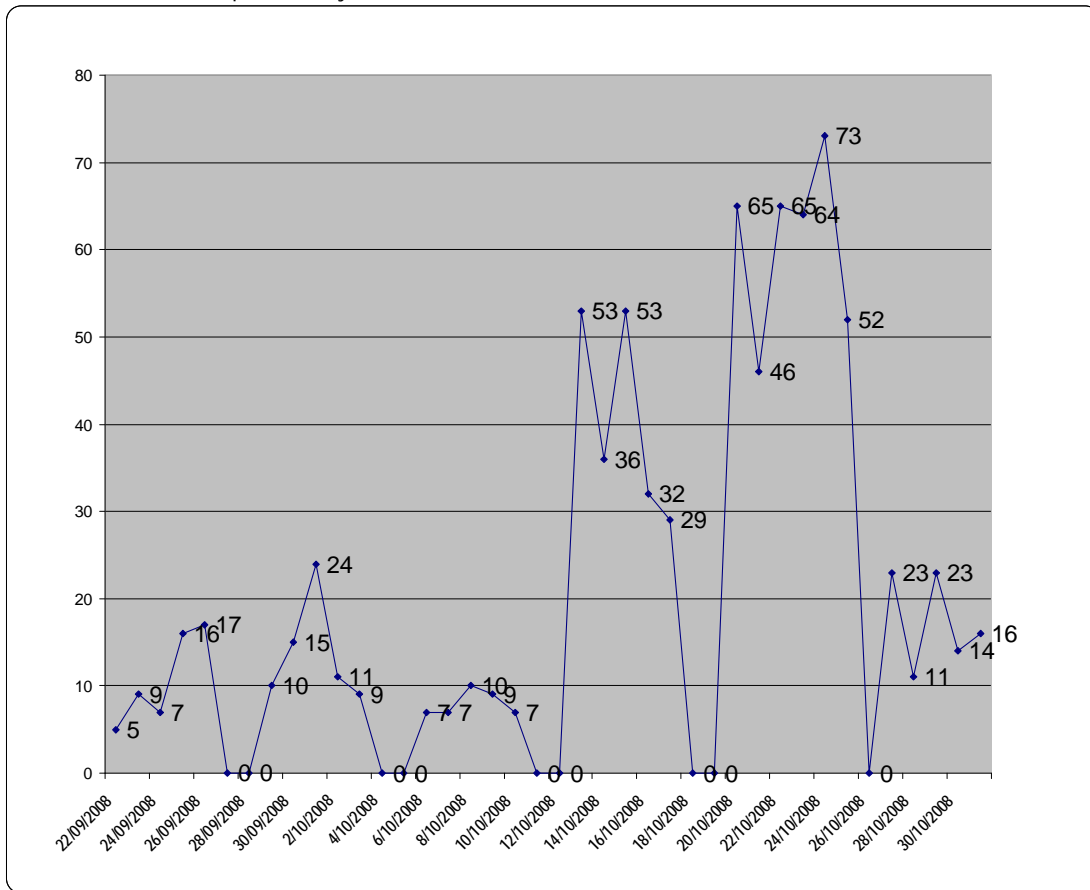
A call centre was established at the NTEC Darwin office to provide a toll free, standardised and immediate response to enquiries from the public via an 1800 number. Its main function was to offer support to callers and deal with concerns and queries from electors and stakeholders. It operated during normal business hours from 22 September to 31 October with extensions to 7pm on the evenings of the close of early polling and polling day.

The call centre received 818 calls over the election period, of which 90% were received prior to or on polling day, the busiest day being 24 October with 73 calls. The centre was staffed part-time by a manager and up to three other staff. It operated at minimum cost as it was staffed on a needs basis from a pool of officers undertaking post LA election tasks. Virtually no calls were missed and there was a minimum waiting period for callers.

An analysis of calls indicates that 140 related to enrolment, 300 to polling arrangements (including the mobile polling schedule), 35 to postal voting, and 33 to election results. The remaining calls concerned staffing, publicity and advice regarding electors unable to vote.

The centre was an important election contact point with many callers being referred to the website for information about postal voting, mobile polling and election results. A significant number of callers were prospective candidates, council staff and polling officials. Generally it was the first point of contact for enquiries and complaints from stakeholders and voters as all public calls to the Commission during the election were initially directed to the call centre.

Chart: Call Centre Enquiries Daily Totals



4.7 Effectiveness of Public Awareness Campaign

A review of the public awareness campaign was undertaken immediately after the conclusion of the election and included interviews with electoral officers (particularly those out-posted to regional centers) and the input of DLGH and council staff at the feedback sessions held at regional centers. The NTEC also took into account comment from candidates and the public and the views of top end rural councils from meetings in Darwin.

The general view expressed by officials and other stakeholders was that the NTEC PA campaign, plus activities undertaken by DLGH and councils, was as comprehensive in coverage as needed and in some local media at saturation level. As for information for stakeholders other than the public, positive comments were received regarding the distribution and content of the NTEC election bulletins at key stages of the election.

The effective distribution of information about the mobile polling schedule was paramount in the NTEC's advertising. Feedback indicated that the schedule was widely distributed and that generally communities and institutions were made aware of the time and location of mobile polling, but visits by electoral staff prior to the election would increase awareness.

The Commission considers that all PA strategies set out in its election communication strategy were delivered. Despite some overlap and problems with timing, feedback from a range of stakeholders confirmed that the

separate PA programs undertaken by DLGH and individual councils boosted elector awareness and interest by prospective candidates.

A notable absence from the election was campaigning by candidates, including the distribution of how-to-vote (HTV) cards, other than for elections for the top end councils and in a number of wards in the remote councils. Possibly as a consequence of the subdued nature of campaigning, election articles in the media were limited and included complaints from electors regarding the lack of information provided about candidates. However, when candidates prepared and distributed HTV cards, there was evidence that some were not authorised and may have contravened the legislation. The NTEC was criticised for the lack of candidate information, but it has no role in campaign or candidate promotional activities.

5. KEY RESULT AREA – ELECTION MANAGEMENT

5.1 Call for Nominations

The first administrative duty in the election timetable is to invite nominations. The invitation must be made at least 43 days before polling day and be advertised by notice published in a newspaper circulating in the relevant council area and by any other means the RO considers appropriate [r6 (1)&(2)].

In accordance with the regulations, the RO published a notice on 12 September, replicated shortly after in regional press in all council areas, inviting nominations for elections to be held on 25 October 2008.

The notice set out:

- The election date;
- The member positions to be contested for each council;
- The date for close of nominations; and
- Where nomination forms and further information could be obtained.

The only adverse comment on the notice made at post election feedback sessions related to the confusion as to polling day. The election date of '25 October' was in the bolded heading and there was no separate reference to mobile polling commencing before that date, although mobile polling arrangements were widely advertised separately in the press, the electronic media and by means of posters.

5.2 Distribution of Candidate Packs

The candidate pack contained:

- A candidate's handbook;
- An information brochure; and
- The forms needed to nominate, enrol to vote, appoint scrutineers and apply for postal votes.

The packs were available from the permanent offices of the NTEC and its website and from council offices. They were also available from DROs in Nhulunbuy, Katherine and Tennant Creek when temporary offices were opened in these centers from 17 September.



NOTICE INVITING CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

I, William Peter Shepherd, the Returning Officer for Shire and Council Elections, pursuant to Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations, invite nominations for elections to be held on Saturday 25 October 2008, for the following elected member positions:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|------|
| BARKLY SHIRE COUNCIL | BARKLY SHIRE | MacDonnell Shire | MACDONNELL SHIRE | GOOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL | |
| President | 1 | Mayor/President | n/a* | Mayor/President | n/a* |
| Alyawarr Ward Councillors | 4 | Rodinga Ward Councillors | 4 | Batchelor Town Ward Councillors | 3 |
| Patta Ward Councillors | 5 | Ljrapinta Ward Councillors | 3 | Adelaide River Town Ward Councillors | 2 |
| Yapakurlangu Ward Councillors | 2 | Luritja Pintubi Ward Councillors | 3 | Batchelor Rural Ward Councillors | 1 |
| | | Iyarka Ward Councillors | 2 | Adelaide River Rural Ward Councillors | 1 |
| | | | | Lake Bennett Ward Councillors | 1 |
| | | | | Coomalie/Tortilla Ward Councillors | 1 |
| CENTRAL DESERT SHIRE | | VICTORIA-DALY SHIRE | | TIMI ISLANDS SHIRE | |
| Mayor/President | n/a* | Mayor/President | n/a* | Mayor/President | n/a* |
| Akilyarre Ward Councillors | 2 | Pine Creek Ward Councillors | 1 | Milkappi Ward Councillors | 3 |
| Anmatjere Ward Councillors | 4 | Miling Ward Councillors | 1 | Ngau Ward Councillors | 5 |
| Northern Tanami Ward Councillors | 2 | Tyemini Ward Councillors | 1 | Pirlangimpi Ward Councillors | 3 |
| Southern Tanami Ward Councillors | 4 | Nganmanyannga Ward Councillors | 1 | Wirankuu Ward Councillors | 1 |
| | | Thamarrini/Pindi Ward Councillors | 4 | | |
| | | Timber Creek Ward Councillors | 2 | | |
| | | Walangari Ward Councillors | 1 | | |
| | | Daguragu Ward Councillors | 1 | | |
| EAST ARNHEM SHIRE | | ROPER-GULF SHIRE | | LITCHFIELD MUNICIPALITY | |
| Mayor/President | n/a* | Mayor/President | n/a* | President | 1 |
| Anindilyakwa Ward Councillors | 3 | Never Never Ward Councillors | 3 | South Ward Councillors | 1 |
| Gumurr Gaajink Ward Councillors | 3 | Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Councillors | 1 | Central Ward Councillors | 1 |
| Gumurr Marthakal Ward Councillors | 3 | Nyirangulung Ward Councillors | 3 | East Ward Councillors | 1 |
| Gumurr Mwatj Ward Councillors | 3 | South West Gulf Ward Councillors | 3 | North Ward Councillors | 1 |
| | | Yugul Mangi Ward Councillors | 2 | | |
| WEST ARNHEM SHIRE | | WAGAIT SHIRE | | WAGAIT SHIRE | |
| Mayor/President | n/a* | Mayor/President | n/a* | Mayor/President | n/a* |
| Gurbalanya Ward Councillors | 3 | | | Councillors | 7 |
| Kakadu Ward Councillors | 3 | | | | |
| Manningida Ward Councillors | 3 | | | | |
| Barrah Ward Councillors | 3 | | | | |

Maps showing ward and Shire boundaries are available on the Northern Territory Electoral Commission website www.ntec.nt.gov.au
* Not applicable. Within these Shires principal members are elected by elected members.

HOW DO I NOMINATE?

Nomination kits and instructions on how to complete and lodge the nomination form are available from Shire and Council offices and the offices of the Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

Northern Territory Electoral Commission
2nd Floor, AANT Building, 79 Smith Street Darwin
GPO Box 2419, Darwin NT 0801
Fax: 8999 5845 Ph: 1800 019 159

Electoral Services Centre, Suite 4 Leichhardt Building
16 Leichhardt Terrace, Alice Springs
PO Box 2304, Alice Springs NT 0870
Fax: 8953 0702 Ph: 8951 5838

A candidate handbook and forms may also be downloaded from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission website www.ntec.nt.gov.au

WHEN DO NOMINATIONS CLOSE?

NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER BY NO LATER THAN 12 NOON THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER

ENQUIRIES

For further information call the Northern Territory Electoral Commission **1800 019 159** or visit www.ntec.nt.gov.au

AUTHORISED BY BILL SHEPHERD, RETURNING OFFICER

EVERY Vote counts!

Picture: Notice Inviting Nominations



CANDIDATES PACK

An estimated 500 candidate packs were distributed directly to candidates through NTEC and council offices, and, in some cases, were made available to candidates in remote communities by DLGH field staff. The NTEC dispatched bulk supplies of the packs to council offices for the opening of nominations. Whilst community leaders were active in canvassing nominations in a number of remote areas, the NTEC is not aware that they distributed any forms.

A survey of nomination forms received indicated that 38 (18.0% of the total) were on forms downloaded from the NTEC website or photocopied from a web based original. As the majority of the downloaded forms had the candidate signatures dated early in the nomination period, it could indicate that the nominations were completed before all NTEC staff were in the field. Candidates resident in remote locations made greater use of the web based form, particularly in Barkly Shire where 14 of the 19 nominations were in web format.

Whilst the web did provide easy access for prospective candidates, it does raise concerns as to whether the nomination handbook containing background information was downloaded at the same time. A further problem noted was the compression of the page size when printed off the web. This does not appear to have inconvenienced candidates and the format has now been amended.

Feedback post election by DLGH and council staff and community representatives indicated that the distribution of forms and kits was appropriate and that the full three week nomination period was needed. Even then, it was stated by one council representative that it was not possible to contact the more remote outstations in the time available. It was also stated that it would have been preferable if all DROs had been at regional centres from the beginning of the nomination period to distribute and receive completed forms and provide information.

5.3 Nomination Form and Candidates Handbook

In accordance with longstanding practice at municipal elections, a single nomination form was used whether nominating solely for the position of principal or ordinary council member, or for both positions. The form was amended to conform to the new regulations and to incorporate information agreed with LGANT. The form and particularly the declaration of eligibility, was subject to further scrutiny by officers of the Department of Justice to ensure that it met election requirements.

Difficulties in completing the nomination form arising from its layout and wording reported both during the election and at post election feedback sessions included:

- The selection of the appropriate tick box that applied for nominations for principal or ordinary member, or both;
- The option to complete the field for 'Campaign Manager or Alternate Contact' as some candidates assumed that it was compulsory; and
- Providing information in English language only. At one feedback session it was considered that it would have been helpful if information was shown in other languages as well.

It was also apparent that some prospective candidates had difficulty in determining if the reference to 'senior council employee' on the declaration applied in their case, as it could disqualify them from office as set out at s37(1)(d) of the Act.

Failure by a number of candidates to complete date of birth or gender fields did not void their nomination but did prevent full reporting of candidate statistics.

Changes were made to the handbook to include a checklist to assist in the completion of the nomination form and a flowchart setting out the various stages in the election, the latter suggested by DLGH.

The NTEC will consider the comments received in any revision of the nomination form and candidates handbook, and will seek guidance from council authorities. However it needs to be noted that the form and handbook will need to meet the needs of candidates contesting both municipal and shire elections in 2012.

5.4 Receipt of Nominations

Nominations had to be received by 12 noon on Thursday 2 October 2008 by the RO or authorised officers, the latter restricted to the DROs and certain NTEC staff. Whilst council and DLGH staff provided assistance in the transmission of completed forms, nominations were not deemed to have been lodged until they had been received by the RO or an authorised officer.

Prior to the election, discussions took place between the NTEC and DLGH regarding possible arrangements for the lodging of nominations at council offices, but no definite policy or procedures were agreed. With the opening of the nomination period, the NTEC circulated advice to councils regarding the faxing of completed nomination forms received at their offices, including procedures for the transmission of candidate photos and deposits (Election Bulletin No 6). The NTEC also sought a written declaration of neutrality from DLGH and council staff involved with election related tasks, including the transmission of nomination forms, this being a normal requirement for persons undertaking legislated election duties.

On 22 September (after the commencement of the election) the NTEC sought to clarify with councils in Election Bulletin No 7 that nominations could only be lodged with the RO or certain authorised officers as confusion had emerged amongst stakeholders as to the role of service centre staff in the nomination process.

Essentially, service centre staff could expect to be called upon to act as a conduit between candidates and the Returning Officer but the service centre staff members were not appointed in an official capacity by the NTEC.

However, it was, of course, inevitable that service centre staff would be drawn into the nomination process by local candidates and so the NTEC issued guidelines as to how nominations needed to be lodged. The NTEC also provided neutrality statements in accordance with past practice which sought confirmation from persons likely to handle nominations that they would do so with impartiality.

The distribution of instructions and neutrality statements did seem to create further concerns in some quarters. Neutrality statements were not signed by everyone. In fact, the NTEC became very worried that candidates might not be able to get a consistent and reliable assistance from their local service centres and candidates themselves might also be confused as to the nomination requirements. As a consequence, the NTEC put special arrangements in place with Shires to facilitate the lodgement of nomination deposits for this election only.

From an election management perspective, the arrangements that evolved were not entirely satisfactory. The neutrality of service centre staff was not guaranteed (although most council staff members who were involved in providing assistance to prospective candidates eventually did sign and return the neutrality declaration). Moreover, difficulties were encountered in obtaining common agreement across council offices and community resource centres on procedures for the handling of deposits, with at least one office refusing to accept any money and others opting to hold the deposits in their accounts pending the election results, despite the legal requirement for the RO to return deposits to candidates, where appropriate. Also, not all centres could provide secure storage of nomination forms received or scan and email candidate photos.

The requirement for nominations to be received only by the RO or DROs and other authorised officers limited the locations at which forms could be formally lodged to the NTEC offices in Darwin and Alice Springs, the NTEC's temporary offices in Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek and at other locations when authorised officers were present. In the latter case, NTEC staff were in attendance at Jabiru, Nguiu, Litchfield, Coomalie and Wagait council offices on the day of close of nominations.

During the nomination period, council offices and service centres provided most useful assistance in the handling of forms, especially in the first week when the NTEC was still establishing offices in regional centers. In some cases council staff held the forms until they could be formally received by a DRO or NTEC officer in person. In other cases councils faxed nominations to the NTEC's Darwin office with the photo and money forwarded electronically. A number of nominations were initially lodged at remote community service centers and faxed to the relevant DRO with separate arrangements made by the candidate for the deposit and photos to be lodged later.

It was also apparent that nominations and deposits from remote communities were hand delivered to DROs by persons other than candidates, including council staff and DLGH field officers.

Despite the early confusion in the nomination period, it was clear that the flexible arrangements that were in place at the close of nominations did not pose particular impediment to candidates.

The NTEC had effective procedures in place to check forms and no nominations were rejected due to failure to complete mandatory fields or to supply a candidate photo and deposit. Checking of nominations was limited to the correct completion of the form and declaration, confirming candidate and nominator enrolment details and the receipt of the deposit and candidate photos. The onus remained on candidates to confirm their eligibility to nominate, and serve on council if elected, by signing the declaration.

A survey of all nomination forms received indicated that:

- 67% of forms were lodged at NTEC offices or directly with DROs, the balance being handled initially at council offices;
- 20% of forms were lodged on 2 October (the last day for nominations) and of these only a relatively small number were signed by the candidate on that day. Approximately 50% of forms were received at least two business days ahead of the close and most of the balance was signed at least a week ahead.

Whilst it is not possible to draw detailed conclusions from the dates of completion and submission of nomination forms, the above statistics would indicate that prospective candidates were aware of the election, were able to obtain the nomination form, complete it correctly and submit it by the deadline on 2 October. This was supported by comments made at post election feedback sessions. Also, as fixed four year terms will apply at future elections, prospective candidates will have considerable notice of the cut-off date for lodging nominations.

5.5 Nominators

All nominations were lodged with at least the minimum number of three nominators and 75% had the recommended six. This recommendation of six nominators had been made by the NTEC in the event that a nominator was not enrolled. As nominations opened before the close of rolls, there was a potential that a nomination could be rejected after lodgement if the number of nominators dropped below the minimum due to transfer of enrolment outside the council area or removal from the roll by objection action on grounds of non-residence. In no case did this eventuate.

5.6 Candidate Photos

The NTEC supplied guidelines in the candidate handbook on the taking and transmission of photos and established procedures to match photos on receipt to the relevant nomination form. All candidates supplied photos, however in a number of cases it was difficult to upload them from remote sites due to poor e-mail facilities and other photos needed enhancement at the ballot paper printing stage.

5.7 Nomination Deposit

There was frequent reference at post election feedback sessions about the size of the deposit required and complications it caused in lodging nominations. Concerns raised included:

- Some candidates had difficulty in raising the \$100 deposit, especially with Centrelink limiting the cash component of social security payments. In some cases public collections took place to raise the deposit.
- There were difficulties in lodgement due to the absence of formal banking facilities outside the regional centres resulting in the deposit needing to be paid in cash. A common complaint was that the deposit should be payable electronically, allowing the nomination form itself to be faxed or scanned and emailed.
- Return of deposits. Two thirds of candidates provided bank account details and this assisted in the return of deposits electronically. Refund cheques were posted to the remaining candidates. A number of the cheques posted were returned to the NTEC as unclaimed as the postal address supplied was not complete or no longer applied or the candidate had not picked up their mail.

The NTEC recognises that the lodgement of deposits in cash or bank cheque is a problem for candidates in remote communities. The Commission does not support suggestions that provision be made for electronic lodgement as the facilities to verify receipt are not currently available within the short deadlines involved. At the 2012 elections, the fixed date will provide prospective candidates with a longer lead time to forward deposits.

A nomination deposit is not required at local government elections in South Australia or Tasmania, with no apparent negative consequences. This could also be considered if it is deemed that the deposit issue needs to be further addressed.

5.8 Declaration of Nominations and Draw for Ballot Paper Positions

The declaration of nominations and draw for ballot paper positions took place on 3 October and was managed by the RO at the NTEC office in Darwin and by DROs at Nguiu, Jabiru, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. The declarations were attended by the press, candidates, DLGH and council staff and the public. No problems or delays were encountered and the names of candidates and the ballot paper order by council and ward were published and posted on the NTEC website. The process was assisted by the 24 hour delay between the close of nominations and the declaration provided for in the regulations.

Table 2: Summary of nominations received by category

| | | |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| Vacant positions | | 117 |
| Nominations received: | President | 7 |
| | Ordinary member | 204 |
| Total nominations | | 211 |
| <i>Total nominations from females</i> | | 66 |
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| Candidates nominating for mayoral & ordinary member positions | | 5 |
| Candidates nominating for president position only | | 2 |
| Candidates standing for member positions only | | 199 |
| Total candidates standing | | 206 |
| <i>Total females standing</i> | | 64 |

At the close of nominations the status of the 47 council and two principal member elections was as follows:

- Contested – 31 elections with a total of 184 candidates;
- Uncontested - 17 elections with 27 candidates;
- Partially failed – one election for Iyarrka Ward, MacDonnell shire. The supplementary election to fill the vacancy was held on 13 December 2008.

Sixty six of the nominations were for female candidates (31% of the total). Of the 75% of candidates who provided their age on the nomination form, 21% were aged 35-44, 37% aged 45-54, and 26% aged 55-64. See Appendix E for further details of numbers of candidates standing, gender and age range.

See Appendix D for details of candidates standing, elected in a contested election and elected unopposed.

5.9 Printing of Ballot Papers

The printing of ballot papers commenced immediately after the conclusion of the declaration of nominations and the draw for positions on the ballot papers so that postal vote packs could be posted and stocks supplied to regional offices for early voting. A second printing of ordinary and declaration ballot papers followed. The NTEC had effective quality control procedures in place with the Government Printing Office and, apart from improving the imaging of three candidates' photos early in the first round of printing, ballot papers were printed to specification and on time.

The volume of printing required was not large, but significantly more complicated than that for the 2008 LA election. This was due, in part, to the number of candidates, but also to the requirement to set-up, proof and print 32 separate ballot papers (including open ballot papers) and a complete postal set against a short deadline. It is anticipated that at the 2012 council elections there will be a significant increase in both the number of ballot papers to be printed and candidates shown thereon as municipal councils will also be involved.

5.10 Voting Services – Overview

The extensive geographic spread and to some extent the disparate nature of communities covered by the eleven rural councils posed challenges to the NTEC in providing accessible services to candidates and voters over an area of 1.3 million sq km. A further complication was the unusual circumstance where a general election was taking place for only part of the jurisdiction, in this case for the incorporated areas outside Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs.

As outlined in the regulations, a range of voting services was provided to meet the needs of all electors. In the case of Litchfield and Wagait councils, the most accessible voting service for electors was to provide static booths on polling day. For the single contested ward election in Coomalie council, mobile teams operated at two locations on polling day in lieu of static booths. In the eight remote shires, voting facilities were provided principally by mobile teams operating over the two weeks up to polling day, with static booths operating in Nhulunbuy, Jabiru, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs on polling day. Early voting facilities for electors in all rural councils were provided in the regional centers, at Litchfield Council and the NTEC Darwin office. Postal voting was provided to all registered postal voters and other electors who applied.

5.11 Early Voting

Early voting centres operated from Wednesday 8 October to Friday 24 October 2008. They were located at the council offices at Bees Creek, Jabiru, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek, at the government office in Katherine and at NTEC offices in Darwin and Alice Springs. The 1349 electors who voted at early voting centres lodged a total of 1971 ballot papers, including those for the simultaneous ballots for the popularly elected principal members for Litchfield Council and Barkly Shire Council.

Early voting takes place by electors declaring their entitlement by signing a declaration vote envelope. Despite the more complicated procedures, no specific problems were encountered in the issue of early votes or in their determination for inclusion in the count and the lodgement of low numbers of ballot papers for any particular electorate would raise the issue of the secrecy of the ballot (Note: At LA elections early voters are marked off a certified list and provided with ordinary ballot papers, in the same fashion as at a static booth on polling day.)

Approximately 8% of electors voted at early voting centers, compared to 11% at the 2008 LA election. Despite this small drop, it was apparent that where voters could access a centre, they took advantage of the facility (e.g. 12% of Litchfield voters voted early, 10% in Barkly including 20% in Patta ward based on Tennant Creek and 11% in West Arnhem including 25% for Kakadu ward based on Jabiru). See Appendix F for details of early voting by council and region and Appendix G for a full list of early voting centre locations.

5.12 Postal Voting

As previously described, the NTEC developed a system linked to an electronic copy of the roll to streamline the issue of postal votes. This allowed extraction for printing of personalised postal vote certificate envelopes, and generation of reports to reconcile votes issued, mail lodged and postal vote envelopes returned.

A total of 669 postal votes were dispatched by the final date for mailing on 23 October. Of these, 542 were sent to registered postal voters with a further 127 to electors who applied for a postal vote prior to or during the election period. The first lodgement for all registered postal voters took place on Monday 6 October comprising 560 postal voting packs, representing 85% of all postal votes issued during the election.

A problem arose with the quality of photographs on a small number of ballot papers for MacDonnell Shire on which the candidate photos were below standard. A number of these were included in the initial postal mail-out in order to meet deadlines, and the GPO subsequently used enhancement techniques to improve the images for later mailings.

Further mailings from Darwin were of low volume and in all cases took place on the day of receipt of the postal vote application. DROs in regional centers issued a total of 31 postal votes and all completed postal votes were returned to the office of the relevant DRO for processing.

As a follow up to the first mailing, a reminder letter was sent to all postal voters on 13 October advising them to return completed ballot papers as soon as possible; information on mobile and early voting was also provided if this would be more convenient. Electors made positive comment regarding the reminder letter as in some cases the delivery of their postal vote mail had been delayed.

The timetable provided electors with 19 days from the first mailing date to the close of polling to complete postal ballot papers and up to 6 pm on Friday of the next week (31 October) for their return. This was generally sufficient time for registered postal voters and those who submitted applications early in the election. In the final week before polling day 41 postal votes were received, of these 27 or 66% were completed and returned to the NTEC by the deadline.

The extended council election timetable allowed sufficient time for the mailing and return of postal ballots compare favourably to the nine days to polling day that applied at the 2008 LA election. Only a small number of completed postal ballot papers were received after the 31 October deadline and of these very few were from postal voters who were sent ballot papers early in the election period. An examination of those received late, or rejected prior to the count on the ground that the declaration was signed after polling day, indicated that mail to addresses in the eastern Barkly area serviced via the Mt Isa Mail Centre was significantly delayed in delivery.

Of the 669 postal votes mailed, 461 or 68.9% were returned to DROs by the cut off for admission to the scrutiny on 31 October, and a further 32 were undeliverable and returned endorsed 'RTS'. A small number of additional completed ballot paper envelopes and other mail including RTS were received after deadline. The following table summarises postal vote issues and receipts.

Table 3: Postal voting summary

| Postal Voting Details | No. | % |
|---|------------|------|
| Postal Vote Packs Issued To | | |
| Registered Postal Voters | 542 | 81.0 |
| Postal Vote Applicants | 127 | 19.0 |
| Total Issued | 669 | |
| Postal Vote Envelopes Returned | | |
| Returned by deadline and admitted to further scrutiny | 461 | 68.9 |
| Undeliverable & Endorsed 'Returned to Sender' | 32 | 4.8 |
| After the deadline | 6 | |
| Total Returned | 499 | |
| Scrutiny Check | | |
| Postal Vote Envelopes Admitted | 425 | 92.2 |
| Postal Vote Envelopes Rejected | 36 | 7.8 |

Comparison with return rates at the 2008 LA election are not easily made due to the uncontested elections for the divisions of Macdonnell and Arnhem, but returns from remote locations were higher at the local government elections.

The overall return rate of 70% by the cut-off for admission of votes is better than the returns from remote divisions at an LA election, especially as more postal voters at the LA event cast their vote at a polling place or with a mobile team instead.

The ballot paper envelopes returned by the cut-off were scrutinised by DROs and admitted to the count if the declaration was appropriately completed. A total of 425 postal vote envelopes containing 580 ballot papers (including principal member ballot papers) were admitted to the count. Thirty six envelopes were rejected due to voters or witnesses failing to sign the declaration or the signature was dated after polling day. See Appendix F for further postal voting details by council and region.

Arrangements for postal voting at the October elections were appropriate. The 19 day period from the dispatch of mail allowed postal voters who submitted an application early in the election period to get their vote back by the cut-off for the count. The automated postal vote issuing system performed to specification and was important in the speedy lodgement of mail.

5.13 Mobile Polling

Mobile polling is provided for electors who reside in areas where it is impractical to establish static polling places or who, for other reasons, cannot easily get to a polling place or vote by post. This includes electors in small communities outside urban areas (but not necessarily remote) and electors confined to institutions including hospitals, aged care facilities and prisons. Mobile polling is also employed as a flexible alternative to static polling as it allows a number of small communities to be provided with attendance voting facilities for only part of the day e.g. at Acacia Store and Acacia Larrakia in Litchfield Council and Adelaide River and Batchelor in Coomalie Council.

Approximately 50% of voters at the October elections cast their ballots with mobile teams. After allowance for the predominance of static polling for Litchfield and Wagait councils and in Tennant Creek, mobile polling was the prime means of voting for communities in remote areas. See Appendix F for details of mobile voting by council and region.

Planning

Detailed planning for mobile polling could only commence after the gazettal of ward boundaries on 30 June 2008 and the confirmation of the date of the election. The draft schedule of communities to be mobile polled was based

on current enrolment, voting patterns at recent federal and Territory elections, the most efficient means of travel to individual or groups of communities, the availability of accommodation for staff and operational experience gained at the 2008 LA election.

Over recent elections there has been a steady move to favour road over air travel due to increasing costs of air charters, improvements in outback roads and the flexibility that vehicles provide in adjusting teams' schedules.

Staffing of Mobile Teams

Thirty six staff were seconded from other electoral authorities or recruited locally to make up the 15 two or three person mobile teams. Team leaders were composed mainly of professional officers currently working for electoral authorities. The balance was experienced casuals and temporary staff who had worked on mobile teams at federal and Territory elections. All teams included a female officer with the exception of the team based at Borroloola. The employment of eight staff from the AEC (both from the Darwin office and interstate) highlights the importance of maintaining a close relationship with experienced officers, the AEC and interstate electoral agencies to ensure effective mobile polling at all NT elections.

Team leaders were authorised to employ local assistants for the hours of polling at individual communities. Local staff can have a positive impact on the rate of formality as they are able to provide assistance with language and identify electors who may need assistance with voting. In some centers persons were available who had previously undertaken this work, but in general there were difficulties in identifying and recruiting staff immediately prior to polling, with only 29 election assistants being employed.

Mobile Polling Schedule

Council CEOs were provided with the first draft of the mobile polling schedule in early September, including communities to be visited and their current enrolment. Councils were requested to check the schedule and offer feedback based on their knowledge of whether individual communities needed to be visited and if the planned dates were appropriate. A significant number of replies were received and where reasonable the variations were incorporated into the final draft schedule. The process therefore, proved especially useful in identifying communities originally omitted.

The draft schedule was finalised after the close of nominations when it became evident that elections were not needed in a number of wards in remote areas and an amended schedule was provided to council CEOs for review. This resulted in the addition of new locations and deletion of others as they were not occupied or funerals were underway. The feedback provided was most positive and resulted in improvements to the schedule, highlighting the need for continued co-operation between the RO and council staff at future elections to develop mobile schedules.

Issues not fully resolved included the status of some outstations and whether they should be polled, the currency of enrolment statistics and access to qualitative information about communities. It was apparent once polling started that the timetable should have taken better account of the most appropriate time to visit the larger communities, especially those close to regional centers where participation was reduced when voting took place late in the week. It was also clear that where greater liaison was achieved by NTEC officers with community service centre staff, more effective mobile polling arrangements were established. The mobile polling schedule at the elections is reproduced at Appendix G.

Mobile Polling Publicity

The NTEC finalised the mobile polling timetable in early October and it was immediately emailed to council offices and community service centers. The date and venue of polling for all communities was notified by press advertisements commencing on 8 October. DROs also emailed posters, customised for each community, setting out the date and venue of polling and a reminder phone call was made the day before polling. This notification was backed up in some instances with field visits by DLGH staff ahead of the mobile polling teams.

Due to limited access to print media in remote areas, the NTEC prepared a detailed program of radio advertising ready to put to air once the mobile polling timetable was finalised. This was delivered over local radio networks and was based on a short standard script that could be easily translated. The advertisement ran for 30 seconds but in the case of translated versions this could extend up to one minute. The ads referred to which wards were going to election and where mobile polling was taking place. Across the Territory, an estimated 1 000 advertisement 'spots' were put to air over the two weeks of the mobile polling period.

SHIRE AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS 08
SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

MOBILE POLLING
If you are invited to vote in the West Arnhem Shire, Victoria-Daly Shire, Litchfield Shire and Coomalie Community Government Council areas, you are required to vote if your ward is going to the polls. Mobile polling starts Monday 13 October.

MOBILE POLLING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

| Location | Date | Time |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| WEST ARNHEM SHIRE | Monday 13 October | 10:00 - 11:00 |
| South Arnhem | Monday 13 October | 12:00 - 12:30 |
| Manikada | Monday 13 October | 13:30 - 14:00 |
| Manikada HQ Office | Monday 13 October | 15:00 - 15:30 |
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| Manikada | Monday 13 October | 100:00 - 100:30 |

WHO IS REQUIRED TO VOTE?
Candidates have been elected unopposed in the Tiwini, Nganmarranga, Pine Creek, Timber Creek, Watangeri, Dagarragu Wards within the Victoria-Daly Shire and in the Ashlands River Town, Batchelor Rural, Batchelor Town, Lake Bennett and Coomalie/Iortila Wards within the Coomalie Community Government Council and therefore polls will not be conducted for those wards. Mobile polling teams may, however, poll in some places within the ward to collect absent votes for other areas.
Full details of polls being conducted throughout the Northern Territory are on the NTEC website and are widely advertised in remote communities and regional centres. Voting is compulsory by law and entry vote counts.

EVERY vote counts!

Picture: Polling schedule advertisement

Table 4: Mobile Polling - 14 Day Radio Advertising Campaign 11 – 24 October 2008

The mobile polling advertising campaign was extensive and focused on informing remote communities of the time and date of team visits. Feedback post-election indicated that the schedule was widely distributed and had more

| Organisation | Language |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • ARDS | Yolngu Matha and English |
| • CAAMA | Anmatyerre, Arrernte, Pitjantjatjara |
| • TERRITORY FM104.1 | English |
| • 8HA-SUNFM | English |
| • RADIO LARRAKIA | English & Kriol |
| • TEABBA | English & Tiwi |
| • PAW Radio | English, Warlpiri, Pitjantjatjara |

coverage than at any previous electoral event. However, subsequent research by the NTEC indicates that additional radio translations would have been beneficial, including translations into Luritja (MacDonnell/Central Desert), Gurindji and Murrinhpatha (Victoria-Daly) and Warumungu (Barkly).

Mobile Polling – Fieldwork

Mobile polling commenced with teams departing from Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs on Monday 13 October. Fifteen separate teams visited 208 centres in all rural councils (except Wagait) using 15 vehicles, including three from the NTEC, and the equivalent of 20 days of fixed wing aircraft and five days helicopter charter.

Not all polling was in remote areas as visits were made to aged care and health facilities in Katherine and Tennant Creek and hospitals and gaols in Darwin and Alice Springs. An additional six remote centers were visited at the Iyarrka supplementary election. If elections had been held in all wards, it is anticipated that it would have required 20 mobile teams to poll the 250 voting locations identified.

Most teams traveled by 4wd, with aircraft used mainly in the northern councils to reach islands or where road access was difficult. A helicopter based at Maningrida was used for polling along the north coast of West Arnhem Shire where 22 small communities were visited for an average polling time of 45 minutes. A similar intensive schedule using fixed wing aircraft based at Nhulunbuy and Ramingining allowed 22 communities to be polled in East Arnhem Shire. In Roper-Gulf Shire, aircraft were used to poll at Bulman, Numbulwar and the communities surrounding Boorooloola. Further south, aircraft were used for polling at Alpurullam, Titjikala, Apatula, Walangurru and Kaltukatjara, all distant communities where it was not efficient to poll by road teams.



Picture: Remote mobile polling Wadeye

Mobile teams were required to adhere to the published timetable and some flexibility was built into travel times to achieve this. If it was necessary to alter the schedule due to delays in polling or travel or where it was evident that a community had temporarily moved to another location, team leaders were required to contact the DRO so that alternative arrangements could be notified in advance.

Changes to polling arrangements were made at short notice for Papunya and Wadeye following advice that residents were temporarily absent. At Willowra a second visit by the team was required due to the absence of a significant number of electors at the time of the first visit. In Barkly Shire, long distances between polling places combined with poor roads led to the late arrival at a number of centers including Wutungurra and Ali-Curung. Generally there were few cases where polling did not start at the advertised time and no reported cases of electors not being able to cast a vote during scheduled visits, though in some cases an extension was needed to the closing time for polling. There were no interruptions to the polling schedule due to weather.

5.14 Absentee Voting

An absent vote can be claimed by an elector seeking to vote at a polling place or with a mobile team operating in a different council area to that in which the elector is enrolled. It should be noted that an ordinary vote is issued if an elector is enrolled in a different ward to that in which the polling place is located provided their enrolment is in the same council area. This is an important consideration as mobile polling teams moved between different wards within the same council.

The regulations require electors who are voting outside the council area in which they are enrolled to complete and sign a declaration envelope showing their name and enrolled address. To assist in issuing the correct ballot

papers, polling staff were provided with a reference roll of all electors in the 11 councils. No problems or delays were experienced in issuing absent votes or the subsequent checking to determine admission to further scrutiny.

A total of 395 electors cast absent votes, 2% of votes cast overall, with the highest rates being in the remote shire council areas. There is no clear reason for the low level of absent voting at the council elections other than voting facilities were not as widely available as at a full NT election. It was also evident to mobile polling staff that some electors in remote areas were of the view that they could only vote in the community where they were enrolled, as was the case at previous community council elections. These circumstances will change at the Territory-wide council elections scheduled for 2012 when static booths and early voting centers are likely to operate in all councils, including urban areas, making absentee voting more accessible. If there is a greater demand for absentee voting, in line with the demand at the 2008 LA general election, greater pressure will be placed on static polling staff in the issuing of declaration votes. See Appendix F for details of absent voting by council and region.

5.15 Provisional Voting

A person is entitled to a provisional declaration vote if:

- Their name is not shown on the roll for the council for which they claim to be enrolled [r22 (c)]; or
- Their name is shown on the roll but already marked as voted [r22 (d)].

Declaration votes were issued to 104 persons in accordance with r22 (c) & (d), of which 38 were admitted to the count. See Appendix F for details of declaration voting by council and region.

5.16 Static Polling

Static polling places operated between 8 am and 6 pm on polling day Saturday 25 October within Litchfield, Wagait and Barkly councils and at Darwin and regional centers. At this election, no static booth operated in the Tiwi Islands council area. Mobile teams operated for part of polling day at Adelaide River and Batchelor (for Coomalie council – Adelaide River Rural ward) and at Alyungula (for East Arnhem council).

A total of 6471 electors voted at static polling places, approximately 40% of the turnout. However, there were significant differences between councils in votes cast at these centers, directly related to the convenience polling place locations offered to electors. In Litchfield, the five static booths accounted for 5013 voters (85% of the turnout) and the one booth in Wagait recorded 171 votes (95% of the turnout). The only other static booths where a significant number of votes were recorded were at Jabiru with 226 votes (50% of the turnout in Kakadu ward) and Tennant Creek with 951 votes (70% of the turnout in Patta Ward).

In regional centers the static booths were located at the Yeperenyre Centre in Alice Springs, civic centers in Katherine and Tennant Creek, the Jabiru Youth Centre and Nhulunbuy primary school. In the Darwin region, the five regular polling places in Litchfield Shire were used, plus Wagait Council, Kormilda College, Ludmilla Primary School and the NTEC Darwin office. Full or assisted wheelchair access was available at 11 of the 13 static polling places and amenities at all centers met NTEC service delivery standards. Polling in Jabiru took place at the Youth Centre instead of the council hall normally used due to a prior booking, resulting in claims from a number of electors that the move was not widely known. See Appendix F for details of static polling by council and region and Appendix G for a full list of static polling place locations and.

5.17 Services to Electors with a Disability

The NTEC seeks to provide voting facilities for electors with a disability. As part of preparations, the NTEC notified disabled groups regarding the availability of specific voting facilities. Polling officials were also trained to provide assistance to electors with a disability and procedure manuals were updated to incorporate relevant instructions. The services provided at the shire council elections included:

- Mobile polling of elector's resident at institutions including hospitals, renal dialysis centers and aged care centers in addition to remote communities.
- Postal and early voting services for electors who could not attend a polling place because of illness, infirmity or approaching maternity plus electors caring for another person with a medical condition.
- Early voting centers and static polling places that offered full or assisted wheel-chair access and where possible, parking facilities for people with a disability. Polling procedures also allowed electors to vote from their vehicles if needed.
- On request, allowing electors who were unable to record their mark to obtain assistance from a nominee or an electoral officer at polling centers or from an authorised witness if voting by post.
- Increasing the font size on ballot papers and simplifying wording to allow electors with vision impairment or low literacy skills to more easily read the instructions.
- Provision of magnifying sheets to enlarge ballot papers for people with vision impairment at early voting centers and polling places.
- Providing captions with TV advertisements to assist people with a hearing impairment.

5.18 Vote Counting

The Scrutiny

As part of the NTEC's election project plan, a timetable for the scrutiny and determination of results was prepared setting out key milestones and staff responsibilities. Council CEOs were advised of manual and computer counts (see Appendix H). The count processes, procedures and post-poll activities timetable were provided to candidates and other stakeholders in Election Bulletin 9 (see Appendices I, J).

The timetable and arrangements for the scrutiny provided for the following:

- The determination of formality and the preliminary manual count of 1st preferences on ordinary ballot papers;
- A manual count of elections for five wards and two principal member/president positions with single member vacancies;
- The examination of postal, absent and provisional voter declaration envelopes to determine if the ballot papers contained could be admitted to the scrutiny and the forwarding of envelopes to the relevant DRO;
- Data entry into *EasyCount* and verification of all preferences shown on ballot papers for 24 elections with multi-member vacancies;
- Counting of final postal votes after the deadline for receipt;
- The distribution of preferences in *EasyCount* or by hand and the determination of results; and
- completion of recounts, if ordered by the RO.

Counting commenced at the conclusion of voting at 6pm on Saturday 25 October. All ordinary and postal votes to hand were counted by DROs at regional centres and the Darwin office with preliminary 1st preference counts posted to the NTEC website on the Saturday evening.

Between Monday and Thursday following polling day, the ballot papers for the 24 complex counts with multi-member vacancies were sorted before entry into *EasyCount*, with each ballot paper being entered twice to ensure details were verified. The counts for elections for single member vacancies were undertaken manually.

All postal voting and other declaration vote envelopes were checked against RMANS in Darwin and Alice Springs during the week and forwarded to the relevant DRO for further scrutiny. If admitted, the ballot papers were included in the count. The final postal vote envelopes were checked after the deadline for receipt at 6 pm on Friday 31 October and votes entered into *EasyCount* or manually counted for the single member elections. The RO had standby arrangements in place if postal votes were received at the close that needed transmission to another office, but in the event this was not required.

With all ballot papers entered into *EasyCount*, the system was used to allocate preferences to successively elect members until all positions were filled. In Barkly council the count for President was undertaken first so that the

successful candidate could be excluded from the subsequent ward member count as the four candidates had nominated for principal and ward member positions.

During the counts, six ties required a draw by lot. The draws were undertaken as directed by the RO and witnesses were present in all cases. A draw took place in the following counts:

- Barkly - Yapakurlangu Ward (last position);
- Central Desert – Southern Tanami Ward (count Nos. 4, 5 and 7);
- MacDonnell – Rodinga Ward (count No. 4);
- Wagait Council – (count no 8).

The RO monitored all counts as they progressed and when preliminary results were available after the distribution of preferences, the RO immediately ordered recounts in the following wards:

- Barkly – Yapakurlangu Ward - no change to result after recount;
- Roper-Gulf - Never Never Ward - no change to result after recount;
- West Arnhem – Kakadu Ward - no change to result after recount.

The initial counts of the above wards were all done under computerised counting. Consequently the recounts took the form of reading back entries to the recorded data and RO assessment of any queries raised by scrutineers or counting staff during that process.

The preliminary results of all elections were posted to the NTEC website as soon as they were available and the final results were subsequently posted by DROs and the RO at the formal declaration of results held at the NTEC's Darwin office and regional centers on Monday 3 November. See Appendix K for declaration of the poll times and venues. Appendix L summarises the number of members elected by gender and age range.

5.19 Participation

There were 34 125 electors enrolled for the contested wards in the eleven councils and a total of 16 956 electors voted, giving an overall participation rate of 50%. The average masks significant differences in turnout between councils and wards and in remote areas between communities. As an inaugural election for the eight remote councils, the differences are not unexpected and to some extent reflect varying experience at elections for the previous community government councils.

Whilst the elections were for all non-urban areas of the Territory plus the town of Tennant Creek, there was a clear divide between the three councils in the rural area around Darwin and the eight councils in the remote areas. Voting in the Darwin region was principally at static polling places and in the remote councils by mobile polling. Details of participation by council and ward are provided at Appendix M.

Turnout for Mobile Polling in the Remote Councils

A total of 10 750 electors voted in the eight shire councils outside the Top End, giving a turnout of 47% for the 23 034 electors enrolled. Approximately 80% of ballot papers in the eight councils were lodged with mobile teams, the balance being lodged at polling places as absent, early and ordinary votes or returned as postal votes.

A direct comparison of the turnout in the eight remote councils to that at the 2008 LA election is not possible as the LA divisions of Macdonnell and Arnhem did not go to poll. However, by substituting 2005 LA election data for the council areas covered by Macdonnell and Arnhem, the overall turnout for mobile polling dropped by approximately 10% compared to the 2008/2005 LA election results, and by 20% if compared to the same area at the 2007 federal election.

There were significant variations in turnout for mobile polling between locations visited. Thirteen communities with a combined enrolment of 250 electors did not record a vote with a mobile team, and a further 48 communities recorded between one and five votes each. Team leader reports indicate that in most cases the nil returns were the result of residents being elsewhere at the time of the visit including attending funerals or voting nearby e.g.

Barkly electors at Atnarara (Soakage Bore) voted at Alparra instead. A number of the nil returns were for small communities that were only polled as they did not require a diversion off a main route and, at the time of the visit, no electors were present. Once a schedule is notified to the public, it usually must be adhered to even if subsequent information would indicate resident electors are not currently at a designated polling place.

The low turnout at a proportion of the communities visited could not be anticipated and was consistent with experience at previous NT and federal parliamentary elections.

At the other end of the scale, in 25 communities with a combined enrolment of 650, the votes cast, boosted by visitors, and exceeded the number of electors enrolled. Mobile teams reported that at smaller communities generally, all electors voted who were present at the time of the team visit.

The drop in turnout compared to that at the LA election was particularly marked at the larger centers visited by mobile teams. There were 17 communities with enrolments greater than 100 with a combined enrolment of 8000 where the turnout was 40% or less, with half of these having a turnout of 30% or less. Major communities with a relatively low turnout included Maningrida (25%), Amoonguna (25%), Milingimbi (26%), Beswick (26%), Santa Teresa (28%), Ngukurr (29%) and Yuendumu (32%). This analysis includes postal, early and absent votes cast, but in most wards these votes made up only a small proportion of the total.

In contrast, the higher overall participation in Barkly (57%) and Tiwi (60%) was due to the above average turnout in the larger communities e.g. in Tiwi Shire, Nguiu recorded a turnout of 59% and in Barkly Shire, the larger communities of Wutunugurra, Ampilatwatja, Ali Curung, Elliot, Alpurullam and Canteen Creek had an average turnout of 65% for the 1015 electors enrolled. The town of Tennant Creek (Patta Ward) recorded a turnout of 66%, the same as at the 2008 LA election. Similarly, a turnout above the average took place in the South West Gulf and Never Never wards in Roper-Gulf, both wards where mobile polling staff reported that candidates mounted active campaigns.

There is no single reason for the drop of approximately 10% in turnout for mobile polling compared to that at the LA election, as the election advertising and the schedule and procedures were based on those used effectively at the 2008 LA and 2007 federal elections. But, in those state jurisdictions with compulsory voting, the turn-out at local government elections is significantly lower than at the respective parliamentary elections, with the drop being far more than the rate experienced in the NT.

However, there was an apparent lack of overall media interest in the election and subdued campaigning by candidates in all councils. At the LA and federal elections, party workers were present in the larger communities to hand out material and mobilise voters and it was significant at the council elections that where candidates did campaign, the voter participation rate was above the average.

An additional factor that contributed to the low turnout was the apparent movement of enrolled electors away from remote communities to the urban areas, whether temporary or not, without corresponding changes to the roll. The NTEC's processing of replies to non-voter correspondence arising from the LA election indicated that many electors had moved address away from communities and an informal review of the roll undertaken at the time of the Iyarrka by-election provided quantitative data as to the extent of the movement, at least for communities in the Centre. A recent policy change by the AEC in removal of names from the roll by objection has also served to protract the objection process and roll quality and raw turnout rates have suffered to some extent as a consequence.

Turn-out in the Top End Councils

The top end Councils of Litchfield and Wagait and the contested Adelaide River Ward in Coomalie collectively had an enrolment of 11 091 at the close of rolls and a turnout of 6206 or 56% of voters. Wagait recorded a turnout of 86% from an enrolment of 219 and Litchfield 55% from an enrolment of 10 778, the latter with an election for council president that at previous elections had generated significant interest.

Electors in the Darwin area had comparatively easy access to voting facilities at early voting centers operating in Darwin and Bees Creek, plus eight static booths operating on polling day. The NTEC's election awareness campaign in the electronic media had coverage equal to that in the more remote areas and was more extensive in the top end print media. The NTEC also delivered an election information brochure to all boxes at Humpty Doo and Howard Springs POs and to Robertson Barracks.

5.20 Informality

A total of 2147 ballot papers of the 19 103 votes cast at the rural council elections were determined as informal, an informality rate of 11.24%, significantly higher than the 4% average informality recorded for the corresponding rural divisions polled at the 2008 LA election. Even after allowance is made for the differences in the rates for a number of wards, the average informality remains at 10%, consistent with that experienced at the municipal council elections in March 2008.

The NTEC examined all informal votes from the election and grouped the results into categories of informality that were either apparently 'intentional' informality or 'unintentional' informality. A summary of findings follows:

- 30% of informality was due to difficulties by voters in marking preferences in a sequential number range i.e. numbers were duplicated or non-sequential;
- 8% of informality related to the use of ticks and crosses. This was noted in a number of wards (but not all) where there were two candidates e.g. Roper Gulf/Numbulwar Numburindi and Victoria Daly/Milngin wards;
- Informality was highest where there was a larger number of candidates e.g. 30% for East Arnhem/Gumurr Miwatj and 25% for Central Desert/Anmatjere which had nine candidates each;
- Informality in the top end councils was lower than the average, particular for Tiwi Islands and Wagait. Whilst informality in the three elections for Litchfield Council was lower than the average, apparent intentional informality (e.g. blank, scribble and 'all the same' numbers) accounted for 80% of the total;
- A significant proportion of electors, particularly in the remote rural councils, experienced difficulty in marking their ballot paper with formal preferences for all candidates in accordance with the instructions, with the level of informality rising with the number of candidates shown.

Whilst the relatively high level of informality at the rural council elections could be related to electors not having experience in preferential voting for this number of candidates, it should be noted that the same level of informality applied at the March 2008 municipal elections, with rates ranging between 6.7% and 11.6% depending on council and ward. Following that election, only the mayoral informal ballot papers were examined. At the municipal elections there was active campaigning and a wide distribution of how-to-vote cards and other candidate information that would have assisted electors to cast a formal vote.

See Appendices N and O for an analysis of the types of informality at the October elections by council and region.

5.21 Eligibility to Nominate – Litchfield Council Complaint

A person is, unless disqualified, eligible for election as a member of a council if they are enrolled for a place of residence that is their 'real place of living'. A nomination must be:

- In the approved form;
- Accompanied by a declaration by the nominee that they are eligible for election; and
- Received before 12 noon on nomination day.

Nominations are not made public until the declaration of nominations and draw for ballot paper positions, normally held at 12 noon on the day after nominations close at a general election. A person may withdraw their nomination at any time up to the close of nominations.

On receipt of a nomination, the RO is generally obliged to rely on the declaration by a candidate as confirmation that they are eligible to stand for election. The RO checks the enrolment details of the nominee and the nominators to confirm that they are enrolled for the council area as required by the Act. The reliance by the RO on the nomination declaration and the electoral roll to confirm a candidate's eligibility accords with electoral practice in all other jurisdictions.

After the declaration of nominations, and prior to polling day, a complaint was made to the RO and separately to DLGH officers and the Minister for Local Government that a candidate for Litchfield council might not be eligible on the ground that the person did not reside in the council area. The complainant referred to the possibility that the candidate had made an inaccurate declaration (whether knowingly or not) and requested that the RO reject the nomination in question and call off the election, despite early voting and postal voting having already commenced. The complainant also requested that the legislation be reviewed to 'tighten up' the eligibility provisions to ensure the situation was not repeated.

In response, the RO advised the complainant that no action could be taken at that stage to either declare the candidate ineligible to stand or to suspend or call off the election as the nomination form and declaration had been completed in accordance with the legislation and accepted before the close of nominations. At no time before or after the close of nominations did the candidate make any admission of mistake and there was no allegation from anyone that the candidate's enrolment was fraudulent.

Once it became clear that the election was to proceed, the complainant issued a media release calling for electors not to vote for the candidate due to the 'ineligible enrolment' and, if the result of the election was subsequently to be overturned by legal action, questioning who would be liable to fund the ensuing by-election. The media release was also provided to the Minister and RO with a covering letter seeking clarification of the relevant legislation regarding enrolment and legal liability. Immediately after the election, the candidate in question wrote directly to the Chief Minister drawing his attention to assertions made in the media release and suggesting a breach of the Act. In the event, no legal action ensued, either official or by any of the parties involved.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act (CEA), and by extension the NTEA, defines a person's real place of living for enrolment purposes as:

'real place of living includes the place of living to which a person, when temporarily living elsewhere, has a fixed intention of returning for the purpose of continuing to live at that place'. s4 CEA

This concept can be difficult to apply and at times relies heavily on applicants making a judgment call with respect to the particular address they consider as their residence. In this case, the candidate owned the Litchfield property and habitation at which she was enrolled. Irrespective of any lack of clarity as to a person's real place of living, if the RO considers that an elector is no longer entitled to continued enrolment for a particular address, their name can only be removed in accordance with the objection provisions set out at ss114 -118 of the CEA. This process requires investigation by the AEC (as managers of the joint Commonwealth/NT roll) and takes, in practice, a minimum of seven weeks to complete. Irrespective of any impending determination of an objection, the RO is unable to have an elector's name removed from the roll after the close of rolls for a council election (s87 of the Act) or LA election (ss8 and 48 of the NTEA).

The handling of this complaint was a challenging administrative task, given the short deadline immediately prior to polling day and the continuation of correspondence after the election. The response to the original complaint was further complicated by both parties making separate representations to a number of officials in addition to the RO regarding the application of the legislation.

The action taken by the RO in relation to the complaint was in accordance with the legislation and consistent with election practice as applied elsewhere in Australia. The official response confirmed that the Act and regulations

adequately covered the circumstances and provided a sufficient basis for the election to proceed. It also highlighted that:

- The RO is the only officer who can make determinations regarding the eligibility of candidates, subject to Court action or a gazetted direction by the EC (r5);
- The names of persons nominating remain confidential until the public declaration after the close of nominations;
- Section 39(1) (c) of the Act provides that a person ceases to be a member of a council if they are no longer enrolled in the council area. Removal under this provision (if the candidate is elected) would be dependent on a determination by the delegated AEC officer as to the continued eligibility of the person to enrolment at the claimed address, but that any investigation and action arising could only take place after the election.

The accuracy of the roll or the eligibility of a candidate is not grounds to have an election cancelled or suspended. Practice in all jurisdictions is that complaints about the eligibility of candidates are determined, if required, post election according to the prescribed legal process. It is noted that at three recent federal elections, the result in a particular division was overturned after polling day as the successful candidate was deemed ineligible either on the ground of having 'an office of profit under the crown' or not satisfying citizenship criteria. In each case the candidate declared at time of nomination they were eligible and the election proceeded accordingly.

5.22 Iyarrka Supplementary Election

A supplementary election for the Iyarrka Ward of MacDonnell Shire was required as only one nomination was received for the two ordinary member positions at the general election. The election took place as soon as practical to make best use of voter awareness from the general election and NTEC resources. The early filling of the vacancy also allowed MacDonnell Shire Council to convene with a full complement of members.

The supplementary election was announced on 31 October for a poll on 13 December 2008. At the close of nominations, two nominations had been received and arrangements proceeded for mobile polling at eight remote locations and in Alice Springs, including the hospital and gaol. Early voting and static polling facilities were established at the NTEC's Alice Springs office and postal voting was made available. A total of nine postal and three early votes were received, with all other votes cast with the mobile teams. Details of the mobile schedule and votes received are set out at Table 5.



Picture: Iyarrka Ad Banner

Table 5: Iyarrka Ward – Comparative Turnout & Service Statistics

| Date | Polling Place | No. Enrolled 2008 | Ballot Papers Counted | Turnout % | Ballot Papers Counted | | Assisting Voters 2008 | | Enrol Forms Rec'd 2008 |
|----------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|
| | | | | | Fed 2007 | LA 2005 | NTEC | OTHER | |
| 3.12.08 | Erdunda | 6 | 1 | 16.7 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.12.08 | Imanpa | 123 | 66 | 53.7 | 63 | 73 | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| 4.12.08 | Curtin Springs | 9 | 0 | | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4.12.08 | Mutiitjulu | 145 | 34 | 23.4 | 73 | 86 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| 4.12.08 | Uluru-Kata Tjuta Ranger Station | | 4 | | | | | | 2 |
| 5.12.08 | Imanpa | | 9 | | | | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 9.12.08 | Kaltukatjara | 196 | 103 | 52.6 | 57 | 101 | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| 10.12.08 | Areyonga | 158 | 67 | 42.4 | 84 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 12.12.08 | AS gaol | | 3 | | | | | | |
| 12.12.08 | AS hospital/AS town | | 6 | | | | | | |
| | Total | 637 | 293 | 46.0 | 298 | 363 | 27 | 9 | 36 |

Given the 40% turnout in MacDonnell Shire at the general election, particular attention was paid to arrangements for polling at the election. Shire council and DLGH staff based in Alice Springs provided the RO with considerable assistance and traveled to communities ahead of the mobile team to raise voter awareness. Based on their advice, changes were made to the mobile schedule to include the Uluru Ranger Station and to return to Imanpa due to ceremonies at the time of their first visit. At Areyonga, voters were initially reluctant to vote as the Iyarrka member elected unopposed at the general election was based in the community, but polling eventually proceeded after shire staff clarified the position with voters.

In contrast to arrangements at the general election, community electoral assistants (CEAs) were available at all centers polled. They were employed by the NTEC to interpret, identify names on the roll and, if needed, assist electors to vote. This assistance, to 36 voters, may have had a positive impact on the informality rate (6.3%), which was significantly lower than at the general election, even though only two candidates were standing.

Overall turnout at the by-election was 46% but, based on information collected by the mobile team; this significantly understates the level of participation. The team observed that, as at the general election, all electors voted who were present in communities at the time of the team visit. As a further check on participation, a review of the roll was undertaken by the team during their visits to the communities of Kaltukatjara, Areyonga and Imanpa to identify electors who had not voted and to determine if they had permanently left.

The review indicated that there had been considerable movement by electors to other communities and out of the area since the last roll review and enrolment programs undertaken in mid 2007. In the three communities surveyed, an estimated 30% of enrolled electors (144 persons) were claimed to be no longer resident, having moved mainly to Alice Springs (106) or interstate (21). Additional information was also collected on deceased electors and those who were temporarily resident in Alice Springs. It was claimed by residents and local staff that most electors who had left were now resident in Alice Springs.

The information would partly account for the low turn out at the elections in communities in the Centre. It points to the need for on-going roll review activities in remote areas and regional centers and the importance of enrolment and public awareness campaigns undertaken at the community level immediately prior to an election.

6. KEY RESULT AREA – CORPORATE SUPPORT

6.1 Human Resource Recruitment, Support and Management

Administrative and polling place staff

In common with all electoral authorities, the NTEC has a small establishment of permanent officers which is supplemented significantly at elections with temporary contract and casual staff. The NTEC followed the practice adopted for the appointment of regional co-coordinators at LA elections and filled all DRO positions for the council elections with professional electoral officers with current or recent service as electoral practitioners. As the LA election was held in early August 2008, key project staff, recruited for that event, was retained until the conclusion of the council elections.

To supplement the NTEC's permanent and long term contract officers, a total of 103 temporary staff were recruited for the council elections, of whom only a small number worked over the whole seven week election period.

Table 6: Temporary and casual staff employed for council election

| Category of staff | No. employed | Duration of employment |
|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| • Static polling places | 44 | Employed on 25 October only Staffing of booths |
| • Mobile polling | 36 | Employed for between 1 and 2 weeks Included 8 staff seconded from other electoral authorities. |
| • Casual | 13 | Employed for varying periods for up to 5 weeks Office assistants and early voting centre staff |
| • Seconded | 10 | Mainly employed for 6-7 weeks over election period 2 staff employed on planning prior to the election |

In almost all cases temporary staff were appointed who had experience in managing elections in the more remote areas of the NT. A total of 10 temporary officers were recruited for DRO and supervisory positions with six seconded officers being recruited from other electoral authorities.

Given the short time available after the LA election, it was not possible to have DROs in place in the four regional centers prior to the commencement of the elections. This did cause some problems early in the nomination period but generally working relationships were quickly formed with local shire and DLGH staff. If the EC is appointed as RO at the 2012 election, the fixed date will allow the finalisation of recruitment so that DROs can be in the field before the commencement of the election.

Training of Polling Staff

Training manuals were updated for the election to include references to the new Act and regulations and to incorporate feedback at the recent municipal and LA elections. In addition, all staff issuing ballot papers were required to attend face-to-face training to ensure that the correct procedures were observed for marking the rolls and for issuing different ballot papers for the various wards included on the same roll. Staff were briefed to provide appropriate information to electors who attempted to vote for an uncontested ward.

A revised remote mobile polling manual was developed based on that used for the LA election together with a separate training power point presentation for the four hours of training required for all mobile staff. The extended training was necessary for team leaders to cover the new legislation and council set-up, updated OH&S policy, the handling of petty cash, recruitment of local staff and improved procedures to apply if polling was delayed at one centre that could have flow on effects later in the day.

6.2 Regional Centre Deployment

Deputy Returning Officers were deployed as regional co-coordinators to Alice Springs (2), Katherine (2) and Nhulunbuy (1) to provide electoral expertise at these regional hubs until after the declaration of the polls. Tennant Creek, at the request of the local shire CEO, was also allocated a DRO. Regional co-coordinators in Katherine and Alice Springs employed casual staff to assist with pre-election voting and other office duties.

Details of the allocation of DROs are shown in Appendix P.

6.3 Information Technology and Communication Support

General Support

The Commission greatly appreciated the work of staff from the Department of Business and Employment (DBE) who provided prompt and responsive support prior to and during the election period, including updating the website. That support was provided centrally in Darwin and by other support staff in regional centres.

Hardware Support

Desktop computers, printers, telephones and facsimile machines acquired for seconded and casual staff for the LA elections were retained and re-assigned for LG election projects in the Commission's offices and regional centers set up for the election.

Satellite telephones were provided to mobile polling teams traveling to remote areas of the Territory. Commission staff were able to maintain contact with mobile team leaders and the leaders to advise the Commission of voting statistics and emerging issues.

Software Support

As part of preparation for the rural council elections, the NTEC entered into a fee-for-service arrangement to use *EasyCount*, the AEC's vote counting software, to replace the time-expired *Compuvote* system previously used by the NTEC. *EasyCount* is a Windows based application that allows the automatic counting and allocation of preference votes for complex multi-member constituency counts following the data entry of voters' preferences marked on ballot paper. The application is stable, well documented and widely used by other electoral authorities.

EasyCount was installed onto NTEC computers by an external contractor prior to the election and a system administrator with considerable AEC experience was employed to set up files, train staff, monitor the count and ensure quality control procedures were maintained. Four networked PCs were used for counts undertaken in Darwin for the Tiwi Islands, Wagait and West Arnhem shires. All other regional centers - Alice Springs (Central Desert and MacDonnell shires), Nhulunbuy (East Arnhem), Tennant Creek (Barkly) and Katherine (Roper-Gulf and Victoria-Daly shires) each had two stand-alone laptops loaded with the software, with one allocated as risk insurance in the event of laptop failure. This did not occur.

EasyCount provided:

- A reduction of staff time required to undertake the count and allocate preferences;
- A facility to produce reports for staff and scrutineers; and
- An ability to maintain a full audit trail at all stages of the data entry and subsequent processing.

The NTEC used its in-house election management system (EMS) to record, store and provide data to plan and conduct elections. It no longer has suitable functionality and the NTEC is seeking to replace the system.

Adobe CS3 software was acquired for the 2008 LA election and the Commission was able to retain the services of two officers with graphic design skills who supplied the NTEC with the expertise to meet industry advertising and public awareness standards for the council elections.

6.4 Election Budget

Budgets cover the NTEC's four strategic areas:

- Enrolment activities;
- Election awareness and publicity;
- Election conduct; and
- Corporate support.

Charges to councils for conducting elections are only made on the basis of recovery of the marginal costs incurred by the NTEC. They do not include items such as:

- Work undertaken by NTEC permanent staff during normal hours;
- Work undertaken by NTEC executive staff during normal and after hours;
- Cardboard election equipment and other general election stores;
- Indirect overhead expenses of the agency;
- The usual NTEC commercial management fees charged for fee-for-service elections;
- Fees and charges for the use of special counting software to conduct electronic counts;
- Local government stationery in stock and produced in-house;
- Time devoted to election planning and council liaison undertaken between general elections; and
- Use of NTEC office vehicles, premises and office facilities.

When an approach is made for the NTEC to conduct an election, an estimate of charges is prepared on the basis of an outlined operating environment. The estimate contemplates all elections being contested. The majority of costs are associated with advertising/public awareness and staffing costs including salaries, accommodation, travel and travel allowances.

Early estimates of costs in March 2007 for the inaugural shire elections were made in the absence of precedence, legislation, an operating model and other critical specifications. The figure was based on the costs of service delivery at the 2005 Legislative Assembly elections and adjusted for the proposed shire areas and for inflation.

In February 2008, when more clarity existed, an operating model was tentatively determined and a detailed estimate of \$1 100 000 was arrived at on the basis that all elections would be contested. These initial estimates of election costs included a component for a non-voter program.

For the purpose of budgeting, these estimated figures were not binding as marginal costs only applied and the actual costs could vary, depending on how many wards went to election, the number of electors in each ward, the amount of polling required, where the polling places were located and the logistics of travel, travel time, accommodation etc.

\$900 000 was approved as part of new local government shire establishment funding, to assist with costs associated with conducting the inaugural elections. The NTEC accordingly revisited some of its program content to take this into account.

The NTEC commonly asks for a substantial advance from councils to defray necessary costs incurred during program planning and implementation. For the October 2008 elections, advances were received as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Advances received from DLGH | \$400 000 |
| Advances from ten new shires and one rural council | \$373 863 |
| Final payment from DLGH | \$130 000 |
| Treasurer's Advance | \$ 95 056 |
| Total | \$ 995 056 |

6.5 Operating Controls

New cost centers to cater for the elections were established before the end of June 2008, by which time the Electoral Commissioner had been appointed returning officer and preliminary purchasing was being effected.

The election period commenced 12 September 2009 with the placement of advertisements advising of the opening of nominations. This allowed approximately one month after the conclusion of the Legislative Assembly elections, during which most council election planning had been placed on hold, for project personnel to change focus and rapidly coordinate with suppliers and providers over major program requirements for the October elections.

The pay and recruitment sections of DBE were approached to ensure timely processing of staff details, procurement guidelines were checked for compliance and ITC liaison was stepped up in regard to hardware and software support and implementation needs for the newly acquired vote counting system. The advertising/public awareness budget was monitored to ensure containment of expenditure within agreed limits.

The final resolution of routes and schedules for mobile polling depended on the number of contested elections and, in some instances, community events requiring amendments to approved itineraries. Processes for providing mobile teams departing Alice and Darwin with cash reserves, vehicles, and satellite phones were refined and executed. Difficulties with some normally accessible accommodation being secured by intervention officers were resolved (e.g. bookings in Nhulunbuy were problematic).

6.6 Overall Expenditure

Actual expenditure was \$995 056, of which \$900 000 was funded by the councils and DLGH. The residual amount between funding allocation and actual expenditure was covered by a Treasurer's Advance. The NTEC is advised this is unlikely to be the case in the future and understands that future elections for both municipal and shire councils will be fully funded by councils. Election costs may therefore need to be a recurrent budget item for councils in which an annual amount is set aside.

Similarly, councils could consider setting aside a contingency amount each year for ad-hoc by-elections: any amount not used by end April, could be expended May/June on other program areas. The contingency amount in the 2011-2012 financial year could go towards the general election costs as no by-elections will take place due to the fact that councils can effect an appointment to a casual vacancy in the 12 months preceding the next general election, if they have a policy in place to that effect [see LGA s39(5)].

As these were the inaugural elections, the NTEC can provide no comparative costs. As shown in the following table, in March 2008, the elections for the Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs municipalities cost a rounded \$280 000 (76 604 electors in <1% of the NT land area compared with 39 003 electors covering most of the remaining area).

Table 7: Electors on Roll & Voting, Total Expenditure

| Election Type | No. Electors | | \$ |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | On Roll | Voting | Total Expenditure |
| Municipal council March 2008 | 76 604 | 54 096 | 280 000 |
| Shire and rural council October 2008 | 39 003 | 16 956 | 995 056 |
| Total | 115 607 | 71 052 | 1 275 056 |

The mobile polling program, with a higher cost per vote than attendance voting, plays a vital role in polling in shire remote areas.

Costs were divided amongst key expense areas as outlined below:

Table 8: Shire and Rural Council Election Costs

| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES | \$ GST exclusive | % of total costs |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Property/ Premises Hire | 52 802 | 5.3 |
| Communications (postage, phones etc) | 16 987 | 1.7 |
| Printing | 35 578 | 3.6 |
| Marketing & Promotion (advertising, publicity etc) | 133 822 | 13.4 |
| Equipment (stationery, consumables etc) | 4 729 | 0.5 |
| Travel (airfares, polling official TA, accommodation, charters etc) | 193 615 | 19.5 |
| Vehicles (hire, fuel, etc) | 46 257 | 4.6 |
| ITC charges | 20 110 | 2.0 |
| Other (freight, insurance, legal, various miscellaneous etc) | 32 705 | 3.3 |
| Subtotal Operational Expenses | 536 605 | 53.9 |
| EMPLOYEE EXPENSES | | |
| Permanent Staff Overtime | 17 040 | 1.7 |
| Agent Services (secondments, fees including travel allowance if applicable) | 172 020 | 17.3 |
| Polling Officials | 229 501 | 23.1 |
| Casual Staff | 15 307 | 1.5 |
| Payroll Tax/Super & Other Staff | 24 583 | 2.5 |
| Subtotal Employee Expenses | 458 451 | 46.1 |
| TOTAL | 995 056 | |

Notes:

- The above costs do not include notional costs for recruitment and payroll processing by the government service provider Department of Business and Employment Services.
- The costs included expenditure for a supplementary election in Iyarrka Ward. (MacDonnell Shire) in December 2008 due to partial failure of the election for that ward at the inaugural elections.

After the event, non-voter data was provided to Roper-Gulf Shire at no cost to council.

Table 9: Election Cost Breakdown Comparisons - Aggregated

| Election type | Expenses as % of Total Expenditure | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|
| | Operational | Employee |
| Municipal 29 March 2008* | 41.2 | 58.8 |
| Legislative Assembly 9 August 2008 | 43.1 | 56.9 |
| Shire/Rural Council 25 October 2008 | 53.9 | 46.1 |

* Remote mobile polling with its associated costs is not required in municipal elections

The following table shows costs to the individual elections.

Table 10: Electors on Roll, Voting, Contested & Uncontested Elections, Costs Comparisons by Council

| Shire/Rural Council | No. Electors | | No. Elections | | Shire and Rural Council Election Costs | | Area Km.sq |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--|------------|----------------|
| | On Roll | Voting | Contested | Uncontested | Actual \$ | % of total | |
| Barkly# | 4176 | 2391 | 4 | 0 | 116287 | 11.7 | 323800 |
| Central Desert | 2679 | 1038 | 3 | 1 | 88080 | 8.9 | 282100 |
| East Arnhem | 5266 | 1698 | 3 | 1 | 156149 | 15.7 | 33420 |
| MacDonnell | 3317 | 1059 | 3 | 1~ | 106504 | 10.7 | 268900 |
| Roper Gulf | 3667 | 1612 | 5 | 0 | 119004 | 12.0 | 185900 |
| Tiwi Islands | 1533 | 724 | 2 | 2 | 37063 | 3.7 | 7492 |
| Victoria - Daly | 3373 | 759 | 2 | 6 | 81964 | 8.2 | 167900 |
| West Arnhem | 3427 | 1469 | 4 | 0 | 105157 | 10.6 | 49910 |
| Subtotal | 27438 | 10750 | 26 | 11 | 810208 | 81.4 | 1319422 |
| Coomalie | 568 | 44 | 1 | 5 | 13465 | 1.4 | 1514 |
| Litchfield# | 10778 | 5976 | 3 | 2 | 135229 | 13.6 | 2914 |
| Wagait | 219 | 186 | 1 | 0 | 12116 | 1.2 | 6 |
| Subtotal | 11565 | 6206 | 5 | 7 | 160810 | 16.2 | 4434 |
| Total | 39003 | 16956 | 31 | 18 | 971018 | | 1323856 |
| Iyarrka By-election~ | 687 | 307 | | | 24038 | 2.4 | |
| Grand Total | 39003 | 16956 | | | 995056 | | |

~ partially failed election

includes principal member elections

The costs provided in the table are actual costs incurred and provide a guide for formulating a budget for future general elections.

Charges are attributed to individual councils using the following principles:

- Council specific expenditure is charged fully to the actual council concerned (e.g. Litchfield Council's special Voting Services DL Brochure);
- Region specific expenditure was charged proportionally to the councils within the relevant region on the basis of their enrolled numbers (e.g. regional advertising according to radio and television broadcast footprints);
- Territory-wide expenditure was charged proportionally to all councils on the basis of their enrolled numbers (e.g. common polling stationery and stores).

7. FORWARD PLANNING

The following are matters that the NTEC suggests need to be both noted and addressed during the planning for the 2012 local government general elections. These suggestions are based on the NTEC's operational experience as RO for all municipal and shire general elections in 2008 and in anticipation that it will again be appointed to fulfill that role in 2012.

7.1 RO Appointment and Resourcing

Appointment of Returning Officer

Under the current legislation, councils have the option of appointing the NTEC, its CEO or another person as RO. If the council has not appointed a RO six months before the general election, the CEO becomes the RO by default.

The NTEC believes it should be made sole provider, at least for general elections. There are a number of reasons to support its position, namely:

- The NTEC is the sole provider for NT LA elections and local government elections are run largely along the same lines;
- The NTEC does not charge councils commercial rates, only marginal costs. As a consequence no other tender would be able to provide the service near the price that the NTEC charges;
- There is no competitive market for electoral services in the NT. The AEC is the only other possible service provider and it charges commercial rates far in excess of the NTEC marginal costs for its fee-for-service elections. The AEC also does not have resources in Central Australia and would therefore only ever contemplate running elections in Darwin. The AEC would also be unavailable to conduct a general election if it clashed with a federal election, and it does not operate on fixed federal election dates;
- The NTEC conducts general elections by seconding staff from other electoral authorities, primarily the AEC. This operational model has fostered a strong collegiate and co-operative basis for the delivery of electoral services and information sharing in the NT, which would be jeopardised by the establishment of any form of commercial competitiveness;
- The NTEC was established as an independent statutory body in 2004 and its operations are geared around delivery of electoral services in accordance with professional standards and impartiality;
- At a NT local government general election, unlike the case in many interstate jurisdictions, absent voting services are offered Territory-wide on a reciprocal basis by councils and it is best run by one provider;
- The management of general elections by the one electoral authority is the most logical and practical approach, especially with the need for a uniform approach to policy and procedures and the requirement for a Territory-wide generic advertising campaign and centralised production of forms, ballot papers and equipment; and
- A common RO at general elections ensures the achievement of economies of scale for all councils.

The NTEC also believes serious consideration should be given to it being made sole provider for all by-elections. Experience so far would suggest that nearly all councils engage the NTEC to run its by-elections, with some even putting a standing arrangement in place. Also, any CEO appointed to the position of RO would rely on help to some degree from the NTEC and an internal appointment may, rightly or wrongly, create perceptions of bias or lack of professionalism.

A summary of service provision arrangements in other jurisdictions is shown in Appendix Q.

NTEC Resources

The NTEC is a small stand alone agency which currently has seven permanent staff positions. It has been temporarily funded for the equivalent of another three positions for two years (ending 2009/10) to meet its obligations in setting up a second office in Alice Springs and running additional elections related to the local government reforms. The NTEC's ongoing staff levels needs to be determined before the end of the 2009/10 financial year.

Before the establishment of the new shire and rural councils, on average, the NTEC ran one LA general election, one municipal general election, two LA by-elections and six municipal by-elections in a four-year election cycle. It's only other election commitments related to the occasional conduct of some community government elections but these were comparatively small tasks which did not involve mobile polling. The NTEC charged municipal councils at marginal rates only and did not charge for its services at community government elections.

In 2008, the NTEC conducted the LA Redistribution (November 2007- June 2008), the municipal council general elections (March 2008), the LA general elections (August 2008) and the inaugural shire and rural council general elections (October 2008). It also had to convert the electoral roll to new boundaries set after both the LA redistribution and the establishment of the new shire and rural councils. This placed its resources under tremendous strain.

Following the inaugural shire and rural council general elections and up until December 2009, the NTEC was approached to provide an estimate of charges for 11 shire and rural council by-elections, excluding the failed election in Iyarrka Ward (MacDonnell Shire). The shire by-elections are far more complex and time consuming to conduct than the community government elections of the past.

The Electoral Commissioner was eventually appointed by the councils to run nine of those elections, of which one was in the top end, six in Roper Gulf/Victoria Daly region and two in Barkly/Central Desert/Macdonnell region. By way of comparison, the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) conducted an average of six by-elections per annum over a long period of time and those casual vacancies were filled by undertaking a fresh count of the original ballot papers cast at the general election and electing the next popular candidate who was still willing to take office. It rarely had to conduct another poll between general elections.

It is clear that the NTEC will need to boost its permanent staff ranks to meet possible future election commitments if local government legislation remains the same.

If the current frequency of by-elections continues as expected under the current legislation, then the NTEC will require a self sufficient complement of experienced ongoing staff in Alice Springs and will need to effectively dedicate a couple of staff positions in Darwin to work solely on local government election preparation and management. At the very least, this will mean the establishment of four more ongoing positions, including two in Alice Springs, in addition to the Commissions existing positions.

The additional ongoing staff numbers could be funded either by government or through an ongoing levy on DLGH or the councils or both. It could also be funded by the NTEC charging more than marginal costs but this is likely to have detrimental implications on a number of fronts. Any rise in cost will see more councils seeking to run elections themselves and perhaps running elections more on economic lines rather than established electoral administrative and democratic principles. By putting both agencies on a more competitive footing, it may also upset the current co-operative and collegiate NTEC/AEC working relationship which has been so efficient and effective in delivering electoral services at all major electoral events.

Election Funding

The marginal cost incurred by the NTEC in respect to the shire and rural council elections in October 2008 was nearly one million dollars. This accorded with the NTEC estimate for the elections, once the legislative details were finally known.

The funding for those inaugural elections was provided by DLGH. It provided the NTEC initially with \$400 000 but also provided \$40 000 to every remote shire council as an advance. The NTEC then had to retrieve the advance from councils and this took some time and effort. In addition, some of councils had already used part of their advance to promote their own election. Eventually, the NTEC had to seek a further \$130 000 from DLGH and nearly \$100 000 from Treasury to reimburse its own budget for monies spent on the election.

Where the NTEC has conducted municipal elections in the past, it has usually asked the councils for an advance (up to 75%) and settled accounts on the completion of the election. The municipal elections in 2008 cost under \$300 000 and only involved four councils. However, the NTEC's own budget will not be able to absorb the bulk of the cost of the 2012 local government general election (expected to be \$1.3m plus inflation). Soliciting advances from a significant number of councils in 2012 could also be problematical and time-consuming.

The 2012 local government general elections will be the largest logistical electoral event in the NT's history. Significant planning and project work will need to commence well in advance of the conduct of the event in March 2012.

Assuming the NTEC will be appointed as RO for the general election (in line with longstanding precedent); it believes the best approach will be to provide the NTEC with full funding for the election at the commencement of the 2011-12 financial year. From the NTEC's perspective, it would preferable if there was only one funding provider, such as DLGH or Treasury.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RO Appointment and Resourcing

It is recommended that -

1. The LGA be amended to provide that the NTEC be appointed as sole provider for local government elections, at least in respect to general elections.
2. In the absence of more ongoing staff resources to cope with the frequency and complexity of local government general and by-elections being forthcoming, the NTEC should move to a full cost recovery charging model.
3. The 2012 general election funds are provided in full to the returning officer at the commencement of the financial year 2011-12, preferably from one source only.

7.2 Electoral System Fundamentals

Election Timetable

The Electoral Regulations prescribe a set 43 day timetable for all local government elections. Although it is not specifically prescribed, the current timetable is built around polling day being a Saturday and the timing of key dates are directly or indirectly calculated from the day assigned as polling day.

Whilst Saturday is the most appropriate day for a polling day at a general election where voting facilities are being used Territory-wide, it is not necessarily, in fact unlikely to be, the best day for by-elections in remote shires.

Although an alternate polling day to Saturday may be appointed under the current legislation, it results in practical problems with the fall of other key dates.

In addition, the current 43 day timetable may unnecessarily protract the holding of an election, particularly where a single, very small ward is involved.

It would be better if the regulations provided separate and flexible parameters for the by-election timetable, allowing the returning officer some scope to set dates within those parameters.

Voting System (Representation)

The voting system used at the shire and rural council elections came in for some criticism after the event. The criticism focused on the outcomes in some electorates and asserted that those results were unrepresentative in terms of local interests. In particular, critique centered on results for individual wards where a group of candidates from a single large community were elected to all positions and no candidates were elected from smaller communities, despite the latter collectively receiving a significant minority of 1st preference votes.

These apparently 'skewed' results arise with Exhaustive Preferential (EP) as once a candidate is elected with an absolute majority, the ballot papers used to elect them are returned to further counts with the subsequent preferences counted at full value. If preferences are passed from one candidate to another in a single group i.e. the candidates 'swap' preferences, then there is the possibility that all will be elected, even if that group overall receives only a bare majority of 1st preference votes. For this reason, EP has been referred to as a 'winner takes all' voting system. As an example, in Central Desert Shire – Southern Tanami Ward, the successful candidates collectively received 58% of the 1st preference vote and were elected to all four vacancies. This result was in accord with the rules, but it did leave the two smaller communities in the ward without representation despite their three candidates receiving 42% of the 1st preference votes.

The EP system of vote counting that applied at the inaugural rural council elections also applied at previous municipal elections and a number of the former community council elections. It is a majoritarian voting system that requires a candidate to receive an absolute majority (i.e. at least 50% plus 1) of all formal votes cast, which may be made up of 1st and subsequent preference votes received from eliminated candidates.

The EP system has been used at all levels of government in the NT for a considerable time. It is not as simple as First Past the Post (FPP) but nowhere near as complicated as proportional representation (PR). It works well in single member constituencies but can easily lead to a winner-takes-all result in multimember constituencies, especially where the number of candidates and vacancies is large and the vote becomes widely spread.

The NT is the only Australian jurisdiction to continue to use EP at council elections. Variations of the PR system are used in NSW, SA, Vic and Tasmania (with NSW also using optional preferential at single member and mayoral elections), SA, Vic and Tasmania for multi-member constituencies. WA uses FPP for both single and multi-member elections whilst Queensland uses FPP for multi-member elections and optional preferential for single member elections. See Appendix Q for a summary of the management and voting systems by jurisdiction.

All voting systems for multi-member constituencies have advantages and disadvantages, influenced by the:

- Grouping of candidates;
- Distribution of community of interest and voting allegiances;
- Emphasis put on equal representation in the location of electoral boundaries; and
- Number of members.

Where there are a number of distinct rural communities in a single ward, the voters in the largest communities will have the strongest influence on who is elected and under EP, arguably an undue domination under the most extreme circumstances.

Other jurisdictions switched to PR systems to replace EP as it consistently left small communities unrepresented, requiring the redrawing of boundaries into smaller wards to allow representation. The Victorian Parliament passed legislation as recently as 2004 to replace EP with PR for council elections. The same change took place in 1948 for the election of senators to the federal parliament and at various times since then in the upper houses of state jurisdictions.

Any discussion regarding the extent to which EP provides fair representation needs to take into account the ward structure. The EP system could provide results allowing representation from a wider range of communities in a council area if ward boundaries were altered, including the creation of additional wards and/or adjustments made to the number of members to be elected in each. The use of eight wards in Victoria Daly shire based on each of the main communities resulted in council members being elected from all parts of the council area. Further examples of ward boundaries matching the main population centers and communities of interest are the five wards in Roper Gulf and the four wards in the Tiwi Islands. See Appendix R for details on the representative allocations in place for the elections.

All voting systems have their strong and weak points. PR certainly guarantees more representative outcomes by allowing minority groups to be elected, as candidates may get elected on a quota which is only a small proportion of the total vote. Those that argue against PR usually concede that it leads to more diversity in representation but this comes at the risk of domination by fringe groups and increased instability amongst elected members. They also contend that individual constituents do not have a clear representative reference point for any issues they wish to raise and that the increased size of electorates usually associated with PR make campaigning difficult for anyone not associated with a large support group, like a party machine. As a consequence, it is asserted that PR therefore encourages the operation of tickets and the introduction of party politics. Further, the PR system itself is less understood by the voting public than any of the alternatives.

The first past the post system is simple, easily understood and usually eliminates some unintentional informality and donkey voting. However, it may also deliver a successful candidate who does not have majority support, especially where two or more popular candidates split the vote. Vote marking and counting would also be inconsistent with House of Representatives and LA elections in the NT and this would give rise increased informality at those particular polls.

The shire boundaries were determined by DLGH in consultation with stakeholders. It would appear endeavors' have been made to draw the boundaries, including ward boundaries, on a community of interest basis. Presumably, council boundaries were guided by some common parameters and formulae in regard to the number of elected members for each council ward. It would appear; however, that during the whole process it was not fully appreciated that to be confident in getting an appropriate representative outcome, both the boundaries and the features of the voting system to be applied must simultaneously be considered.

The application of any ward boundaries is critical with respect to the effectiveness of a voting system to deliver a representative outcome. If a consistent approach by all councils is desirable regarding the application of a voting system at their elections, a consistent approach is also required in relation to the application of ward boundaries for all councils. In the NTEC's view, a proportional representation system sits most comfortably with council areas in which no ward structure operates. An EP system would sit best with single member constituencies and may also be acceptable in multi-member electorates where only a very low number of elected members are allocated. (Note: A recent re-examination of the 2008 municipal general election for wards of the Darwin City Council ballot papers under proportional representation returned almost all the same candidates as did the EP).

Other voting system alternatives might also be considered in the search for the most appropriate voting system. 'Bottoms-up' preferential (BUP) requires the elector to complete a ballot paper in the same way as a full preferential; the difference lies in the counting, where those with the fewest votes are eliminated in succession and their preferences distributed until only the number of candidates remaining in the count is the same as the number of vacancies. However, this system still places great importance on the primary vote as it is possible that an elector's primary vote is in effect the only one taken into account in a multi-member electorate, even though more than one member is to be elected.

A variation of the 'bottoms-up' could be the treatment of all preferences up to the number to be elected as primary votes. This is more complex to count but could be done by computer and it would give, for instance, each elector three votes for three vacancies and would mitigate to some extent against the winner-takes-all outcome of full preferential where multi-member electorates are involved.

Another alternative option is for EP to be used where a ward structure is in place, whilst PR would be used where no wards apply.

However, perhaps the first step in any consideration of the best system to be employed in the NT lies with seeing whether boundary alterations will deliver a more representative result under EP.

Voting System (Meaningful Participation)

Unintentional informality usually reflects elector shortcomings in relation to either numeracy and/or literacy skills. It can also be a result of a lack of understanding of marking requirements. The instructions are imparted to electors on the ballot paper itself and verbally by the issuing officer; however, the elector may not have the necessary literacy/numeracy skills to fulfill requirements or may simply not fully understand the instructions provided.

There is also a strong co-relation between the number of candidates on a ballot paper and the level of informality. Where there are only two candidates contesting, there is usually a surprising amount of unintentional informality because many electors are drawn to marking the ballot paper with a tick or cross rather than numbers. The other general trend is for informality to rise with the number of candidates. A high number of candidates particularly tests those with numeracy skill limitations and provides a greater risk of duplication of numbers or breaks in sequencing.

The incidence of donkey voting (or at least partial completion of a ballot using a donkey voting approach) is known to rise where large numbers of candidates are involved. At local government elections, where no party affiliations are present and how-to-vote material is sometimes scarce, electors are confronted with having to show a preference for all candidates in order to make their vote count. As a result, they may put a meaningful preference against candidates that they know and then mark sequentially (top to bottom or bottom to top) the other candidates whom they don't know. Alternatively, they may choose to deliberately vote informally because it is all too hard. The current worst example of the prevalence of this kind of voter behaviour is a full aldermanic ordinary member election in Alice Springs where up to two dozen candidates can be expected to contest eight positions.

Apart from reducing the number of candidates (and thereby improving elector recognition of those standing) by forcing the implementation of wards, safety net provisions could be legislated to enable certain ballot papers to be included in the count that are currently being ruled out as informal. For instance, although instructions to electors would remain the same, under safety net provisions, ticks and crosses may be accepted and a vote might be considered valid up to where an error in sequencing takes place. ATSIC had a similar system in place at its elections in the past.

Of course, with the resultant acceptance of exhausted votes, a safety net provision would then potentially allow a candidate to get elected without an absolute majority of formal votes. However, this is unlikely in cases other than where the closest of margins exists and, even in those circumstances, could be justified as giving more legitimacy to the outcome as it has allowed more electors to have had their say.

A more radical step to improve formality rate, would be to implement an optional preferential system. However, NT electors, for their part, currently have the same requirements in marking a ballot at Commonwealth, Territory and local government elections. A move to optional preferential voting at the local government level is likely to detrimentally affect formality at Legislative Assembly and Commonwealth elections in the NT. This has clearly been demonstrated in Queensland where optional preferential voting exists at State and local government elections but not at Commonwealth elections and the Commonwealth informality rate is the highest of any of the States because electors are not marking a preference for all candidates at a Commonwealth election.

Boundary Reviews

The current legislation charges councils with the responsibility of conducting its own review of its council boundaries in consultation with the NTEC. Unlike legislation governing LA redistributions, the formal process to be followed in these reviews is lacking in detail. The legislation also does not give any detail on what consultation with the NTEC would entail.

Certain ward boundaries have come in for criticism. Under the new LG Act, some of the councils will need to review significant disparities in elector numbers in some of their current wards. In addition, the effectiveness of current boundaries in giving adequate representation in some shires has also been questioned.

Roles performed by independent electoral commissions in local government boundary reviews vary. See Appendix S for details.

The NTEC would like its role to be more clearly defined in the Act and believes that a very active role in the process would be particularly beneficial since the NTEC is impartial and is publicly perceived as such. The NTEC also possesses a great deal of redistribution expertise and experience that would be invaluable to the process.

Councils currently have the option of setting ward boundaries or not. Clearly some council areas have a large number of electors and this may impact adversely on candidate recognition and formality rates in those particular electorates.

The Act requires councils to complete boundary reviews at least 12 months before the next general election. This means that reviews probably should commence early in the 2010 calendar year. Roles and processes need to be clearly defined before that time.

Compulsory Voting

Compulsory voting is a common feature of Commonwealth, Territory and local government elections. Local government elections in other jurisdictions are often voluntary.

Turnout at elections for different levels of government in the NT vary. Generally speaking, Commonwealth elections achieve about a 90% turnout, LA elections about 80%, municipal elections about 70% and shires achieved 40-60%.

Without doubt, compulsory voting is largely responsible for the relatively high turnout rates at local government elections in the NT. In interstate jurisdictions where compulsory voting does not apply, turnout rates are as low as 30-40%, even when postal ballots are mailed to every person on the roll.

The compulsory voting aspect of NT local government elections is emphasised in all election advertising and publicity. This is done, despite the fact that councils very rarely enforce compulsory voting.

The NTEC was disappointed to discover that some rural shires had already planned to and, in one case had, passed motions not to pursue non-voters before the election had even started. Of course, whether or not a council decides to pursue non voters is a matter for them; however, that decision is best made after an election, so there is no conflict of information circulating in the lead up to the poll.

The failure to follow up non voters after an election also does result in some lost opportunities to educate the electorate and improve the quality of the roll. Even if no fines are imposed, mail-outs or other forms of follow up can target electors to issue warnings and educative messages. It can also help to identify deaths and other removals from the roll.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Electoral System Fundamentals

It is recommended that -

4. The LGER be amended to provide a separate by-election timetable which affords more flexibility and scope for discretion to be exercised within broad by-election timetable parameters.
5. A review be conducted, in consultation with the NTEC, to evaluate the effectiveness of the exhaustive voting system when applied to current council/ward boundaries in terms of representative outcomes.
6. A review be conducted, in consultation with the NTEC, to evaluate ways to increase the formality rate at local government elections through adopting changes to either the voting system and/or formality provisions.
7. A more formalised process in relation to boundary reviews be prescribed in the LGER and that the NTEC play a more active, even a leading role, in those reviews.

7.3 Electoral System Processes

Nominations

From an electoral perspective, the nomination process is a most critical one. The nomination process has immutable deadlines attached to it and any mistake in the nomination process is usually irretrievable as voting commences soon after the public declaration of candidates. At any large scale election, there are always several nominations that are received that require follow up, many of which are lodged late in the process.

The legislation currently requires that candidates pay \$100 in cash or bank cheque as a nomination deposit. The money is refunded to the candidate if s/he is elected or receives at least a fifth of the successful candidate's primary vote. The purpose of the deposit is to discourage frivolous or mischievous nominations.

Nominations – forms and deposits

The nomination process also demands the lodgement of a duly completed nomination form and a candidate photo. Although a candidate photo is part of the prescribed lodgement, legal opinion is that a nomination can be accepted in its absence. Therefore, only a nomination form and a deposit are critical to acceptance.

The nomination form can be submitted electronically to the RO; however, lodging a deposit with the RO in Darwin or the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) in the nearest regional centre does pose more difficulty for some nominees.

The nomination period at the 2008 poll commenced on 12 September and the deadline for receipt was 2 October. Following representation from DLGH after the commencement of the nomination period, the NTEC reluctantly authorised the Chief Financial Officer (including staff at council service centers) to take nomination deposits. This concession was made on a 'one-off' basis due to reports that there was significant confusion about lodgement arrangements amongst potential candidates for this inaugural election.

A nomination process along these lines is not one that the NTEC would like to see repeated at future elections. Such a service needs to be strictly controlled by the RO and proper training should be supplied to anyone who will be acting as an agent in the official process. Moreover, the RO needs to have total confidence in the impartiality of those acting in an official capacity and be assured that any advertised service is available at all times during business hours and especially as the closure approaches. The confidentiality of nominations is also considered to be more at risk with increased localised involvement.

It must be remembered that in 2012 the council general election will involve all councils across the NT, not just the shire and rural ones. It is expected that a more planned prospective candidate education program will be established well before the event and that potential candidates will be aware of requirements before the actual nomination period commences. In addition, the NTEC would be happy to post DROs to regional locations for the full nomination period, although it suspects that those lodging early nominations are not the ones who would contend they encounter problems.

The main contention from those identifying a problem seemed to be that candidates could lodge the nomination form electronically but could not find someone reliable to lodge the nomination deposit on their behalf at any NT regional centre. Whilst this may be a legitimate concern for a prospective candidate, those persons will have ample warning of the election and nomination requirements in 2012. Moreover, if elected, these candidates will have to attend regular meetings at the same regional centers where deposits can now be lodged.

In this context, it should be noted that nominations for the Commonwealth and Territory elections may only be lodged directly with the returning officer at one of his or her offices. In many years of operation, ATSiC elections also required nomination deposits to be lodged at the office of its returning officer. In the case of past Commonwealth and Territory elections, no fixed polling date existed and elections were usually called at short notice. Moreover, in the case of the Legislative Assembly elections, the nomination period was only three days.

The NTEC is concerned about the problematical nature of the system that applied in 2008. It believes that if accessibility with regard to lodgement of deposits is still seen to be an issue in 2012, then other ways to address the matter may be more appropriate than using the shire service centre network, such as:

- Doing away with a nomination deposit altogether for local government elections (perhaps imposing a need for more nominees in lieu). There is no current evidence to suggest that the \$100 deposit has discouraged frivolous and mischievous nominations in the past. If anything, anecdotal evidence suggests it sometimes is a barrier to potential candidates.
- Provide for a nomination charge to be levied by councils on unsuccessful candidates who would normally forfeit a deposit under current conditions after the poll result is known.
- Provide for electronic transfer of a nomination deposit (although this may also be problematical and therefore a deadline for such receipts would need to be at least a few days before the nomination deadline).
- Extend the nomination period.

The post-poll handling of candidates' deposits was also affected by the special receipting arrangements. Under those arrangements, monies should have been forwarded to the NTEC, so that it could directly manage the refund as required by law and forfeiture transactions. One council refused to forward the monies to the NTEC whilst some others found it easier to refund the deposits actually received by them.

Nominations – Candidate Eligibility

At the 2008 poll and subsequent elections, some local government authorities displayed an expectation that the RO would thoroughly investigate a range of aspects concerning the eligibility of a candidate as part of nomination processing. Requests from council authorities to reject publicly known nominations before the close of nominations were received for reasons associated with owing the council monies, enrolment qualifications, court convictions, etc.

As in all jurisdictions and confirmed by legal opinion, the RO will only make checks against the roll in respect to the nominee and nominator. Other than that the RO must rely on the signed statement by the candidate as to his or her eligibility. That being said, a legislative provision to that effect may help in clarifying the matter, especially where full-time electoral practitioners may not be conducting an election.

Appointment of Static Polling Places

The regulations suggest that ordinary votes are to be issued at 'local polling places', i.e. polling places within any ward of a council area.

A capacity to issue ordinary votes at polling places outside of a council area is required and the capacity to appoint these polling places should be made clear in the Act. Large numbers of voters often report to vote at a polling place in another council area, particularly close to electorate boundaries. Moreover, at ward by-elections, once mobile polling is complete, the most logical place to conduct polling day services may be in a nearby regional centre to capture those who may have missed out.

Absent Voting

Legislation governing the absent voting process was changed for the shire elections in October 2008. The NTEC has problems with the new system and the areas of concern will be exacerbated in 2012 when the number of elections increases with the municipal and shire elections being held conjointly and the possibility of increases to the number of current wards.

Under the current legislation, where wards apply, an elector may vote as an ordinary voter for any ward in the elector's own council area. This means that the person is crossed off the roll and may deposit their completed and folded ballot paper directly into the ballot box at the polling place. At the close of poll, all such ballots are counted and results are recorded and transmitted to the tally centre.

The problem with allowing ballot papers to go directly into the ballot box and be counted on polling night in potentially very small numbers is that the secrecy of the ballot may be compromised. Polling places in council areas that have a lot of wards will also be burdened with much more paperwork in their tally sheets and results transmissions on the night.

At LA elections, a distinction is made, on a regional basis, between polling locations in adjoining electorates which are likely have large numbers of ballot papers for adjoining electorates and those that are unlikely to have many at all. Where high volume is expected, the ballot papers can be directly placed in the ballot box and counted immediately at the close of poll. The ballot papers of other electorates are placed in an envelope that only bears the electorate name and these ballots are passed on to be counted in major counts conducted centrally in the week following polling day.

As an alternative, it might be better to simply rely on the RO's capacity to appoint polling place for more than one electorate where circumstances of special need occur.

Counting Rules

Counts were undertaken by hand or by computer on a case-by-case basis. Computer counting was used where multiple vacancies applied and the number of ballot papers/candidates involved in the count was significant.

As a number of the elections do not have many ballot papers included in their counts, there is a high likelihood that ties will have to be determined during the progressive counts or even at the finish. It is also likely that there will be cases where a recount will be called by the RO or be granted at the request of an interested party.

The resolution of ties under the current legislation is by lot. At the 2008 election, candidates were eliminated in the candidate exclusion counts on several occasions in this way. In one case the winner of an election was actually determined by lot.

Wherever a winner is determined by lot, it usually draws criticism from candidates, media and the public. Basically, it is not perceived by its critics as the way a democratic process should end.

Generally speaking, determining exclusion by lot is common and widely accepted practice by stakeholders; however, it is not the only method that can be used in such circumstances. Some other systems use a count-back system to identify the candidate to be eliminated and only turn to a determination by lot if all preceding progressive count totals for the tied candidates are identical. At least, that method turns to the ballot papers of the electors to resolve the impasse, rather than resort to an exercise of chance.

The current legislation also provides an apparent quirk in that it prescribes on one hand that the name drawn by lot to determine exclusion is the one to be eliminated (i.e. the loser) whilst, on the other hand, prescribes that the one drawn to determine the final outcome of a tied election is the successful candidate (i.e the winner). This might therefore be deserving of some legislative review.

Alternatively, a final tied election outcome may be determined in ways other than by lot. A count-back system may be applied, although this might be less palatable to many when the actual election result hinges on its outcome. The other option is to call the election a tie and have a fresh election. As the chances of a tied final result are rare and usually restricted to very small polls, the preservation of the principle of being elected by the electors might be worth the cost of an additional election.

Inevitably, recounts will be called where results are close. Where the original count was done by hand, the recount is also done by hand. However, where the original count was done by computer, the question has been raised as to whether the recount could be done by hand. The NTEC policy position on this has been that where an original count has been done by computer (obviously for efficiency reasons), then a recount will also be done by computer. Where a computer recount applies, under the observation of scrutineers, all ballot papers are read out against the computer record and re-evaluated, if necessary in terms of formality. Whilst this methodology has been generally accepted by those involved in a computer recount, it would be better if that methodology was prescribed rather than left as a policy decision by the RO.

RECOMMENDATIONS

System Procedures and Processes

It is recommended that -

8. A review be conducted, in consultation with the NTEC, to evaluate the need for a candidate's deposit and, if retained, the most appropriate payment arrangements that can be put in place.
9. The LGER to be amended to make it clear that a nomination may only be lodged at the office of the Returning Officer or a Deputy Returning Officer.
10. The LGER to be amended to make it clear that the RO's investigative powers in accepting nominations are limited.
11. The LGER be amended to accommodate the issue of ordinary votes at a polling place outside of the council area.
12. The LGER be amended to restrict the issue of ordinary ballot papers for other wards (in line with current LA procedures) where the secrecy of the ballot may be compromised because of a low number of anticipated votes being issued.
13. The LGER be amended to prescribe the methodology of a recount of ballot papers previously counted using a computer.
14. The LGER be amended to adopt a methodology related to resolving ties in the count that eliminates/reduces drawing by lot and causes a fresh election in the case where the last two candidates are tied after a recount.

7.4 Legislation Management

Legislative Framework and Responsibility

Local government elections are run under the Local Government Act 2008 and the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008. The Act deals with a range of matters, with elections being only a very small element. Nearly all of the electoral procedures that govern an election are contained in the electoral regulations.

The Local Government (Electoral) Regulations gazetted on 29 August 2008 brought local government election practice into line with many, but unfortunately not all, relevant provisions of the Northern Territory Electoral Act 2004. Most significantly, changes included the following:

- Draw by lot to determine the position of candidate names on the ballot paper;
- Common assisted voting procedures;
- The capacity for the Electoral Commissioner to approve certain forms that previously were prescribed; and
- Substitution of current electoral nomenclature to replace outdated terms e.g. 'early voting' for 'pre-poll'.

There are however, a number of minor technical amendments that could be effected to provide more clarity and consistency with the NT Electoral Act. A summary of such possible amendments is provided in Appendix T.

The development of the Act and electoral regulations during the recent reforms rested with the DLGH and a Steering Committee. LGANT served to advise the Steering Committee on electoral systems, procedures and matters. DLGH handled the drafting of electoral legislation, with the NTEC being consulted only when drafting was well advanced.

The NTEC believes it would be better if the legislative base for the conduct of local government elections was contained in a Local Government Electoral Act and that responsibility for that Act rested with the NTEC rather than the DLGH. NTEC responsibility for the legislation would ensure ongoing harmonisation with the NT Electoral Act, wherever appropriate, and future development would also benefit greatly from the NTEC's well established networks and constant monitoring of developments in other State jurisdictions in regard to State and local government elections.

The next elections for both municipal and shire councils are scheduled for March 2012. Feedback indicated that, ideally, council personnel would like early briefings and consideration for the elections as they realise the complexity of the planning processes. It would provide certainty to program development if changes to the legislation were in place prior to that point to enable comprehensive discussion of election processes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Legislation Management

It is recommended that -

15. A thorough review of the electoral provisions of the LGA and the LGER be undertaken before the 2012 general elections in the light of operational experience and harmonisation with the NTEA.
16. The legislation relating to the conduct of an election be moved from the LGA and LGER and be re-established in a Local Government Electoral Act, which would be administered by the NTEC.

7.5 Stakeholder Roles

Role of Local Government Officials

Officers of DLGH, municipal and shire staff and staff at council service centres, all have some capacity to contribute to the successful conduct of the election process but roles need to be clearly delineated and, because of their often vested interest in outcomes, kept as much as possible at arm's length from the authority conducting the election.

At the 2008 poll, DLGH field staff did a lot of groundwork in generating and gathering nominations. They also did some educative and promotional work in the field. Shire and shire service centre staff assisted the Commission in taking candidate deposits and publicising voting arrangements locally.

It is difficult for a local government and/or council official to get involved in dealing with candidates without creating perceptions of bias or a conflict of interest. It is for this very reason that the NTEC's view is that the RO cannot, and therefore should not, take responsibility for the actions or lack of actions by local government staff. Of course, the RO should remain prepared to keep those officers fully informed of relevant matters as active players in the process; however, the NTEC believes the service centres should be seen purely as distribution points for its information and not an official electoral service centre. Under that arrangement, the NTEC would hope and expect that the service centres would distribute and display notices and information on request, just as it would for any government department with an important message to convey. Also, as a corollary, with any role it plays for a candidate, it acts as the candidate's agent not the NTEC's agent.

From an NTEC perspective, the 2008 poll experience demonstrated how difficult it is to get the service centre network to maintain a consistent approach and standards. Whilst some communities displayed notices widely, others didn't. Whilst some were happy to stay out of the candidate promotion debate, others wanted to get involved. All Shires were asked for feedback on the locality and elector lists for their community but very few gave any significant feedback. Identification of locals who may be able to provide impartial linguistic help in the polling place would have been welcomed but, in most cases, was difficult to obtain.

The NTEC would suggest that local government and council officials at all levels be released from any official electoral role, so they are free and accountable for any role they deem appropriate to play locally. The councils and council service centres should, however, help in providing quality and timely enrolment system feedback, facility support and help in the identification of linguistic support in polling places, transport and periodic roll reviews (especially immediately following an election, when non voting data can be used most effectively in roll cleansing). The establishment of a joint working party and delivery of a co-ordinated prospective candidate Territory-wide program, incorporating sessions delivered by various stakeholders covering their area of expertise, would also be a productive initiative in the lead up to a general election.

Council Infrastructure Support

The NTEC experienced a great deal of difficulty in acquiring business and private accommodation for out-posted regional DROs. The acquisition of private accommodation in March 2012, this time with even more advance notice, should help prevent a repetition of the problems faced in 2008. It is important, however, that during business hours the DRO has ready access to relevant local government staff and business facilities from the outset.

Given that the next general election is known well in advance (and an outside RO appointment may be made), councils should make plans for a suitably appointed office and facilities for the RO or his delegate over the election period. This will not only ensure that adequate facilities are provided but will also keep costs down for council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Stakeholder Roles

It is recommended that -

17. The roles of local government officials at future elections be clarified, documented and distributed through local government networks before the commencement of the general elections in 2012.
18. Councils take a more active role in roll maintenance activities in their communities, both on an ongoing basis as well as at election time, including a major enrolment drive in the lead up to the 2012 general election.
19. Councils take a more active role in the identification of impartial local assistants for mobile polling teams.
20. Councils provide out-posted DROs with adequate office facilities for the duration of the election period.
21. A working party made up of the RO, LGANT, DLGH, AEC be established in early 2011 to commence preparations for the 2012 general elections and to ensure roles and responsibilities are fully understood.
22. Prospective candidate information sessions be rolled out as a joint initiative by LGANT, NTEC and Councils to all council areas from early 2012.

7.6 Promotional Activities

Candidate Information

There was much criticism throughout the campaign regarding the lack of information on candidates. Suggestions that candidate profiles should be produced became a common catch cry. Complainants often expected the NTEC to supply more information on candidates and found it hard to understand that this was not the Commission's role. It should also be mentioned that the NTEC received similar complaints at the municipal general elections in March 2008.

Candidate profiles are produced in some other jurisdictions where polls are conducted entirely by postal ballot. These profiles are mailed out with the postal ballot papers. Where this occurs, legislation dictates deadlines and rules on length and content. Even in the most sophisticated of jurisdictions, the management of profiles at a general election for a large number of candidates in a tight timeframe has been found to be time consuming and problematic.

The introduction of candidate profiles at future elections would be a particularly significant burden on the electoral administration conducting the elections in the NT. The introduction of profiles should also not be contemplated unless there is significant legislative prescription to cover the principles, processes and procedures involved.

Generally speaking, the onus for the promotion of candidates lies with the candidates themselves. In the case of the remote and rural shires, candidates did very little to promote themselves. It is likely the lack of campaigning was due to a lack of awareness about how campaigns are organised, a lack of campaign funds or a perceived lack of benefits that campaigning might bring where they are already well known within their own communities.

At municipal elections, LGANT and the NTEC have conducted prospective candidate sessions that help raise candidate awareness about public office and the machinations of the electoral process. This could be extended to all council areas but, given that sort of scale, would need to be commenced a long time in advance of the election and would require significant funds to be implemented.

In addition, if they wish, governance authorities could conduct their own campaign education sessions also well in advance of the election; however, it would not be appropriate for the NTEC to become involved in these as it needs to remain at arm's length from candidates and their promotional activities.

Polling Day Advertising

In some feedback sessions, early advertising of polling day as the 25/10/08 was said to be confusing to some sections of the remote community as polling in their area was conducted beforehand.

The NTEC believes that any such confusion was overstated as all remote areas are traditionally polled before the advertised official 'Saturday polling day' at Commonwealth and Territory elections. Moreover, community government elections were nearly always conducted on a day other than Saturday as part of their individual scheme. There was also ample generic advertising on the electronic media and at the local level regarding mobile polling and a number of other measures were taken by the NTEC in promoting local polling arrangements.

In 2012, the vast majority of voters will be voting on the official polling day and so it will need to be advertised widely across the Territory again. As a consequence, those local government authorities on the ground who experienced problems on this occasion will perhaps need to be more alert to their local polling arrangements and be prepared to play a greater role in spreading that information locally in 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Promotional Activities

It is recommended that -

23. A review be conducted, in consultation with the NTEC, relating to the merit of providing candidate profiles at local government elections and the legislative inclusions that would need to be made to provide a process, if candidate profiles were to be adopted.
24. All election advertising undertaken by councils is channelled and cleared through the RO.

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Returning Officer Responsibilities

Prior to the election

- Confirm:
 - the timetable/key dates with the Minister's office prior to Gazettal
- Appoint:
 - authorised officers to carry out election duties
 - polling places
- Provide:
 - an Election Notice for display in the council communities or for circulation to council electors
 - an electoral roll for each council and ward if applicable
 - a Nomination Notice for inclusion in a newspaper circulating in the council and for display in communities within the council area
 - an approved nomination form which sets out the eligibility and any prescribed criteria, nominee and nominator details and provides administrative checks
- Receive and assess completed nominations for acceptance or rejection, declare the nominations and conduct the draw for positions on the ballot paper
- Produce and/or supply
 - ballot papers for issuing to council residents who are eligible to vote
 - ballot boxes
 - voting screens
 - other necessary electoral materials
- Organise
 - early voting facilities, including postal voting, mobile and remote polling and the advertisement of their availability by publication of notices
 - training for authorised officers
 - static voting facilities
 - appropriate recording mechanisms for postal voting
 - authorization and give reasonable notice of variations to polling schedules

For the scrutiny and count

- Count the ballot papers in accordance with the electoral regulations
- Adjourn proceedings from time to time
- Adjudicate on admissibility of ballot papers
- Examine postal and declaration voting envelopes
- Declare the result of the election/order a recount if necessary

After the election

- Provide a Results Notice for the council CEO and for posting on the council website
- Forward a copy of the Results Notice together with specified documentation, if appropriate, to the Minister
- Return refundable candidate deposits to candidates
- Return any forfeited candidates deposits to council
- Destroy ballot papers after a specified date

At any time, advise on electoral matters, within the responsibilities of the Returning Officer, about the conduct of the election.

Summary of Public Awareness Activities

| Medium | Key Messages | No. |
|--|---|-------|
| Newspaper Placements | Notice of election, calling for enrolment/update enrolment details Call for nomination and procedures; Early voting and postal voting services Remote mobile polling Static polling place locations (including who does and who doesn't vote) | 45 |
| Radio Placements (10 stations) English Language* | Notice of election, calling for enrol/update enrolment details Early voting Who does and who doesn't vote Remote mobile polling and polling services | 1002 |
| Television Placements (4 Advertisements) | Notice of election, calling for enrol/update enrolment details Early voting services Who does and who doesn't vote Polling services | 717 |
| Media Releases | Notice of election; electoral roll closing, close of roll figures Nominations open/nominations closing; invitation for declaration of nominations; nominations closed/draw for positions on ballot papers Mobile polling; postal voting; early voting starts/ closing today; polling place locations Litchfield Council nominations Polls closed, declaration of the polls | 13 |
| Election Bulletins | Notice of election; timetable, general guidelines; resources, general information Election facilities, contacts, general services, candidate information, legislation, signage Enrolment, authorisation, election materials, nominations, receipt of nominations, declaration of nominations, step by step guidelines, role clarification Candidates, campaigning and authorisation of campaign materials, voting and vote counting Post election reporting, count process and procedures, declaration of polls | 9 |
| Posters Distributed by Email/Fax | Customised mobile polling schedule for each community Full mobile polling schedules to communities and organisations Candidates Voting services Who does and who doesn't vote | 546 |
| Website Page Views | Enrolment; voting services; candidate information; forms, advertisements, election results etc | 46160 |
| Website Page Links | Link from council websites and Local Government website to NTEC website | 7 |
| Call Centre Enquiries | Enrolment; voting services; general enquiries | 818 |
| DL Brochure | Direct mail out to Litchfield electors (PO Box holders at Howard Springs and Humpty Doo) | 3000 |
| Enrolment (Forms Received) | Advertising campaign, DLGH field staff and council assistance on the ground in the distribution and forwarding of enrolment forms | 249 |
| Direct Mail (E-mails) | Election timetable, enrol/update enrolment details prior to roll close and voting services (councils, service centres, Cattlemen's Association, mining companies, special needs groups and schools for inclusion in newsletters) | N/A |
| Public Events | Declaration of nominations; declaration of the poll | N/A |
| Election Specific Branding | Electronic advertising; media releases; posters, election bulletins; public events; website | N/A |

*Note: Radio advertisements relating to mobile polling were produced in language (Kriol, Warlpiri, Arrernte, Pitjantjatjara, Tiwi, Yolngu and Anmatyerre)

Advice to Candidates - Campaigning - Authorisation of Campaign Materials

Candidates and campaigning

Questions may arise over the use of Council facilities for candidates wanting to copy campaign material,

access telephones, email etc and the posting of campaign material on council premises. These are issues for individual councils and are not governed by electoral law.

Several established councils have policies relating to the use of council facilities by candidates and also the sizing, placement and removal of electoral materials. Should policies be in place, they could perhaps be communicated to all service centres, with advice that any decision should be implemented in an even-handed manner to all candidates.

Authorisation

As advised in the Candidate Handbook, local government legislation requires all published electoral campaign material (including matter published on the internet) to have the **name** of the person authorising its publication printed at the end.

The Commonwealth *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* Schedule 2 requires that political matter broadcast by a person other than a political party should state (**and** record in word images on screen if using television):

- The name of the person authorising the broadcast; **and**
- The town, city or suburb in which the person lives or, if the person is a corporation or association, in which the principal office is situated.

The required particulars must be broadcast in the same language as the political matter.

See www.acma.gov.au

FACT sheet on Broadcasting and communication of political and election matter.

NOTE: No advertising blackout applies to local government elections.

Canvassing

Candidates are reminded that:

- They are unable to be present when polling takes place except to cast their own vote;
- Campaigning may not take place within 10 metres of the entrance to a polling location – it is the responsibility of the officer in charge (OIC) to determine the boundary. If necessary, confirm with the OIC of the polling location where you can and cannot place any signage;
- Scrutineers wanting to observe polling and counting must present an authorisation signed by the candidate to the officer in charge (OIC) of polling - appointment forms are included in the candidate packs.

Scrutineers **must** refer any questions to the OIC.

Scrutineers **may**:

- Observe all procedures including a polling official assisting a voter to mark his/her ballot papers
- Object to the right of any person to vote;
NB: The decision to disallow such a vote rests with the officer in charge (OIC) who will record any such objection
- Enter and leave the polling place at any time; their place may be taken by another duly appointed scrutineer.

Scrutineers **may not**:

- Use transport provided for electoral officials;
- Touch or remove ballot material;
- Interfere with, or attempt to influence, any voter;
- Disclose any knowledge they might gain concerning any vote;
- Wear or display badges, T-shirts, emblems or other representations of candidates or political affiliations within the polling place;
- Deliberately show, hand out or leave 'how-to-vote' material in the polling place;
- Approach the voting compartments except to observe while a voter is being assisted to mark his/her ballot paper.

During election campaigns a number of complaints are received concerning the placement of signs in public areas. Candidates should check their council's policies and guidelines when determining where to place their campaign material and be mindful of safety, size and content.

Please note the details relating to election signage restrictions provided by the Power and Water Corporation and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure that follow. *(Not provided here)*

List of Candidates and Members Elected

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|---|---|--|
| Barkly Shire | | |
| <i>Barkly President</i> | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie SHAW, Barb RUGER, Hal BOULTER, William Charles | ELECTED |
| <i>Barkly Shire - Alyawarr</i> | NELSON, Harold KUNOTH, Alan FOSTER, Karen TILMOUTH, Ricky KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie KAIRUPAN, Tom PERCY, John | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Barkly Shire - Patta</i> | BRAUN, Pat BRAHIM, Pat SMITH, Gina GOULD, Randall BOULTER, William Charles CURTIS, Pene SHAW, Barb BREMNER, Narelle RUGER, Hal | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Barkly Shire - Yapakurlangu</i> | RENNIE, Mona Barbara BAGNALL, Bob AYLETT, Ray | ELECTED ELECTED |
| Central Desert Shire | | |
| <i>Central Desert Shire - Akityarre</i> | SCHABER, Louis WEBB, Raymond PETRICK, Anthony Phillip FINTER, Bruce | ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Central Desert Shire - Anmatjere</i> | BLOOMFIELD, Patrick BIRD, Benedy DIXON, Adrian CARTER, Ted FRANCIS, Ant HEENAN, Noel HAINES, Jasper GLENN, James Jampajimpa LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Central Desert Shire - Northern Tanami</i> | JOHNSON, Willie PATRICK, Norbert | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Central Desert Shire - Southern Tanami</i> | BROWN, Jean WAYNE, Maisie WALIT, Connie WALIT, Robbie WILLIAMS, Freddy HARGRAVES, Ned SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina KITSON, Julie POULSON, Christopher GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra JUTTNER, Tony | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |

List of Candidates and Members Elected (cont'd)

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|---|--|--|
| Coomalie Community Government Council | | |
| <i>Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Rural</i> | PAGE, Jaemie JESSER, David | ELECTED |
| <i>Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Town</i> | FAWCETT, Tommy KOCH, Deb | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Rural</i> | BULMER, Sue | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Town</i> | DOUGLAS, Linda Joan JONES, Bruce McGINN, Judy | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Coomalie CG Council - Lake Bennett</i> | SULLIVAN, Trevor | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Coomalie CG Council - Coomalie/Tortilla</i> | TURNER, Andrew | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| East Arnhem Shire | | |
| <i>East Arnhem Shire – Anindilyakwa</i> | MAMARIKA, Keith MAMARIKA, Phillip LALARA, Wendy NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen JARAGBA, Lionel HANSEN, Keith | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Gajjirk</i> | GURRALPA, Jack Munyarirr WARRAYA, David Daymirringu BAKER, Djandjay BARRAMALA, Ronnie | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Marthakal</i> | DANGANBARR, Mavis THURLOW, Kaye WININBA, Don | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Miwatj</i> | WUNUNGMURRA, Dhambarra MARIKA, Bakamumu GUMANA, Waturr MUNUNGGURR, Barayuwa WUNUNGMURRA, Bininydjirri MUNUNGGURR, Yananymul MARIKA, Marrpalawuy WANAMBI, Yangipuy WUNUNGMURRA, Banambi | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| Litchfield Council | | |
| <i>Litchfield President</i> | WALSHE, Mary BOWLER, Geoff HARLAN, Kevin | ELECTED |
| <i>Litchfield Council - Central Ward</i> | McLOUGHLIN, Bernice IRLAM, Sandy | ELECTED |
| <i>Litchfield Council - East Ward</i> | BOWMAN, Mike VENES, Anthony HARLAN, Kevin | ELECTED |
| <i>Litchfield Council - North Ward</i> | PURICH, Plaxy | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Litchfield Council - South Ward</i> | STATHAM, Vic | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |

List of Candidates and Members Elected (cont'd)

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|--|--|--|
| MacDonnell Shire | | |
| <i>MacDonnell Shire - Iyarra*</i> | WILSON, Peter Ross | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>MacDonnell Shire - Ljirapinta</i> | WILLIAMS, Gus Ntjalka BRAYBON, Sonya ABBOTT, Bernard KENNY, Roxanne INKAMALA, Carl WILLIAMS, Baydon INKAMALA, Mildred ABBOTT, Barry | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>MacDonnell Shire - Luritja Pintubi</i> | ABBOTT, Lance NANGALA, Irene Wilpinta ANDERSON, Sid MULTA, Cynthia LECHLEITNER, Ada | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>MacDonnell Shire - Rodinga</i> | KIERNAN, Raymond WILYUKA, Lisa McMASTERS, Anthony RAWSON, Joseph DOOLAN, David ANDERSON, Julie CONWAY, Robert Micheal CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace MATASIA, Harold ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| Roper Gulf Shire | | |
| <i>Roper Gulf Shire - Never Never</i> | LANSEN, Peter HERZOG, Michael O'BRIEN, Clair JOSHUA, Sheila SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald SWANSON, Sweeney SMILER, Robert | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Roper Gulf Shire - Numbulwar Numburindi</i> | NUMAMURDIRDI, Kathy-Anne IDAI, Isaac | ELECTED |
| <i>Roper Gulf Shire - Nyirranggulung</i> | ANDREWS, Andrea LANE, David MURRAY, Lazarus JUMBIRI, Mavis HARNAS, Phill | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Roper Gulf Shire - South West Gulf</i> | BAKER, Frazer ANDERSON, Stephen JACK, Tony EVANS, Samuel ALLEN, Stanley Edward RORY, Keith | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Roper Gulf Shire - Yugul Mangi</i> | LANSEN, Jacob ROGERS, KEITH DANIELS, David TAPAU, Callas | ELECTED ELECTED |

List of Candidates and Members Elected (cont'd)

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|---|---|--|
| Tiwi Islands Shire | | |
| <i>Tiwi Islands Shire - Milikapiti</i> | BOYD, David DE SANTIS, Lynette Jane MUNGATOPI, Raelene Joyce | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Tiwi Islands Shire - Nguuu</i> | KERINAIUA, Adam TUNGATULUM, Leslie TIPILOURA, Bernard MINNIECON, Frank KERINAIUA, Walter JOHNSON, Crystal TUNGUTALUM, Richard PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita PURUNTATAMERI, Barry KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Tiwi Islands Shire - Pirlangimpi</i> | DUNN, Henry PURUNTATAMERI, Alberta RIOLI, Manyi PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Tiwi Islands Shire - Wurankuwu</i> | TIPANGWUTI, Kathleen | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Victoria Daly Shire | | |
| <i>Victoria Daly Shire - Daguragu</i> | FRITH, Roslyn | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Victoria Daly Shire - Milngin</i> | McTAGGART, Andrew SULLIVAN, Betty | ELECTED |
| <i>Victoria Daly Shire - Nganmariyanga</i> | MINJIN, Wally | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Victoria Daly Shire - Pine Creek</i> | WOOLDRIDGE, Ray | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Victoria Daly Shire - Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi</i> | PARRY, Bernard HEWITT, David BUNDUCK, Michael DUMOO, Timothy MURIELLE, Bryan | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| <i>Victoria Daly Shire - Timber Creek</i> | HENNESSY, Steve WEGENER, Don | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Victoria Daly Shire - Tyemirri</i> | WILSON, Harold Stephen | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| <i>Victoria Daly Shire - Walangeri</i> | KING, Reginald | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Wagait Shire | | |
| | WENTRIRO, Warren MAGNOLI, Rocco DUNCAN, Karen SUTTON, Trevor CARRIGAN, Jane WITHNALL, Darryl CLEE, Peter McINTYRE, Trish LAMONT, Vera WALFORD, Simon | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |

List of Candidates and Members Elected (cont'd)

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| West Arnhem Shire | | |
| West Arnhem Shire - Barrah | PERRY, Anne MARRAWAL, James COOPER, Reuben OGDEN, Ken LAMILAMI, Ronald GALAMINDA, Bunug WAUCHOPE, Kenneth YARMIRR, Mary | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| West Arnhem Shire - Gunbalanya | WAUCHOPE, Barbara SIEBERT, Angie Mary ROURKE, Samantha LAKER, Syd DANN, Otto-Keith SIEBERT, Lothar GARNARRADJ, Andy GUMURDUL, Gabby NADJAMERREK, Lois | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| West Arnhem Shire - Kakadu | BALDWIN, Stephen COULSTON, John HENRY, Sampson WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese NORTON, David BLYTH, Ralph Francis IDDON, Donna NEWNHAM, Ian Stanley | ELECTED ELECTED |
| West Arnhem Shire - Maningrida | HERREEN, Dene Nigel WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarrwala RYAN, Matthew NAMANURKI, Shane DANAJA, Peter | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |

*Election required to fill 1 vacancy

| MacDonnell Shire | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|
| MacDonnell Shire - Iyarrka supplementary election 13.12.08 | ABBOTT, Marlene LUCKEY, Tanya | ELECTED |

Candidates by Gender and Age Range

| Council Name | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Female Candidates | Candidates by Age Range (includes Iyarrka supplementary election 13.12.08) | | | | | | Total | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| | | | | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | | Not Given |
| Barkly President | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Litchfield President | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Principal Member Candidate Details | 7 | 2 | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| <i>% of nominations</i> | | | <i>42.9</i> | | | <i>14.3</i> | <i>28.6</i> | <i>14.3</i> | <i>28.6</i> | <i>14.3</i> | |
| Barkly Shire | 19 | 11 | 9 | | | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 19 |
| Central Desert Shire | 26 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 26 |
| Coomalie CG Council | 10 | 9 | 4 | | | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | | 10 |
| East Arnhem Shire | 22 | 12 | 7 | | | 2 | 9 | 7 | | 4 | 22 |
| Litchfield Council | 7 | 4 | 3 | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 7 |
| MacDonnell Shire* | 26 | 12 | 11 | | 2 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 26 |
| Roper Gulf Shire | 24 | 12 | 6 | | 1 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 24 |
| Tiwi Islands Shire | 18 | 12 | 6 | | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 18 |
| Victoria Daly Shire | 14 | 12 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 14 |
| Wagait Shire Council | 10 | 7 | 4 | | | 2 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 10 |
| West Arnhem Shire | 30 | 12 | 9 | | 3 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 30 |
| Ordinary Member Candidate Details | 206 | 115 | 66 | 1 | 10 | 33 | 63 | 35 | 14 | 50 | 206 |
| <i>% of nominations</i> | | | <i>32.0</i> | <i>0.5</i> | <i>4.9</i> | <i>16.0</i> | <i>30.6</i> | <i>17.0</i> | <i>6.8</i> | <i>24.3</i> | |

* Iyarrka had 2 nominations for the supplementary election on 13.12.08

F(i) Voting Outcomes by Vote Type by Shire Council

| Region* | Shire Council | President/Ward | Static | Mobile | Early Votes | Postal | Absent | Declaration | Total | |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------|-------|--|
| 3 | BARKLY | Alyawarra | 47 | 757 | 4 | 20 | 28 | 6 | 862 | |
| | | Patta | 886 | 88 | 225 | 22 | 59 | 1 | 1281 | |
| | | Yapakurlangu | 18 | 177 | 4 | 57 | 21 | 0 | 277 | |
| | | President | 946 | 1020 | 231 | 97 | 89 | 8 | 2391 | |
| | % of Barkly vote | | 39.6 | 42.7 | 9.7 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 0.3 | | |
| 3 | CENTRAL DESERT | Akityarre | 0 | 76 | 3 | 31 | 9 | 0 | 119 | |
| | | Anmatjere | 2 | 485 | 24 | 27 | 19 | 0 | 557 | |
| | | Southern Tanami | 5 | 293 | 33 | 16 | 15 | 0 | 362 | |
| | | Total Central Desert Vote | 7 | 854 | 60 | 74 | 43 | 0 | 1038 | |
| | % of Central Desert vote | | 0.7 | 82.3 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | | |
| 1 | COOMALIE | Adelaide River Rural | 0 | 30 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 44 | |
| | % of Coomalie vote | | 0.0 | 68.2 | 6.8 | 15.9 | 2.3 | 6.8 | | |
| 1 | EAST ARNHEM | Anindilyakwa | 2 | 412 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 419 | |
| | | Gumurr Gatjirk | 0 | 393 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 5 | 429 | |
| | | Gumurr Miwatj | 41 | 760 | 17 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 850 | |
| | | Total East Arnhem Vote | 43 | 1565 | 18 | 5 | 48 | 19 | 1698 | |
| | % of East Arnhem vote | | 2.5 | 92.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 1.1 | | |
| 1 | LITCHFIELD | Central | 1143 | 3 | 173 | 30 | 7 | 3 | 1359 | |
| | | East | 1375 | 0 | 218 | 25 | 7 | 1 | 1626 | |
| | | President | 5038 | 51 | 730 | 129 | 23 | 5 | 5976 | |
| | | % of Litchfield vote | | 84.3 | 0.9 | 12.2 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | |
| 3 | MACDONNELL | Ljirapinta | 16 | 243 | 19 | 5 | 33 | 0 | 316 | |
| | | Lutitja Pintubi | 11 | 305 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 0 | 354 | |
| | | Rodinga | 40 | 252 | 41 | 32 | 24 | 0 | 389 | |
| | | Total MacDonnell Vote | 67 | 800 | 66 | 41 | 85 | 0 | 1059 | |
| | % of MacDonnell vote | | 6.3 | 75.5 | 6.2 | 3.9 | 8.0 | 0.0 | | |
| 2 | ROPER GULF | Never Never | 5 | 303 | 32 | 30 | 2 | 3 | 375 | |
| | | Numbulwar | | | | | | | | |
| | | Numburindi | 0 | 178 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 193 | |
| | | Nyirranggulung | 4 | 326 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 360 | |
| | | South West Gulf | 0 | 418 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 0 | 462 | |
| | | Yugul Mangi | 1 | 197 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 222 | |
| | | Total Roper Gulf Vote | 10 | 1422 | 74 | 59 | 44 | 3 | 1612 | |
| | % of Roper Gulf vote | | 0.6 | 88.2 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 0.2 | | |
| 1 | TIWI ISLANDS | Nguiu | 0 | 545 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 562 | |
| | | Pirlangimpi | 0 | 157 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 162 | |
| | | Total Tiwi Islands Vote | 0 | 702 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 724 | |
| | % of Tiwi Islands vote | | 0.0 | 97.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 0.0 | | |
| 2 | VICTORIA DALY | Milngin | 0 | 217 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 227 | |
| | | Thamarrurr/Pindi | 0 | 525 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 532 | |
| | | Total Victoria Daly Vote | 0 | 742 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 759 | |
| | % of Victoria Daly vote | | 0.0 | 97.8 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | | |
| 1 | WAGAIT | Wagait | 171 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 186 | |
| | % of Wagait vote | | 91.9 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 0.0 | | |
| 1 | WEST ARNHEM | Barrah | 0 | 229 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 236 | |
| | | Gunbalanya | 6 | 412 | 31 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 464 | |
| | | Kakadu | 220 | 62 | 116 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 413 | |
| | | Maningrida | 0 | 336 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 356 | |
| | | Total West Arnhem Vote | 226 | 1039 | 158 | 7 | 39 | 0 | 1469 | |
| | | % of West Arnhem vote | | 15.4 | 70.7 | 10.8 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 0.0 | |
| | NET TOTAL# | | 6508 | 8225 | 1360 | 430 | 395 | 38 | 16956 | |
| | % of total shire/council vote | | 38.4 | 48.5 | 8.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0.2 | | |
| | 2008 Municipal Election Totals | | 44592 | 201 | 5519 | 816 | 2890 | 78 | 54096 | |
| | % of total municipal vote | | 82.4 | 0.4 | 10.2 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 0.1 | | |

* Note: Region 1 - Northern Region, Region 2 - Big Rivers, Region 3 - Central Australian

The NET TOTAL includes President only voting figures for Barkly and Litchfield.

APPENDIX F

F (ii) Voting Outcomes by Vote Type by Region

| Region* | Shire Council | President/Ward | Static | Mobile | Early Votes | Postal | Absent | Declaration | Total |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------|-------|
| 1 | COOMALIE | Adelaide River Rural | 0 | 30 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 44 |
| | % of Coomalie vote | | 0.0 | 68.2 | 6.8 | 15.9 | 2.3 | 6.8 | |
| 1 | EAST ARNHEM | Anindilyakwa | 2 | 412 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 419 |
| | | Gumurr Gatjirrk | 0 | 393 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 5 | 429 |
| | | Gumurr Miwatj | 41 | 760 | 17 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 850 |
| | Total East Arnhem Vote | | 43 | 1565 | 18 | 5 | 48 | 19 | 1698 |
| | % of East Arnhem vote | | 2.5 | 92.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 1.1 | |
| 1 | LITCHFIELD | Central | 1143 | 3 | 173 | 30 | 7 | 3 | 1359 |
| | | East | 1375 | 0 | 218 | 25 | 7 | 1 | 1626 |
| | | President | 5038 | 51 | 730 | 129 | 23 | 5 | 5976 |
| | % of Litchfield vote | | 84.3 | 0.9 | 12.2 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.7 | |
| 1 | TIWI ISLANDS | Nguiu | 0 | 545 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 562 |
| | | Pirlangimpi | 0 | 157 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 162 |
| | Total Tiwi Islands Vote | | 0 | 702 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 724 |
| | % of Tiwi Islands vote | | 0.0 | 97.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 0.0 | |
| 1 | WAGAIT | Wagait | 171 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 186 |
| | % of Wagait vote | | 91.9 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 0.0 | |
| 1 | WEST ARNHEM | Barrah | 0 | 229 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 236 |
| | | Gunbalanya | 6 | 412 | 31 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 464 |
| | | Kakadu | 220 | 62 | 116 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 413 |
| | | Maningrida | 0 | 336 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 356 |
| | Total West Arnhem Vote | | 226 | 1039 | 158 | 7 | 39 | 0 | 1469 |
| | % of West Arnhem vote | | 15.4 | 70.7 | 10.8 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 0.0 | |
| 2 | ROPER GULF | Never Never | 5 | 303 | 32 | 30 | 2 | 3 | 375 |
| | | Numbulwar Numburindi | 0 | 178 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 193 |
| | | Nyirranggung | 4 | 326 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 360 |
| | | South West Gulf | 0 | 418 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 0 | 462 |
| | | Yugul Mangi | 1 | 197 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 222 |
| | Total Roper Gulf Vote | | 10 | 1422 | 74 | 59 | 44 | 3 | 1612 |
| | % of Roper Gulf vote | | 0.6 | 88.2 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 0.2 | |
| 2 | VICTORIA DALY | Milingin | 0 | 217 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 227 |
| | | Thamarrurr/Pindi | 0 | 525 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 532 |
| | Total Victoria Daly Vote | | 0 | 742 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 759 |
| | % of Victoria Daly vote | | 0.0 | 97.8 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | |
| 3 | BARKLY | Alyawarra | 47 | 757 | 4 | 20 | 28 | 6 | 862 |
| | | Patta | 886 | 88 | 225 | 22 | 59 | 1 | 1281 |
| | | Yapakurlangu | 18 | 177 | 4 | 57 | 21 | 0 | 277 |
| | | President | 946 | 1020 | 231 | 97 | 89 | 8 | 2391 |
| | % of Barkly vote | | 39.6 | 42.7 | 9.7 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 0.3 | |
| 3 | CENTRAL DESERT | Akityarre | 0 | 76 | 3 | 31 | 9 | 0 | 119 |
| | | Anmatjere | 2 | 485 | 24 | 27 | 19 | 0 | 557 |
| | | Southern Tanami | 5 | 293 | 33 | 16 | 15 | 0 | 362 |
| | Total Central Desert Vote | | 7 | 854 | 60 | 74 | 43 | 0 | 1038 |
| | % of Central Desert vote | | 0.7 | 82.3 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | |
| 3 | MACDONNELL | Ljirapinta | 16 | 243 | 19 | 5 | 33 | 0 | 316 |
| | | Lutitja Pintubi | 11 | 305 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 0 | 354 |
| | | Rodinga | 40 | 252 | 41 | 32 | 24 | 0 | 389 |
| | Total MacDonnell Vote | | 67 | 800 | 66 | 41 | 85 | 0 | 1059 |
| | % of MacDonnell vote | | 6.3 | 75.5 | 6.2 | 3.9 | 8.0 | 0.0 | |
| | NET TOTAL# | | 6508 | 8225 | 1360 | 430 | 395 | 38 | 16956 |
| | % of total shire/council vote | | 38.4 | 48.5 | 8.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0.2 | |
| | 2008 Municipal Election Totals | | 44592 | 201 | 5519 | 816 | 2890 | 78 | 54096 |
| | % of total municipal vote | | 82.4 | 0.4 | 10.2 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 0.1 | |

* Note: Region 1 - Northern Region, Region 2 - Big Rivers, Region 3 - Central Australian

The NET TOTAL includes President only voting figures for Barkly and Litchfield.

F (iii) Voting Outcomes by Vote Type by Region Summary

| Region* | Shire Council | Static | Mobile | Early Votes | Postal | Absent | Declaration | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | COOMALIE | 0 | 30 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 44 |
| | EAST ARNHEM | 43 | 1565 | 18 | 5 | 48 | 19 | 1698 |
| | LITCHFIELD | 5038 | 51 | 730 | 129 | 23 | 5 | 5976 |
| | TIMI ISLANDS | 0 | 702 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 724 |
| | WAGAIT | 171 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 186 |
| | WEST ARNHEM | 226 | 1039 | 158 | 7 | 39 | 0 | 1469 |
| | REGION 1 TOTALS | 5478 | 3387 | 919 | 153 | 133 | 27 | 10097 |
| % of Region 1 Vote | 54.3 | 33.5 | 9.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.3 | | |
| 2 | ROPER GULF | 10 | 1422 | 74 | 59 | 44 | 3 | 1612 |
| | VICTORIA DALY | 0 | 742 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 759 |
| | REGION 2 TOTALS | 10 | 2164 | 84 | 65 | 45 | 3 | 2371 |
| | % of Region 2 Vote | 0.4 | 91.3 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 0.1 | |
| 3 | BARKLY | 946 | 1020 | 231 | 97 | 89 | 8 | 2391 |
| | CENTRAL DESERT | 7 | 854 | 60 | 74 | 43 | 0 | 1038 |
| | MACDONNELL | 67 | 800 | 66 | 41 | 85 | 0 | 1059 |
| | REGION 3 TOTALS | 1020 | 2674 | 357 | 212 | 217 | 8 | 4488 |
| | % of Region 3 Vote | 22.7 | 59.6 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 0.2 | |
| NET TOTAL# | 6508 | 8225 | 1360 | 430 | 395 | 38 | 16956 | |
| % of total shire/council vote | 38.4 | 48.5 | 8.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0.2 | | |
| 2008 Municipal Election Totals | 44592 | 201 | 5519 | 816 | 2890 | 78 | 54096 | |
| % of total municipal vote | 82.4 | 0.4 | 10.2 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 0.1 | | |

* Note: Region 1 - Northern Region, Region 2 - Big Rivers, Region 3 - Central Australian

The NET TOTAL includes President only voting figures for Barkly and Litchfield.

Voting Services – Mobile Polling Schedule

| Council/Shire | Date | Time | Enrolment | Ord. Votes |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| West Arnhem, Mobile Team: 1 | | | | |
| WARRUWI | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 9am - 12 noon | 256 | 101 |
| BLACK POINT | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 2pm - 3pm | 19 | 4 |
| MINJILANG | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 9am - 12 noon | 178 | 98 |
| Tiwi, Mobile Team: 2 | | | | |
| NGUIU | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 9am - 3pm | 969 | 533 |
| PIRLANGIMPI | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 9am - 12 noon | 252 | 169 |
| West Arnhem, Mobile Team: 3 | | | | |
| KAPALGA | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 10:45am - 11:15am | 11 | 4 |
| SOUTH ALLIGATOR | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 12 noon - 12:30pm | 10 | 6 |
| MUMAKALA | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 2pm | 5 | 4 |
| KAKADU NATIONAL PARK HQ | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 3pm - 3:30pm | 13 | 13 |
| MANABADURMA | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 4:15pm - 4:45pm | 39 | 10 |
| NOURLANGIE | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 8:30am - 9am | 6 | 0 |
| PATONGA | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 10am - 11am | 39 | 0 |
| COOINDA | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 12 noon - 12:30pm | 24 | 2 |
| SPRING PEAK | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 1:15pm - 1:45pm | 6 | 2 |
| GUNBALANYA | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 9am - 3pm | 606 | 341 |
| BORDER STORE | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 9am - 9:30am | 6 | 1 |
| CANNON HILL | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 11am - 11:30pm | 15 | 4 |
| MUDGINBERRI | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 12:30pm - 1pm | 22 | 2 |
| DJIRRBİYAK | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 2:15pm - 2:45pm | 3 | 12 |
| MAMADAWERRE | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10:15am | 36 | 25 |
| GUMARRINBANG | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 11am - 11:30pm | 14 | 14 |
| MARRKOLIDJBAN | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | 50 | 5 |
| KUMURRULU | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 2:15pm - 3pm | 14 | 1 |
| MUMEKA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 3:45pm - 4:15pm | 35 | 14 |
| ANKABADBIRRI | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10am | 7 | 3 |
| NGANKORLORD | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 10:45am - 11:15am | 8 | 1 |
| KORLOBIRRAHDA | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 12 noon - 12:30pm | 14 | 2 |
| MANMOYI | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 3pm | 64 | 7 |
| YIKARRAKKAL | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 4pm - 4:30pm | 0 | 1 |
| JI-MARDI | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 8am - 8:45am | 35 | 13 |
| YILAN | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10am | 3 | 4 |
| DJIMALAWA (JI-MALAWA) | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 10:45am - 11:30pm | 32 | 8 |
| WURDEJA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 12:15pm - 1:45pm | 10 | 2 |
| JIBANA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 2:30pm - 3pm | 10 | 10 |
| GOCHAN JINY-JIRRA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 3:45pm - 4:45pm | 42 | 2 |
| JI BALBAL | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 8am - 8:30am | 10 | 9 |
| GAMARDI | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 9:15am - 10am | 34 | 10 |
| MALYANGARNAK | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 11am - 11:30pm | 17 | 0 |
| BULUHKADURU | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | 46 | 1 |
| BOLKJAM | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 2:15pm - 2:45pm | 17 | 6 |
| KABULWARNAMYO | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 3:30pm - 4pm | 2 | 11 |
| MANINGRIDA | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 8am - 2:30pm | | 266 |

Voting Services – Mobile Polling Schedule (cont'd)

| Council/Shire | Date | Time | Enrolment | Ord. Votes |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| East Arnhem, Mobile Team: 4 | | | | |
| BARRKIRA | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10am | 12 | 8 |
| LANGARRA | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 11:15am - 11:45pm | 14 | 0 |
| RAYMANGIRR | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 1:15pm - 2pm | 50 | 8 |
| DHALINYBUY | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 3:30pm - 4pm | 46 | 22 |
| GURRUMURU | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 9am - 9:30am | 27 | 9 |
| GARRTHALALA | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 11am - 11:30pm | 29 | 20 |
| BIRANY BIRANY | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 12:45pm - 1:45pm | 23 | 26 |
| WANDAWUY | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 3pm - 4pm | 44 | 16 |
| GAN GAN | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10:15am | 77 | 114 |
| DHURUPUTJPI | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 11:30pm - 12 noon | 22 | 15 |
| BANIYALA | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 1:15pm - 2:15pm | 26 | 28 |
| BARRARATJPI | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 3:30pm - 4pm | 18 | 5 |
| DONYDJI | Friday, 17 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10am | 23 | 8 |
| BALMA | Friday, 17 October 2008 | 11:30pm - 12 noon | 12 | 0 |
| BREMER ISLAND | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 8:45am - 9:30am | 4 | 0 |
| GALUPA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 12 noon - 12:45pm | 31 | 6 |
| GOVE HOSPITAL | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 2:45pm - 4:15pm | 0 | 1 |
| GUNYANGARA | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 8:30am - 11am | 127 | 27 |
| YIRRKALA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 8:30am - 12:30pm | 550 | 217 |
| UMBAKUMBA | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 9:30am - 12 noon | 243 | 115 |
| MALKALA | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 2:30pm - 3pm | 14 | 11 |
| ANGURUGU | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 8:15am - 1:15pm | 513 | 258 |
| MILYAKBURRA | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 3pm - 4:30pm | 119 | 28 |
| ALYANGULA AREA SCHOOL | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | 10am - 1pm | 0 | 0 |
| East Arnhem, Mobile Team: 5 | | | | |
| MILINGIMBI | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 10:30am - 3pm | 648 | 156 |
| RAMINGINING | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 8am - 2pm | 536 | 190 |
| YATHALAMARRA | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 3:15pm - 3:45pm | 25 | 23 |
| NANGALALA | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 8:45am - 9:15am | 27 | 23 |
| GAPUWIYAK | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 10:45am - 4:30pm | 498 | 225 |
| Roper-Gulf, Mobile Team: 6 | | | | |
| NUMBULWAR | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 8:30am - 12:30pm | 482 | 172 |
| WEEMOL | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 3pm - 4pm | 93 | 21 |
| BULMAN | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 8:30am - 10:30am | 119 | 73 |
| KATHERINE HOSPITAL | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 2:15pm - 4:30pm | | |
| KATHERINE RENAL UNIT | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 9am - 10am | | |
| CORROBOREE HOSTEL | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 11:15am - 12 noon | | |
| KATHERINE RENAL UNIT | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 2:30pm - 3:15pm | | |
| CORROBOREE HOSTEL | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 4pm - 5pm | | |
| BESWICK | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 9am - 12 noon | 295 | 87 |
| BARUNGA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm | 188 | 72 |
| EVA VALLEY | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10:30am | 78 | 50 |
| JILKMINGGAN | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 3pm | 165 | 73 |
| RITTARANGU | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 10am - 10:45am | 36 | 11 |
| BADAWARKA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 11:45pm - 12:15pm | 13 | 2 |
| NGUKURR | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 5:30pm | 615 | 165 |
| ROPER BAR | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 8:45am - 9:15am | 6 | 3 |
| MINYERRI | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 11am - 1pm | 282 | 145 |
| DALY WATERS | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 8:45am - 9:15am | 5 | 2 |
| LARRIMAH | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 11am - 11:30pm | 11 | 6 |
| MATARANKA | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 1pm - 3pm | 131 | 60 |
| MULGAN CAMP | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 3:45pm - 4:15pm | | 9 |
| JODETLUK | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | 10am - 10:30am | 33 | 14 |
| NITMILUK GORGE | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | 11am - 11:30pm | | 1 |

Voting Services – Mobile Polling Schedule (cont'd)

| Council/Shire | Date | Time | Enrolment | Ord. Votes |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| Roper-Gulf, Mobile Team: 7 | | | | |
| KIANA | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 8:30am - 9am | 31 | 50 |
| WOLLOGORANG | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 10:15am - 10:45am | 11 | 80 |
| ROBINSON RIVER | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 12 noon - 3pm | 145 | 73 |
| KING ASH BAY | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 8am - 10am | 63 | 24 |
| WANDANGULA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 11am - 12 noon | 30 | 4 |
| MUNYALINI | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 1pm - 2pm | 18 | 8 |
| MARA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 3pm - 5pm | 79 | 81 |
| BORROLOOLA | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 8am - 3pm | 415 | 212 |
| Victoria-Daly, Mobile Team: 8 | | | | |
| TIPPERARY STN | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10am | 28 | 10 |
| WOOLIANA | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 12:15pm - 12:45pm | 6 | 26 |
| NAUIYU | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 2pm - 5:45pm | 288 | 163 |
| DALY RIVER | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 08:45am - 09:15am | 43 | 9 |
| WOODYCUPALDIYA | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 11:45pm - 12:30pm | 41 | 16 |
| MULINGI | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 1:45pm - 2:15pm | 6 | 0 |
| DELEYE | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 3:30pm - 4pm | 0 | 4 |
| EMU POINT | Friday, 17 October 2008 | 10:30am - 11:15am | 46 | 35 |
| NADIRR | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 11am - 11:45pm | 13 | 4 |
| NEMARLUK | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 2pm - 2:45pm | 10 | 6 |
| WADEYE | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 8:30am - 12 noon | 1094 | 207 |
| NAMA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 2:30pm - 3pm | | 13 |
| WADEYE | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 8:30am - 12 noon | | 67 |
| WUDAPULI | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 2:30pm - 3pm | 31 | 23 |
| WADEYE | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 8:30am - 12 noon | | 159 |
| Barkly, Mobile Team: 9 | | | | |
| WOGYALA | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 2pm | 17 | 6 |
| ROCKHAMPTON DOWNS STN | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 3pm - 3:30pm | 14 | 0 |
| BRUNETTE DOWNS STN | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 10am - 10:30am | 41 | 2 |
| CORELLA CREEK | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 12 noon - 12:30pm | 20 | 13 |
| BARKLY HOMESTEAD | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 3:45pm - 4:15pm | 4 | 3 |
| ALEXANDRIA STN | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 11am - 11:30pm | 19 | 2 |
| ILUWURRU | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 12:45pm - 1:15pm | 0 | 0 |
| CONNELLS LAGOON | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 2:30pm - 3pm | 10 | 3 |
| MUNGALAWURRU | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 10am - 10:30am | 16 | 8 |
| KURUNDI STN | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 2pm - 2:30pm | 12 | 5 |
| KALINJARRI | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 4pm - 4:30pm | 15 | 7 |
| AMPILATWATJA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 8am - 12 noon | 197 | 114 |
| ATNWENGERRPE | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 2:15pm | 13 | 9 |
| IRRULTJA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 3:30pm - 5pm | 43 | 22 |
| CAMEL CAMP | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 8:45am - 9:45am | 21 | 15 |
| ANKERRAPW | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 10:45am - 11:15am | 104 | 8 |
| TOMMYHAWK SWAMP | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 12:15pm - 1pm | | 0 |
| ATNELTYEY | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 2:15pm - 3:15pm | 38 | 13 |
| APUNGALINDUM | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 4pm - 5pm | 29 | 4 |
| INDARINGINYA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 09:15am - 10:15am | 22 | 7 |
| INKAWENYERRE | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 11:30pm - 12:30pm | 32 | 22 |
| AMENGERNTERNEAH | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 2:30pm | 1 | 5 |
| ATHELEY | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 3:15pm - 4:30pm | 20 | 15 |
| ARLPARRA | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 8am - 12 noon | 97 | 76 |
| IYLENTYE | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 1pm - 2pm | 29 | 10 |
| SOAKAGE BORE | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 3pm - 4pm | 29 | 0 |
| INKWELAYE | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 9am - 10am | 31 | 6 |
| ARAWERR | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 11am - 12 noon | 59 | 5 |

Voting Services – Mobile Polling Schedule (cont'd)

| Barkly, Mobile Team: 10 | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|
| TARA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 11am - 12 noon | 52 | 16 |
| MUNGKARTA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 2:30pm - 3:15pm | 14 | 16 |
| CANTEEN CREEK | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 11am - 12:30pm | 103 | 64 |
| WUTUNGURRA | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm | 138 | 95 |
| ALI CURUNG | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 09:15am - 12 noon | 239 | 117 |
| IMANGARA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 1:15pm - 1:45pm | 53 | 41 |
| ELLIOTT | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 8am - 11:30pm | 234 | 131 |
| MARLINJA | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 1pm - 2pm | 36 | 41 |
| ALPURRURULAM | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 9am - 12:30pm | 279 | 153 |
| Central Desert, Mobile Team: 11 | | | | |
| MULGA BORE | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 10am - 10:30am | 55 | 4 |
| ALYUEN | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 2:15pm - 2:45pm | 18 | 11 |
| AILERON | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 4:15pm - 4:45pm | 9 | 6 |
| WILORA | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 9:15am - 10:45am | 22 | 29 |
| PMARA JUTUNTA | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 12:45pm - 3:15pm | 133 | 76 |
| WILLOWRA | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 10:30am - 12:30pm | 196 | 49 |
| TI TREE | Friday, 17 October 2008 | 9am - 12 noon | 122 | 75 |
| NYIRRIPI | Saturday, 18 October 2008 | 09:30am - 11:30pm | 165 | 66 |
| LARAMBA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 11:30pm - 1:30pm | 168 | 125 |
| TILMOUTH ROADHOUSE | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 3:30pm - 4pm | 1 | 2 |
| YUENDUMU | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 8:45am - 2:45pm | 557 | 117 |
| YUELAMU | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 9:30am - 12 noon | 167 | 76 |
| ENGAWALA | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 08:30am - 10am | 76 | 72 |
| ATITJERE | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | 74 | 39 |
| IRRERLIRRE | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 3:15pm - 3:45pm | 34 | 12 |
| ORRTIPA-THURRA | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 10:30am - 11:30pm | 53 | 19 |
| MT EAGLEBEAK | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 2pm - 2:30pm | 15 | 0 |
| ALICE SPRINGS CORRECTIONAL CENTRE | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | | 0 | 51 |
| MacDonnell, Mobile Team: 12 | | | | |
| BLACKTANK BORE | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 9:15am - 9:45am | 8 | 0 |
| TURNERS CAMP | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 10:30am - 11am | 1 | 2 |
| ARTEKERRE | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 12 noon - 12:30pm | 20 | 0 |
| BURT CREEK | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 2pm | 22 | 1 |
| ALKUPITJA | Monday, 13 October 2008 | 3:30pm - 4pm | 13 | 0 |
| MT LIEBIG | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 12:30pm - 2:30pm | 149 | 56 |
| WARREN CREEK | Tuesday, 14 October 2008 | 4pm - 4:30pm | 9 | 0 |
| PAPUNYA | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 8:30am - 12 noon | 288 | 81 |
| HAASTS BLUFF | Wednesday, 15 October 2008 | 1:45pm - 3:30pm | 118 | 59 |
| MBUNGHALA | Thursday, 16 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10am | 21 | 9 |
| ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | | | |

Voting Services – Mobile Polling Schedule (cont'd)

| Council/Shire | Date | Time | Enrolment | Ord. Votes |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| MacDonnell-Central Desert, Mobile Team: 13 | | | | |
| TITJIKALA | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 8:15am - 10:15am | 150 | 95 |
| FINKE | Monday, 20 October 2008 | 11:45pm - 1:30pm | 121 | 28 |
| KINTORE | Tuesday, 21 October 2008 | 9am - 12 noon | 219 | 79 |
| UKAKA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 9:30am - 10am | 21 | 5 |
| WANMARRA | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 11:45pm - 12:15pm | 8 | 9 |
| KINGS CREEK STN | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 1:15pm - 2pm | 6 | 4 |
| ULPANYALI | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 4pm - 4:30pm | 22 | 10 |
| KINGS CANYON | Wednesday, 22 October 2008 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | 18 | 8 |
| AMOONGUNA | Thursday, 23 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm | 162 | 54 |
| SANTA TERESA | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 9:30am - 12:30pm | 318 | 66 |
| WILLOWRA | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 4pm - 5pm | | 26 |
| Coomalie, Mobile Team: 14 | | | | |
| ADELAIDE RIVER | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | 9am - 12 noon | 81 | 25 |
| BATCHELOR | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | 1:30pm - 2:30pm | | 5 |
| Litchfield, Mobile Team: 15 | | | | |
| DARWIN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 9am - 09:30am | 0 | 0 |
| ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL | Friday, 24 October 2008 | 10:30am - 1:30pm | 0 | 4 |
| ACACIA STORE | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | 9am - 11am | 39 | 42 |
| ACACIA LARRAKIA | Saturday, 25 October 2008 | 12:30pm - 2:30pm | 32 | 5 |

Voting Services – Early Voting Centre Locations

| Place | Location | Date and Time |
|-----------------|--|---|
| • DARWIN | Northern Territory Electoral Commission Level 2, AANT Building, 79 Smith Street | Wed 8 – Thurs 23 October 8am – 4.30pm Fri 24 October 8.30am – 6pm |
| • FRED'S PASS | Litchfield Shire Council 7 Bees Creek Road | Wed 8 – Thurs 23 October 8.30am – 4.30pm Fri 24 October 8.30am – 6pm |
| • KATHERINE | Northern Territory Government Centre Ground Floor, First Street | Wed 8 – Thurs 23 October 8am – 4.21pm Fri 24 October 8.30am – 6pm |
| • JABIRU | West Arnhem Shire Council Office 1 Tasman Crescent | Wed 8 – Thurs 23 October 8.30am – 4.00pm Fri 24 October 8.30am – 6pm |
| • TENNANT CREEK | Tennant Creek Council Chambers 58 Peko Road | Wed 8 – Thurs 23 October 8.30am – 4.15pm Fri 24 October 8.30am – 6pm |
| • ALICE SPRINGS | Yeperenye Centre 52 Hartley Street | Wed 8 – Thurs 23 October 8am – 4.30pm Fri 24 October 8.30am – 6pm |
| • NHULUNBUY | Nhulunbuy East Arnhem Shire Council Franklyn Street | Wed 8 – Thurs 23 October 8am – 4.21pm Fri 24 October 8.30am – 6pm |

Voting Services – Static Polling Place Locations

| Region | Location | Date and Time |
|------------------|---|--|
| • DARWIN | Northern Territory Electoral Commission, 79 Smith Street Ludmilla Primary School, Bagot Road | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • BERRIMAH | Kormilda College, Berrimah Road | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • HOWARD SPRINGS | Howard Springs Hall, Whitewood Road | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • BEES CREEK | Bees Creek Primary School, 2235 Sattlers Crescent | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • HUMPTY DOO | Taminmin High School, Challenor Circuit | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • BERRY SPRINGS | Berry Springs Primary School, 1150 Cox Peninsula Road | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • WAGAIT | Wagait Shire Council, Wagait Tower Road | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • KATHERINE | Katherine Civic Centre, Stuart Highway | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • JABIRU | Jabiru Youth Centre, Litchfield Drive | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • TENNANT CREEK | Pyramid Centre, Peko Road | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • ALICE SPRINGS | Yeperenye Centre, 52 Hartley Street | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |
| • NHULUNBUY | Nhulunbuy Primary School, Chesterfield Circuit | Saturday 25 October 8am – 6pm |

Count Types Adopted

A distribution of preferences was not required for the following polls:

| Council-Ward Name | Estimate of Ballot Papers in Count (at 65% turnout) | No. Candidates | No. Vacancies | Scrutiny Site |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Coomalie - Adelaide River Rural | 61 | 2 | 1 | Darwin |
| Litchfield - Central | 1470 | 2 | 1 | Darwin |
| Roper Gulf - Numbulwar Numburindi | 320 | 2 | 1 | Katherine |
| Victoria Daly - Milngin | 249 | 2 | 1 | Katherine |

A distribution of preferences was conducted **BY HAND** for the following polls:

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|---|---|---------------|
| Barkly President | 2714 | 4 | 1 | Tennant Creek |
| Litchfield President | 7005 | 3 | 1 | Darwin |
| Litchfield Council - East | 1647 | 3 | 1 | Darwin |

A distribution of preferences was conducted **BY COMPUTER** for the following polls:

| Council/Shire | Ward | Estimate of Ballot Papers in Count (at 65% Turnout) | No. Candidates | No. Vacancies | Scrutiny Site |
|----------------|---------------------------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| BARKLY | Alyawarr | 1102 | 7 | 4 | Tennant Creek |
| | Patta | 1254 | 9 | 5 | Tennant Creek |
| | Yapakurlangu | 357 | 3 | 2 | Tennant Creek |
| CENTRAL DESERT | Akityarre | 170 | 4 | 2 | Alice Springs |
| | Anmatjere | 648 | 9 | 4 | Alice Springs |
| | Southern Tanami | 615 | 11 | 4 | Alice Springs |
| EAST ARNHEM | Anindilyakwa | 590 | 6 | 3 | Nhulunbuy |
| | Gumurr Gatjirrk | 841 | 4 | 3 | Nhulunbuy |
| | Gumurr Miwatj | 1213 | 9 | 3 | Nhulunbuy |
| MACDONNELL | Ljirapinta | 440 | 8 | 3 | Alice Springs |
| | Luritja Pintubi | 546 | 5 | 3 | Alice Springs |
| | Rodinga | 723 | 10 | 4 | Alice Springs |
| ROPER GULF | Never Never | 448 | 7 | 3 | Katherine |
| | Nyirranggulung | 580 | 5 | 3 | Katherine |
| | South West Gulf | 590 | 6 | 3 | Katherine |
| | Yugul Mangi | 444 | 4 | 2 | Katherine |
| TIWI ISLANDS | Nguiu | 624 | 10 | 5 | Darwin |
| | Pirlangimpi | 163 | 4 | 3 | Darwin |
| VIC DALY | Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi | 822 | 5 | 4 | Katherine |
| WAGAIT | Wagait | 142 | 10 | 7 | Darwin |
| WEST ARNHEM | Barrah | 309 | 8 | 3 | Darwin |
| | Gunbalanya | 476 | 9 | 3 | Darwin |
| | Kakadu | 493 | 8 | 3 | Darwin |
| | Maningrida | 949 | 5 | 3 | Darwin |

Advice to Stakeholders - Count Processes and Procedures

Election night – count of 1st preference (primary) votes (25 October 2008)

Immediately after the close of polling (6pm) on polling day:

- 1st preference votes counted - *each static polling place*;
- 1st preference votes counted for early votes, mobiles; some postal votes counted where enough ballot papers are received not to compromise the confidentiality of the elector - *the local headquarters of the deputy returning officer on election night*.

Week after polling day (27 to 30 October 2008)

During the week after polling day:

- check of all ballot papers counted on election night;
- check of further postal ballot paper envelopes and those of persons whose eligibility to vote requires verification;
- absent ballot papers taken in polling places on polling day are forwarded in their envelopes to the relevant Deputy Returning Officer for inclusion in the count.

Friday after polling day (31 October 2008)

Electors voting by post have until 6pm on the Friday after polling day to return their postal ballot papers. A distribution of preferences on ballot papers to determine the elected candidates is not normally undertaken until after the cut-off for the return of postal ballot papers.

Count order

The count of ballot papers for an election for **principal member**/president is conducted first, the result determined and then those ballot papers are set aside.

Candidates standing for principal member AND ordinary member

If a candidate stands for both a principal member and ordinary member vacancy and is elected to the position of principal member, that candidate is then excluded from the count for ordinary member. His/her ballot papers are distributed to the next available candidate according to the preferences marked by the voter.

The ballot papers for any **ordinary member** election are then scrutinised:

- the 1st preferences on the ballot papers are counted;
- the ballot papers of a person elected as principal member who also stood for an ordinary member position in that election are distributed to other candidates remaining in the count according to the 2nd preference on the ballot paper.

Distribution of preference process

Principal member

Any candidate who obtains more than 50% of the formal 1st preference votes is elected to the vacancy. If no candidate obtains more than 50% of the formal votes:

- the candidate with the least number of votes is 'excluded' or removed from the count;
- his/her ballot papers are distributed to candidates remaining in the count according to the next available preference on the ballot paper; a candidate obtaining a majority of the formal votes is elected.

If no candidate obtains a majority, the exclusion process continues until a majority is gained by a candidate.

Ordinary Members

The same principle applies for an election for ordinary members. If vacancies remain after the election of a candidate to the first vacancy:

- all formal ballot papers are sorted back to the 1st preferences;
- elected candidates cannot receive further preferences so ballot papers from elected candidates are distributed to continuing candidates, according to the next available preference, before the exclusion of candidates with the least number of votes.

Further vacancies are determined using the same count procedures. All ballot papers are first sorted back to 1st preferences.

Advice to Stakeholders - Post Poll Activities Timetable

| Day/date | Activity | Location |
|---|--|--|
| Polling night – Saturday 25 October | Count of 1 st preferences (primary votes) on ballot papers cast by electors voting within their council/ward taken in the polling places on polling day | At polling places |
| | Count of 1 st preferences (primary votes) on ballot papers cast by electors voting before polling day either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by post or • in person voting by mobile team or at an early voting centre Note: Where insufficient early and postal ballot papers were to hand in the regional centre and confidentiality of the vote could be compromised, counts are deferred until the receipt of ballot papers from all centres the week after polling day | At regional centres: <i>Coomalie, Tiwi, Darwin/Litchfield, Darwin/Wagait</i> NTEC Darwin; <i>West Arnhem</i> – Youth Centre, Jabiru <i>East Arnhem</i> – Primary School, Nhulunbuy t <i>Roper-Gulf/Victoria-Daly</i> - Katherine Town Council, Katherine <i>Barkly</i> – Civic Centre, Peko Road, Tennant Creek <i>Central Desert/MacDonnell</i> - NTEC Office, Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs <i>NB ONLY for their designated regional council/s</i> |
| Sunday 26 October | No counting – consolidation of materials from polling night | |
| Monday 27 October to Thursday 30 October | Monday commencing 9am: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single member vacancy elections (7 including 2 for president) - check count of all ballot papers scrutinised on Saturday night • multi-member vacancy elections (24) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – commencement of input and verification of ordinary ballot paper details into <i>EasyCount</i> (count software) From Wednesday: Absent and declaration vote counts/input and further postal scrutiny and input | <i>Coomalie, Litchfield, Tiwi, Wagait, West Arnhem</i> NTEC Level 1 79 Smith Street, Darwin <i>East Arnhem</i> DLGH Office, Shop 2, Arnhem Village, Nhulunbuy <i>Roper-Gulf/Victoria –Daly</i> DLGH Office, Government Building, First Street, Katherine <i>Barkly</i> Shire Council Office, Council Chambers, Tennant Creek <i>Central Desert and MacDonnell</i> NTEC office, Shop 3 Yeperenye Centre, 52 Hartley St, Alice Springs (access via Gregory Tce. next to the Commonwealth Bank) |
| Friday 31 October 6pm | Final postal count and distribution of preferences | |
| Saturday/Sunday 1 st /2 nd November | Reserved | |
| Monday 3 November | Declaration of the poll 9.30am – East Arnhem 10am – Barkly, Central Desert, Litchfield, MacDonnell, Roper-Gulf, Victoria -Daly 12 noon - Coomalie, Tiwi Islands, Wagait and West Arnhem | <i>At relevant regional centre/council office as advised</i> |

Declaration of the Polls

Declaration of the polls took place on Monday 3 November 2008 at the following venues and times:

| Council | Venue | Time |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Litchfield Council | Litchfield Council Office 7 Bees Creek Road, Freds Pass | 10am |
| Coomalie Community Government Council | Northern Territory Electoral Commission Level 1, AANT Building 79 Smith Street, Darwin | 12 noon |
| Wagait Shire | | |
| East Arnhem Shire | Shire Office, Franklyn Street, Nhulunbuy | 9.30am |
| Roper-Gulf Shire | Dept. of Local Government & Housing NTG Centre, First Street, Katherine | |
| Victoria-Daly Shire | | |
| Barkly Shire | Shire Council Chamber 58 Peko Road, Tennant Creek | 10am |
| Central Desert Shire | Yeperenye Centre, 52 Hartley St, Alice Springs (access via Gregory Terrace next to the Commonwealth Bank) | |
| MacDonnell Shire | | |
| Tiwi Islands Shire | Shire Office, Tutti Drive, Nguui | 12 noon |
| West Arnhem Shire | Shire Office, 1 Tasman Crescent, Jabiru | |

Invitations were sent out inviting all candidates to be present at the declarations at which they had an opportunity to speak if they wished.

Removal of Signage

The NTEC reminded candidates that complaints after polling day often related to signage remaining on property and trees. Candidates were asked to remove any campaign material **promptly** from polling places and other locations where candidate material had been posted including:

- signs posted on private property
- all posters, adhesive material and string from school pillars and walls.

APPENDIX L

Elected Members by Gender and Age Range

| Council Name | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Females Elected | Elected Representatives by Age Range (includes Iyarrka Ward supplementary election 13.12.08) | | | | | | | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|-------|
| | | | | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Not Given | |
| Elected Principal Member Details# | 7 | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| % of positions | | | 100.0 | | | | 50.0 | | 50.0 | | |
| Barkly Shire | 19 | 11 | 5 | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| Central Desert Shire | 26 | 12 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 12 |
| Coomalie CG Council | 10 | 9 | 4 | | | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 9 |
| East Arnhem Shire | 22 | 12 | 3 | | | 1 | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 12 |
| Litchfield Council | 7 | 4 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 4 |
| MacDonnell Shire* | 26 | 12 | 5 | | | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 5 | 12 |
| Roper Gulf Shire | 24 | 12 | 4 | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 12 |
| Tiwi Islands Shire | 18 | 12 | 4 | | | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | 12 |
| Victoria Daly Shire | 14 | 12 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 12 |
| Wagait Shire Council | 10 | 7 | 4 | | | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | 7 |
| West Arnhem Shire | 30 | 12 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 4 | 12 |
| Elected Ordinary Member Details | 206 | 115 | 38 | 0 | 4 | 17 | 38 | 18 | 7 | 31 | 115 |
| % of positions | | | 33.0 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 14.8 | 33.0 | 15.7 | 6.1 | 27.0 | |

details relate to Barkly and Litchfield Principal Member elections

* Iyarrka Ward had 2 nominations for the by-election on 13.12.08 when 1 female was elected

APPENDIX M

M(i): Enrolment, Turnout and Informality

| Region | Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
|--------|--|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Rural | 94 | 2 | 1 | | 46.8 | 46.8 | 11.4 | 11.4 |
| 1 | Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Town | 86 | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| 1 | Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Rural | 118 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| 1 | Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Town | 192 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| 1 | Coomalie CG Council - Coomalie/Tortilla | 33 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | Coomalie CG Council - Lake Bennett | 45 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | East Arnhem Shire - Anindilyakwa | 908 | 6 | 3 | | 46.1 | 41.7 | 14.6 | 21.2 |
| 1 | East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Gajjirrk | 1295 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 33.1 | | 10.3 | |
| 1 | East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Marthakal | 1196 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| 1 | East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Miwatj | 1867 | 9 | 3 | | 45.5 | | 30.0 | |
| 1 | Litchfield President | | 3 | 1 | | 55.4 | 55.4 President - not all wards contested | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| 1 | Litchfield Council - East Ward | 2535 | 3 | 1 | | 64.1 | | 7.1 | |
| 1 | Litchfield Council - Central Ward | 2263 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 60.1 | | 9.7 | |
| 1 | Litchfield Council - North Ward | 3159 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | Litchfield Council - South Ward | 2821 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | Tiwi Islands Shire - Milikapiti | 284 | 3 | 3 | | | 59.8 | | 4.8 |
| 1 | Tiwi Islands Shire - Nguiu | 960 | 10 | 5 | | 58.5 | | 6.2 | |
| 1 | Tiwi Islands Shire - Pirlangimpi | 251 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 64.5 | | 0.0 | |
| 1 | Tiwi Islands Shire - Wurankuwu | 38 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | Wagait Shire Council | 219 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 84.9 | 84.9 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| 1 | West Arnhem Shire - Barrah | 476 | 8 | 3 | | 49.6 | 42.9 | 11.4 | 10.2 |
| 1 | West Arnhem Shire - Gunbalanya | 732 | 9 | 3 | | 63.4 | | 17.0 | |
| 1 | West Arnhem Shire - Kakadu | 759 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 54.4 | | 3.6 | |
| 1 | West Arnhem Shire - Maningrida | 1460 | 5 | 3 | | 24.4 | | 8.1 | |

APPENDIX M

M (ii): Enrolment, Turnout and Informality

| Region | Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Avg. Candidates per Contested Election | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | | |
|---|---|-----------|-----------------|---------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|------|------|
| 2 | Roper Gulf Shire - Never Never | 690 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 54.3 | 44.0 | 8.3 | 8.4 | | |
| 2 | Roper Gulf Shire - Numbulwar Numburindi | 493 | 2 | 1 | | 39.1 | | 11.4 | | | |
| 2 | Roper Gulf Shire - Nyirranggulung | 893 | 5 | 3 | | 40.3 | | 7.8 | | | |
| 2 | Roper Gulf Shire - South West Gulf | 908 | 6 | 3 | | 50.9 | | 7.4 | | | |
| 2 | Roper Gulf Shire - Yugul Mangi | 683 | 4 | 2 | | 32.5 | | 9.0 | | | |
| 2 | Victoria Daly Shire - Daguragu | 434 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 59.3 | 46.1 | 8.8 | 7.4 | | |
| 2 | Victoria Daly Shire - Milngin | 383 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Victoria Daly Shire - Nganmariyanga | 206 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Victoria Daly Shire - Pine Creek | 251 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Victoria Daly Shire - Thamarurr/Pindi Pindi | 1265 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Victoria Daly Shire - Timber Creek | 437 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Victoria Daly Shire - Tyemirri | 103 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Victoria Daly Shire - Walangeri | 294 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Barkly President | | 4 | 1 | 6 | 57.3 | 57.3 President + all wards contested | 7.5 | 8.5 | | |
| 3 | Barkly Shire - Alyawarr | 1696 | 7 | 4 | | 50.8 | | 13.2 | | | |
| 3 | Barkly Shire - Patta | 1930 | 9 | 5 | | 66.4 | | 8.0 | | | |
| 3 | Barkly Shire - Yapakurlangu | 550 | 3 | 2 | | 50.4 | | 5.4 | | | |
| 3 | Central Desert Shire - Akityarre | 261 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 45.6 | 47.1 | 5.9 | 20.0 | | |
| 3 | Central Desert Shire - Anmatjere | 998 | 9 | 4 | | 55.8 | | 25.5 | | | |
| 3 | Central Desert Shire - Northern Tanami | 474 | 2 | 2 | | 38.3 | | 16.3 | | | |
| 3 | Central Desert Shire - Southern Tanami | 946 | 11 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | MacDonnell Shire - Iyarrka | 687 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 46.7 | 40.3 | 7.3 | 10.3 | | |
| 3 | MacDonnell Shire - Ljirapinta | 677 | 8 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | MacDonnell Shire - Luritja Pintubi | 840 | 5 | 3 | | | | | | 42.1 | 8.5 |
| 3 | MacDonnell Shire - Rodinga | 1113 | 10 | 4 | | | | | | 35.0 | 14.4 |
| | | 39003 | 211 | 117 | | | | | | | |
| Turnout % (inc President not ward turnout Barkly & Litchfield) | | | | | | | 49.7 | | | | |
| Informality % (all informals /all BPs counted - presidential + wards) | | | | | | | 9.6 | | | | |

N(i) Informality Analysis by Council/Ward

| Region | Council/Ward | No. Candidates | | Apparent Deliberate Informality | | | | | Apparent Uninformed Informality | | | | | | | Incor- rect issue | Sub- Total | Total | |
|--------|---------------------------------|----------------|----|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------|------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| | | | | Blank | Scribble | All the same | Other | Sub- Total | Only | | Numbering | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 1st preference | ✓ or x | Duplicated | Non- sequential | Incomplete | Illegible | Signed | | | | Alpha used |
| 3 | Barkly/President | No. | 4 | 15 | 7 | 12 | | 34 | 13 | 1 | 9 | 115 | 8 | | | | | 146 | 180 |
| | | % | | 8.3 | 3.9 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 18.9 | 7.2 | 0.6 | 5.0 | 63.9 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 81.1 | 7.5 |
| 3 | Barkly/Alyawarr | No. | 7 | 15 | 1 | 3 | | 19 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 54 | 21 | | | | | 95 | 114 |
| | | % | | 13.2 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 14.9 | 47.4 | 18.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 83.3 | 13.2 |
| 3 | Barkly/Patta | No. | 9 | 8 | 5 | 7 | | 20 | 3 | | 26 | 35 | 18 | | | | | 82 | 102 |
| | | % | | 7.8 | 4.9 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 19.6 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 25.5 | 34.3 | 17.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 80.4 | 8.0 |
| 3 | Barkly/Yapakurlangu | No. | 3 | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | 2 | | | 10 | | | | | | 12 | 15 |
| | | % | | 6.7 | 0.0 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 80.0 | 5.4 |
| 3 | Central Desert/ Akityarre | No. | 4 | | 3 | | | 3 | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | 4 | 7 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 42.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 42.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 42.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.1 | 5.9 |
| 3 | Central Desert/ Anmatjere | No. | 9 | 3 | 6 | 11 | | 20 | 16 | 2 | 30 | 28 | 45 | | | 1 | | 122 | 142 |
| | | % | | 2.1 | 4.2 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 14.1 | 11.3 | 1.4 | 21.1 | 19.7 | 31.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 85.9 | 25.5 |
| 3 | Central Desert/ Southern Tanami | No. | 11 | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 6 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 18 | 14 | | | | | 53 | 59 |
| | | % | | 1.7 | 1.7 | 6.8 | 0.0 | 10.2 | 6.8 | 1.7 | 27.1 | 30.5 | 23.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 89.8 | 16.3 |
| 1 | Coomalie/Adelaide River Rural | No. | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 5 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 80.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.4 |
| 1 | East Arnhem/ Anindilyakwa | No. | 6 | | | 1 | | 1 | 6 | 17 | 4 | 14 | 19 | | | | | 60 | 61 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 9.8 | 27.9 | 6.6 | 23.0 | 31.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 98.4 | 14.6 |
| 1 | East Arnhem/Gumurr Gatjirrk | No. | 4 | | 1 | 9 | | 10 | 10 | 7 | | 9 | 8 | | | | | 34 | 44 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 2.3 | 20.5 | 0.0 | 22.7 | 22.7 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 20.5 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 77.3 | 10.3 |
| 1 | East Arnhem/Gumurr Miwatj | No. | 9 | 4 | | 3 | | 7 | 6 | 7 | 38 | 41 | 154 | | | | 2 | 248 | 255 |
| | | % | | 1.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 14.9 | 16.1 | 60.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 97.3 | 30.0 |
| 1 | Litchfield/ President | No. | 3 | 130 | 116 | 76 | 0 | 322 | 30 | 51 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 424 |
| | | % | | 30.7 | 27.4 | 17.9 | 0.0 | 75.9 | 7.1 | 12.0 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 24.1 | 7.1 |
| 1 | Litchfield/Central | No. | 2 | 48 | 42 | 21 | 0 | 111 | | 16 | | 3 | | 1 | | | 1 | 21 | 132 |
| | | % | | 36.4 | 31.8 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 84.1 | 0.0 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 15.9 | 9.7 |
| 1 | Litchfield/East | No. | 3 | 43 | 26 | 21 | 0 | 90 | 8 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 116 |
| | | % | | 37.1 | 22.4 | 18.1 | 0.0 | 77.6 | 6.9 | 12.1 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.4 | 7.1 |
| 3 | MacDonnell/ Ljirapinta | No. | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | | 4 | 5 | 8 | | | | | 19 | 23 |
| | | % | | 4.3 | 4.3 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 17.4 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 17.4 | 21.7 | 34.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 82.6 | 7.3 |
| 3 | MacDonnell/Lutitja Pintubi | No. | 5 | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 11 | | | | | 27 | 30 |
| | | % | | 3.3 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 16.7 | 6.7 | 10.0 | 20.0 | 36.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 90.0 | 8.5 |
| 3 | MacDonnell/Rodinga | No. | 10 | 6 | 11 | 6 | | 23 | | 2 | 7 | 6 | 18 | | | | | 33 | 56 |
| | | % | | 10.7 | 19.6 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 41.1 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 12.5 | 10.7 | 32.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.9 | 14.4 |

N(ii) Informality Analysis by Council/Ward (cont'd)

| Region | Council/Ward | No. Candidates | | Apparent Deliberate Informality | | | | | Apparent Uninformed Informality | | | | | | | | Incor- rect Issue | Sub- Total | Total |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------|------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|--------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------|
| | | | | Blank | Scribble | All the same | Other | Sub- Total | Only | | Numbering | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 1st preference | ✓ or × | Duplicated | Non- sequential | Incomplete | Illegible | Signed | Alpha used | | | |
| 2 | Roper-Gulf/Never Never | No. | 7 | 2 | 1 | | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 10 | | | | | 28 | 31 |
| | | % | | 6.5 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.7 | 3.2 | 6.5 | 16.1 | 32.3 | 32.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 90.3 | 8.3 |
| 2 | Roper-Gulf/ Numbulwar Numburindi | No. | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | 1 | 16 | | | 2 | | | | | 19 | 22 |
| | | % | | 4.5 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 13.6 | 4.5 | 72.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 86.4 | 11.4 |
| 2 | Roper-Gulf/ Nyirranggulung | No. | 5 | | | 1 | | 1 | 4 | | 4 | 9 | 10 | | | | | 27 | 28 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 32.1 | 35.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 96.4 | 7.8 |
| 2 | Roper-Gulf/South West Gulf | No. | 6 | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 10 | | | | | 31 | 34 |
| | | % | | 2.9 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.8 | 11.8 | 2.9 | 20.6 | 26.5 | 29.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 91.2 | 7.4 |
| 2 | Roper-Gulf/Yugul Mangi | No. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 20 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.0 | 0.0 | 35.0 | 25.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 15.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 65.0 | 9.0 |
| 1 | Tiwi islands/Nguiu | No. | 10 | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | 13 | 8 | 9 | | | | | 33 | 35 |
| | | % | | 3.2 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 9.7 | 41.9 | 25.8 | 29.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 94.3 | 6.2 |
| 1 | Tiwi islands/ Pirlangimpi | No. | 4 | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | Victoria-Daly/Milngin | No. | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | | 8 | | 10 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 12 | 20 |
| | | % | | 10.7 | 7.1 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 40.0 | 0.0 | 35.7 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 60.0 | 8.8 |
| 2 | Victoria-Daly/ Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi | No. | 5 | | | 2 | | 2 | 10 | 4 | | 11 | 9 | | | | | 34 | 36 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 29.4 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 32.4 | 26.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 94.4 | 6.8 |
| 1 | Wagait | No. | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| | | % | | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 3.2 |
| 1 | West Arnhem/Barrah | No. | 8 | | | | | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 12 | | | | | 27 | 27 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 16.1 | 19.4 | 38.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 11.4 |
| 1 | West Arnhem/ Gunbalanya | No. | 9 | | 1 | 4 | | 5 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 44 | | | | 1 | 74 | 79 |
| | | % | | 0.0 | 4.5 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 4.5 | 27.3 | 40.9 | 59.1 | 200.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 93.7 | 17.0 |
| 1 | West Arnhem/Kakadu | No. | 8 | 3 | 1 | | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 11 | 15 |
| | | % | | 10.7 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 26.7 | 3.6 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 73.3 | 3.6 |
| 1 | West Arnhem/ Manigrida | No. | 5 | 1 | | 4 | | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | | | | 1 | 24 | 29 |
| | | % | | 2.9 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 17.2 | 14.7 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 11.8 | 29.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 82.8 | 8.1 |
| | TOTAL | No. | 184 | 289 | 232 | 205 | 0 | 726 | 141 | 172 | 210 | 432 | 457 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1421 | 2147 |
| | | % | | 13.5 | 10.8 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 33.8 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 9.8 | 20.1 | 21.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 66.2 | |

Informality Analysis by Region

O(i) Summary by Region of Apparent Deliberately Informal Ballot Papers

| Region | No. Candidates | | Apparent Deliberate Informality | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| | | | Blank | Scribble | All the same | Other | Sub-Total |
| Total Region 1 | No. | 83 | 231 | 192 | 141 | 0 | 564 |
| | % | | 18.8 | 15.6 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 45.9 |
| Total Region 2 | No. | 31 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 27 |
| | % | | 3.7 | 2.6 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 14.1 |
| Total Region 3 | No. | 70 | 51 | 35 | 49 | 0 | 135 |
| | % | | 7.0 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 18.5 |
| TOTAL ALL REGIONS | No. | 184 | 289 | 232 | 205 | 0 | 726 |
| | % | | 13.5 | 10.8 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 33.8 |

O(ii) Summary by Region of Apparent Uninformed Informal Ballot Papers

| Region | No. Candidates | | Apparent Uninformed Informality | | | | | | | | Incorrect Issue | Sub-Total | Total of Sub-totals |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | | | Only | | Numbering | | | | Signed | Alpha used | | | |
| | | | 1st preference | ✓ or X | Duplicated | Non-sequential | Incomplete | Illegible | | | | | |
| Total Region 1 | No. | 83 | 69 | 127 | 81 | 109 | 271 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 664 | 1228 |
| | % | | 5.6 | 10.3 | 6.6 | 8.9 | 22.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 54.1 | |
| Total Region 2 | No. | 31 | 25 | 36 | 16 | 43 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 164 | 191 |
| | % | | 13.1 | 18.8 | 8.4 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 85.9 | |
| Total Region 3 | No. | 70 | 47 | 9 | 113 | 280 | 143 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 594 | 729 |
| | % | | 6.4 | 1.2 | 15.5 | 38.4 | 19.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 81.5 | |
| TOTAL ALL REGIONS | No. | 184 | 141 | 172 | 210 | 432 | 457 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1421 | 2147 |
| | % | | 6.6 | 8.0 | 9.8 | 20.1 | 21.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 66.2 | |

LEGEND

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Blank | No markings |
| Scribble | Slashes or comments dismissive of voting |
| All the same | e.g. 2, 2, 2, 2, 2 or 3, 3, 3, 3, 3 |
| Other | Insertion of own candidate's name |
| 1st preference | Marked with 1 only |
| ✓ or X | Marked with a tick or cross only |
| Duplicated | Preferences repeated e.g. 1, 2, 2, or 1, 2, 3, 3 |
| Non-sequential | Sequential preferences omitted e.g. 1, 2, 4, 6, |
| Incomplete | Insufficient preferences recorded e.g. 1, 2, 3, and 11 candidates on the ballot paper |
| Illegible | As described |
| Signed | Elector identified |
| Alpha used | Elector used e.g. A, B, C, D to indicate preferences |
| Incorrect Issue | Wrongly declared/wrong ballot paper issue |

REGIONS COUNCILS

| | |
|----------|--|
| Region 1 | Coomalie, East Arnhem, Litchfield, Tiwi, Wagait, West Arnhem |
| Region 2 | Roper-Gulf, Victoria Daly |
| Region 3 | Barkly, Central Desert, MacDonnell |

Deputy Returning Officer Arrangements

Deputy Returning Officers were appointed for the elections and were allocated to specific shires to establish local networks, liaise with stakeholders and assist with the planning and conduct of the polls in those shires.

A nomination could ONLY be lodged with the Returning Officer in Darwin or any Deputy Returning Officer in regional centres.

Deputy Returning Officer details were as follows:

| Council/Shire | Deputy Returning Officer | Posting Location in Region/Centre | | Contact details Mobile/email | |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Litchfield Municipality, Coomalie Community Government Council & Wagait Shire | Kylie Horton | NTEC Office, Darwin | 2 nd Flr AANT Bld 79-81 Smith St Darwin NT 0800 | 0488 924 159 kylie.horton@nt.gov.au | 8999 5609 Fax: 8999 5845 |
| Tiwi Islands & West Arnhem Shires | Annie Sherwood | NTEC Office, Darwin | 2 nd Flr AANT Bldg 79-81 Smith St Darwin NT 0800 | 0437 792 048 annie.sherwood@nt.gov.au | 8999 5607 Fax: 8999 5845 |
| East Arnhem Shire | Peter Panayiotou | - | DLGH Shop 2, Arnhem Vlge, Arnhem Rd Nhulunbuy NT 0881 | 0439 830 419 peter. panayiotou@nt.gov.au | 8987 0520 Fax: 8987 0535 |
| Victoria-Daly & Roper-Gulf Shires | Craig Rickards Wendy Stow (from after close of noms) | - | Ground Floor NT Govt Centre 1 st St Katherine NT 0850 | 0427 714 418 craig.rickards@nt.gov.au | 8973 8469 Fax: 8973 8999 |
| Barkly, Macdonnell & Central Desert Shires | Wendy Stow (until close of nominations) Don Boyd (after close of nominations until after poll declared) Alan Willcox (from 22/9/08) | NTEC Office, Alice Springs | 16 Leichhardt Tce Alice Springs NT 0870 | 0428 102 601 wendy.stow@nt.gov.au 0428 894 611 donald.boyd@nt.gov.au 0488 589 949 allan.willcox@nt.gov.au | 8951 5838 Fax: 8953 0702 |

APPENDIX Q

Management and Voting Systems for Council Elections by Jurisdiction

| | General Election | Appointment of RO | Voting System | Funding |
|------------|---|---|---|---|
| NT | Attendance/ fixed date each 4 years. | Council appoints RO. For all 2008 elections EC appointed as RO. | Exhaustive preferential | 2008 Municipal and rural Top End by tender and remote councils appointed NTEC by invitation. AEC staff seconded to NTEC for some of election work. |
| NSW | Attendance/ fixed date each 4 years. | EC appoints all ROs. | Proportional Representation (PR) for multi member; Optional Preferential (OP) for single member and mayor. | Full cost recovery on basis of NSWEC costing. NSWEC manages elections. |
| Qld | Attendance or postal depending on council. Fixed date elections with 4 year terms. | EC is RO for Brisbane City, – for other councils prior to 2008 generally the RO was CEO and appointed by council with ECO oversight. Yet to be determined if 2008 council elections arrangements to apply in future. | First Past the Post (FPP) for multi-member elections; OP for single member or mayor. | ECQ manages Brisbane City Council under separate Act with full cost recovery. ECQ managed all 2008 council elections and funded by govt. |
| SA | Postal only. Fixed date each 4 years. | EC is RO who then appoints Deputy RO for each council, who is generally an SAEC officer. | PR for all elections. | Full recovery of SAEC costs from councils includes staff & overheads & on-going permanent SAEC positions. |
| Vic | Postal plus limited number of attendance ballots for small councils/ fixed date each 4 years. | EC appoints all ROs from panel of experienced officers and agreed to with council. | PR for all elections. | Competitive tender for 'electoral commissions' only. Since 2004 all elections managed by VEC with recovery of all direct costs & proportion of permanent staff and overheads from councils. |
| TAS | Postal only. Fixed date each 2 years with 50% of councillors elected for 4 year term. Mayors elected for 2 year terms. | EC appoints RO to each council. | PR for all elections. | Agreed rate with TEC recovering reasonable costs. TEC sub-contracts significant volume of operational work to AEC. |
| WA | Postal or attendance depending on council Fixed date elections with 4 year terms. Elections each 2 years for 50% of reps. | EC is RO for WAEC managed elections. Council CEO must be RO if council manages elections. | FPP for both single and multi member elections. | WAEC managing 50% of elections for 2009, balance managed by councils. WAEC has full recovery of costs including permanent staff and overheads. |
| ACT | N/A as no councils | | | |

N/A - Not Applicable

R(i) Rural Shire Councils – Wards and Representation

| Council Type/Name | Ward | No. | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Elected Councillor Representatives | Electors on Roll 25.10.08 | Electors per Representative |
| Barkly Elected PRESIDENT | Alyawarr Ward | 4 | 1696 | 424 |
| | Patta Ward | 5 | 1930 | 386 |
| | Yapakurlangu Ward | 2 | 550 | 275 |
| | | 11 | 4176 | 379 |
| Central Desert | Akityarre Ward | 2 | 261 | 130 |
| | Anmatjere Ward | 4 | 998 | 249 |
| | Northern Tanami Ward | 2 | 474 | 237 |
| | Southern Tanami Ward | 4 | 946 | 236 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 12 | 2679 | 223 |
| Coomalie | Adelaide River Rural Ward | 1 | 94 | 94 |
| | Adelaide River Town Ward | 2 | 86 | 43 |
| | Batchelor Rural Ward | 1 | 118 | 118 |
| | Batchelor Town Ward | 3 | 192 | 64 |
| | Coomalie/Tortilla Ward | 1 | 33 | 33 |
| | Lake Bennett Ward | 1 | 45 | 45 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 9 | 568 | 63 |
| East Arnhem | Anindilyakwa Ward | 3 | 908 | 302 |
| | Gumurr Gatjirr Ward | 3 | 1295 | 431 |
| | Gumurr Marthakal Ward | 3 | 1196 | 398 |
| | Gumurr Miwatj Ward | 3 | 1867 | 622 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 12 | 5266 | 438 |
| MacDonnell | Iyarrka Ward | 2 | 687 | 343 |
| | Ljirapinta Ward | 3 | 677 | 225 |
| | Luritja Pintubi Ward | 3 | 840 | 280 |
| | Rodinga Ward | 4 | 1113 | 278 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 12 | 3317 | 276 |
| Roper-Gulf | Never Never Ward | 3 | 690 | 230 |
| | Numbulwar Numburindi Ward | 1 | 493 | 493 |
| | Nyirrangulung Ward | 3 | 893 | 297 |
| | South West Gulf Ward | 3 | 908 | 302 |
| | Yugul Mangi Ward | 2 | 683 | 341 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 12 | 3667 | 305 |
| Tiwi Islands | Milikapiti Ward | 3 | 284 | 94 |
| | Nguiu Ward | 5 | 960 | 192 |
| | Pirlangimpi Ward | 3 | 251 | 83 |
| | Wurankuwu Ward | 1 | 38 | 38 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 12 | 1533 | 127 |
| Victoria-Daly | Daguragu Ward | 1 | 434 | 434 |
| | Milngin Ward | 1 | 383 | 383 |
| | Nganmariyanga Ward | 1 | 206 | 206 |
| | Pine Creek Ward | 1 | 251 | 251 |
| | Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward | 4 | 1265 | 316 |
| | Timber Creek Ward | 2 | 437 | 218 |
| | Tyemirr Ward | 1 | 103 | 103 |
| | Wanlangeri Ward | 1 | 294 | 294 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 12 | 3373 | 281 |
| Wagait | Members | 7 | 219 | 31 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 7 | 219 | 31 |
| West Arnhem | Barrah Ward | 3 | 476 | 158 |
| | Gunbalanya Ward | 3 | 732 | 244 |
| | Kakadu Ward | 3 | 759 | 253 |
| | Maningrida Ward | 3 | 1460 | 486 |
| | <i>Principal member from within</i> | 12 | 3427 | 285 |

R(ii) Municipal Councils – Wards and Representation

| Council | Ward | No. | | |
|---|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Elected Councillor Representatives | Electors on roll 25.10.08 | Electors per representative |
| Alice Springs Town Council Elected MAYOR | Alderman* | 8 | 14676 | 1834 |
| | | 8 | 14676 | 1834 |
| Darwin City Elected LORD MAYOR | Chan | 3 | 10058 | 3352 |
| | Lyons | 3 | 13172 | 4390 |
| | Richardson | 3 | 10465 | 3488 |
| | Waters | 3 | 9521 | 3173 |
| | | 12 | 43216 | 3601 |
| Katherine Town Council Elected MAYOR | Alderman* | 6 | 4902 | 817 |
| | | 6 | 4902 | 817 |
| Litchfield # Elected PRESIDENT | Central Ward | 1 | 2263 | 2263 |
| | East Ward | 1 | 2535 | 2535 |
| | North Ward | 1 | 3159 | 3159 |
| | South Ward | 1 | 2821 | 2821 |
| | | 4 | 10778 | 2694 |
| Palmerston City Council Elected MAYOR | Alderman* | 6 | 14533 | 2422 |
| | | 6 | 14533 | 2422 |

* Terminology used at 29 March 2008 elections under legislation in force 1 January 2008

Litchfield electors only were required to vote on 25 October 2008

R(iii) Special Purpose and Other Towns

| Not required to vote | Ward | Elected Councillor Representatives | Electors on roll | Electors per representative |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Belyuen | NA (under administration) | NA | 131 | NA |
| Alyangula | NA | NA | 457 | NA |
| Nhulunbuy | NA | NA | 2166 | NA |
| Yulara | NA | NA | 342 | NA |

NA - Not Applicable

Electoral Commission Involvement in LG Representation Reviews by Jurisdiction

| EC | Timing of Review | Form of Review | Role of State/Territory Electoral Commission | Comment |
|-----|---|---|--|---|
| NT | Once every 4 years, a council is required to assess the effectiveness of its current constitutional arrangements. The review must be completed 12 months before the next general election. | The review is made under s23(2) of the Act and must consider the matters set out at Part 6 of the Regulations, including community of interest. If there are wards, then the review must also consider the equality of representation. | Regulation 63(5) prescribes that councils must consult with the Electoral Commission; the degree and nature of consultation is not specified. | The NTEC has a legislated requirement to provide roll data to councils. |
| NSW | A review is required if there is a 10% difference in representation between the highest and lowest ward. The NSW Electoral Commission provides councils with enrolment data on a monthly basis; reviews are commenced 18 months before the next general election. | Councils undertake the review process. A first proposal is prepared and made available for public comment. Council considers submissions to the proposal and makes amendments if needed. The final review must be certified by a full council meeting. | Councils must consult with the NSWEC in accordance with the LG Act before dividing a council into wards. The NSWEC provides extensive support to councils at each stage of the review of existing representation. This includes providing maps and statistics, aligning to census boundaries and input of changes to the electoral roll. | The NSWEC maintains a continuous check of representation and adherence to the quota. This can be especially complicated for the very small councils in western NSW with ward enrolments of 300-400 electors. |
| Qld | Reviews take place at the direction of the Minister or if a council applies to the EC. They take place each 8 years or if representation deviates from quota by plus or minus 10%, except for councils of less than 10,000 electors where quota is 20%. A slightly modified trigger applies to reviews for Brisbane City Council. | Reviews are categorised as Special (Brisbane City Council only), Major or Minor References (depending on complexity) and Limited external boundary reviews. Reviews are undertaken by the Commission by appropriate enquiry, publication of proposals, public comment and preparation of a final report. New boundaries apply at the next general election. | The EC has a prescribed role as a member of the LG Electoral and Boundaries Review Commission, set up following a reference to the EC by the Minister. Limited reviews may be undertaken outside the Review Commission framework following direct application by council to the EC, generally for minor changes to external boundaries to correct anomalies. | The reviews in Qld follow procedures similar to those used for the redistribution of parliamentary boundaries. A separate Commission is established on which the EC has a central role, with administrative support provided by the ECQ. In the case of minor changes, the process can be undertaken directly by ECQ. |
| SA | Once every 8 years or if representation falls outside 20% of the quota. The SA Electoral Commission checks changes in enrolment each 6 months and advises councils if a review is required. | Councils undertake the reviews with administrative support from the SAEC. An options paper setting out proposals must be made available for public comment for 6 weeks, followed by a 3 week consultative process. The final report setting out the decisions in light of public comment requires the EC's certification before gazettal by the council. | The EC has a prescribed role in reviews and is required to certify final reports before gazettal by council. The SAEC monitors each stage of a council's review with respect to adherence to process, provision of notices and the extent of public consultation. | SAEC undertakes extensive monitoring of the review process and provides support to individual councils, if required. It recovers pro-rata costs from all councils in the form of an annual fee. |

Electoral Commission Involvement in LG Representation Reviews by Jurisdiction

| EC | Timing of Review | Form of Review | Role of State/Territory Electoral Commission | Comment |
|-----|---|--|--|---|
| Vic | Subdivision reviews of councils are undertaken as directed by the Minister. They take place if it is considered that existing boundaries will not meet the legislated equality provisions at the next general election. The law provides that electors represented by each councillor are within 10% of quota for all councillors | A summary of enrolment is prepared by VEC and changes to boundaries are modelled on mapping software for a 'minimal change' result. Modelling takes into account the considerations set out in the Act. The proposals are published and comment sought. Replies are considered and a public hearing may take place. Final recommendations are prepared and provided to the Minister at least 6 months before an election | The VEC is required under legislation to undertake all subdivision reviews. The VEC can only consider the location of boundaries and not the number of councillors, names or issues of council amalgamation. | The VEC's management of council boundary reviews is a major task of the office, using considerable staff resources and supported by extensive mapping and modelling software. The Subdivision Review Reports are detailed documents that are widely circulated and made available on the VEC website. |
| TAS | Infrequent – last review was in 1985. Councils do not have wards. Reviews only occur if there is adjustment to external boundaries or amalgamations. | No review - the number of members can only range from 7 to 12, as determined by formula based on the total number of electors in the council area. | There is no prescribed role for the Tasmanian Electoral Commission. Reviews are undertaken by the LG Board administered through the Office of Local Government. | |
| WA | Councils submit requests to the LG Advisory Board for changes to ward boundaries, adjustment to external boundaries, amalgamations of councils. | Reviews are undertaken by the LG Advisory Board that reports its findings to the Minister of Local Government. | There is no prescribed role for the WA Electoral Commission in undertaking reviews. | There is a convention that reviews reflect '1 vote 1 value' but this is not legislated. |
| ACT | N/A as no councils | | | |

Note: Electoral Commissions in all jurisdictions provide extensive administrative and technical support to the local government representation review process whether their role is prescribed or not. This can include the provision of up to date enrolment dated sorted to Census Collection District (CCD) boundaries, mapping resources and specialised redistribution tools that allow the modelling of proposed changes to boundaries.

Minor and Technical Legislative Amendments

| Issue | Concern | Suggestion |
|--|---|--|
| Postal voting | No definition of postal voting | See NTEA |
| Campaign material to be authorised LGA S 99 (1) | Currently, campaign material is only required to provide the name of the person authorising the material and not the address as in the NTEA | Campaign material to have the name and address of the authorising person. Should be the same as NTEA |
| Failed election | Contains an inadequate definition of a failed election | Include the death of a candidate before the declaration of the poll |
| Death of a candidate | The Regs/Act does not refer to the death of a candidate between acceptance of the nomination and the declaration of nominations. | Clarify procedure to be followed when a candidate dies before the ballot papers are printed |

| Leg. Reference | Description of issue | Recommendation/s |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| LGER reg 7(2)(b) | Currently can be difficult to obtain photographs endorsed on the reverse | Photographs to be allowed to be provided electronically as long as an original is appropriately endorsed. |
| LGER reg 20(3) | The definition of a polling place does not allow for ordinary voting outside a council area e.g. a Litchfield polling place outside the Litchfield area, a static in Alice Springs for Central Desert and/or MacDonnell | Remove the definition of a local polling place to allow electors to be served in a polling place outside their area. |
| LGER reg 53(2) | Wording is erroneous as only one candidate can be excluded at a time | Clarify that there can only be one exclusion |
| LGER reg 54 (4)(a) | Exclusion methodology describes something that cannot occur i.e. 'for the same vacancy' | Remove wording |
| LGER reg 68 | The return of a deposit on the death of a candidate may conflict with forfeit of deposit provisions where an election occurs | Clarify the position |
| Infringement Notice Schedule | Penalties for offences for not voting differ from parliamentary elections | Consider aligning penalties with those of NTEA |

PART 2

Council Snapshots and Results











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|--|----------|---|----------|
|  <p>BARKLY SHIRE COUNCIL</p> |100 |  <p>ROPER GULF Shire Council</p> |142 |
|  <p>CENTRAL DESERT SHIRE</p> <p>two ways is one outcome</p> |110 |  <p>The Islands Shire Council</p> |152 |
|  <p>COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL</p> |118 |  <p>Victoria Daly SHIRE COUNCIL</p> |160 |
|  <p>East Arnhem Shire Council</p> |120 | <p>WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL</p> |166 |
|  <p>LITCHFIELD COUNCIL</p> <p>COMMUNITY EFFORT IS ESSENTIAL</p> |128 |  <p>WEST ARNHAM SHIRE</p> |172 |
|  <p>MacDonnell Shire</p> |134 | | |

Table: Enrolment, Turnout and Informality

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies |
|--|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Barkly President | | 4 | 1 |
| Barkly Shire - Alyawarr | 1696 | 7 | 4 |
| Barkly Shire - Patta | 1930 | 9 | 5 |
| Barkly Shire - Yapakurlangu | 550 | 3 | 2 |
| Central Desert Shire - Akityarre | 261 | 4 | 2 |
| Central Desert Shire - Anmatjere | 998 | 9 | 4 |
| Central Desert Shire - Northern Tanami | 474 | 2 | 2 |
| Central Desert Shire - Southern Tanami | 946 | 11 | 4 |
| Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Rural | 94 | 2 | 1 |
| Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Town | 86 | 2 | 2 |
| Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Rural | 118 | 1 | 1 |
| Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Town | 192 | 3 | 3 |
| Coomalie CG Council - Coomalie/Tortilla | 33 | 1 | 1 |
| Coomalie CG Council - Lake Bennett | 45 | 1 | 1 |
| East Arnhem Shire - Anindilyakwa | 908 | 6 | 3 |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Gatjirrk | 1295 | 4 | 3 |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Marthakal | 1196 | 3 | 3 |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Miwatj | 1867 | 9 | 3 |
| Litchfield President | | 3 | 1 |
| Litchfield Council - East Ward | 2535 | 3 | 1 |
| Litchfield Council - Central Ward | 2263 | 2 | 1 |
| Litchfield Council - North Ward | 3159 | 1 | 1 |
| Litchfield Council - South Ward | 2821 | 1 | 1 |
| MacDonnell Shire - Iyarrka | 687 | 1 | 2 |
| MacDonnell Shire - Ljirapinta | 677 | 8 | 3 |
| MacDonnell Shire - Luritja Pintubi | 840 | 5 | 3 |
| MacDonnell Shire - Rodinga | 1113 | 10 | 4 |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Never Never | 690 | 7 | 3 |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Numbulwar Numburindi | 493 | 2 | 1 |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Nyirranglung | 893 | 5 | 3 |
| Roper Gulf Shire - South West Gulf | 908 | 6 | 3 |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Yugul Mangi | 683 | 4 | 2 |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Milikapiti | 284 | 3 | 3 |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Nguiu | 960 | 10 | 5 |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Pirlangimpi | 251 | 4 | 3 |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Wurankuwu | 38 | 1 | 1 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Daguragu | 434 | 1 | 1 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Milngin | 383 | 2 | 1 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Nganmariyanga | 206 | 1 | 1 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Pine Creek | 251 | 1 | 1 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi | 1265 | 5 | 4 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Timber Creek | 437 | 2 | 2 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Tyemirri | 103 | 1 | 1 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Walangeri | 294 | 1 | 1 |
| Wagait Shire Council | 219 | 10 | 7 |
| West Arnhem Shire - Barrah | 476 | 8 | 3 |
| West Arnhem Shire - Gunbalanya | 732 | 9 | 3 |
| West Arnhem Shire - Kakadu | 759 | 8 | 3 |
| West Arnhem Shire - Maningrida | 1460 | 5 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 39003 | 211 | 117 |

Note: Contested elections shown shaded – 31; Un-contested elections shown un-shaded - 18 (including one partially failed election)

Council Snapshot

BARKLY SHIRE COUNCIL



Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| Barkly President | | 4 | 1 | | 57.3 | 57.3 | 7.5 | |
| Barkly Shire - Alyawarr | 1696 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 50.8 | President + all wards contested | 13.2 | 8.5 |
| Barkly Shire - Patta | 1930 | 9 | 5 | | 66.4 | | 8.0 | |
| Barkly Shire - Yapakurlangu | 550 | 3 | 2 | | 50.4 | | 5.4 | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Ward | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Barkly President | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | ELECTED |
| | SHAW, Barb | |
| | RUGER, Hal | |
| | BOULTER, William Charles | |
| Barkly Shire - Alyawarr | NELSON, Harold | ELECTED |
| | KUNOTH, Alan | ELECTED |
| | FOSTER, Karen | ELECTED |
| | TILMOUTH, Ricky | ELECTED |
| | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | |
| | KAIRUPAN, Tom | |
| Barkly Shire - Patta | PERCY, John | |
| | BRAUN, Pat | ELECTED |
| | BRAHIM, Pat | |
| | SMITH, Gina | ELECTED |
| | GOULD, Randall | |
| | BOULTER, William Charles | ELECTED |
| | CURTIS, Pene | |
| | SHAW, Barb | ELECTED |
| BREMNER, Narelle | | |
| Barkly Shire - Yapakurlangu | RUGER, Hal | ELECTED |
| | RENNIE, Mona Barbara | ELECTED |
| | BAGNALL, Bob | ELECTED |
| | AYLETT, Ray | |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

**BARKLY SHIRE
ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Electors on Roll: 4176
 % Counted: 57.3
 No. Votes Required for Election: 1106

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidate being elected:

Final Votes
KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie 1147

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | SHAW, Barb | RUGER, Hal | BOULTER, William Charles | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Tennant Creek | 129 | 401 | 161 | 197 | 888 | 58 | 946 |
| Mobile Team 9 | 311 | 25 | 9 | 5 | 350 | 48 | 398 |
| Mobile Team 10 | 350 | 138 | 30 | 47 | 565 | 57 | 622 |
| Early Votes | 24 | 71 | 43 | 85 | 223 | 8 | 231 |
| Postal (inc 2 absent) | 13 | 12 | 23 | 46 | 94 | 5 | 99 |
| Absent | 40 | 32 | 6 | 5 | 83 | 4 | 87 |
| Regulation 22c | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 873 | 680 | 275 | 385 | 2211 | 180 | 2391 |
| % | 39.5 | 30.8 | 12.4 | 17.4 | 92.5 | 7.5 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | SHAW, Barb | RUGER, Hal | BOULTER, William Charles | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 873 | 680 | 273 | 385 | 2211 | 180 | 2391 |
| RUGER, Hal excluded | 65 | 89 | -273 | 119 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 938 | 769 | 0 | 504 | 2211 | | |
| BOULTER, William Charles excluded | 209 | 295 | 0 | -504 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 1147 | 1064 | 0 | 0 | 2211 | | |
| % | 51.9 | 48.1 | | | | | |

KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

BARKLY SHIRE

ALYAWARR WARD - ELECTION OF FOUR ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 1696
 % Counted: 50.8
 No. Votes Required for Election: 375

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

Final Votes

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1 NELSON, Harold | 432 |
| 2 FOSTER, Karen | 398 |
| 3 KUNOTH, Alan | 436 |
| 4 TILMOUTH, Ricky | 384 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | NELSON, Harold | KUNOTH, Alan | FOSTER, Karen | TILMOUTH, Ricky | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | KAIRUPAN, Tom | PERCY, John | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Tennant Creek | 12 | 1 | 15 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 43 | 4 | 47 |
| Mobile Team 9 | 126 | 23 | 13 | 14 | 100 | 1 | 4 | 281 | 46 | 327 |
| Mobile Team 10 | 50 | 4 | 88 | 3 | 109 | 31 | 92 | 377 | 53 | 430 |
| Early Votes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Postal | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 7 | 20 |
| Absent | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 4 | 28 |
| Regulation 22c | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 200 | 29 | 123 | 24 | 236 | 36 | 100 | 748 | 114 | 862 |
| % | 26.7 | 3.9 | 16.4 | 3.2 | 31.6 | 4.8 | 13.4 | 86.8 | 13.2 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | NELSON, Harold | KUNOTH, Alan | FOSTER, Karen | TILMOUTH, Ricky | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | KAIRUPAN, Tom | PERCY, John | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 200 | 29 | 123 | 24 | 236 | 36 | 100 | 748 | 114 | 862 |
| KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie elected as President | 94 | 12 | 55 | 30 | -236 | 21 | 24 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 294 | 41 | 178 | 54 | 0 | 57 | 124 | 748 | | |
| KUNOTH, Alan excluded | 32 | -41 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 326 | 0 | 186 | 55 | 0 | 57 | 124 | 748 | | |
| TILMOUTH, Ricky excluded | 19 | 0 | 21 | -55 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 345 | 0 | 207 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 131 | 748 | | |
| KAIRUPAN, Tom excluded | 14 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | -65 | 34 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 359 | 0 | 224 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 165 | 748 | | |
| PERCY, John excluded | 73 | 0 | 92 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -165 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 432 | 0 | 316 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 748 | | |
| % | 57.8 | | 42.2 | | | | | | | |

NELSON, Harold elected

| Vacancy 2 | NELSON, Harold | KUNOTH, Alan | FOSTER, Karen | TILMOUTH, Ricky | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | KAIRUPAN, Tom | PERCY, John | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 200 | 29 | 123 | 24 | 236 | 36 | 100 | 748 | 114 | 862 |
| President | 94 | 12 | 55 | 30 | -236 | 21 | 24 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 294 | 41 | 178 | 54 | 0 | 57 | 124 | 748 | | |
| NELSON, Harold elected | -294 | 198 | 40 | 17 | 0 | 12 | 27 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 239 | 218 | 71 | 0 | 69 | 151 | 748 | | |
| KAIRUPAN, Tom excluded | 0 | 9 | 21 | 4 | 0 | -69 | 35 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 248 | 239 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 748 | | |
| TILMOUTH, Ricky excluded | 0 | 32 | 27 | -75 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 280 | 266 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 748 | | |
| PERCY, John excluded | 0 | 70 | 132 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -202 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 350 | 398 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 748 | | |
| % | | 46.8 | 53.2 | | | | | | | |

FOSTER, Karen elected

| Vacancy 3 | NELSON, Harold | KUNOTH, Alan | FOSTER, Karen | TILMOUTH, Ricky | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | KAIRUPAN, Tom | PERCY, John | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 200 | 29 | 123 | 24 | 236 | 36 | 100 | 748 | 114 | 862 |
| President | 94 | 12 | 55 | 30 | -236 | 21 | 24 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 294 | 41 | 178 | 54 | 0 | 57 | 124 | 748 | | |
| NELSON, Harold elected | -294 | 217 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 15 | 39 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 258 | 178 | 77 | 0 | 72 | 163 | 748 | | |
| FOSTER, Karen elected | 0 | 65 | -178 | 43 | 0 | 15 | 55 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 323 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 87 | 218 | 748 | | |
| KAIRUPAN, Tom excluded | 0 | 17 | 0 | 15 | 0 | -87 | 55 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 340 | 0 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 273 | 748 | | |
| TILMOUTH, Ricky excluded | 0 | 96 | 0 | -135 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 436 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 312 | 748 | | |
| % | | 58.3 | | | | | 41.7 | | | |

KUNOTH, Alan elected

| Vacancy 4 | NELSON, Harold | KUNOTH, Alan | FOSTER, Karen | TILMOUTH, Ricky | KUNOTH-MONKS, Rosalie | KAIRUPAN, Tom | PERCY, John | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 200 | 29 | 123 | 24 | 236 | 36 | 100 | 748 | 114 | 862 |
| President | 94 | 12 | 55 | 30 | -236 | 21 | 24 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 294 | 41 | 178 | 54 | 0 | 57 | 124 | 748 | | |
| NELSON, Harold elected | -294 | 0 | 0 | 210 | 0 | 25 | 59 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 41 | 178 | 264 | 0 | 82 | 183 | 748 | | |
| FOSTER, Karen elected | 0 | 0 | -178 | 89 | 0 | 22 | 67 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 41 | 0 | 353 | 0 | 104 | 250 | 748 | | |
| KUNOTH, Alan elected | 0 | -41 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 384 | 0 | 108 | 256 | 748 | | |
| % | | | | 51.3 | | 14.4 | 34.2 | | | |

TILMOUTH, Ricky elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

BARKLY SHIRE

PATTA WARD - ELECTION OF FIVE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 1930
 % Counted: 66.4
 No. Votes Required for Election: 590

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| Final Votes | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1 SHAW, Barb | 597 |
| 2 SMITH, Gina | 716 |
| 3 BRAUN, Pat | 652 |
| 4 BOULTER, William Charles | 608 |
| 5 RUGER, Hal | 625 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | BRAUN, Pat | BRAHIM, Pat | SMITH, Gina | GOULD, Randall | BOULTER, William Charles | CURTIS, Pene | SHAW, Barb | BREMNER, Narelle | RUGER, Hal | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Tennant Creek | 96 | 34 | 108 | 100 | 123 | 29 | 169 | 58 | 94 | 811 | 75 | 886 |
| Mobile Team 9 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 33 | 10 | 43 |
| Mobile Team 10 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 1 | 4 | 40 | 5 | 45 |
| Early Votes | 14 | 10 | 18 | 24 | 49 | 12 | 33 | 20 | 33 | 213 | 12 | 225 |
| Postal | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 20 |
| Absent (inc 2 postal) | 3 | 4 | 20 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 3 | 61 | 0 | 61 |
| Regulation 22c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 121 | 50 | 165 | 133 | 185 | 52 | 251 | 81 | 141 | 1179 | 102 | 1281 |
| | % 10.3 | 4.2 | 14.0 | 11.3 | 15.7 | 4.4 | 21.3 | 6.9 | 12.0 | 92.0 | 8.0 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | BRAUN, Pat | BRAHIM, Pat | SMITH, Gina | GOULD, Randall | BOULTER, William Charles | CURTIS, Pene | SHAW, Barb | BREMNER, Narelle | RUGER, Hal | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 121 | 50 | 165 | 133 | 185 | 52 | 251 | 81 | 141 | 1179 | 102 | 1281 |
| BRAHIM, Pat excluded | 10 | -50 | 24 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 131 | 0 | 189 | 134 | 188 | 52 | 263 | 81 | 141 | 1179 | | |
| CURTIS, Pene excluded | 1 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 6 | -52 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 132 | 0 | 198 | 143 | 194 | 0 | 278 | 91 | 143 | 1179 | | |
| BREMNER, Narelle excluded | 7 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 36 | 0 | 16 | -91 | 15 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 139 | 0 | 207 | 151 | 230 | 0 | 294 | 0 | 158 | 1179 | | |
| BRAUN, Pat excluded | -139 | 0 | 99 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 306 | 156 | 235 | 0 | 318 | 0 | 164 | 1179 | | |
| GOULD, Randall excluded | 0 | 0 | 36 | -156 | 42 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 61 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 342 | 0 | 277 | 0 | 335 | 0 | 225 | 1179 | | |
| RUGER, Hal excluded | 0 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 82 | 0 | 55 | 0 | -225 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 430 | 0 | 359 | 0 | 390 | 0 | 0 | 1179 | | |
| BOULTER, William Charles excluded | 0 | 0 | 152 | 0 | -359 | 0 | 207 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 582 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 597 | 0 | 0 | 1179 | | |
| | % | | 49.4 | | | | 50.6 | | | | | |

SHAW, Barb elected

| Vacancy 2 | BRAUN, Pat | BRAHIM, Pat | SMITH, Gina | GOULD, Randall | BOULTER, William Charles | CURTIS, Pene | SHAW, Barb | BREMNER, Narelle | RUGER, Hal | Fomal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 121 | 50 | 165 | 133 | 185 | 52 | 251 | 81 | 141 | 1179 | 102 | 1281 |
| SHAW, Barb elected | 66 | 24 | 66 | 19 | 19 | 21 | -251 | 11 | 25 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 187 | 74 | 231 | 152 | 204 | 73 | 0 | 92 | 166 | 1179 | | |
| CURTIS, Pene excluded | 5 | 10 | 19 | 11 | 13 | -73 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 192 | 84 | 250 | 163 | 217 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 169 | 1179 | | |
| BRAHIM, Pat excluded | 30 | -84 | 42 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 222 | 0 | 292 | 170 | 220 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 171 | 1179 | | |
| BREMNER, Narelle excluded | 13 | 0 | 16 | 10 | 45 | 0 | 0 | -104 | 20 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 235 | 0 | 308 | 180 | 265 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 191 | 1179 | | |
| GOULD, Randall excluded | 22 | 0 | 41 | -180 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 257 | 0 | 349 | 0 | 309 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 264 | 1179 | | |
| BRAUN, Pat excluded | -257 | 0 | 216 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 565 | 0 | 329 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 285 | 1179 | | |
| RUGER, Hal excluded | 0 | 0 | 151 | 0 | 134 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -285 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 716 | 0 | 463 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1179 | | |
| % | | | 60.7 | | 39.3 | | | | | | | |

SMITH, Gina elected

| Vacancy 3 | BRAUN, Pat | BRAHIM, Pat | SMITH, Gina | GOULD, Randall | BOULTER, William Charles | CURTIS, Pene | SHAW, Barb | BREMNER, Narelle | RUGER, Hal | Fomal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 121 | 50 | 165 | 133 | 185 | 52 | 251 | 81 | 141 | 1179 | 102 | 1281 |
| SHAW, Barb elected | 100 | 33 | 0 | 26 | 24 | 23 | -251 | 14 | 31 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 221 | 83 | 165 | 159 | 209 | 75 | 0 | 95 | 172 | 1179 | | |
| SMITH, Gina elected | 66 | 52 | -165 | 16 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 287 | 135 | 0 | 175 | 223 | 82 | 0 | 99 | 178 | 1179 | | |
| CURTIS, Pene excluded | 18 | 14 | 0 | 16 | 15 | -82 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 305 | 149 | 0 | 191 | 238 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 182 | 1179 | | |
| BREMNER, Narelle excluded | 16 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 51 | 0 | 0 | -114 | 26 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 321 | 160 | 0 | 201 | 289 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 208 | 1179 | | |
| BRAHIM, Pat excluded | 124 | -160 | 0 | 19 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 445 | 0 | 0 | 220 | 298 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 216 | 1179 | | |
| RUGER, Hal excluded | 50 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 83 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -216 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 495 | 0 | 0 | 303 | 381 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1179 | | |
| GOULD, Randall excluded | 157 | 0 | 0 | -303 | 146 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 652 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1179 | | |
| % | 55.3 | | | | 44.7 | | | | | | | |

BRAUN, Pat elected

| Vacancy 4 | BRAUN, Pat | BRAHIM, Pat | SMITH, Gina | GOULD, Randall | BOULTER, William Charles | CURTIS, Pene | SHAW, Barb | BREMNER, Narelle | RUGER, Hal | Fomal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 121 | 50 | 165 | 133 | 185 | 52 | 251 | 81 | 141 | 1179 | 102 | 1281 |
| SHAW, Barb elected | 0 | 94 | 0 | 38 | 35 | 29 | -251 | 19 | 36 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 121 | 144 | 165 | 171 | 220 | 81 | 0 | 100 | 177 | 1179 | | |
| SMITH, Gina elected | 0 | 92 | -165 | 21 | 15 | 17 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 121 | 236 | 0 | 192 | 235 | 98 | 0 | 108 | 189 | 1179 | | |
| BRAUN, Pat elected | -121 | 88 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 324 | 0 | 201 | 243 | 103 | 0 | 112 | 196 | 1179 | | |
| CURTIS, Pene excluded | 0 | 36 | 0 | 22 | 20 | -103 | 0 | 17 | 8 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 360 | 0 | 223 | 263 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 204 | 1179 | | |
| BREMNER, Narelle excluded | 0 | 23 | 0 | 15 | 59 | 0 | 0 | -129 | 32 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 383 | 0 | 238 | 322 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 236 | 1179 | | |
| RUGER, Hal excluded | 0 | 44 | 0 | 95 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -236 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 427 | 0 | 333 | 419 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1179 | | |
| GOULD, Randall excluded | 0 | 144 | 0 | -333 | 189 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 571 | 0 | 0 | 608 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1179 | | |
| % | | 48.4 | | | 51.6 | | | | | | | |

BOULTER, William Charles elected

| Vacancy 5 | BRAUN, Pat | ABRAHIM, Pat | SMITH, Gina | GOULD, Randall | BOULTER, William Charles | CURTIS, Pene | SHAW, Barb | BREMNER, Narelle | RUGER, Hal | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 121 | 50 | 165 | 133 | 185 | 52 | 251 | 81 | 141 | 1179 | 102 | 1281 |
| SHAW, Barb elected | 0 | 101 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 35 | -251 | 21 | 47 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 121 | 151 | 165 | 180 | 185 | 87 | 0 | 102 | 188 | 1179 | | |
| SMITH, Gina elected | 0 | 97 | -165 | 24 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 8 | 17 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 121 | 248 | 0 | 204 | 185 | 106 | 0 | 110 | 205 | 1179 | | |
| BRAUN, Pat elected | -121 | 93 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 341 | 0 | 214 | 185 | 112 | 0 | 114 | 213 | 1179 | | |
| BOULTER, William Charles elected | 0 | 16 | 0 | 35 | -185 | 28 | 0 | 57 | 49 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 357 | 0 | 249 | 0 | 140 | 0 | 171 | 262 | 1179 | | |
| CURTIS, Pene excluded | 0 | 48 | 0 | 37 | 0 | -140 | 0 | 37 | 18 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 405 | 0 | 286 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 208 | 280 | 1179 | | |
| BREMNER, Narelle excluded | 0 | 42 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -208 | 127 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 447 | 0 | 325 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 407 | 1179 | | |
| GOULD, Randall excluded | 0 | 107 | 0 | -325 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 554 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 625 | 1179 | | |
| % | | 47.0 | | | | | | | 53.0 | | | |

RUGER, Hal elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

BARKLY SHIRE

YAPAKURLANGU WARD - ELECTION OF TWO ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 550
 % Counted: 50.4
 No. Votes Required for Election: 132

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 BAGNALL, Bob | 146 |
| 2 RENNIE, Mona Barbara | 131 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | RENNIE, Mona Barbara | BAGNALL, Bob | AYLETT, Ray | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Tennant Creek | 11 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 18 |
| Mobile Team 9 | 10 | 14 | 1 | 25 | 7 | 32 |
| Mobile Team 10 | 39 | 53 | 46 | 138 | 7 | 145 |
| Postal (inc 4 Early Votes) | 3 | 37 | 20 | 60 | 1 | 61 |
| Absent | 10 | 9 | 2 | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 73 | 117 | 72 | 262 | 15 | 277 |
| | % | 27.9 | 44.7 | 27.5 | 94.6 | 5.4 |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | RENNIE, Mona Barbara | BAGNALL, Bob | AYLETT, Ray | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 73 | 117 | 72 | 262 | 15 | 277 |
| AYLETT, Ray excluded | 43 | 29 | -72 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 116 | 146 | 0 | 262 | | |
| | % | 44.3 | 55.7 | | | |

BAGNALL, Bob elected

| Vacancy 2 | RENNIE, Mona Barbara | BAGNALL, Bob | AYLETT, Ray | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 73 | 117 | 72 | 262 | 15 | 277 |
| BAGNALL, Bob elected | 58 | -117 | 59 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 131 | 0 | 131 | 262 | | |
| | % | 50.0 | 50.0 | | | |

RENNIE, Mona Barbara elected as a result of a draw by lot

Council Snapshot



two ways :: one outcome

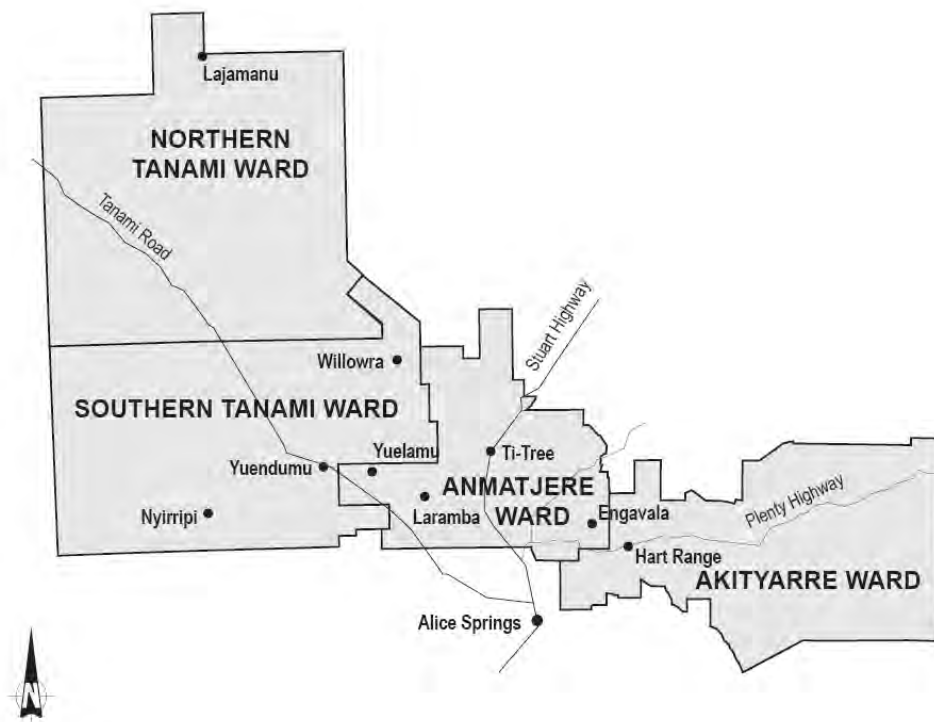


Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality CONTESTED Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| Central Desert Shire - Akityarre | 261 | 4 | 2 | | 45.6 | | 5.9 | |
| Central Desert Shire - Anmatjere | 998 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 55.8 | | 25.5 | |
| Central Desert Shire - Northern Tanami | 474 | 2 | 2 | | | 47.1 | | 20.0 |
| Central Desert Shire - Southern Tanami | 946 | 11 | 4 | | 38.3 | | 16.3 | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Ward | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Central Desert Shire – Akityarre | SCHABER, Louis | ELECTED |
| | WEBB, Raymond | |
| | PETRICK, Anthony Phillip | |
| | FINTER, Bruce | ELECTED |
| Central Desert Shire – Anmatjere | BLOOMFIELD, Patrick | |
| | BIRD, Benedy | |
| | DIXON, Adrian | ELECTED |
| | CARTER, Ted | |
| | FRANCIS, Ant | |
| | HEENAN, Noel | ELECTED |
| | HAINES, Jasper | ELECTED |
| | GLENN, James Jampajimpa | ELECTED |
| LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi | | |
| Central Desert Shire - Northern Tanami | JOHNSON, Willie | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| | PATRICK, Norbert | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Central Desert Shire - Southern Tanami | BROWN, Jean | ELECTED |
| | WAYNE, Maisie | ELECTED |
| | WALIT, Connie | |
| | WALIT, Robbie | ELECTED |
| | WILLIAMS, Freddy | |
| | HARGRAVES, Ned | ELECTED |
| | SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina | |
| | KITSON, Julie | |
| | POULSON, Christopher | |
| | GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra | |
| JUTTNER, Tony | | |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008
CENTRAL DESERT SHIRE
AKITYARRE WARD - ELECTION OF TWO ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 261
 % Counted: 45.6
 No. Votes Required for Election: 57

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1 FINTER, Bruce | 59 |
| 2 SCHABER, Louis | 64 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | SCHABER, Louis | WEBB, Raymond | PETRICK, Anthony Phillip | FINTER, Bruce | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Alice Springs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Team 11 | 21 | 9 | 20 | 22 | 72 | 4 | 76 |
| Early Voting | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Postal | 7 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 28 | 3 | 31 |
| Absent | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 28 | 16 | 28 | 40 | 112 | 7 | 119 |
| % | 25.0 | 14.3 | 25.0 | 35.7 | 94.1 | 5.9 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | SCHABER, Louis | WEBB, Raymond | PETRICK, Anthony Phillip | FINTER, Bruce | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 28 | 16 | 28 | 40 | 112 | 7 | 119 |
| WEBB, Raymond excluded | 7 | -16 | 6 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 35 | 0 | 34 | 43 | 112 | | |
| PETRICK, Anthony Phillip excluded | 18 | 0 | -34 | 16 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 53 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 112 | | |
| % | 47.3 | | | 52.7 | | | |

FINTER, Bruce elected

| Vacancy 2 | SCHABER, Louis | WEBB, Raymond | PETRICK, Anthony Phillip | FINTER, Bruce | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 28 | 16 | 28 | 40 | 112 | 7 | 119 |
| FINTER, Bruce elected | 15 | 18 | 7 | -40 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 43 | 34 | 35 | 0 | 112 | | |
| WEBB, Raymond excluded | 21 | -34 | 13 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 64 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 112 | | |
| % | 57.1 | | 42.9 | | | | |

SCHABER, Louis elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008
CENTRAL DESERT SHIRE
ANMATJERE WARD - ELECTION OF FOUR ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 998
 % Counted: 55.8
 No. Votes Required for Election: 208

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1 HAINES, Jasper | 208 |
| 2 DIXON, Adrian | 223 |
| 3 GLENN, James Jampajimpa | 257 |
| 4 HEENAN, Noel | 220 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|--|
| | BLOOMFIELD, Patrick | BIRD, Benedy | DIXON, Adrian | CARTER, Ted | FRANCIS, Ant | HEENAN, Noel | HAINES, Jasper | GLENN, James Jampajimpa | LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi | Formal | Informal | Total | |
| Alice Springs | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| Mobile Team 11 | 33 | 35 | 80 | 9 | 37 | 22 | 92 | 20 | 39 | 367 | 118 | 485 | |
| Early Voting | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 6 | 24 | |
| Postal | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 14 | 27 | |
| Absent | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 19 | |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 37 | 41 | 84 | 16 | 45 | 24 | 103 | 25 | 40 | 415 | 142 | 557 | |
| % | 8.9 | 9.9 | 20.2 | 3.9 | 10.8 | 5.8 | 24.8 | 6.0 | 9.6 | 74.5 | 25.5 | | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | BLOOMFIELD, Patrick | BIRD, Benedy | DIXON, Adrian | CARTER, Ted | FRANCIS, Ant | HEENAN, Noel | HAINES, Jasper | GLENN, James Jampajimpa | LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 37 | 41 | 84 | 16 | 45 | 24 | 103 | 25 | 40 | 415 | 142 | 557 |
| CARTER, Ted excluded | 1 | 1 | 0 | -16 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 38 | 42 | 84 | 0 | 54 | 25 | 106 | 26 | 40 | 415 | | |
| HEENAN, Noel excluded | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -25 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 39 | 42 | 86 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 109 | 29 | 56 | 415 | | |
| GLENN, James Jampajimpa excluded | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 18 | -29 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 42 | 43 | 88 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 127 | 0 | 60 | 415 | | |
| BLOOMFIELD, Patrick excluded | -42 | 38 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 81 | 91 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 128 | 0 | 60 | 415 | | |
| FRANCIS, Ant excluded | 0 | 7 | 14 | 0 | -55 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 88 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 0 | 65 | 415 | | |
| LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi excluded | 0 | 9 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | -65 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 97 | 137 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 181 | 0 | 0 | 415 | | |
| BIRD, Benedy excluded | 0 | -97 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 207 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 208 | 0 | 0 | 415 | | |
| % | | | 49.9 | | | | 50.1 | | | | | |

HAINES, Jasper elected

| Vacancy 2 | BLOOMFIELD, Patrick | BIRD, Benedy | DIXON, Adrian | CARTER, Ted | FRANCIS, Ant | HEENAN, Noel | HAINES, Jasper | GLENN, James Jampajimpa | LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 37 | 41 | 84 | 16 | 45 | 24 | 103 | 25 | 40 | 415 | 142 | 557 |
| HAINES, Jasper elected | 7 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 19 | 3 | -103 | 55 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 44 | 44 | 99 | 16 | 64 | 27 | 0 | 80 | 41 | 415 | | |
| CARTER, Ted excluded | 1 | 1 | 0 | -16 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 45 | 45 | 99 | 0 | 73 | 28 | 0 | 84 | 41 | 415 | | |
| HEENAN, Noel excluded | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | -28 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 46 | 101 | 0 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 59 | 415 | | |
| BIRD, Benedy excluded | 34 | -46 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 81 | 0 | 104 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 61 | 415 | | |
| LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi excluded | 10 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 | -61 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 91 | 0 | 135 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 109 | 0 | 415 | | |
| FRANCIS, Ant excluded | 14 | 0 | 15 | 0 | -80 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 105 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 0 | 415 | | |
| BLOOMFIELD, Patrick excluded | -105 | 0 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 223 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 192 | 0 | 415 | | |
| % | | | 53.7 | | | | | 46.3 | | | | |

DIXON, Adrian elected

| Vacancy 3 | BLOOMFIELD, Patrick | BIRD, Benedy | DIXON, Adrian | CARTER, Ted | FRANCIS, Ant | HEENAN, Noel | HAINES, Jasper | GLENN, James Jampajimpa | LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 37 | 41 | 84 | 16 | 45 | 24 | 103 | 25 | 40 | 415 | 142 | 557 |
| HAINES, Jasper elected | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 9 | -103 | 58 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 46 | 44 | 84 | 16 | 67 | 33 | 0 | 83 | 42 | 415 | | |
| DIXON, Adrian elected | 7 | 11 | -84 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 36 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 53 | 55 | 0 | 17 | 69 | 53 | 0 | 119 | 49 | 415 | | |
| CARTER, Ted excluded | 1 | 1 | 0 | -17 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 54 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 54 | 0 | 123 | 50 | 415 | | |
| LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi excluded | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 0 | 8 | -50 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 58 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 90 | 0 | 131 | 0 | 415 | | |
| BIRD, Benedy excluded | 44 | -57 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 102 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 92 | 0 | 140 | 0 | 415 | | |
| FRANCIS, Ant excluded | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -81 | 21 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 117 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 113 | 0 | 185 | 0 | 415 | | |
| HEENAN, Noel excluded | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -113 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 158 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 257 | 0 | 415 | | |
| % | | | | | | | | 61.9 | | | | |

GLENN, James Jampajimpa elected

| Vacancy 4 | BLOOMFIELD, Patrick | BIRD, Benedy | DIXON, Adrian | CARTER, Ted | FRANCIS, Ant | HEENAN, Noel | HAINES, Jasper | GLENN, James Jampajimpa | LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 37 | 41 | 84 | 16 | 45 | 24 | 103 | 25 | 40 | 415 | 142 | 557 |
| HAINES, Jasper elected | 14 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 42 | 17 | -103 | 0 | 11 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 51 | 55 | 84 | 21 | 87 | 41 | 0 | 25 | 51 | 415 | | |
| DIXON, Adrian elected | 9 | 11 | -84 | 1 | 5 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 60 | 66 | 0 | 22 | 92 | 83 | 0 | 25 | 67 | 415 | | |
| GLENN, James Jampajimpa elected | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 0 | -25 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 60 | 72 | 0 | 27 | 100 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 415 | | |
| CARTER, Ted excluded | 4 | 3 | 0 | -27 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 64 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 415 | | |
| BLOOMFIELD, Patrick excluded | -64 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 128 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 92 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 415 | | |
| LECHLEITNER, Walter Japangardi excluded | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 60 | 0 | 0 | -73 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 137 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 152 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 415 | | |
| FRANCIS, Ant excluded | 0 | 58 | 0 | 0 | -126 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 195 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 220 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 415 | | |
| % | | 47.0 | | | | 53.0 | | | | | | |

HEENAN, Noel elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

CENTRAL DESERT SHIRE

SOUTHERN TANAMI WARD - ELECTION OF FOUR ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 946
 % Counted: 38.3
 No. Votes Required for Election: 152

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1 BROWN, Jean | 173 |
| 2 HARGRAVES, Ned | 188 |
| 3 WALIT, Robbie | 181 |
| 4 WAYNE, Maisie | 183 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | BROWN, Jean | WAYNE, Maisie | WALIT, Connie | WALIT, Robbie | WILLIAMS, Freddy | HARGRAVES, Ned | SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina | KITSON, Julie | POULSON, Christopher | GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra | JUTTNER, Tony | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Alice Springs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Mobile Team 11 | 33 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 33 | 19 | 41 | 20 | 46 | 25 | 249 | 44 | 293 |
| Early Voting | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 6 | 33 |
| Postal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| Absent | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 36 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 31 | 42 | 23 | 42 | 21 | 53 | 37 | 303 | 59 | 362 |
| | % 11.9 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 10.2 | 13.9 | 7.6 | 13.9 | 6.9 | 17.5 | 12.2 | 83.7 | 16.3 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | BROWN, Jean | WAYNE, Maisie | WALIT, Connie | WALIT, Robbie | WILLIAMS, Freddy | HARGRAVES, Ned | SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina | KITSON, Julie | POULSON, Christopher | GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra | JUTTNER, Tony | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 36 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 31 | 42 | 23 | 42 | 21 | 53 | 37 | 303 | 59 | 362 |
| WALIT, Connie excluded | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 37 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 31 | 42 | 23 | 42 | 21 | 53 | 37 | 303 | | |
| WAYNE, Maisie excluded | 2 | -7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 39 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 31 | 42 | 24 | 42 | 21 | 54 | 38 | 303 | | |
| WALIT, Robbie excluded | 6 | 0 | 0 | -12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 43 | 24 | 43 | 24 | 55 | 38 | 303 | | |
| SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina excluded | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | -24 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 46 | 0 | 45 | 24 | 57 | 40 | 303 | | |
| POULSON, Christopher excluded | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 7 | -24 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 53 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 58 | 42 | 303 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Freddy excluded | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -34 | 19 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 58 | 43 | 303 | | |
| JUTTNER, Tony excluded | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 4 | -43 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 62 | 0 | 303 | | |
| GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra excluded | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 14 | 0 | -62 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 113 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111 | 0 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 303 | | |
| KITSON, Julie excluded | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | -79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 173 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 303 | | |
| | % 57.1 | | | | | 42.9 | | | | | | | | |

BROWN, Jean elected

| Vacancy 2 | BROWN, Jean | WAYNE, Maisie | WALIT, Connie | WALIT, Robbie | WILLIAMS, Freddy | HARGRAVES, Ned | SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina | KITSON, Julie | POULSON, Christopher | GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra | JUTTNER, Tony | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 36 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 31 | 42 | 23 | 42 | 21 | 53 | 37 | 303 | 59 | 362 |
| BROWN, Jean elected | -36 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 23 | 2 | 14 | 32 | 44 | 31 | 45 | 22 | 53 | 37 | 303 | | |
| WALIT, Connie excluded | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 23 | 0 | 14 | 32 | 45 | 31 | 45 | 22 | 53 | 38 | 303 | | |
| WALIT, Robbie excluded | 0 | 6 | 0 | -14 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 46 | 31 | 47 | 25 | 54 | 38 | 303 | | |
| POULSON, Christopher excluded | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 8 | -25 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 56 | 31 | 55 | 0 | 56 | 40 | 303 | | |
| WAYNE, Maisie excluded | 0 | -31 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 63 | 34 | 56 | 0 | 58 | 42 | 303 | | |
| SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | -34 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 68 | 0 | 64 | 0 | 64 | 48 | 303 | | |
| JUTTNER, Tony excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 16 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 6 | -48 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 84 | 0 | 83 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 303 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Freddy excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -66 | 50 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 0 | 93 | 0 | 76 | 0 | 303 | | |
| GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 22 | 0 | -76 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 188 | 0 | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 303 | | |
| % | | | | | | 62.0 | | 38.0 | | | | | | |

HARGRAVES, Ned elected

| Vacancy 3 | BROWN, Jean | WAYNE, Maisie | WALIT, Connie | WALIT, Robbie | WILLIAMS, Freddy | HARGRAVES, Ned | SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina | KITSON, Julie | POULSON, Christopher | GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra | JUTTNER, Tony | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 36 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 31 | 42 | 23 | 42 | 21 | 53 | 37 | 303 | 59 | 362 |
| BROWN, Jean elected | -36 | 16 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 23 | 2 | 16 | 32 | 42 | 31 | 45 | 22 | 53 | 37 | 303 | | |
| HARGRAVES, Ned elected | 0 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 7 | -42 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 28 | 3 | 27 | 39 | 0 | 33 | 49 | 27 | 57 | 40 | 303 | | |
| WALIT, Connie excluded | 0 | 1 | -3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 29 | 0 | 28 | 39 | 0 | 33 | 49 | 27 | 57 | 41 | 303 | | |
| POULSON, Christopher excluded | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | -27 | 5 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 31 | 0 | 34 | 41 | 0 | 35 | 56 | 0 | 62 | 44 | 303 | | |
| WAYNE, Maisie excluded | 0 | -31 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 44 | 0 | 41 | 57 | 0 | 64 | 46 | 303 | | |
| SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 6 | 0 | -41 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 0 | 71 | 50 | 303 | | |
| JUTTNER, Tony excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 7 | -50 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 303 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Freddy excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | -60 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 303 | | |
| GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 | -88 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 181 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 303 | | |
| % | | | | 59.7 | | | | 40.3 | | | | | | |

WALIT, Robbie elected

| Vacancy 4 | BROWN, Jean | WAYNE, Maisie | WALIT, Connie | WALIT, Robbie | WILLIAMS, Freddy | HARGRAVES, Ned | SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina | KITSON, Julie | POULSON, Christopher | GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra | JUTTNER, Tony | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 36 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 31 | 42 | 23 | 42 | 21 | 53 | 37 | 303 | 59 | 362 |
| BROWN, Jean elected | -36 | 19 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 26 | 4 | 10 | 32 | 42 | 31 | 45 | 22 | 54 | 37 | 303 | | |
| HARGRAVES, Ned elected | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 11 | -42 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 33 | 8 | 10 | 43 | 0 | 34 | 49 | 27 | 58 | 41 | 303 | | |
| WALIT, Robbie elected | 0 | 0 | 4 | -10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 33 | 12 | 0 | 43 | 0 | 34 | 51 | 30 | 59 | 41 | 303 | | |
| WALIT, Connie excluded | 0 | 8 | -12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 35 | 52 | 30 | 59 | 42 | 303 | | |
| POULSON, Christopher excluded | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 8 | -30 | 9 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 40 | 60 | 0 | 68 | 45 | 303 | | |
| SPENCER-WILSON, Georgina excluded | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | -40 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 72 | 50 | 303 | | |
| JUTTNER, Tony excluded | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 5 | -50 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 82 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 303 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Freddy excluded | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | -64 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 131 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 84 | 0 | 303 | | |
| GIBSON, Teddy Jakamarra excluded | 0 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 0 | -84 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 183 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 303 | | |
| % | | 60.4 | | | | | | 39.6 | | | | | | |

WAYNE, Maisie elected

Council Snapshot

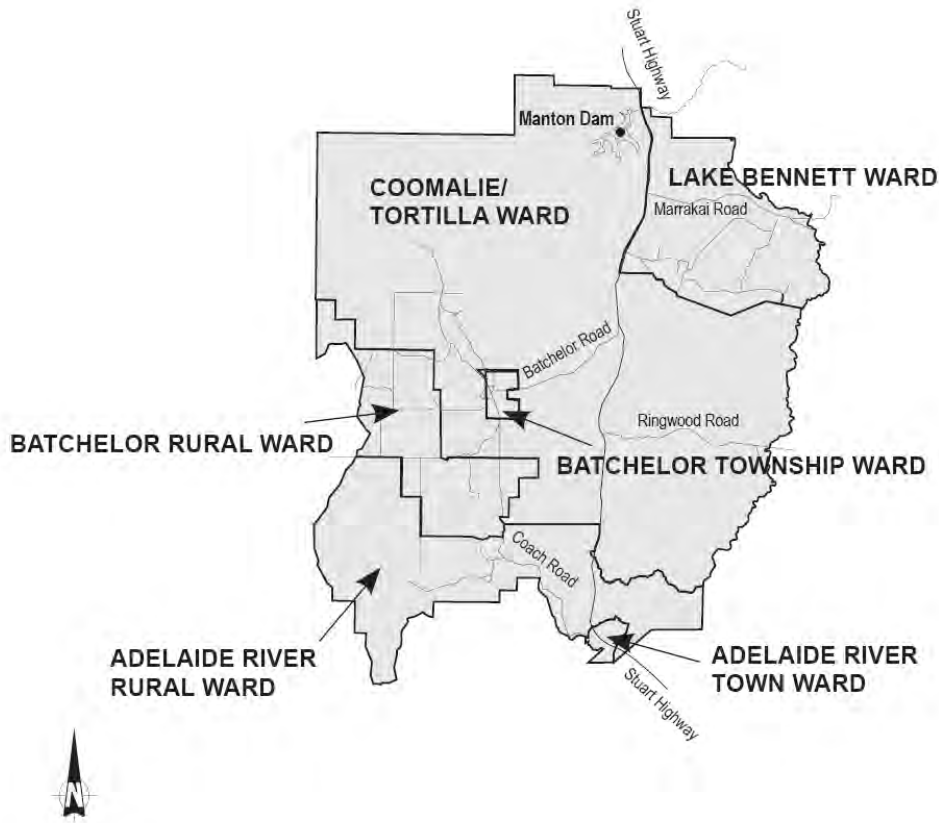


Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Rural | 94 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 46.8 | | 11.4 | |
| Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Town | 86 | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Rural | 118 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Town | 192 | 3 | 3 | | | 46.8 | | 11.4 |
| Coomalie CG Council - Coomalie/Tortilla | 33 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Coomalie CG Council - Lake Bennett | 45 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Ward | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|--|---|--|
| Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Rural | PAGE, Jaemie JESSER, David | ELECTED |
| Coomalie CG Council - Adelaide River Town | FAWCETT, Tommy KOCH, Deb | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Rural | BULMER, Sue | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Coomalie CG Council - Batchelor Town | DOUGLAS, Linda Joan JONES, Bruce McGINN, Judy | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Coomalie CG Council - Coomalie/Tortilla | TURNER, Andrew | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Coomalie CG Council - Lake Bennett | SULLIVAN, Trevor | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

**COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
ADELAIDE RIVER RURAL WARD - ELECTION OF ONE ORDINARY MEMBER**

Electors on Roll: 94
 % Counted: 46.8
 No. Votes Required for Election: 20

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidate being elected:

Final Votes
PAGE, Jaemie 33

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|---|---|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | PAGE, Jaemie | JESSER, David | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Mobile Team 14 | 22 | 4 | 26 | 4 | 30 |
| Postal (inc 3 Early and 1 Absent Votes) | 8 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 11 |
| Regulation 22c | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 33 | 6 | 39 | 5 | 44 |
| % | 84.6 | 15.4 | 88.6 | 11.4 | |

PAGE, Jaemie elected

Council Snapshot

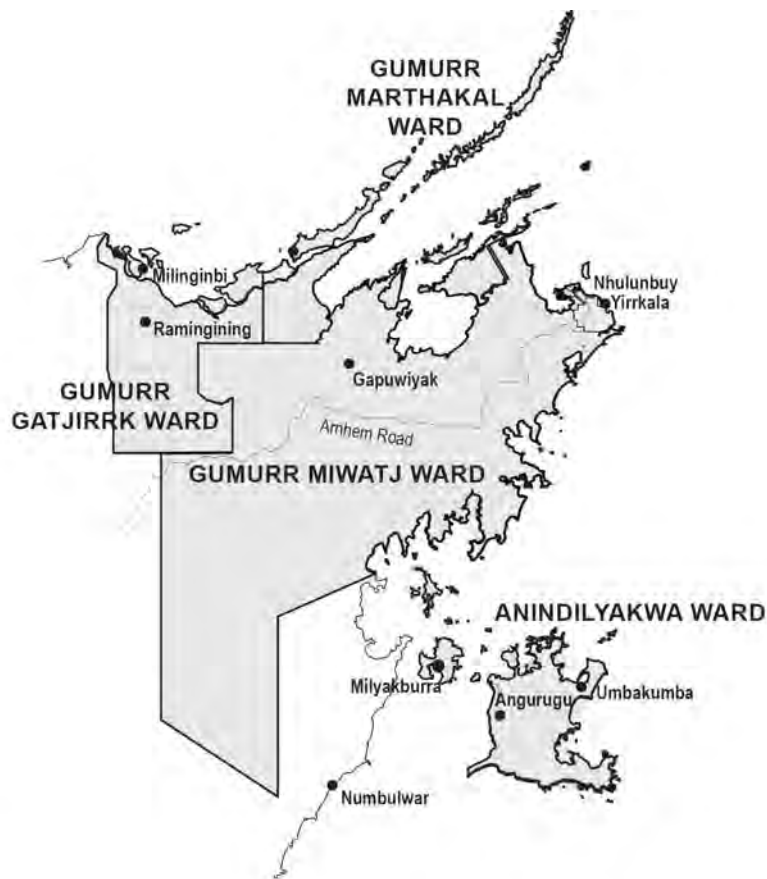


Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| East Arnhem Shire - Anindilyakwa | 908 | 6 | 3 | | 46.1 | | 14.6 | |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Gatjirrk | 1295 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 33.1 | 41.7 | 10.3 | 21.2 |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Marthakal | 1196 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Miwatj | 1867 | 9 | 3 | | 45.5 | | 30.0 | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| East Arnhem Shire – Anindilyakwa | MAMARIKA, Keith | ELECTED |
| | MAMARIKA, Phillip | |
| | LALARA, Wendy | |
| | NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen | |
| | JARAGBA, Lionel | ELECTED |
| | HANSEN, Keith | ELECTED |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Gatjirrk | GURRALPA, Jack Munyarirr | ELECTED |
| | WARRAYA, David Daymirringu | ELECTED |
| | BAKER, Djandjay | |
| | BARRAMALA, Ronnie | ELECTED |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Marthakal | DANGANBARR, Mavis | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| | THURLOW, Kaye | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| | WININBA, Don | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| East Arnhem Shire - Gumurr Miwatj | WUNUNGMURRA, Dhambarra | |
| | MARIKA, Bakamumu | |
| | GUMANA, Waturr | |
| | MUNUNGGURR, Barayuwa | ELECTED |
| | WUNUNGMURRA, Bininydjirri | |
| | MUNUNGGURR, Yananymul | ELECTED |
| | MARIKA, Marrpalawuy | |
| | WANAMBI, Yangipuy | |
| WUNUNGMURRA, Banambi | ELECTED | |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

EAST ARNHEM SHIRE

ANINDILYAKWA WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 908
 % Counted: 46.1
 No. Votes Required for Election: 180

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 HANSEN, Keith | 183 |
| 2 JARAGBA, Lionel | 186 |
| 3 MAMARIKA, Keith | 181 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | MAMARIKA, Keith | MAMARIKA, Phillip | LALARA, Wendy | NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen | JARAGBA, Lionel | HANSEN, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Nhulunbuy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Mobile Team 4 | 48 | 22 | 35 | 20 | 72 | 154 | 351 | 61 | 412 |
| Mobile Team 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Voting 1, Postal 1, Absent 2 Regulation 22c 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 49 | 22 | 35 | 22 | 74 | 156 | 358 | 61 | 419 |
| % | 13.7 | 6.1 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 20.7 | 43.6 | 85.4 | 14.6 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | MAMARIKA, Keith | MAMARIKA, Phillip | LALARA, Wendy | NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen | JARAGBA, Lionel | HANSEN, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 49 | 22 | 35 | 22 | 74 | 156 | 358 | 61 | 419 |
| MAMARIKA, Phillip excluded | 5 | -22 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 54 | 0 | 38 | 25 | 80 | 161 | 358 | | |
| NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen excluded | 1 | 0 | 16 | -25 | 6 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 55 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 86 | 163 | 358 | | |
| LALARA, Wendy excluded | 32 | 0 | -54 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 165 | 358 | | |
| MAMARIKA, Keith excluded | -87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 18 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 175 | 183 | 358 | | |
| % | | | | | 48.9 | 51.1 | | | |

HANSEN, Keith elected

| Vacancy 2 | MAMARIKA, Keith | MAMARIKA, Phillip | LALARA, Wendy | NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen | JARAGBA, Lionel | HANSEN, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 49 | 22 | 35 | 22 | 74 | 156 | 358 | 61 | 419 |
| HANSEN, Keith elected | 34 | 67 | 4 | 6 | 45 | -156 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 83 | 89 | 39 | 28 | 119 | 0 | 358 | | |
| NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen excluded | 1 | 2 | 16 | -28 | 9 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 84 | 91 | 55 | 0 | 128 | 0 | 358 | | |
| LALARA, Wendy excluded | 17 | 18 | -55 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 101 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 148 | 0 | 358 | | |
| MAMARIKA, Keith excluded | -101 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 172 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 0 | 358 | | |
| | % | 48.0 | | | 52.0 | | | | |

JARAGBA, Lionel elected

| Vacancy 3 | MAMARIKA, Keith | MAMARIKA, Phillip | LALARA, Wendy | NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen | JARAGBA, Lionel | HANSEN, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 49 | 22 | 35 | 22 | 74 | 156 | 358 | 61 | 419 |
| HANSEN, Keith elected | 46 | 77 | 11 | 22 | 0 | -156 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 95 | 99 | 46 | 44 | 74 | 0 | 358 | | |
| JARAGBA, Lionel elected | 40 | 17 | 10 | 7 | -74 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 135 | 116 | 56 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 358 | | |
| NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen excluded | 5 | 6 | 40 | -51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 140 | 122 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 358 | | |
| LALARA, Wendy excluded | 41 | 55 | -96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 181 | 177 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 358 | | |
| | % | 50.6 | 49.4 | | | | | | |

MAMARIKA, Keith elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

EAST ARNHEM SHIRE

ANINDILYAKWA WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 908
 % Counted: 46.1
 No. Votes Required for Election: 180

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 HANSEN, Keith | 183 |
| 2 JARAGBA, Lionel | 186 |
| 3 MAMARIKA, Keith | 181 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | MAMARIKA, Keith | MAMARIKA, Phillip | LALARA, Wendy | NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen | JARAGBA, Lionel | HANSEN, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Nhulunbuy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Mobile Team 4 | 48 | 22 | 35 | 20 | 72 | 154 | 351 | 61 | 412 |
| Mobile Team 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Voting 1, Postal 1, Absent 2 Regulation 22c 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 49 | 22 | 35 | 22 | 74 | 156 | 358 | 61 | 419 |
| % | 13.7 | 6.1 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 20.7 | 43.6 | 85.4 | 14.6 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | MAMARIKA, Keith | MAMARIKA, Phillip | LALARA, Wendy | NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen | JARAGBA, Lionel | HANSEN, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 49 | 22 | 35 | 22 | 74 | 156 | 358 | 61 | 419 |
| MAMARIKA, Phillip excluded | 5 | -22 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 54 | 0 | 38 | 25 | 80 | 161 | 358 | | |
| NUMAMURDIRDI, Helen excluded | 1 | 0 | 16 | -25 | 6 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 55 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 86 | 163 | 358 | | |
| LALARA, Wendy excluded | 32 | 0 | -54 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 165 | 358 | | |
| MAMARIKA, Keith excluded | -87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 18 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 175 | 183 | 358 | | |
| % | | | | | 48.9 | 51.1 | | | |

HANSEN, Keith elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

EAST ARNHEM SHIRE

GUMURR GATJIRRK WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 1295
 % Counted: 33.1
 No. Votes Required for Election: 193

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 BARRAMALA, Ronnie | 210 |
| 2 GURRALPA, Jack Munyarirr | 210 |
| 3 WARRAYA, David Daymirringu | 201 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | GURRALPA, Jack Munyarirr | WARRAYA, David Daymirringu | BAKER, Djandjay | BARRAMALA, Ronnie | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Nhulunbuy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Team 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Team 5 | 53 | 27 | 74 | 195 | 349 | 44 | 393 |
| Early Voting | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Absent (inc 2 postal) | 1 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 31 | 0 | 31 |
| Regulation 22c | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 54 | 30 | 91 | 210 | 385 | 44 | 429 |
| % | 14.0 | 7.8 | 23.6 | 54.5 | 89.7 | 10.3 | |

BARRAMALA, Ronnie elected 1st vacancy

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 2 | GURRALPA, Jack Munyarirr | WARRAYA, David Daymirringu | BAKER, Djandjay | BARRAMALA, Ronnie | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 54 | 30 | 91 | 210 | 385 | 44 | 429 |
| BARRAMALA, Ronnie elected | 70 | 73 | 67 | -210 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 124 | 103 | 158 | 0 | 385 | | |
| WARRAYA, David Daymirringu excluded | 86 | -103 | 17 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 210 | 0 | 175 | 0 | 385 | | |
| % | 54.5 | | 45.5 | | | | |

GURRALPA, Jack Munyarirr elected

| Vacancy 3 | GURRALPA, Jack Munyarirr | WARRAYA, David Daymirringu | BAKER, Djandjay | BARRAMALA, Ronnie | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 54 | 30 | 91 | 210 | 385 | 44 | 429 |
| BARRAMALA, Ronnie elected | 0 | 126 | 84 | -210 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 54 | 156 | 175 | 0 | 385 | | |
| GURRALPA, Jack Munyarirr elected | -54 | 45 | 9 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 201 | 184 | 0 | 385 | | |
| % | | 52.2 | 47.8 | | | | |

WARRAYA, David Daymirringu elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

EAST ARNHEM SHIRE

GUMURR MIWATJ WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 1867
 % Counted: 45.5
 No. Votes Required for Election: 298

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| Final Votes | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1 MUNUNGGURR, Yananyumul | 357 |
| 2 MUNUNGGURR, Barayuwa | 328 |
| 3 WUNUNGURRA, Banambi | 312 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
| | WUNUNGURRA, Dhambarra | MARIKA, Bakamumu | GUMANA, Waturr | MUNUNGGURR, Barayuwa | WUNUNGURRA, Bininydjirri | MUNUNGGURR, Yananyumul | MARIKA, Marpalawuy | WANAMBI, Yangipuy | WUNUNGURRA, Banambi | Formal | Informal | Total | |
| Nhulunbuy | 3 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 39 | 2 | 41 | |
| Mobile Team 4 | 34 | 55 | 35 | 33 | 2 | 138 | 24 | 7 | 31 | 359 | 174 | 533 | |
| Mobile Team 5 | 94 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 46 | 6 | 157 | 70 | 227 | |
| Early Voting Centre Nhulunbuy | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 17 | |
| Postal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| Absent | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 2 | 17 | |
| Regulation 22c | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 13 | |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 133 | 72 | 40 | 41 | 8 | 154 | 34 | 54 | 59 | 595 | 255 | 850 | |
| % | 22.4 | 12.1 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 1.3 | 25.9 | 5.7 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 70.0 | 30.0 | | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | WUNUNGURRA, Dhambarra | MARIKA, Bakamumu | GUMANA, Waturr | MUNUNGGURR, Barayuwa | WUNUNGURRA, Bininydjirri | MUNUNGGURR, Yananyumul | MARIKA, Marpalawuy | WANAMBI, Yangipuy | WUNUNGURRA, Banambi | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 133 | 72 | 40 | 41 | 8 | 154 | 34 | 54 | 59 | 595 | 255 | 850 |
| WUNUNGURRA, Bininydjirri excluded | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | -8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 135 | 72 | 42 | 42 | 0 | 156 | 34 | 55 | 59 | 595 | | |
| MARIKA, Marpalawuy excluded | 3 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 9 | -34 | 2 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 138 | 72 | 55 | 44 | 0 | 165 | 0 | 57 | 64 | 595 | | |
| MUNUNGGURR, Barayuwa excluded | 1 | 7 | 5 | -44 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 139 | 79 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 0 | 58 | 73 | 595 | | |
| WANAMBI, Yangipuy excluded | 46 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -58 | 8 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 185 | 80 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 595 | | |
| GUMANA, Waturr excluded | 8 | 12 | -63 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 193 | 92 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 222 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 595 | | |
| WUNUNGURRA, Banambi excluded | 20 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | -88 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 213 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 262 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 595 | | |
| MARIKA, Bakamumu excluded | 25 | -120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 238 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 357 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 595 | | |
| % | 40.0 | | | | | 60.0 | | | | | | |

MUNUNGGURR, Yananyumul elected

| Vacancy 2 | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Dhambarra | MARIKA, Bakamumu | GUMANA, Waturr | MUNUNGURR, Barayuwa | WUNUNGURRA, Bininydjirri | MUNUNGURR, Yananyumul | MARIKA, Marrpalawuy | WANAMBI, Yangipuy | WUNUNGURRA, Banambi | | | | |
| First Preference Votes | 133 | 72 | 40 | 41 | 8 | 154 | 34 | 54 | 59 | 595 | 255 | 850 | |
| MUNUNGURR, Yananyumul elected | 3 | 13 | 40 | 41 | 1 | -154 | 21 | 1 | 34 | 0 | | | |
| Progressive Total | 136 | 85 | 80 | 82 | 9 | 0 | 55 | 55 | 93 | 595 | | | |
| WUNUNGURRA, Bininydjirri excluded | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | -9 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Progressive Total | 139 | 85 | 82 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 56 | 93 | 595 | | | |
| MARIKA, Marrpalawuy excluded | 4 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 0 | 0 | -56 | 7 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| Progressive Total | 143 | 87 | 104 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 102 | 595 | | | |
| WANAMBI, Yangipuy excluded | 46 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -63 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| Progressive Total | 189 | 88 | 106 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 595 | | | |
| MARIKA, Bakamumu excluded | 8 | -88 | 9 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 0 | | | |
| Progressive Total | 197 | 0 | 115 | 128 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 155 | 595 | | | |
| GUMANA, Waturr excluded | 35 | 0 | -115 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | | | |
| Progressive Total | 232 | 0 | 0 | 187 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 176 | 595 | | | |
| WUNUNGURRA, Banambi excluded | 35 | 0 | 0 | 141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -176 | 0 | | | |
| Total Votes | 267 | 0 | 0 | 328 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 595 | | | |
| % | 44.9 | | | 55.1 | | | | | | | | | |

MUNUNGURR, Barayuwa elected

| Vacancy 3 | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURR, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURR, | WUNUNGURR, | WUNUNGURRA, | WUNUNGURRA, | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Dhambarra | MARIKA, Bakamumu | GUMANA, Waturr | MUNUNGURR, Barayuwa | WUNUNGURRA, Bininydjirri | MUNUNGURR, Yananyumul | MARIKA, Marrpalawuy | WANAMBI, Yangipuy | WUNUNGURRA, Banambi | | | |
| First Preference Votes | 133 | 72 | 40 | 41 | 8 | 154 | 34 | 54 | 59 | 595 | 255 | 850 |
| MUNUNGURR, Yananyumul elected | 3 | 20 | 60 | 0 | 1 | -154 | 22 | 2 | 46 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 136 | 92 | 100 | 41 | 9 | 0 | 56 | 56 | 105 | 595 | | |
| MUNUNGURR, Barayuwa elected | 3 | 9 | 6 | -41 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 15 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 139 | 101 | 106 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 64 | 56 | 120 | 595 | | |
| WUNUNGURRA, Bininydjirri excluded | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 142 | 101 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 58 | 120 | 595 | | |
| WANAMBI, Yangipuy excluded | 45 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -58 | 9 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 187 | 101 | 111 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 0 | 129 | 595 | | |
| MARIKA, Marrpalawuy excluded | 7 | 7 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -67 | 0 | 20 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 194 | 108 | 144 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149 | 595 | | |
| MARIKA, Bakamumu excluded | 11 | -108 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 205 | 0 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 223 | 595 | | |
| GUMANA, Waturr excluded | 78 | 0 | -167 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 283 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 312 | 595 | | |
| % | 47.6 | | | | | | | | 52 | | | |

WUNUNGURRA, Banambi elected

Council Snapshot

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL



COMMUNITY EFFORT
IS ESSENTIAL



Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| Litchfield President | | 3 | 1 | | 55.4 | 55.4 President - not all wards contested | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| Litchfield Council - East Ward | 2535 | 3 | 1 | | 64.1 | | 7.1 | |
| Litchfield Council - Central Ward | 2263 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 60.1 | | 9.7 | |
| Litchfield Council - North Ward | 3159 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Litchfield Council - South Ward | 2821 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Litchfield President | WALSHE, Mary BOWLER, Geoff HARLAN, Kevin | ELECTED |
| Litchfield Council - Central Ward | McLOUGHLIN, Bernice IRLAM, Sandy | ELECTED |
| Litchfield Council - East Ward | BOWMAN, Mike VENES, Anthony HARLAN, Kevin | ELECTED |
| Litchfield Council - North Ward | PURICH, Plaxy | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Litchfield Council - South Ward | STATHAM, Vic | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

**LITCHFIELD COUNCIL
ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Electors on Roll: 10778
 % Counted: 55.4
 No. Votes Required for Election: 2777

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidate being elected:

Final Votes

WALSHE, Mary 3487

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | WALSHE, Mary | BOWLER, Geoff | HARLAN, Kevin | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Bees Creek | 463 | 187 | 165 | 815 | 77 | 892 |
| Berrimah | 65 | 16 | 16 | 97 | 10 | 107 |
| Berry Springs | 262 | 57 | 146 | 465 | 44 | 509 |
| Darwin | 11 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 16 |
| Howard Springs | 828 | 206 | 340 | 1374 | 104 | 1478 |
| Humpty Doo | 968 | 540 | 357 | 1865 | 152 | 2017 |
| Ludmilla | 10 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 2 | 19 |
| Mobile Team 15 | 38 | 6 | 7 | 51 | 0 | 51 |
| Early Voting Centre Bees Creek | 459 | 133 | 109 | 701 | 29 | 730 |
| Postal | 74 | 25 | 25 | 124 | 5 | 129 |
| Absent Votes | 12 | 7 | 4 | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| Regulation 22c | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 3193 | 1183 | 1176 | 5552 | 424 | 5976 |
| % | 57.5 | 21.3 | 21.2 | 92.9 | 7.1 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| | WALSHE, Mary | BOWLER, Geoff | HARLAN, Kevin | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 3193 | 1183 | 1176 | 5552 | 424 | 5976 |
| HARLAN, Kevin excluded | 294 | 882 | -1176 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 3487 | 2065 | 0 | 5552 | | |
| % | 62.8 | 37.2 | | | | |

WALSHE, Mary elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

**LITCHFIELD COUNCIL
CENTRAL WARD - ELECTION OF ONE ORDINARY MEMBER**

Electors on Roll: 2263
 % Counted: 60.1
 No. Votes Required for Election: 614

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidate being elected:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| | Final Votes |
| IRLAM, Sandy | 656 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | McLOUGHLIN, Bernice | IRLAM, Sandy | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Bees Creek | 280 | 345 | 625 | 74 | 699 |
| Berrimah | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Berry Springs | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Darwin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Howard Springs | 160 | 161 | 321 | 40 | 361 |
| Humpty Doo | 24 | 38 | 62 | 6 | 68 |
| Ludmilla | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Early Votes (inc 3 votes, Mobile 15) | 83 | 83 | 166 | 10 | 176 |
| Postal | 17 | 12 | 29 | 1 | 30 |
| Absent Votes | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Regulation 22c | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 571 | 656 | 1227 | 132 | 1359 |
| % | 46.5 | 53.5 | 90.3 | 9.7 | |

IRLAM, Sandy elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL

EAST WARD - ELECTION OF ONE ORDINARY MEMBER

Electors on Roll: 2535
 % Counted: 64.1
 No. Votes Required for Election: 756

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidate being elected:

BOWMAN , Mike Final Votes
 771

Count of First Preference Votes

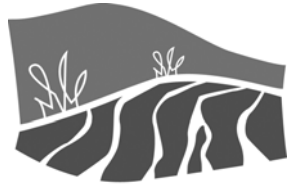
| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| | BOWMAN, Mike | VENES, Anthony | HARLAN, Kevin | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Bees Creek | 37 | 36 | 22 | 95 | 9 | 104 |
| Berrimah | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 11 |
| Berry Springs | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Darwin | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Howard Springs | 57 | 42 | 69 | 168 | 12 | 180 |
| Humpty Doo | 484 | 255 | 244 | 983 | 87 | 1070 |
| Ludmilla | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Mobile Team 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Votes | 53 | 105 | 55 | 213 | 5 | 218 |
| Postal | 6 | 13 | 5 | 24 | 1 | 25 |
| Absent Votes | 0 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Regulation 22c | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 642 | 465 | 403 | 1510 | 116 | 1626 |
| % | 42.5 | 30.8 | 26.7 | 92.9 | 7.1 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | BOWMAN, Mike | VENES, Anthony | HARLAN, Kevin | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 642 | 465 | 403 | 1510 | 116 | 1626 |
| HARLAN, Kevin excluded | 129 | 274 | -403 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 771 | 739 | 0 | 1510 | | |
| % | 51.1 | 48.9 | | | | |

BOWMAN, Mike elected

Council Snapshot



MacDonnell Shire

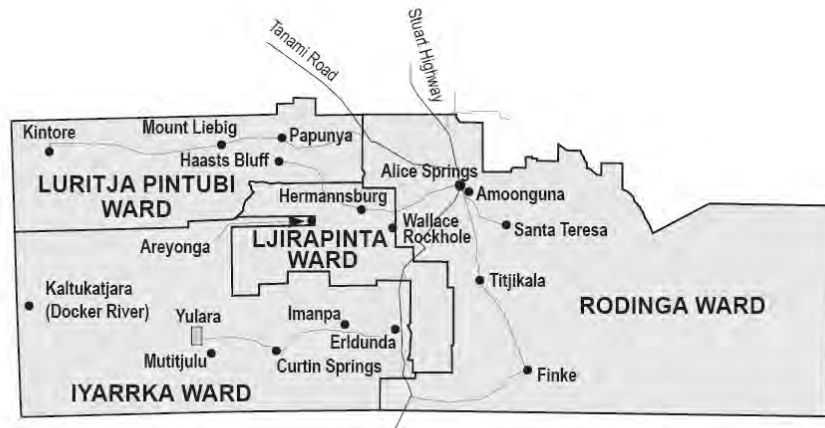


Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| MacDonnell Shire - Iyarrka | 687 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| MacDonnell Shire - Ljirapinta | 677 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 46.7 | 40.3 | 7.3 | 10.3 |
| MacDonnell Shire - Luritja Pintubi | 840 | 5 | 3 | | 42.1 | | 8.5 | |
| MacDonnell Shire - Rodinga | 1113 | 10 | 4 | | 35.0 | | 14.4 | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Ward | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| MacDonnell Shire - Iyarrka* | WILSON, Peter Ross | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| MacDonnell Shire - Ljirapinta | WILLIAMS, Gus Ntjalka | |
| | BRAYBON, Sonya | |
| | ABBOTT, Bernard | |
| | KENNY, Roxanne | ELECTED |
| | INKAMALA, Carl | ELECTED |
| | WILLIAMS, Baydon | |
| | INKAMALA, Mildred | ELECTED |
| MacDonnell Shire - Luritja Pintubi | ABBOTT, Lance | ELECTED |
| | NANGALA, Irene Wilpinta | ELECTED |
| | ANDERSON, Sid | ELECTED |
| | MULTA, Cynthia | |
| | LECHLEITNER, Ada | |
| MacDonnell Shire - Rodinga | KIERNAN, Raymond | ELECTED |
| | WILYUKA, Lisa | ELECTED |
| | McMASTERS, Anthony | |
| | RAWSON, Joseph | ELECTED |
| | DOOLAN, David | ELECTED |
| | ANDERSON, Julie | |
| | CONWAY, Robert Micheal | |
| | CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace | |
| | MATASIA, Harold | |
| | ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary | |

*Partially failed election. Supplementary election held 13 December 2008

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

MACDONNELL SHIRE

LJIRAPINTA WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 677
 % Counted: 46.7
 No. Votes Required for Election: 147

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

Final Votes

1 INKAMALA, Mildred 157
 2 INKAMALA, Carl 157
 3 KENNY, Roxanne 155

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | WILLIAMS, Gus Nijalka | BRAYBON, Sonya | ABBOTT, Bernard | KENNY, Roxanne | INKAMALA, Carl | WILLIAMS, Baydon | INKAMALA, Mildred | ABBOTT, Barry | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Alice Springs | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 2 | 16 |
| Mobile Team 12 | 64 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 17 | 2 | 51 | 18 | 192 | 15 | 207 |
| Mobile Team 13 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 33 | 3 | 36 |
| Early Votes | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| Postal | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Absent | 9 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 32 | 1 | 33 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 93 | 18 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 11 | 60 | 36 | 293 | 23 | 316 |
| % | 31.7 | 6.1 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 20.5 | 12.3 | 92.7 | 7.3 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | WILLIAMS, Gus Nijalka | BRAYBON, Sonya | ABBOTT, Bernard | KENNY, Roxanne | INKAMALA, Carl | WILLIAMS, Baydon | INKAMALA, Mildred | ABBOTT, Barry | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 93 | 18 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 11 | 60 | 36 | 293 | 23 | 316 |
| WILLIAMS, Baydon excluded | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | -11 | 3 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 97 | 18 | 22 | 25 | 31 | 0 | 63 | 37 | 293 | | |
| BRAYBON, Sonya excluded | 1 | -18 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 98 | 0 | 23 | 38 | 31 | 0 | 66 | 37 | 293 | | |
| ABBOTT, Bernard excluded | 1 | 0 | -23 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 99 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 32 | 0 | 67 | 50 | 293 | | |
| INKAMALA, Carl excluded | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -32 | 0 | 25 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 102 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 52 | 293 | | |
| KENNY, Roxanne excluded | 8 | 0 | 0 | -47 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 23 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 75 | 293 | | |
| ABBOTT, Barry excluded | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | -75 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 136 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 0 | 293 | | |
| % | 46.4 | | | | | | 53.6 | | | | |

INKAMALA, Mildred elected

| Vacancy 2 | WILLIAMS, Gus Nijalka | BRAYBON, Sonya | ABBOTT, Bernard | KENNY, Roxanne | INKAMALA, Carl | WILLIAMS, Baydon | INKAMALA, Mildred | ABBOTT, Barry | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 93 | 18 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 11 | 60 | 36 | 293 | 23 | 316 |
| INKAMALA, Mildred elected | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 48 | 2 | -60 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 95 | 20 | 23 | 27 | 76 | 13 | 0 | 39 | 293 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Baydon excluded | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | -13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 100 | 21 | 23 | 27 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 293 | | |
| BRAYBON, Sonya excluded | 1 | -21 | 1 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 101 | 0 | 24 | 43 | 83 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 293 | | |
| ABBOTT, Bernard excluded | 1 | 0 | -24 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 102 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 293 | | |
| KENNY, Roxanne excluded | 8 | 0 | 0 | -50 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 293 | | |
| ABBOTT, Barry excluded | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 0 | 0 | -83 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 136 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 293 | | |
| % | 46.4 | | | | 53.6 | | | | | | |

INKAMALA, Carl elected

| Vacancy 3 | WILLIAMS, Gus Nijalka | BRAYBON, Sonya | ABBOTT, Bernard | KENNY, Roxanne | INKAMALA, Carl | WILLIAMS, Baydon | INKAMALA, Mildred | ABBOTT, Barry | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 93 | 18 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 11 | 60 | 36 | 293 | 23 | 316 |
| INKAMALA, Mildred elected | 8 | 14 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 8 | -60 | 17 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 101 | 32 | 23 | 37 | 28 | 19 | 0 | 53 | 293 | | |
| INKAMALA, Carl elected | 4 | 4 | 3 | 10 | -28 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 105 | 36 | 26 | 47 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 57 | 293 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Baydon excluded | 10 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | -22 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 115 | 39 | 28 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 293 | | |
| ABBOTT, Bernard excluded | 4 | 1 | -28 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 119 | 40 | 0 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 293 | | |
| BRAYBON, Sonya excluded | 3 | -40 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 122 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 293 | | |
| ABBOTT, Barry excluded | 16 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -76 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 138 | 0 | 0 | 155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 293 | | |
| % | 47.1 | | | 52.9 | | | | | | | |

KENNY, Roxanne elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

MACDONNELL SHIRE

LURITJA PINTUBI WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 840
 % Counted: 42.1
 No. Votes Required for Election: 163

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1 ANDERSON, Sid | 171 |
| 2 ABBOTT, Lance | 178 |
| 3 NANGALA, Irene Wilpinta | 197 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| | ABBOTT, Lance | NANGALA, Irene Wilpinta | ANDERSON, Sid | MULTA, Cynthia | LECHLEITNER, Ada | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Alice Springs | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Mobile Team 12 | 19 | 10 | 145 | 26 | 11 | 211 | 15 | 226 |
| Mobile Team 13 | 44 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 12 | 79 |
| Early Votes | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Postal | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Absent | 4 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 1 | 28 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 74 | 33 | 171 | 29 | 17 | 324 | 30 | 354 |
| % | <i>22.8</i> | <i>10.2</i> | <i>52.8</i> | <i>9.0</i> | <i>5.2</i> | <i>97.5</i> | <i>8.5</i> | |

ANDERSON, Sid elected 1st vacancy

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | ABBOTT, Lance | NANGALA, Irene Wilpinta | ANDERSON, Sid | MULTA, Cynthia | LECHLEITNER, Ada | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 74 | 33 | 171 | 29 | 17 | 324 | 30 | 354 |
| ANDERSON, Sid elected | 59 | 64 | -171 | 24 | 24 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 133 | 97 | 0 | 53 | 41 | 324 | | |
| LECHLEITNER, Ada excluded | 13 | 13 | 0 | 15 | -41 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 146 | 110 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 324 | | |
| MULTA, Cynthia excluded | 32 | 36 | 0 | -68 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 178 | 146 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 324 | | |
| % | <i>54.9</i> | <i>45.1</i> | | | | | | |

ABBOTT, Lance elected

| Vacancy 2 | ABBOTT, Lance | NANGALA, Irene Wilpinta | ANDERSON, Sid | MULTA, Cynthia | LECHLEITNER, Ada | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 74 | 33 | 171 | 29 | 17 | 324 | 30 | 354 |
| ANDERSON, Sid elected | 0 | 103 | -171 | 30 | 38 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 74 | 136 | 0 | 59 | 55 | 324 | | |
| ABBOTT, Lance elected | -74 | 61 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 197 | 0 | 67 | 60 | 324 | | |
| % | | 60.8 | | 20.7 | 18.5 | | | |

NANGALA, Irene Wilpinta elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

MACDONNELL SHIRE

RODINGA WARD - ELECTION OF FOUR ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 1113
 % Counted: 35.0
 No. Votes Required for Election: 167

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

Final Votes

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1 KIERNAN, Raymond | 177 |
| 2 WILYUKA, Lisa | 179 |
| 3 RAWSON, Joseph | 178 |
| 4 DOOLAN, David | 168 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | KIERNAN, Raymond | WILYUKA, Lisa | McMASTERS, Anthony | RAWSON, Joseph | DOOLAN, David | ANDERSON, Julie | CONWAY, Robert Micheal | CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace | MATASIA, Harold | ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Alice Springs | 4 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 36 | 4 | 40 |
| Mobile Team 12 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Mobile Team 13 | 57 | 54 | 1 | 24 | 7 | 1 | 28 | 5 | 11 | 25 | 213 | 27 | 240 |
| Early Votes | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 36 | 5 | 41 |
| Postal | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 13 | 32 |
| Absent | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 21 | 3 | 24 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 69 | 61 | 8 | 62 | 11 | 3 | 34 | 15 | 16 | 54 | 333 | 56 | 389 |
| % | 20.7 | 18.3 | 2.4 | 18.6 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 10.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 16.2 | 85.6 | 14.4 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | KIERNAN, Raymond | WILYUKA, Lisa | McMASTERS, Anthony | RAWSON, Joseph | DOOLAN, David | ANDERSON, Julie | CONWAY, Robert Micheal | CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace | MATASIA, Harold | ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 69 | 61 | 8 | 62 | 11 | 3 | 34 | 15 | 16 | 54 | 333 | 56 | 389 |
| ANDERSON, Julie excluded | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 69 | 62 | 8 | 62 | 12 | 0 | 34 | 15 | 17 | 54 | 333 | | |
| McMASTERS, Anthony excluded | 0 | 1 | -8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 69 | 63 | 0 | 64 | 13 | 0 | 35 | 16 | 17 | 56 | 333 | | |
| DOOLAN, David excluded | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | -13 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 70 | 68 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 18 | 18 | 57 | 333 | | |
| CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace excluded | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -18 | 8 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 71 | 68 | 0 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 26 | 59 | 333 | | |
| MATASIA, Harold excluded | 5 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | -26 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 76 | 80 | 0 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 333 | | |
| CONWAY, Robert Micheal excluded | 21 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | -40 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 97 | 88 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 333 | | |
| ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary excluded | 39 | 8 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -70 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 136 | 96 | 0 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 333 | | |
| WILYUKA, Lisa excluded | 41 | -96 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 177 | 0 | 0 | 156 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 333 | | |
| % | 53.2 | | | 46.8 | | | | | | | | | |

KIERNAN, Raymond elected

| Vacancy 2 | KIERNAN, Raymond | WILYUKA, Lisa | McMASTERS, Anthony | RAWSON, Joseph | DOOLAN, David | ANDERSON, Julie | CONWAY, Robert Micheal | CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace | MATASIA, Harold | ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 69 | 61 | 8 | 62 | 11 | 3 | 34 | 15 | 16 | 54 | 333 | 56 | 389 |
| KIERNAN, Raymond elected | -69 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 75 | 9 | 64 | 16 | 3 | 70 | 16 | 17 | 63 | 333 | | |
| ANDERSON, Julie excluded | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 76 | 9 | 64 | 17 | 0 | 70 | 16 | 18 | 63 | 333 | | |
| McMASTERS, Anthony excluded | 0 | 1 | -9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 77 | 0 | 66 | 19 | 0 | 71 | 17 | 18 | 65 | 333 | | |
| CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | -17 | 5 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 77 | 0 | 71 | 21 | 0 | 73 | 0 | 23 | 68 | 333 | | |
| DOOLAN, David excluded | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 | -21 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 85 | 0 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 27 | 70 | 333 | | |
| MATASIA, Harold excluded | 0 | 15 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -27 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 100 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 333 | | |
| ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary excluded | 0 | 15 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 0 | 0 | -75 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 115 | 0 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 333 | | |
| RAWSON, Joseph excluded | 0 | 64 | 0 | -95 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 179 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 154 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 333 | | |
| % | | 53.8 | | | | | 46.2 | | | | | | |

WILYUKA, Lisa elected

| Vacancy 3 | KIERNAN, Raymond | WILYUKA, Lisa | McMASTERS, Anthony | RAWSON, Joseph | DOOLAN, David | ANDERSON, Julie | CONWAY, Robert Micheal | CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace | MATASIA, Harold | ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 69 | 61 | 8 | 62 | 11 | 3 | 34 | 15 | 16 | 54 | 333 | 56 | 389 |
| KIERNAN, Raymond elected | -69 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 61 | 16 | 68 | 16 | 3 | 72 | 16 | 17 | 64 | 333 | | |
| WILYUKA, Lisa elected | 0 | -61 | 6 | 31 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 22 | 99 | 25 | 7 | 78 | 17 | 19 | 66 | 333 | | |
| ANDERSON, Julie excluded | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | -7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 23 | 101 | 26 | 0 | 78 | 18 | 21 | 66 | 333 | | |
| CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | -18 | 6 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 23 | 105 | 28 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 27 | 70 | 333 | | |
| McMASTERS, Anthony excluded | 0 | 0 | -23 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 31 | 0 | 81 | 0 | 28 | 72 | 333 | | |
| MATASIA, Harold excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -28 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 52 | 0 | 82 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 333 | | |
| DOOLAN, David excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | -52 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 333 | | |
| ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | -84 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 178 | 0 | 0 | 155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 333 | | |
| % | | | | 53.5 | | | 46.5 | | | | | | |

RAWSON, Joseph elected

| Vacancy 4 | KIERNAN, Raymond | WILYUKA, Lisa | McMASTERS, Anthony | RAWSON, Joseph | DOOLAN, David | ANDERSON, Julie | CONWAY, Robert Micheal | CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace | MATASIA, Harold | ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 69 | 61 | 8 | 62 | 11 | 3 | 34 | 15 | 16 | 54 | 333 | 56 | 389 |
| KIERNAN, Raymond elected | -69 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 39 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 61 | 18 | 62 | 17 | 4 | 73 | 16 | 18 | 64 | 333 | | |
| WILYUKA, Lisa elected | 0 | -61 | 8 | 0 | 25 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 26 | 62 | 42 | 12 | 83 | 17 | 24 | 67 | 333 | | |
| RAWSON, Joseph elected | 0 | 0 | 19 | -62 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 56 | 18 | 93 | 23 | 26 | 72 | 333 | | |
| ANDERSON, Julie excluded | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | -18 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 95 | 25 | 31 | 73 | 333 | | |
| CLIFFORD, Russell Wallace excluded | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | -25 | 6 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 57 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 97 | 0 | 37 | 79 | 333 | | |
| MATASIA, Harold excluded | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -37 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 85 | 0 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 333 | | |
| McMASTERS, Anthony excluded | 0 | 0 | -65 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 0 | 107 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 333 | | |
| ROSS TURNER, Sabella Mary excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 0 | -99 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 0 | 165 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 333 | | |
| % | | | | | 50.5 | | 49.5 | | | | | | |

DOOLAN, David elected

Council Snapshot

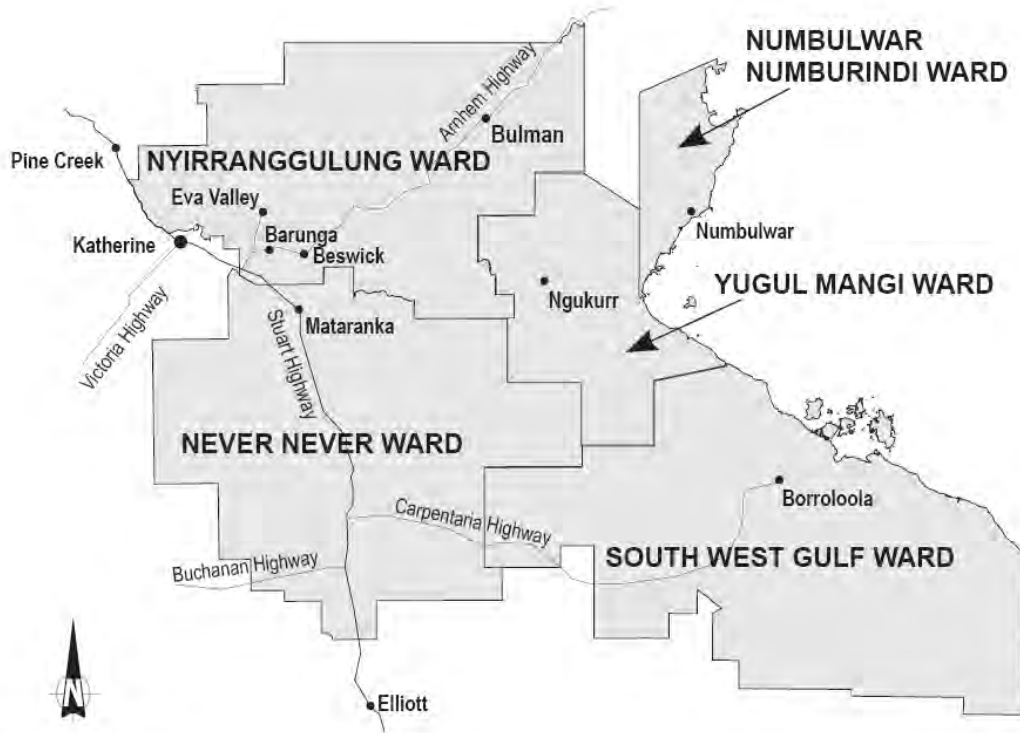


Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|---|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Never Never | 690 | 7 | 3 | | 54.3 | | 8.3 | |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Numbulwar Numburindi | 493 | 2 | 1 | | 39.1 | | 11.4 | |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Nyirranggulung | 893 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 40.3 | 44.0 | 7.8 | 8.4 |
| Roper Gulf Shire - South West Gulf | 908 | 6 | 3 | | 50.9 | | 7.4 | |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Yugul Mangi | 683 | 4 | 2 | | 32.5 | | 9.0 | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Ward | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|
| Roper Gulf Shire - Never Never | LANSEN, Peter | |
| | HERZOG, Michael | |
| | O'BRIEN, Clair | ELECTED |
| | JOSHUA, Sheila | ELECTED |
| | SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald | ELECTED |
| | SWANSON, Sweeney | |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Numbulwar Numburindi | NUMAMURDIRDI, Kathy-Anne | ELECTED |
| | IDAI, Isaac | |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Nyirranggulung | ANDREWS, Andrea | ELECTED |
| | LANE, David | ELECTED |
| | MURRAY, Lazarus | ELECTED |
| | JUMBIRI, Mavis | |
| | HARNAS, Phill | |
| Roper Gulf Shire - South West Gulf | BAKER, Frazer | ELECTED |
| | ANDERSON, Stephen | ELECTED |
| | JACK, Tony | ELECTED |
| | EVANS, Samuel | |
| | ALLEN, Stanley Edward | |
| | RORY, Keith | |
| Roper Gulf Shire - Yugul Mangi | LANSEN, Jacob | ELECTED |
| | ROGERS, KEITH | |
| | DANIELS, David | ELECTED |
| | TAPAU, Callas | |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008
ROPER-GULF SHIRE
NEVER NEVER WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 690
 % Counted: 54.3
 No. Votes Required for Election: 173

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1 JOSHUA, Sheila | 175 |
| 2 SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald | 203 |
| 3 O'BRIEN, Clair | 172 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| | LANSEN, Peter | HERZOG, Michael | O'BRIEN, Clair | JOSHUA, Sheila | SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald | SWANSON, Sweeney | SMILER, Robert | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Katherine | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Mobile Team 6 | 31 | 17 | 34 | 67 | 57 | 14 | 52 | 272 | 29 | 301 |
| Mobile Team 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Early Votes | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 0 | 29 |
| Postal 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Postal / Declaration (inc. PV 14, EV 3, Absent 2) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| Regulation 22c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 33 | 19 | 50 | 69 | 102 | 17 | 54 | 344 | 31 | 375 |
| % | 9.6 | 5.5 | 14.5 | 20.1 | 29.7 | 4.9 | 15.7 | 91.7 | 8.3 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | LANSEN, Peter | HERZOG, Michael | O'BRIEN, Clair | JOSHUA, Sheila | SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald | SWANSON, Sweeney | SMILER, Robert | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 33 | 19 | 50 | 69 | 102 | 17 | 54 | 344 | 31 | 375 |
| SWANSON, Sweeney excluded | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | -17 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 34 | 19 | 50 | 79 | 102 | 0 | 60 | 344 | | |
| HERZOG, Michael excluded | 2 | -19 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 36 | 0 | 51 | 81 | 104 | 0 | 72 | 344 | | |
| LANSEN, Peter excluded | -36 | 0 | 10 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 61 | 100 | 104 | 0 | 79 | 344 | | |
| O'BRIEN, Clair excluded | 0 | 0 | -61 | 22 | 36 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 140 | 0 | 82 | 344 | | |
| SMILER, Robert excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 29 | 0 | -82 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 175 | 169 | 0 | 0 | 344 | | |
| % | | | | 50.9 | 49.1 | | | | | |

JOSHUA, Sheila elected

| Vacancy 2 | LANSEN, Peter | HERZOG, Michael | O'BRIEN, Clair | JOSHUA, Sheila | SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald | SWANSON, Sweeney | SMILER, Robert | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 33 | 19 | 50 | 69 | 102 | 17 | 54 | 344 | 31 | 375 |
| JOSHUA, Sheila elected | 8 | 0 | 14 | -69 | 8 | 37 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 41 | 19 | 64 | 0 | 110 | 54 | 56 | 344 | | |
| HERZOG, Michael excluded | 3 | -19 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 44 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 113 | 55 | 67 | 344 | | |
| LANSEN, Peter excluded | -44 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 23 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 117 | 78 | 72 | 344 | | |
| SMILER, Robert excluded | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 13 | 45 | -72 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0 | 130 | 123 | 0 | 344 | | |
| O'BRIEN, Clair excluded | 0 | 0 | -91 | 0 | 73 | 18 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 203 | 141 | 0 | 344 | | |
| % | | | | | 59.0 | 41.0 | | | | |

SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald elected

| Vacancy 3 | LANSEN, Peter | HERZOG, Michael | O'BRIEN, Clair | JOSHUA, Sheila | SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald | SWANSON, Sweeney | SMILER, Robert | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 33 | 19 | 50 | 69 | 102 | 17 | 54 | 344 | 31 | 375 |
| JOSHUA, Sheila elected | 9 | 1 | 16 | -69 | 0 | 41 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 42 | 20 | 66 | 0 | 102 | 58 | 56 | 344 | | |
| SULLIVAN, Rohan McDonald elected | 3 | 9 | 61 | 0 | -102 | 10 | 19 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 45 | 29 | 127 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 75 | 344 | | |
| HERZOG, Michael excluded | 5 | -29 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 50 | 0 | 133 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 90 | 344 | | |
| LANSEN, Peter excluded | -50 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 148 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 96 | 344 | | |
| SMILER, Robert excluded | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 72 | -96 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 172 | 0 | 0 | 172 | 0 | 344 | | |
| % | | | 50.0 | | | 50.0 | | | | |

O'BRIEN, Clair elected
as a result of a draw by lot

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

ROPER-GULF SHIRE

NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD - ELECTION OF ONE ORDINARY MEMBER

Electors on Roll: 493
 % Counted: 39.1
 No. Votes Required for Election: 86

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required, resulted in the following candidate being elected:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Votes |
| NUMAMURDIRDI, Kathy-Anne | 120 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | NUMAMURDIRDI, Kathy-Anne | IDAI, Isaac | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Katherine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Team 6 | 111 | 47 | 158 | 20 | 178 |
| Mobile Team 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Declaration (inc. 14 Absent, 1 Early Vote) | 9 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| Postal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 120 | 51 | 171 | 22 | 193 |
| % | <i>70.2</i> | <i>29.8</i> | <i>88.6</i> | <i>11.4</i> | |

NUMAMURDIRDI, Kathy-Anne elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

ROPER-GULF SHIRE

NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 893
 % Counted: 40.3
 No. Votes Required for Election: 167

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 ANDREWS, Andrea | 173 |
| 2 LANE, David | 175 |
| 3 MURRAY, Lazarus | 184 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|---|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | ANDREWS, Andrea | LANE, David | MURRAY, Lazarus | JUMBIRI, Mavis | HARNAS, Phill | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Katherine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Mobile Team 6 | 70 | 85 | 69 | 52 | 24 | 300 | 26 | 326 |
| Mobile Team 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Early Votes | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| Postal / Declaration (inc. PV 5, EV 6, Absent 7) | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 80 | 87 | 74 | 57 | 34 | 332 | 28 | 360 |
| % | 24.1 | 26.2 | 22.3 | 17.2 | 10.2 | 92.2 | 7.8 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | ANDREWS, Andrea | LANE, David | MURRAY, Lazarus | JUMBIRI, Mavis | HARNAS, Phill | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 80 | 87 | 74 | 57 | 34 | 332 | 28 | 360 |
| HARNAS, Phill excluded | 12 | 11 | 5 | 6 | -34 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 92 | 98 | 79 | 63 | 0 | 332 | | |
| JUMBIRI, Mavis excluded | 25 | 21 | 17 | -63 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 117 | 119 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 332 | | |
| MURRAY, Lazarus excluded | 56 | 40 | -96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 173 | 159 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 332 | | |
| % | 52.1 | 47.9 | | | | | | |

ANDREWS, Andrea elected

| Vacancy 2 | ANDREWS, Andrea | LANE, David | MURRAY, Lazarus | JUMBIRI, Mavis | HARNAS, Phill | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 80 | 87 | 74 | 57 | 34 | 332 | 28 | 360 |
| ANDREWS, Andrea elected | -80 | 26 | 28 | 22 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 113 | 102 | 79 | 38 | 332 | | |
| HARNAS, Phill excluded | 0 | 15 | 12 | 11 | -38 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 128 | 114 | 90 | 0 | 332 | | |
| JUMBIRI, Mavis excluded | 0 | 47 | 43 | -90 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 175 | 157 | 0 | 0 | 332 | | |
| % | | 52.7 | 47.3 | | | | | |

LANE, David elected

| Vacancy 3 | ANDREWS, Andrea | LANE, David | MURRAY, Lazarus | JUMBIRI, Mavis | HARNAS, Phill | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 80 | 87 | 74 | 57 | 34 | 332 | 28 | 360 |
| ANDREWS, Andrea elected | -80 | 0 | 47 | 26 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 87 | 121 | 83 | 41 | 332 | | |
| LANE, David elected | 0 | -87 | 34 | 33 | 20 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 155 | 116 | 61 | 332 | | |
| HARNAS, Phill excluded | 0 | 0 | 29 | 32 | -61 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 184 | 148 | 0 | 332 | | |
| % | | | 55.4 | 44.6 | | | | |

MURRAY, Lazarus elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

ROPER-GULF SHIRE

SOUTH WEST GULF WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 908
 % Counted: 50.9
 No. Votes Required for Election: 215

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 JACK, Tony | 266 |
| 2 BAKER, Frazer | 228 |
| 3 ANDERSON, Stephen | 224 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|---|---|-------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | BAKER, Frazer | ANDERSON, Stephen | JACK, Tony | EVANS, Samuel | ALLEN, Stanley Edward | RORY, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Katherine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Team 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Mobile Team 7 | 68 | 51 | 102 | 41 | 89 | 26 | 377 | 33 | 410 |
| Postal | 10 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 18 |
| Postal / Declaration (inc. PV 4, EV 11, Absent 11) | 6 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 85 | 58 | 115 | 44 | 96 | 30 | 428 | 34 | 462 |
| | % | 19.9 | 13.6 | 26.9 | 10.3 | 22.4 | 92.6 | 7.4 | |

Distribution of Preferences:

| Vacancy 1 | BAKER, Frazer | ANDERSON, Stephen | JACK, Tony | EVANS, Samuel | ALLEN, Stanley Edward | RORY, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 85 | 58 | 115 | 44 | 96 | 30 | 428 | 34 | 462 |
| RORY, Keith excluded | 1 | 2 | 15 | 6 | 6 | -30 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 86 | 60 | 130 | 50 | 102 | 0 | 428 | | |
| EVANS, Samuel excluded | 10 | 6 | 20 | -50 | 14 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 96 | 66 | 150 | 0 | 116 | 0 | 428 | | |
| ANDERSON, Stephen excluded | 16 | -66 | 37 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 112 | 0 | 187 | 0 | 129 | 0 | 428 | | |
| BAKER, Frazer excluded | -112 | 0 | 79 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 266 | 0 | 162 | 0 | 428 | | |
| | % | | 62.1 | | 37.9 | | | | |

JACK, Tony elected

| Vacancy 2 | BAKER, Frazer | ANDERSON, Stephen | JACK, Tony | EVANS, Samuel | ALLEN, Stanley Edward | RORY, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 85 | 58 | 115 | 44 | 96 | 30 | 428 | 34 | 462 |
| JACK, Tony elected | 23 | 30 | -115 | 34 | 10 | 18 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 108 | 88 | 0 | 78 | 106 | 48 | 428 | | |
| RORY, Keith excluded | 11 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 15 | -48 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 119 | 91 | 0 | 97 | 121 | 0 | 428 | | |
| ANDERSON, Stephen excluded | 43 | -91 | 0 | 27 | 21 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 162 | 0 | 0 | 124 | 142 | 0 | 428 | | |
| EVANS, Samuel excluded | 66 | 0 | 0 | -124 | 58 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 228 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 428 | | |
| | % | 53.3 | | | 46.7 | | | | |

BAKER, Frazer elected

| Vacancy 3 | BAKER, Frazer | ANDERSON, Stephen | JACK, Tony | EVANS, Samuel | ALLEN, Stanley Edward | RORY, Keith | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 85 | 58 | 115 | 44 | 96 | 30 | 428 | 34 | 462 |
| JACK, Tony elected | 0 | 40 | -115 | 41 | 14 | 20 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 85 | 98 | 0 | 85 | 110 | 50 | 428 | | |
| BAKER, Frazer elected | -85 | 31 | 0 | 25 | 24 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 129 | 0 | 110 | 134 | 55 | 428 | | |
| RORY, Keith excluded | 0 | 11 | 0 | 25 | 19 | -55 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 140 | 0 | 135 | 153 | 0 | 428 | | |
| EVANS, Samuel excluded | 0 | 84 | 0 | -135 | 51 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 224 | 0 | 0 | 204 | 0 | 428 | | |
| | % | 52.3 | | | 47.7 | | | | |

ANDERSON, Stephen elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

ROPER-GULF SHIRE

YUGUL MANGI WARD - ELECTION OF TWO ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 683
 % Counted: 32.5
 No. Votes Required for Election: 102

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 DANIELS, David | 104 |
| 2 LANSEN, Jacob | 109 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | LANSEN, Jacob | ROGERS, Keith | DANIELS, David | TAPAU, Callas | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Katherine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Mobile Team 6 | 58 | 45 | 57 | 16 | 176 | 19 | 195 |
| Mobile Team 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Early Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Postal / Declaration (inc. PV 2, EV 12, Absent 10) | 12 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 24 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 70 | 51 | 65 | 16 | 202 | 20 | 222 |
| % | <i>34.7</i> | <i>25.2</i> | <i>32.2</i> | <i>7.9</i> | <i>91.0</i> | <i>9.0</i> | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | LANSEN, Jacob | ROGERS, Keith | DANIELS, David | TAPAU, Callas | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 70 | 51 | 65 | 16 | 202 | 20 | 222 |
| TAPAU, Callas excluded | 5 | 4 | 7 | -16 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 75 | 55 | 72 | 0 | 202 | | |
| ROGERS, Keith excluded | 23 | -55 | 32 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 98 | 0 | 104 | 0 | 202 | | |
| % | <i>48.5</i> | | <i>51.5</i> | | | | |

DANIELS, David elected

| Vacancy 2 | LANSEN, Jacob | ROGERS, Keith | DANIELS, David | TAPAU, Callas | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 70 | 51 | 65 | 16 | 202 | 20 | 222 |
| DANIELS, David elected | 30 | 29 | -65 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 100 | 80 | 0 | 22 | 202 | | |
| TAPAU, Callas excluded | 9 | 13 | 0 | -22 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 109 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 202 | | |
| % | <i>54.0</i> | <i>46.0</i> | | | | | |

LANSEN, Jacob elected

Council Snapshot



Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Milikapiti | 284 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Nguiu | 960 | 10 | 5 | | 58.5 | | 6.2 | |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Pirlangimpi | 251 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 64.5 | 59.8 | 0.0 | 4.8 |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Wurankuwu | 38 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Milikapiti | BOYD, David | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| | DE SANTIS, Lynette Jane | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| | MUNGATOPI, Raelene Joyce | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Nguui | KERINAIUA, Adam | |
| | TUNGATULUM, Leslie | |
| | TIPILOURA, Bernard | |
| | MINNIECON, Frank | |
| | KERINAIUA, Walter | ELECTED |
| | JOHNSON, Crystal | |
| | TUNGUTALUM, Richard | ELECTED |
| | PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita | ELECTED |
| | PURUNTATAMERI, Barry | ELECTED |
| KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | ELECTED | |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Pirlangimpi | DUNN, Henry | ELECTED |
| | PURUNTATAMERI, Alberta | |
| | RIOLI, Manyi | ELECTED |
| | PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr | ELECTED |
| Tiwi Islands Shire - Wurankuwu | TIPANGWUTI, Kathleen | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008
TIWI ISLANDS SHIRE
NGUIU WARD - ELECTION OF FIVE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 960
 % Counted: 58.5
 No. Votes Required for Election: 264

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1 PURUNTATAMERI, Barry | 349 |
| 2 KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | 289 |
| 3 PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita | 288 |
| 4 KERINAUIA, Walter | 285 |
| 5 TUNGUTALUM, Richard | 272 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | KERINAUIA, Adam | TUNGATULUM, Leslie | TIPILOURA, Bernard | MINNIECON, Frank | KERINAUIA, Walter | JOHNSON, Crystal | TUNGUTALUM, Richard | PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita | PURUNTATAMERI, Barry | KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Mobile Team 2 | 52 | 39 | 48 | 25 | 46 | 23 | 26 | 29 | 140 | 83 | 511 | 34 | 545 |
| Early Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Absent inc 2 Postal Votes | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 53 | 41 | 49 | 27 | 46 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 145 | 84 | 527 | 35 | 562 |
| | % 10.1 | 7.8 | 9.3 | 5.1 | 8.7 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 27.5 | 15.9 | 93.8 | 6.2 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | KERINAUIA, Adam | TUNGATULUM, Leslie | TIPILOURA, Bernard | MINNIECON, Frank | KERINAUIA, Walter | JOHNSON, Crystal | TUNGUTALUM, Richard | PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita | PURUNTATAMERI, Barry | KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 53 | 41 | 49 | 27 | 46 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 145 | 84 | 527 | 35 | 562 |
| JOHNSON, Crystal excluded | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | -23 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 53 | 41 | 50 | 30 | 50 | 0 | 27 | 37 | 152 | 87 | 527 | | |
| TUNGUTALUM, Richard excluded | 2 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | -27 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 55 | 53 | 51 | 32 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 158 | 88 | 527 | | |
| MINNIECON, Frank excluded | 3 | 4 | 7 | -32 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 58 | 57 | 58 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 160 | 91 | 527 | | |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita excluded | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | -43 | 32 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 59 | 57 | 62 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 192 | 92 | 527 | | |
| TUNGATULUM, Leslie excluded | 8 | -57 | 12 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 14 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 67 | 0 | 74 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 106 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Adam excluded | -67 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 18 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 95 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 124 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Walter excluded | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | -90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 25 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 117 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 261 | 149 | 527 | | |
| TIPILOURA, Bernard excluded | 0 | 0 | -117 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 29 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 349 | 178 | 527 | | |
| | % | | | | | | | | 66.2 | 33.8 | | | |

PURUNTATAMERI, Barry elected

| Vacancy 2 | KERINAUIA, Adam | TUNGATULUM, Leslie | TIPILOURA, Bernard | MINNIECON, Frank | KERINAUIA, Walter | JOHNSON, Crystal | TUNGATULUM, Richard | PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita | PURUNTATAMERI, Barry | KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 53 | 41 | 49 | 27 | 46 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 145 | 84 | 527 | 35 | 562 |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Barry elected | 4 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 62 | -145 | 46 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 57 | 45 | 57 | 30 | 53 | 30 | 31 | 94 | 0 | 130 | 527 | | |
| MINNIECON, Frank excluded | 3 | 1 | 7 | -30 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 60 | 46 | 64 | 0 | 59 | 36 | 31 | 96 | 0 | 135 | 527 | | |
| TUNGATULUM, Richard excluded | 1 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | -31 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 61 | 59 | 68 | 0 | 60 | 41 | 0 | 98 | 0 | 140 | 527 | | |
| JOHNSON, Crystal excluded | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 12 | -41 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 8 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 64 | 63 | 72 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 0 | 148 | 527 | | |
| TUNGATULUM, Leslie excluded | 10 | -63 | 14 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 74 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 113 | 0 | 164 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Adam excluded | -74 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 27 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 112 | 0 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 191 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Walter excluded | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | -104 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 39 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 0 | 230 | 527 | | |
| TIPILOURA, Bernard excluded | 0 | 0 | -140 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 0 | 59 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 238 | 0 | 289 | 527 | | |
| % | | | | | | | | 45.2 | | 54.8 | | | |

KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier elected

| Vacancy 3 | KERINAUIA, Adam | TUNGATULUM, Leslie | TIPILOURA, Bernard | MINNIECON, Frank | KERINAUIA, Walter | JOHNSON, Crystal | TUNGATULUM, Richard | PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita | PURUNTATAMERI, Barry | KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 53 | 41 | 49 | 27 | 46 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 145 | 84 | 527 | 35 | 562 |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Barry elected | 7 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 14 | 9 | 8 | 82 | -145 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 60 | 48 | 61 | 33 | 60 | 32 | 35 | 114 | 0 | 84 | 527 | | |
| KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier elected | 10 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 16 | 0 | 13 | 20 | 0 | -84 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 70 | 60 | 69 | 38 | 76 | 32 | 48 | 134 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| JOHNSON, Crystal excluded | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | -32 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 72 | 61 | 74 | 41 | 85 | 0 | 51 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| MINNIECON, Frank excluded | 4 | 5 | 10 | -41 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 76 | 66 | 84 | 0 | 96 | 0 | 53 | 152 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| TUNGATULUM, Richard excluded | 2 | 26 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 0 | -53 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 78 | 92 | 91 | 0 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 162 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Adam excluded | -78 | 32 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 124 | 103 | 0 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 184 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| TIPILOURA, Bernard excluded | 0 | 33 | -103 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 157 | 0 | 0 | 152 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Walter excluded | 0 | 82 | 0 | 0 | -152 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 239 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 288 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| % | | 45.4 | | | | | | 54.6 | | | | | |

PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita elected

| Vacancy 4 | KERINAUIA, Adam | TUNGATULUM, Leslie | TIPILOURA, Bernard | MINNIECON, Frank | KERINAUIA, Walter | JOHNSON, Crystal | TUNGATULUM, Richard | PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita | PURUNTATAMERI, Barry | KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 53 | 41 | 49 | 27 | 46 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 145 | 84 | 527 | 35 | 562 |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Barry elected | 16 | 14 | 22 | 12 | 22 | 23 | 36 | 0 | -145 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 69 | 55 | 71 | 39 | 68 | 46 | 63 | 32 | 0 | 84 | 527 | | |
| KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier elected | 13 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 18 | 2 | 24 | 0 | 0 | -84 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 82 | 67 | 81 | 44 | 86 | 48 | 87 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita elected | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 9 | -32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 85 | 70 | 85 | 46 | 93 | 52 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| MINNIECON, Frank excluded | 5 | 7 | 12 | -46 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 90 | 77 | 97 | 0 | 103 | 60 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| JOHNSON, Crystal excluded | 6 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 20 | -60 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 96 | 84 | 111 | 0 | 123 | 0 | 113 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| TUNGATULUM, Leslie excluded | 8 | -84 | 26 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 104 | 0 | 137 | 0 | 141 | 0 | 145 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Adam excluded | -104 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 183 | 0 | 175 | 0 | 169 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| TUNGATULUM, Richard excluded | 0 | 0 | 59 | 0 | 110 | 0 | -169 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 242 | 0 | 285 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| % | | | 45.9 | | 54.1 | | | | | | | | |

KERINAUIA, Walter elected

| Vacancy 5 | KERINAUIA, Adam | TUNGATULUM, Leslie | TIPILOURA, Bernard | MINNIECON, Frank | KERINAUIA, Walter | JOHNSON, Crystal | TUNGATULUM, Richard | PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita | PURUNTATAMERI, Barry | KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 53 | 41 | 49 | 27 | 46 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 145 | 84 | 527 | 35 | 562 |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Barry elected | 18 | 15 | 31 | 14 | 0 | 26 | 41 | 0 | -145 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 71 | 56 | 80 | 41 | 46 | 49 | 68 | 32 | 0 | 84 | 527 | | |
| KURRUPUWU, Francis Xavier elected | 19 | 20 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 0 | 0 | -84 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 90 | 76 | 92 | 47 | 46 | 51 | 93 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Teresita elected | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 10 | -32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 95 | 81 | 97 | 49 | 46 | 56 | 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Walter elected | 4 | 11 | 6 | 1 | -46 | 10 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 99 | 92 | 103 | 50 | 0 | 66 | 117 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| MINNIECON, Frank excluded | 8 | 7 | 16 | -50 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 107 | 99 | 119 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| JOHNSON, Crystal excluded | 11 | 13 | 21 | 0 | 0 | -78 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 118 | 112 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| TUNGATULUM, Leslie excluded | 17 | -112 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 135 | 0 | 175 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 217 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| KERINAUIA, Adam excluded | -135 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 255 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 272 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | | |
| % | | | 48.4 | | | | 51.6 | | | | | | |

TUNGATULUM, Richard elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

**TIWI ISLANDS SHIRE
PIRLANGIMPI WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS**

Electors on Roll: 251
 % Counted: 64.5
 No. Votes Required for Election: 82

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 RIOLI, Manyi | 90 |
| 2 DUNN, Henry | 99 |
| 3 PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr | 84 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | DUNN, Henry | PURUNTATAMERI, Alberta | RIOLI, Manyi | PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Mobile Team 2 | 50 | 25 | 51 | 31 | 157 | 0 | 157 |
| Postal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Early 2, Absent 3 Votes | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 50 | 26 | 52 | 34 | 162 | 0 | 162 |
| % | 30.9 | 16.0 | 32.1 | 21.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | DUNN, Henry | PURUNTATAMERI, Alberta | RIOLI, Manyi | PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 50 | 26 | 52 | 34 | 162 | 0 | 162 |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Alberta excluded | 6 | -26 | 16 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 56 | 0 | 68 | 38 | 162 | | |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr excluded | 16 | 0 | 22 | -38 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 72 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 162 | | |
| % | 44.4 | | 55.6 | | | | |

RIOLI, Manyi elected

| Vacancy 2 | DUNN, Henry | PURUNTATAMERI, Alberta | RIOLI, Manyi | PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 50 | 26 | 52 | 34 | 162 | 0 | 162 |
| RIOLI, Manyi elected | 25 | 12 | -52 | 15 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 75 | 38 | 0 | 49 | 162 | | |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Alberta excluded | 24 | -38 | 0 | 14 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 99 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 162 | | |
| % | 61.1 | | | 38.9 | | | |

DUNN, Henry elected

| Vacancy 3 | DUNN, Henry | PURUNTATAMERI, Alberta | RIOLI, Manyi | PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 50 | 26 | 52 | 34 | 162 | 0 | 162 |
| RIOLI, Manyi elected | 0 | 30 | -52 | 22 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 50 | 56 | 0 | 56 | 162 | | |
| DUNN, Henry elected | -50 | 22 | 0 | 28 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 78 | 0 | 84 | 162 | | |
| | % | 48.1 | | 51.9 | | | |
| PURUNTATAMERI, Marius Snr elected | | | | | | | |

Council Snapshot



Victoria Daly
SHIRE COUNCIL

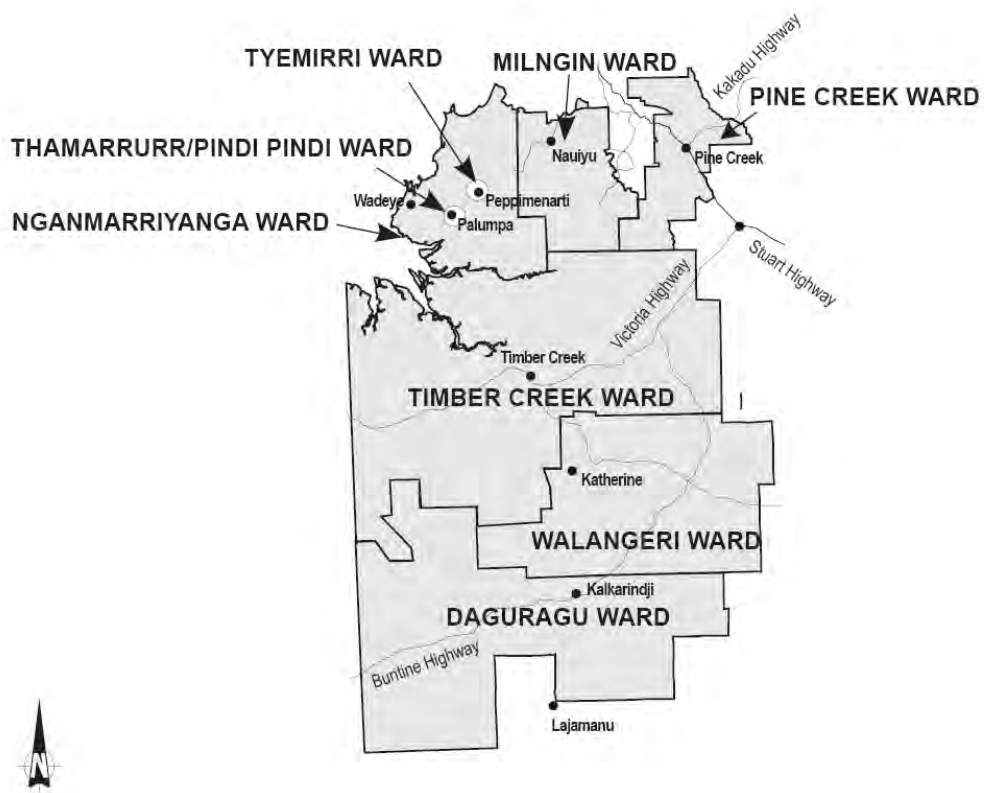


Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|---|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Daguragu | 434 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Milngin | 383 | 2 | 1 | | 59.3 | | 8.8 | |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Nganmariyanga | 206 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Pine Creek | 251 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 46.1 | | 7.4 |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Thamarurr/Pindi Pindi | 1265 | 5 | 4 | | 42.1 | | 6.8 | |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Timber Creek | 437 | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Tyemirri | 103 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Walangeri | 294 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|--|--|--|
| Victoria Daly Shire - Daguragu | FRITH, Roslyn | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Milngin | McTAGGART, Andrew SULLIVAN, Betty | ELECTED |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Nganmariyanga | MINJIN, Wally | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Pine Creek | WOOLDRIDGE, Ray | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi | PARRY, Bernard HEWITT, David BUNDUCK, Michael DUMOO, Timothy MURIELLE, Bryan | ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED ELECTED |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Timber Creek | HENNESSY, Steve WEGENER, Don | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Tyemirri | WILSON, Harold Stephen | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |
| Victoria Daly Shire - Walangeri | KING, Reginald | <i>Elected Unopposed</i> |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

VICTORIA-DALY SHIRE

MILNGIN WARD - ELECTION OF ONE ORDINARY MEMBER

Electors on Roll: 383
 % Counted: 59.3
 No. Votes Required for Election: 104

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required, resulted in the following candidate being elected:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| | Final Votes |
| McTAGGART, Andrew | 140 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| | McTAGGART, Andrew | SULLIVAN, Betty | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Katherine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Team 8 | 135 | 62 | 197 | 20 | 217 |
| Declaration (inc. 7 Early Votes, 3 Postal) | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 140 | 67 | 207 | 20 | 227 |
| % | 67.6 | 32.4 | 97.2 | 8.8 | |

McTAGGART, Andrew elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

VICTORIA-DALY SHIRE

THAMARRURR/PINDI PINDI WARD - ELECTION OF FOUR ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 1265
 % Counted: 42.1
 No. Votes Required for Election: 249

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 BUNDUCK, Michael | 263 |
| 2 DUMOO, Timothy | 319 |
| 3 MURIELLE, Bryan | 250 |
| 4 PARRY, Bernard | 273 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--|---|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | PARRY, Bernard | HEWITT, David | BUNDUCK, Michael | DUMOO, Timothy | MURIELLE, Bryan | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Katherine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Team 8 | 63 | 21 | 261 | 72 | 72 | 489 | 36 | 525 |
| Declaration (inc. PV 3, EV 3, Absent 1) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 63 | 22 | 263 | 76 | 72 | 496 | 36 | 532 |
| % | 12.7 | 4.4 | 53.0 | 15.3 | 14.5 | 93.2 | 6.8 | |

BUNDUCK, Michael elected 1st vacancy

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 2 | PARRY, Bernard | HEWITT, David | BUNDUCK, Michael | DUMOO, Timothy | MURIELLE, Bryan | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 63 | 22 | 263 | 76 | 72 | 496 | 36 | 532 |
| BUNDUCK, Michael elected | 34 | 21 | -263 | 141 | 67 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 97 | 43 | 0 | 217 | 139 | 496 | | |
| HEWITT, David excluded | 28 | -43 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 125 | 0 | 0 | 230 | 141 | 496 | | |
| PARRY, Bernard excluded | -125 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 36 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 319 | 177 | 496 | | |
| % | | | | 64.3 | 35.7 | | | |

DUMOO, Timothy elected

| Vacancy 3 | PARRY, Bernard | HEWITT, David | BUNDUCK, Michael | DUMOO, Timothy | MURIELLE, Bryan | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 63 | 22 | 263 | 76 | 72 | 496 | 36 | 532 |
| BUNDUCK, Michael elected | 50 | 35 | -263 | 0 | 178 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 113 | 57 | 0 | 76 | 250 | 496 | | |
| % | 22.8 | 11.5 | | 15.3 | 50.4 | | | |

MURIELLE, Bryan elected

| Vacancy 4 | PARRY, Bernard | HEWITT, David | BUNDUCK, Michael | DUMOO, Timothy | MURIELLE, Bryan | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 63 | 22 | 263 | 76 | 72 | 496 | 36 | 532 |
| BUNDUCK, Michael elected | 138 | 125 | -263 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 201 | 147 | 0 | 76 | 72 | 496 | | |
| DUMOO, Timothy elected | 42 | 34 | 0 | -76 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 243 | 181 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 496 | | |
| MURIELLE, Bryan elected | 30 | 42 | 0 | 0 | -72 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 273 | 223 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 496 | | |
| % | 55.0 | 45.0 | | | | | | |

PARRY, Bernard elected

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL



Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| Wagait Shire Council | 219 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 84.9 | 84.9 | 3.2 | 3.2 |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Wagait Shire Council | WENTRIRO, Warren | |
| | MAGNOLI, Rocco | ELECTED |
| | DUNCAN, Karen | ELECTED |
| | SUTTON, Trevor | |
| | CARRIGAN, Jane | ELECTED |
| | WITHNALL, Darryl | ELECTED |
| | CLEE, Peter | ELECTED |
| | McINTYRE, Trish | ELECTED |
| | LAMONT, Vera | ELECTED |
| | WALFORD, Simon | |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

WAGAIT SHIRE

ELECTION OF SEVEN ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 219
 % Counted: 84.9
 No. Votes Required for Election: 91

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required, resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 CLEE, Peter | 109 |
| 2 DUNCAN, Karen | 105 |
| 3 McINTYRE, Trish | 91 |
| 4 MAGNOLI, Rocco | 95 |
| 5 CARRIGAN, Jane | 101 |
| 6 WITHNALL, Darryl | 95 |
| 7 LAMONT, Vera | 107 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|--|
| | WENTRIRO, Warren | MAGNOLI, Rocco | DUNCAN, Karen | SUTTON, Trevor | CARRIGAN, Jane | WITHNALL, Darryl | CLEE, Peter | McINTYRE, Trish | LAMONT, Vera | WALFORD, Simon | Formal | Informal | Total | |
| Wagait | 15 | 11 | 18 | 7 | 18 | 23 | 31 | 18 | 8 | 17 | 166 | 5 | 171 | |
| Early Votes | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | |
| Absent Votes inc 3 Postal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 7 | |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 17 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 33 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | 6 | 186 | |
| | % 9.4 | 6.1 | 11.7 | 3.9 | 12.2 | 12.6 | 18.3 | 11.1 | 5.0 | 9.4 | 96.6 | 3.2 | | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | WENTRIRO, Warren | MAGNOLI, Rocco | DUNCAN, Karen | SUTTON, Trevor | CARRIGAN, Jane | WITHNALL, Darryl | CLEE, Peter | McINTYRE, Trish | LAMONT, Vera | WALFORD, Simon | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 17 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 33 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | 6 | 186 |
| SUTTON, Trevor excluded | 0 | 2 | 0 | -7 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 17 | 13 | 21 | 0 | 24 | 23 | 36 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | | |
| LAMONT, Vera excluded | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -9 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 17 | 14 | 25 | 0 | 27 | 23 | 36 | 21 | 0 | 17 | 180 | | |
| MAGNOLI, Rocco excluded | 2 | -14 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 19 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 28 | 25 | 41 | 21 | 0 | 17 | 180 | | |
| WALFORD, Simon excluded | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | -17 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 19 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 35 | 27 | 44 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| WENTRIRO, Warren excluded | -19 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 36 | 29 | 47 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| WITHNALL, Darryl excluded | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | -29 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 56 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| McINTYRE, Trish excluded | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 23 | -35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| DUNCAN, Karen excluded | 0 | 0 | -50 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 0 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| | % | | | | 39.4 | | 60.6 | | | | | | |

CLEE, Peter elected

| Vacancy 2 | WENTRIRO, Warren | MAGNOLI, Rocco | DUNCAN, Karen | SUTTON, Trevor | CARRIGAN, Jane | WITHNALL, Darryl | CLEE, Peter | McINTYRE, Trish | LAMONT, Vera | WALFORD, Simon | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 17 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 33 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | 6 | 186 |
| CLEE, Peter elected | 0 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 | -33 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 17 | 19 | 28 | 8 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 28 | 11 | 19 | 180 | | |
| SUTTON, Trevor excluded | 1 | 4 | 0 | -8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 18 | 23 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 25 | 0 | 28 | 11 | 19 | 180 | | |
| LAMONT, Vera excluded | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -11 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 19 | 24 | 32 | 0 | 31 | 25 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 20 | 180 | | |
| WENTRIRO, Warren excluded | -19 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 24 | 36 | 0 | 33 | 28 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 20 | 180 | | |
| WALFORD, Simon excluded | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -20 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 29 | 39 | 0 | 40 | 30 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| MAGNOLI, Rocco excluded | 0 | -29 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 57 | 0 | 46 | 33 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| WITHNALL, Darryl excluded | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 10 | -33 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| CARRIGAN, Jane excluded | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | -56 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| | % | | 58.3 | | | | | 41.7 | | | | | |

DUNCAN, Karen elected

| Vacancy 3 | WENTRIRO, Warren | MAGNOLI, Rocco | DUNCAN, Karen | SUTTON, Trevor | CARRIGAN, Jane | WITHNALL, Darryl | CLEE, Peter | McINTYRE, Trish | LAMONT, Vera | WALFORD, Simon | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 17 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 33 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | 6 | 186 |
| CLEE, Peter elected | 1 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | -33 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 18 | 22 | 21 | 9 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 29 | 12 | 19 | 180 | | |
| DUNCAN, Karen elected | 1 | 5 | -21 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 19 | 27 | 0 | 9 | 29 | 28 | 0 | 32 | 14 | 22 | 180 | | |
| SUTTON, Trevor excluded | 1 | 4 | 0 | -9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 20 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 28 | 0 | 32 | 14 | 23 | 180 | | |
| LAMONT, Vera excluded | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | -14 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 21 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 28 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 26 | 180 | | |
| WENTRIRO, Warren excluded | -21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 33 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 26 | 180 | | |
| WALFORD, Simon excluded | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | -26 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 37 | 0 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| WITHNALL, Darryl excluded | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 12 | -37 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| MAGNOLI, Rocco excluded | 0 | -50 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| % | | | | | 49.4 | | | 50.6 | | | | | |

McINTYRE, Trish elected

| Vacancy 4 | WENTRIRO, Warren | MAGNOLI, Rocco | DUNCAN, Karen | SUTTON, Trevor | CARRIGAN, Jane | WITHNALL, Darryl | CLEE, Peter | McINTYRE, Trish | LAMONT, Vera | WALFORD, Simon | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 17 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 33 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | 6 | 186 |
| CLEE, Peter elected | 9 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | -33 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 26 | 23 | 21 | 9 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 20 | 12 | 19 | 180 | | |
| DUNCAN, Karen elected | 1 | 5 | -21 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 27 | 28 | 0 | 9 | 29 | 29 | 0 | 20 | 16 | 22 | 180 | | |
| McINTYRE, Trish elected | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | -20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 35 | 30 | 0 | 9 | 33 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 24 | 180 | | |
| SUTTON, Trevor excluded | 1 | 4 | 0 | -9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 36 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 25 | 180 | | |
| LAMONT, Vera excluded | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -18 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 38 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 180 | | |
| WITHNALL, Darryl excluded | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 11 | -31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 180 | | |
| WALFORD, Simon excluded | 7 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -36 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 54 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| WENTRIRO, Warren excluded | -54 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| % | | 52.8 | | | 47.2 | | | | | | | | |

MAGNOLI, Rocco elected

| Vacancy 5 | WENTRIRO, Warren | MAGNOLI, Rocco | DUNCAN, Karen | SUTTON, Trevor | CARRIGAN, Jane | WITHNALL, Darryl | CLEE, Peter | McINTYRE, Trish | LAMONT, Vera | WALFORD, Simon | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 17 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 33 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | 6 | 186 |
| CLEE, Peter elected | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 4 | -33 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 28 | 11 | 21 | 12 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 20 | 13 | 21 | 180 | | |
| DUNCAN, Karen elected | 1 | 0 | -21 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 29 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 32 | 31 | 0 | 20 | 19 | 25 | 180 | | |
| McINTYRE, Trish elected | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | -20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 37 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 36 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 27 | 180 | | |
| MAGNOLI, Rocco elected | 1 | -11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 38 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 38 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 28 | 180 | | |
| SUTTON, Trevor excluded | 3 | 0 | 0 | -13 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 33 | 180 | | |
| LAMONT, Vera excluded | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -25 | 12 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 180 | | |
| WITHNALL, Darryl excluded | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | -42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 180 | | |
| WALFORD, Simon excluded | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -58 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | | |
| % | 43.9 | | | | 56.1 | | | | | | | | |

CARRIGAN, Jane elected

| Vacancy 6 | WENTRIRO, Warren | MAGNOLI, Rocco | DUNCAN, Karen | SUTTON, Trevor | CARRIGAN, Jane | WITHNALL, Darryl | CLEE, Peter | McINTYRE, Trish | LAMONT, Vera | WALFORD, Simon | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 17 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 33 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | 6 | 186 |
| CLEE, Peter elected | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | -33 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 28 | 11 | 21 | 12 | 22 | 28 | 0 | 20 | 14 | 24 | 180 | | |
| DUNCAN, Karen elected | 2 | 0 | -21 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 30 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 22 | 33 | 0 | 20 | 23 | 28 | 180 | | |
| McINTYRE, Trish elected | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | -20 | 3 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 39 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 22 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 31 | 180 | | |
| MAGNOLI, Rocco elected | 1 | -11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 40 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 22 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 32 | 180 | | |
| CARRIGAN, Jane elected | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | -22 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 42 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 35 | 180 | | |
| SUTTON, Trevor excluded | 5 | 0 | 0 | -16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 42 | 180 | | |
| LAMONT, Vera excluded | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | -41 | 25 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 180 | | |
| WENTRIRO, Warren excluded | -56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 180 | | |
| % | | | | | | 52.8 | | | | 47.2 | | | |

WITHNALL, Darryl elected

| Vacancy 7 | WENTRIRO, Warren | MAGNOLI, Rocco | DUNCAN, Karen | SUTTON, Trevor | CARRIGAN, Jane | WITHNALL, Darryl | CLEE, Peter | McINTYRE, Trish | LAMONT, Vera | WALFORD, Simon | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 17 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 33 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 180 | 6 | 186 |
| CLEE, Peter elected | 12 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | -33 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 29 | 11 | 21 | 13 | 22 | 23 | 0 | 20 | 15 | 26 | 180 | | |
| DUNCAN, Karen elected | 2 | 0 | -21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 31 | 11 | 0 | 14 | 22 | 23 | 0 | 20 | 28 | 31 | 180 | | |
| McINTYRE, Trish elected | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -20 | 3 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 42 | 11 | 0 | 17 | 22 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 34 | 180 | | |
| MAGNOLI, Rocco elected | 3 | -11 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 45 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 22 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 36 | 180 | | |
| CARRIGAN, Jane elected | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | -22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 40 | 180 | | |
| WITHNALL, Darryl elected | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -23 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 56 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 41 | 180 | | |
| SUTTON, Trevor excluded | 8 | 0 | 0 | -26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 52 | 180 | | |
| WALFORD, Simon excluded | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | -52 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 0 | 180 | | |
| % | 40.6 | | | | | | | | 59.4 | | | | |

LAMONT, Vera elected

Council Snapshot

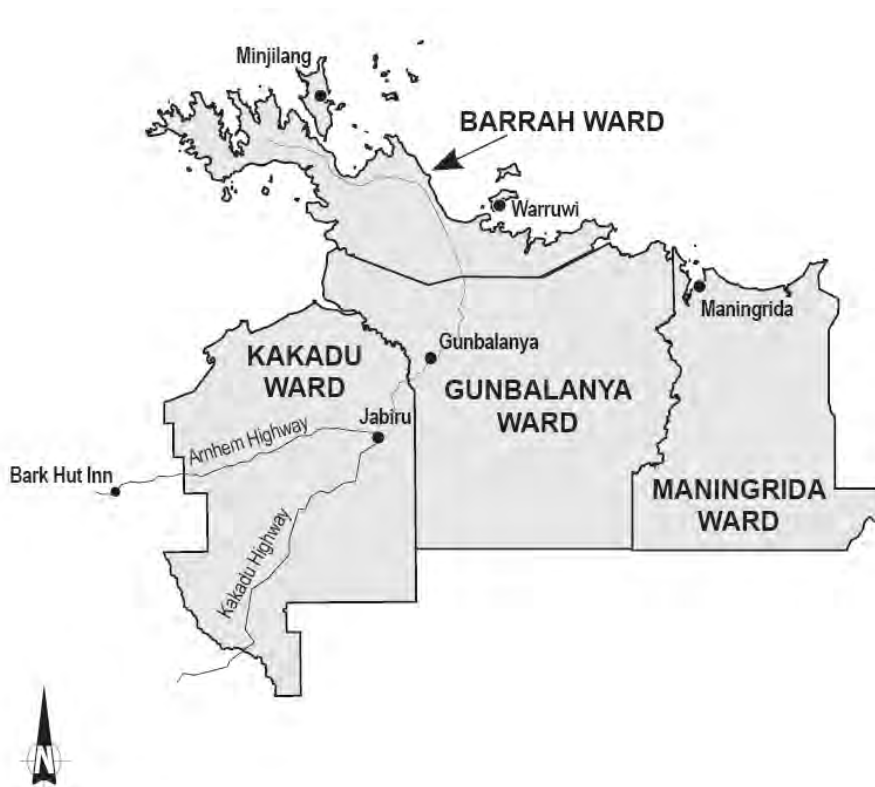


Table: Turnout and Informality Summary

| Council - Ward Name | Enrolment | No. Nominations | No. Vacancies | Average Candidates per Contested Election | TURNOUT | | INFORMALITY | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Election Turnout Contested Elections % | Turnout by Council - CONTESTED Elections % | Informality Contested Elections % | Informality by Council - CONTESTED Elections % |
| West Arnhem Shire - Barra | 476 | 8 | 3 | | 49.6 | | 11.4 | |
| West Arnhem Shire - Gunbalanya | 732 | 9 | 3 | | 63.4 | 42.9 | 17.0 | 10.2 |
| West Arnhem Shire - Kakadu | 759 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 54.4 | | 3.6 | |
| West Arnhem Shire - Maningrida | 1460 | 5 | 3 | | 24.4 | | 8.1 | |

Table: Result of Poll Summary - 25 October 2008

| Council | Name/Order on Ballot Paper | Status |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| West Arnhem Shire - Barrah | PERRY, Anne | |
| | MARRAWAL, James | |
| | COOPER, Reuben | |
| | OGDEN, Ken | |
| | LAMILAMI, Ronald | ELECTED |
| | GALAMINDA, Bunug | ELECTED |
| | WAUCHOPE, Kenneth | |
| | YARMIRR, Mary | ELECTED |
| West Arnhem Shire - Gunbalanya | WAUCHOPE, Barbara | |
| | SIEBERT, Angie Mary | |
| | ROURKE, Samantha | |
| | LAKER, Syd | |
| | DANN, Otto-Keith | |
| | SIEBERT, Lothar | |
| | GARNARRADJ, Andy | ELECTED |
| | GUMURDUL, Gabby | ELECTED |
| | NADJAMERREK, Lois | ELECTED |
| West Arnhem Shire - Kakadu | BALDWIN, Stephen | ELECTED |
| | COULSTON, John | |
| | HENRY, Sampson | |
| | WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese | |
| | NORTON, David | |
| | BLYTH, Ralph Francis | ELECTED |
| | IDDON, Donna | ELECTED |
| | NEWNHAM, Ian Stanley | |
| West Arnhem Shire - Maningrida | HERREEN, Dene Nigel | |
| | WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarrwala | ELECTED |
| | RYAN, Matthew | ELECTED |
| | NAMANURKI, Shane | |
| | DANAJA, Peter | ELECTED |

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

WEST ARNHEM SHIRE

BARRAH WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 476
 % Counted: 49.6
 No. Votes Required for Election: 105

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required, resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 LAMILAMI, Ronald | 129 |
| 2 GALAMINDA, Bunug | 116 |
| 3 YARMIRR, Mary | 111 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|--|
| | PERRY, Anne | MARRAWAL, James | COOPER, Reuben | OGDEN, Ken | LAMILAMI, Ronald | GALAMINDA, Bunug | WAUCHOPE, Kenneth | YARMIRR, Mary | Formal | Informal | Total | |
| Jabiru | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Mobile Team 1 | 21 | 7 | 1 | 14 | 66 | 36 | 0 | 45 | 190 | 23 | 213 | |
| Mobile Team 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 16 | |
| Early Voting | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 21 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 68 | 43 | 3 | 47 | 209 | 27 | 236 | |
| % | 10.0 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 7.2 | 32.5 | 20.6 | 1.4 | 22.5 | 88.6 | 11.4 | | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | PERRY, Anne | MARRAWAL, James | COOPER, Reuben | OGDEN, Ken | LAMILAMI, Ronald | GALAMINDA, Bunug | WAUCHOPE, Kenneth | YARMIRR, Mary | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 21 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 68 | 43 | 3 | 47 | 209 | 27 | 236 |
| WAUCHOPE, Kenneth excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 21 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 68 | 43 | 0 | 50 | 209 | | |
| COOPER, Reuben excluded | 0 | 0 | -5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 21 | 7 | 0 | 18 | 69 | 43 | 0 | 51 | 209 | | |
| MARRAWAL, James excluded | 2 | -7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 23 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 72 | 45 | 0 | 51 | 209 | | |
| OGDEN, Ken excluded | 1 | 0 | 0 | -18 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 45 | 0 | 62 | 209 | | |
| PERRY, Anne excluded | -24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 51 | 0 | 66 | 209 | | |
| GALAMINDA, Bunug excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | -51 | 0 | 14 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 209 | | |
| % | | | | | 61.7 | | | 38.3 | | | |

LAMILAMI, Ronald elected

| Vacancy 2 | PERRY, Anne | MARRAWAL, James | COOPER, Reuben | OGDEN, Ken | LAMILAMI, Ronald | GALAMINDA, Bunug | WAUCHOPE, Kenneth | YARMIRR, Mary | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 21 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 68 | 43 | 3 | 47 | 209 | 27 | 236 |
| LAMILAMI, Ronald elected | 13 | 11 | 1 | 3 | -68 | 32 | 0 | 8 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 34 | 18 | 6 | 18 | 0 | 75 | 3 | 55 | 209 | | |
| WAUCHOPE, Kenneth excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 34 | 18 | 6 | 18 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 58 | 209 | | |
| COOPER, Reuben excluded | 0 | 0 | -6 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 34 | 18 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 76 | 0 | 60 | 209 | | |
| MARRAWAL, James excluded | 9 | -18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 43 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 81 | 0 | 63 | 209 | | |
| OGDEN, Ken excluded | 5 | 0 | 0 | -22 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 0 | 79 | 209 | | |
| PERRY, Anne excluded | -48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 14 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 0 | 93 | 209 | | |
| % | | | | | | 55.5 | | 44.5 | | | |

GALAMINDA, Bunug elected

| Vacancy 3 | PERRY, Anne | MARRAWAL, James | COOPER, Reuben | OGDEN, Ken | LAMILAMI, Ronald | GALAMINDA, Bunug | WAUCHOPE, Kenneth | YARMIRR, Mary | Formal | Informal | Total |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 21 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 68 | 43 | 3 | 47 | 209 | 27 | 236 |
| LAMILAMI, Ronald elected | 20 | 23 | 1 | 5 | -68 | 0 | 3 | 16 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 41 | 30 | 6 | 20 | 0 | 43 | 6 | 63 | 209 | | |
| GALAMINDA, Bunug elected | 6 | 18 | 1 | 4 | 0 | -43 | 2 | 12 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 48 | 7 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 75 | 209 | | |
| COOPER, Reuben excluded | 1 | 1 | -7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 48 | 49 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 77 | 209 | | |
| WAUCHOPE, Kenneth excluded | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -8 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 49 | 49 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 209 | | |
| OGDEN, Ken excluded | 2 | 8 | 0 | -27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 51 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 209 | | |
| PERRY, Anne excluded | -51 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111 | 209 | | |
| % | | 46.9 | | | | | | 53.1 | | | |

YARMIRR, Mary elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

WEST ARNHAM SHIRE

GUNBALANYA WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 732
 % Counted: 63.4
 No. Votes Required for Election: 193

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

Final Votes

1 GUMURDUL, Gabby 224
 2 NADJAMERREK, Lois 226
 3 GARNARRADJ, Andy 212

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|
| | WAUCHOPE, Barbara | SIEBERT, Angie Mary | ROURKE, Samantha | LAKER, Syd | DANN, Otto-Keith | SIEBERT, Lothar | GARNARRADJ, Andy | GUMURDUL, Gabby | NADJAMERREK, Lois | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Jabiru | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 | |
| Mobile Team 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 12 | |
| Mobile Team 3 | 37 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 21 | 47 | 44 | 93 | 331 | 69 | 400 | |
| Early Voting | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 28 | 3 | 31 | |
| Absent Votes inc 1 Postal | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 15 | |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 45 | 16 | 8 | 12 | 26 | 55 | 46 | 105 | 385 | 79 | 464 | |
| % | 11.7 | 4.2 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 6.8 | 14.3 | 11.9 | 27.3 | 83.0 | 17.0 | | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | WAUCHOPE, Barbara | SIEBERT, Angie Mary | ROURKE, Samantha | LAKER, Syd | DANN, Otto-Keith | SIEBERT, Lothar | GARNARRADJ, Andy | GUMURDUL, Gabby | NADJAMERREK, Lois | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 45 | 16 | 8 | 12 | 26 | 55 | 46 | 105 | 72 | 385 | 79 | 464 |
| ROURKE, Samantha excluded | 2 | 0 | -8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 16 | 0 | 12 | 26 | 56 | 48 | 108 | 72 | 385 | | |
| LAKER, Syd excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | -12 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 56 | 49 | 110 | 75 | 385 | | |
| SIEBERT, Angie Mary excluded | 3 | -16 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 63 | 49 | 113 | 76 | 385 | | |
| DANN, Otto-Keith excluded | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -34 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 51 | 120 | 89 | 385 | | |
| GARNARRADJ, Andy excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | -51 | 35 | 13 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 155 | 102 | 385 | | |
| WAUCHOPE, Barbara excluded | -56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 22 | 19 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 0 | 177 | 121 | 385 | | |
| SIEBERT, Lothar excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -87 | 0 | 47 | 40 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 224 | 161 | 385 | | |
| % | | | | | | | | 58.2 | 41.8 | | | |

GUMURDUL, Gabby elected

| Vacancy 2 | WAUCHOPE, Barbara | SIEBERT, Angie Mary | ROURKE, Samantha | LAKER, Syd | DANN, Otto-Keith | SIEBERT, Lothar | GARNARRADJ, Andy | GUMURDUL, Gabby | NADJAMERREK, Lois | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 45 | 16 | 8 | 12 | 26 | 55 | 46 | 105 | 72 | 385 | 79 | 464 |
| GUMURDUL, Gabby elected | 2 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 31 | -105 | 40 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 17 | 20 | 14 | 41 | 57 | 77 | 0 | 112 | 385 | | |
| LAKER, Syd excluded | 0 | 0 | 1 | -14 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 47 | 17 | 21 | 0 | 49 | 58 | 78 | 0 | 115 | 385 | | |
| SIEBERT, Angie Mary excluded | 3 | -17 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 50 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 51 | 65 | 79 | 0 | 117 | 385 | | |
| ROURKE, Samantha excluded | 7 | 0 | -23 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 68 | 84 | 0 | 124 | 385 | | |
| DANN, Otto-Keith excluded | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -52 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 24 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 93 | 0 | 148 | 385 | | |
| WAUCHOPE, Barbara excluded | -70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 13 | 0 | 36 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 106 | 0 | 184 | 385 | | |
| SIEBERT, Lothar excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -95 | 53 | 0 | 42 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 159 | 0 | 226 | 385 | | |
| % | | | | | | | 41.3 | | 58.7 | | | |

NADJAMERREK, Lois elected

| Vacancy 3 | WAUCHOPE, Barbara | SIEBERT, Angie Mary | ROURKE, Samantha | LAKER, Syd | DANN, Otto-Keith | SIEBERT, Lothar | GARNARRADJ, Andy | GUMURDUL, Gabby | NADJAMERREK, Lois | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 45 | 16 | 8 | 12 | 26 | 55 | 46 | 105 | 72 | 385 | 79 | 464 |
| GUMURDUL, Gabby elected | 4 | 4 | 17 | 4 | 23 | 6 | 47 | -105 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 49 | 20 | 25 | 16 | 49 | 61 | 93 | 0 | 72 | 385 | | |
| NADJAMERREK, Lois elected | 11 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 18 | 0 | -72 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 60 | 23 | 35 | 17 | 77 | 62 | 111 | 0 | 0 | 385 | | |
| LAKER, Syd excluded | 1 | 0 | 2 | -17 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 61 | 23 | 37 | 0 | 88 | 63 | 113 | 0 | 0 | 385 | | |
| SIEBERT, Angie Mary excluded | 3 | -23 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 64 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 90 | 75 | 114 | 0 | 0 | 385 | | |
| ROURKE, Samantha excluded | 12 | 0 | -42 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 81 | 128 | 0 | 0 | 385 | | |
| WAUCHOPE, Barbara excluded | -76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 13 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141 | 94 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 385 | | |
| SIEBERT, Lothar excluded | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | -94 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 173 | 0 | 212 | 0 | 0 | 385 | | |
| % | | | | | 44.9 | | 55.1 | | | | | |

GARNARRADJ, Andy elected

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

WEST ARNHEM SHIRE
KAKADU WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 759
% Counted: 54.4
No. Votes Required for Election: 200

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | Final Votes |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 IDDON, Donna | 203 |
| 2 BLYTH, Ralph Francis | 223 |
| 3 BALDWIN, Stephen | 220 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| | BALDWIN, Stephen | COULSTON, John | HENRY, Sampson | WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese | NORTON, David | BLYTH, Ralph Francis | IDDON, Donna | NEWHAM, Ian Stanley | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Jabiru | 36 | 11 | 15 | 7 | 34 | 36 | 61 | 14 | 214 | 6 | 220 |
| Mobile Team 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Mobile Team 3 | 9 | 2 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 57 | 4 | 61 |
| Early Voting | 26 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 27 | 16 | 22 | 5 | 112 | 4 | 116 |
| Absent inc 6 Postal Votes | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 73 | 22 | 54 | 8 | 63 | 68 | 86 | 24 | 398 | 15 | 413 |
| % | 18.3 | 5.5 | 13.6 | 2.0 | 15.8 | 17.1 | 21.6 | 6.0 | 96.4 | 3.6 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | BALDWIN, Stephen | COULSTON, John | HENRY, Sampson | WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese | NORTON, David | BLYTH, Ralph Francis | IDDON, Donna | NEWHAM, Ian Stanley | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 73 | 22 | 54 | 8 | 63 | 68 | 86 | 24 | 398 | 15 | 413 |
| WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese excluded | 0 | 1 | 2 | -8 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 73 | 23 | 56 | 0 | 63 | 68 | 91 | 24 | 398 | | |
| COULSTON, John excluded | 3 | -23 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 76 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 69 | 72 | 97 | 26 | 398 | | |
| NEWHAM, Ian Stanley excluded | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 11 | -26 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 79 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 72 | 74 | 108 | 0 | 398 | | |
| HENRY, Sampson excluded | 10 | 0 | -65 | 0 | 13 | 32 | 10 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 106 | 118 | 0 | 398 | | |
| NORTON, David excluded | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -85 | 34 | 35 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 105 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 153 | 0 | 398 | | |
| BALDWIN, Stephen excluded | -105 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 50 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 195 | 203 | 0 | 398 | | |
| % | | | | | | 49.0 | 51.0 | | | | |

IDDON, Donna elected

| Vacancy 2 | BALDWIN, Stephen | COULSTON, John | HENRY, Sampson | WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese | NORTON, David | BLYTH, Ralph Francis | IDDON, Donna | NEWHAM, Ian Stanley | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 73 | 22 | 54 | 8 | 63 | 68 | 86 | 24 | 398 | 15 | 413 |
| IDDON, Donna elected | 26 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 28 | -86 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 99 | 28 | 57 | 13 | 78 | 96 | 0 | 27 | 398 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese excluded | 2 | 2 | 5 | -13 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 101 | 30 | 62 | 0 | 79 | 98 | 0 | 28 | 398 | | |
| NEWHAM, Ian Stanley excluded | 6 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | -28 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 107 | 32 | 74 | 0 | 83 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 398 | | |
| COULSTON, John excluded | 5 | -32 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 112 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 98 | 111 | 0 | 0 | 398 | | |
| HENRY, Sampson excluded | 16 | 0 | -77 | 0 | 19 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 128 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 117 | 153 | 0 | 0 | 398 | | |
| NORTON, David excluded | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -117 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 175 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 223 | 0 | 0 | 398 | | |
| % | 44.0 | | | | | 56.0 | | | | | |

BLYTH, Ralph Francis elected

| Vacancy 3 | BALDWIN, Stephen | COULSTON, John | HENRY, Sampson | WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese | NORTON, David | BLYTH, Ralph Francis | IDDON, Donna | NEWMHAM, Ian Stanley | Formal | Informal | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 73 | 22 | 54 | 8 | 63 | 68 | 88 | 24 | 398 | 15 | 413 |
| IDDON, Donna elected | 39 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 20 | 0 | -86 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 112 | 31 | 62 | 13 | 83 | 68 | 0 | 29 | 398 | | |
| BLYTH, Ralph Francis elected | 18 | 5 | 27 | 5 | 8 | -68 | 0 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 130 | 36 | 89 | 18 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 398 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Bairbre-Terese excluded | 4 | 2 | 9 | -18 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 134 | 38 | 98 | 0 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 398 | | |
| NEWMHAM, Ian Stanley excluded | 11 | 2 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | -35 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 145 | 40 | 115 | 0 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 398 | | |
| COULSTON, John excluded | 11 | -40 | 6 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 156 | 0 | 121 | 0 | 121 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 398 | | |
| HENRY, Sampson excluded | 64 | 0 | -121 | 0 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 220 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 178 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 398 | | |
| % | 55.3 | | | | 44.7 | | | | | | |

BALDWIN, Stephen

RESULT OF POLL 25 OCTOBER 2008

WEST ARNHEM SHIRE

MANINGRIDA WARD - ELECTION OF THREE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Electors on Roll: 1460
 % Counted: 24.4
 No. Votes Required for Election: 164

Counting, including a distribution of preferences where required,
 resulted in the following candidates being elected:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Final Votes |
| 1 DANAJA, Peter | 188 |
| 2 RYAN, Matthew | 180 |
| 3 WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarrwala | 181 |

Count of First Preference Votes

| Polling Place/Declaration Type | 1st Preference Votes for each Candidate | | | | | Ballot Papers Counted | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| | HERREEN, Dene Nigel | WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarrwala | RYAN, Matthew | NAMANURKI, Shane | DANAJA, Peter | Formal | Informal | Total |
| Jabiru | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Team 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Mobile Team 3 | 57 | 43 | 55 | 36 | 109 | 300 | 28 | 328 |
| Absent Votes inc 4 Early Votes | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| Ballot Papers Counted | 59 | 47 | 62 | 44 | 115 | 327 | 29 | 356 |
| % | 18.0 | 14.4 | 19.0 | 13.5 | 35.2 | 91.9 | 8.1 | |

Distribution of Preferences

| Vacancy 1 | HERREEN, Dene Nigel | WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarrwala | RYAN, Matthew | NAMANURKI, Shane | DANAJA, Peter | Formal | Informal | Total |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 59 | 47 | 62 | 44 | 115 | 327 | 29 | 356 |
| NAMANURKI, Shane excluded | 5 | 15 | 12 | -44 | 12 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 64 | 62 | 74 | 0 | 127 | 327 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarrwala excluded | 44 | -62 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 108 | 0 | 83 | 0 | 136 | 327 | | |
| RYAN, Matthew excluded | 31 | 0 | -83 | 0 | 52 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 188 | 327 | | |
| % | 42.5 | | | | 57.5 | | | |
| DANAJA, Peter elected | | | | | | | | |

| Vacancy 2 | HERREEN, Dene Nigel | WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarwala | RYAN, Matthew | NAMANURKI, Shane | DANAJA, Peter | Formal | Informal | Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 59 | 47 | 62 | 44 | 115 | 327 | 29 | 356 |
| DANAJA, Peter elected | 10 | 21 | 45 | 39 | -115 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 69 | 68 | 107 | 83 | 0 | 327 | | |
| WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarwala excluded | 41 | -68 | 10 | 17 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 110 | 0 | 117 | 100 | 0 | 327 | | |
| NAMANURKI, Shane excluded | 37 | 0 | 63 | -100 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 147 | 0 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 327 | | |
| % | 45.0 | | 55.0 | | | | | |

RYAN, Matthew elected

| Vacancy 3 | HERREEN, Dene Nigel | WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarwala | RYAN, Matthew | NAMANURKI, Shane | DANAJA, Peter | Formal | Informal | Total |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|
| First Preference Votes | 59 | 47 | 62 | 44 | 115 | 327 | 29 | 356 |
| DANAJA, Peter elected | 15 | 36 | 0 | 64 | -115 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 74 | 83 | 62 | 108 | 0 | 327 | | |
| RYAN, Matthew elected | 16 | 16 | -62 | 30 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Progressive Total | 90 | 99 | 0 | 138 | 0 | 327 | | |
| HERREEN, Dene Nigel excluded | -90 | 82 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Votes | 0 | 181 | 0 | 146 | 0 | 327 | | |
| % | | 55.4 | | 44.6 | | | | |

WILLIAMS, Helen Djimbarwala

