

DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE MEDIA STATEMENT: 18 August 2020

Supporting community fundraising during the Northern Territory election

The Northern Territory election on Saturday 22nd May 2020 will be the first major Australian election since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and one of several that will be held over the coming year.

For those who need to vote in person, your local electoral commission's priority will be to make the experience as fast and safe as possible, minimising the time voters spend at a polling place.

Postal voting will reduce attendance at polling places, and in many locations, fundraising will be limited or prohibited.

Election day sausage sizzles and bake sales have traditionally provided a welcome boost in funding for local schools and community groups - one that will be greatly missed this year.

We encourage Northern Territorians who would normally buy a Democracy Sausage or cupcake to consider making a small donation, either to a local cause or one of the following registered charities:

- Katherine Isolated Children's Service: https://www.kics.org.au
- Corrugated Iron Youth Arts: https://www.corrugatediron.org.au
- Children's Ground: https://childrensground.org.au
- Watarrka Foundation: http://www.watarrkafoundation.org.au
- Stars Foundation: https://starsfoundation.org.au

For individual schools and community groups accepting online donations in lieu of a sizzle, we're asking them to get in touch via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, or <u>email</u> so we can help get the word out.

We'd also love to see some photographs and videos from hungry voters who are celebrating election day by making their own Democracy Sausage at home.

Finally, for Democracy Sausage enthusiasts voting in person on Saturday, remember to be considerate of your fellow voters and election staff, and to take care of yourselves and your communities.

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