Minister for Local Government Rob Knight today congratulated the new Presidents, Mayors and Deputies elected in the Territory’s eight new Shire Councils.

All Shire Councils have now held their first meetings and elected their new leaders.

“It is great to see each of the eight new shires as well as Wagait Shire, Litchfield Municipality and Coomalie Community Government Council have now had the opportunity to meet and discuss their plans for the future,” Knight said.

“I have been fortunate to meet a number of the new Councillors, Presidents and Deputies over the past two weeks.

“It has been really pleasing to see how motivated the new members of Local Government are and to hear their ideas for the communities in which they live.

“This is a new era in Local Government. The majority of the Territory is now incorporated within the local government area, and this system of solid and well managed Shire Councils is replacing the previous mix of small, unstable local government bodies.

“These Shire Councils will be able to work as equal partners with the Northern Territory and Federal Governments to get the resources required to sustain their communities.

“I am now looking forward to working with the new Shire Councils to ensure service delivery standards are maintained and enhanced,” Mr Knight said.

Presidents and Mayors elected in the Territory’s eight new Shires:
Tiwi Islands Shire Council  
Lynette Jane De Santis – Mayor  
Barry Puruntatameri – Deputy

Victoria Daly Shire Council  
Don Wegener – Mayor  
Harold Stephen Wilson – Deputy

Roper Gulf Shire Council  
Tony Jack – Mayor  
Clair O’Brien – Deputy

West Arnhem Shire Council  
Ralph Blythe – President  
Andy Garnarradj – Deputy

Coomalie Community Government Council  
Andrew Turner – President  
Bruce Jones – Deputy

Central Desert Shire Council  
James Glenn – President  
Ned Hargraves – Deputy

MacDonnell Shire Council  
Raymond Kiernan – President  
Peter Wilson – Deputy

Barkley Shire Council  
Rosalie Kunoth Monks – President  
William Charles Boulter – Deputy

Wagait Shire Council  
Peter Clee – President  
Karen Duncan

Litchfield Council  
Mary Walshe - President  
Mike Bowman – appointed for first half of the four year term with Plaxy Purich to be appointed for the second two years

East Arnhem Shire Council  
Banambi Wunungmurra – President  
Keith Hansen

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