

JUSTINE DAVIS

INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR JOHNSTON

integrity | action | community



A message from your local representative in NT Parliament

Hello Johnston, and welcome to Mayilema, the Larrakia season signifying the end of the monsoon! It's been wonderful to experience the end of the rains and the beginning of the cooler, dry season mornings.

As I write this, my heart is heavy with the tragedy that unfolded in Nightcliff—the senseless killing of Linford Feick, a tragedy that should never have happened and has left our community devastated. Linford was more than just a small business owner; he was a cornerstone of our community. His kindness, consistency, and care helped bring people together, and he created a place of warmth and connection. As we mourn his loss, I know as a community we will continue to offer our full support to the Feick family and the incredible staff at the Friendly Grocer.

Over the past week I have been visiting local businesses and connecting with as many of you as possible to check in on how you are going, to hear what you need, and to understand what you hope to see happen moving forward. I know that many of you are feeling worried about your safety and I want to assure you that I am deeply committed to building a community that is safe for everyone.

If you have any immediate safety concerns for yourself or someone else, please contact police on 000. For non-urgent matters or past events, you can reach the police at 131 444. If you're feeling personally affected by this tragedy, as many of us are, you can reach out to the Darwin Medicare Mental Health Centre at 08 8914 6600 (located at 16 Scaturchio Street, Casuarina), Lifeline at 13 11 14, or Beyond Blue at 1300 22 4636.

Please contact our office if you would like support connecting with any of these services. If you have concerns you would like to discuss with me, please call or drop into my office in Millner, or visit me at my Rapid Creek Markets stall – I'm there every Sunday.

As always, I am so grateful for our amazing community, which is both the reason I am here, and who help us achieve everything we do. The team and I look forward to seeing you at the markets, outside the local shops at the mobile office, at community events, or in our office. My job is to be here for you, and everyone is always welcome!

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT! 🥚

What an amazing time we had at our community Easter egg hunt! Thank you Johnston (all 500 of you!) for coming along to take part in our treasure hunt to learn about our native birdlife, to Birdlife Top End, Rapid Creek Landcare Group and the volunteers for helping us make it such a great night, and to local favourite BigBites NT for the wonderful Vietnamese catering. It's events like this that remind us of how wonderful our community is, and the beautiful place we call home.



P.S. The crimson finch is still missing! Contact the office to claim your reward if you can find it!



www.justinedavis.com.au
@justine4johnston



08 8999 6620
electorate.johnston@nt.gov.au



Millner Village Plaza, Cnr of Fitzgerald St
and Bagot Rd, Millner NT 0810

Parliament

In the March sittings of Parliament there were a number of bills passed which continue to centralise power and undermine our democracy, including the Territory Coordinator Bill. Thank you to everyone who raised concerns about this Bill. In response, I moved 74 amendments to the Bill (spoiler alert, none passed!) based on the issues raised by people in our community and at the Scrutiny Committee hearings.

As your independent community representative, part of my role is to bring your voice into Parliament. I will continue to do this, and work to hold the government to account. If you are interested in knowing more about how Parliament works, you are always welcome to come into Parliament and watch, or follow me on social media where I post daily parliament updates.

Parliament 2025 Ordinary Sitting Dates

11-13 February	2-4 September
18-20, 25-27 March	14-16, 21-23 October
13-15, 20-22 May	25-27 November
29-31 July	

Emergency April Sitting of Parliament

The Chief Minister called an emergency Parliament sitting to change bail laws and amend the Youth Justice Act. I saw the Bill just hours before being asked to vote and had serious concerns it could make us less safe, not more. That's why I abstained.

I'm committed to safety for every Territorian, but I can't support laws I haven't had time to scrutinise or seek advice on—especially when rushed through in the wake of tragedy. That's not leadership or justice.

Thank you to those supporting thoughtful, evidence-based lawmaking. As an Independent, my job is to bring your voice into Parliament and to hold government accountable. I'll keep doing that every day.

If you're curious about how Parliament works, you are always welcome in the people's house to see it in action—or follow me here, where I post daily Parliament updates and reflections.

Coming up in May

Parliament resumes Tuesday 13 May, when the Government will introduce the NT budget outlining its priorities for the year ahead. My hope is that this budget recognises that the economy is about people, not just numbers. For too long, budgets have focused on deficits and forecasts instead of people's real needs. We must invest in healthcare, education, the environment, and community safety—areas where the NT faces serious long-term challenges. Acting now will prevent greater harm and cost in the future.

We'll also debate legislation on the Attorney-General, Local Government, Domestic and Family Violence, Aboriginal Sacred Sites, Portable Long Service Leave, and Aboriginal Water Reserves.

If you would like to know more about any of these please get in touch or scan here to find me on social media for updates.



In this coming sitting of Parliament, I am also planning to move a motion to set up an inquiry to recover the alleged 60 million dollars stolen from NT taxpayers through the Indigenous Employment Provisional Sum Scheme, money which should have been going towards Aboriginal employment.

We will also be debating my motion to reintroduce Voluntary Assisted Dying to the NT. If this is an issue that is important to you, please speak to me or your local Member for NT Parliament.

Estimates

Estimates occurs every June after the budget is presented. This is where MLAs can ask the Government questions about how public money is allocated, and whether it is being spent effectively and in line with priorities.

Do you have questions about how our Government spends our money? Scan this QR code or email the office to send me a question!



Johnston Microgrants Program

Do you have a community initiative or fundraising effort that needs a boost of support? The Johnston electorate has an annual pool of funds allocated to offer small-scale funding for community-led needs and ideas. Whether it's a neighbourhood garden, art project, or local event, we want to help bring ideas to life to promote community-building across the electorate. Contact the office today for more information about how you can apply.



Above: Fun at the NT Indian Association Holi festival celebrations!



Left: catching up with the Youth Model Team at ALPA



Left: Supporting Hockey NT with their fundraiser raffle
Right: New sand going into the playground at Millner PS



Calling all young people in Johnston! This is your chance have your thoughts, ideas and vision for our community shared in the NT Parliament. Winning speeches will be selected to read out in Parliament across the year, documented in Hansard (official Parliament records) and can be watched live in Parliament on the day, or via the video livestream. Contact the office for more information about how to enter!

Johnston Community Cookbook

We're cooking up something special in Johnston—a community recipe book celebrating our amazing local produce and favourite foods! *Got a go-to recipe using local ingredients? We'd love to include it!* Join us for art workshops with the incredible Tisha Tejaya, shared meals, and community events as we bring this project to life. It's all about food, culture, and connection. Want to be a part of it all? Contact the office to find out more.

Johnston Mutual Aid Project

Do you have an hour spare every now and then to help out a neighbour?



Join the Facebook group or contact the office today to get involved!



It was an honour to be a judge at the Empowering Youth through Public Speaking workshop. It's always so inspiring to spend time with our future leaders!



Left: last month members of the crossbench visited the adult and children's prisons at Holtze, and the new Berrimah Corrections facility. What we saw was a broken system. It's failing people inside prison and failing the communities they return to. If you would like to speak with me about this issue, please get in touch.



JUSTINE DAVIS

INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR JOHNSTON

integrity | action | community



Justine in Johnston: Mobile Office



One of the ways I make myself available outside Parliament and office hours is by setting up at Rapid Creek Markets every Sunday morning, and outside one of our local shops each Tuesday from 5-6pm. Find me here on the following dates:

Alawa	Jingili	Millner	Moil
27 May	3 June	6 May	24 June
8 July	15 July	1 July	22 July

What's On in Johnston

There is always lots going on here at the office and out in the community. Scan the QR codes below for more details

Regular Events at the Electorate Office

Seniors Painting Group - Tuesdays 9.30-11am
Grow Group - Tuesdays 1.30-4pm
Seniors Coffee Catch Up - Thursdays 11.30am
Third Thursday Poetry Group - 10-11.30am



Check out the Darwin City Council Website for information on free and ticketed events coming up

Off The Leash is another great place to find out about events, arts and culture here in the NT



NT Tourism is a great place to find out about special events coming up in Darwin from sports to music and everything in between



Left: Meeting with local filmmakers Rebecca Parker and Sarah Price to chat with me about the incredible Northern Territory film industry. Something to celebrate and keep building and growing!

In the Community

Over the past couple of months, it's been a privilege as always to meet with a range of organisations and community leaders doing important work in our community and beyond. This has included DCLS about preventing elder abuse, Screen Territory about the growth of our local film industry, ALPA about community-led initiatives supporting young people, and efforts to strengthen community-led policing. I've also had valuable discussions with Is It Sepsis about sepsis prevention, and with both the National Anti-Racism Commissioner and the NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner. It's always a highlight to visit our local schools, sporting groups and community events. There's so much dedication and community spirit across the electorate!

It was an honour to meet with the Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner, Mr Giri Sivaraman, and the NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Mr Jeswynn Yogaratnam about the new National Anti-Racism Framework.



What a wonderful day at Anglicare's Youth homelessness couch surfing day, and a privilege to start a race. Incredible young people, beautiful couches, so many amazing services. The homelessness rate in the NT is 12 times the national average, and young people make up nearly 50% of this. This must change. We need to work together to end youth homelessness by addressing the causes and supporting programs that have been proven to work.



www.justinedavis.com.au
[@justine4johnston](https://twitter.com/justine4johnston)



08 8999 6620
electorate.johnston@nt.gov.au



Millner Village Plaza, Cnr of Fitzgerald St
and Bagot Rd, Millner NT 0810