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TERRITORY DAY

FREE EVENT



Coomalie



TERRITORY DAY
How good is the territory!

1 July 2022

Plan your Territory Day celebrations at:
territoryday.nt.gov.au

Territory Day 2022

Personal Fireworks!

Council has secured the use of Batchelor Oval for a *limited time* after the NTG sponsored fireworks display!



From approx. 8:00pm until 9:00pm personal fireworks maybe let off within Bachelor Oval.

All responsibility for personal fireworks remains with the person letting off, Council holds no responsibility for any damage or injury caused.



Red circle below defines the area on the oval where Personal Fireworks can be released. Fireworks cannot be released under the trees.



Coomalie Councillors on Hand

Coomalie Councillors will be on hand at this annual event to provide feedback to the Community regarding activities and the direction that Council is currently taking. Feel free to come along and ask your questions of our friendly Councillors!

Please see posters above in regard to personal fireworks at Batchelor Oval.

Community members **must be aware** of the exclusion zone in place on the evening of the event, the clinic end of the oval will be out of bounds to all members of the community until the all clear is provided by our pyrotechnic coordinator!

Coomalie Council has some top tips to keep your pet safe on Territory Day:

- Keep your pet inside while fireworks are going off
- Turn on the radio or television to provide background noise
- Ensure you boundary fence is secure and your pet can't escape
- Make sure your pet is microchipped so it can quickly and easily be reunited with family.

In preparation for Territory Day, Coomalie Council takes a number of measures to protect pets and community assets including:

- Extra rangers to pick up animals at large
- Protecting synthetic cricket wickets

If you do lose your pet on Territory night, please call council's after hours service - 0427 760 028 between 5pm and 8am.

During business hours please call Council's regulatory services team on 08 8976 0058.

COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A very busy month, Council held a Special Council Meeting, a Workshop and its Ordinary General Meeting during the month of June 2022.

Special Council Meeting – Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project

At the Special Council Meeting, Council agreed to enter into a Confidential Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Territory Government regarding the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project. The meeting was a closed meeting and as the project progresses, the Northern Territory Government will release further information regarding developments in the modern phase of rehabilitation of the former mine site. This is a long term project, with works taking place over a five to ten year period. The Northern Territory Government recently announced the graduation of ten trainees from the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education who have been studying land management and are working at the site, involved in revegetation and weed management programs.

Council Workshop – Sun Cable Project

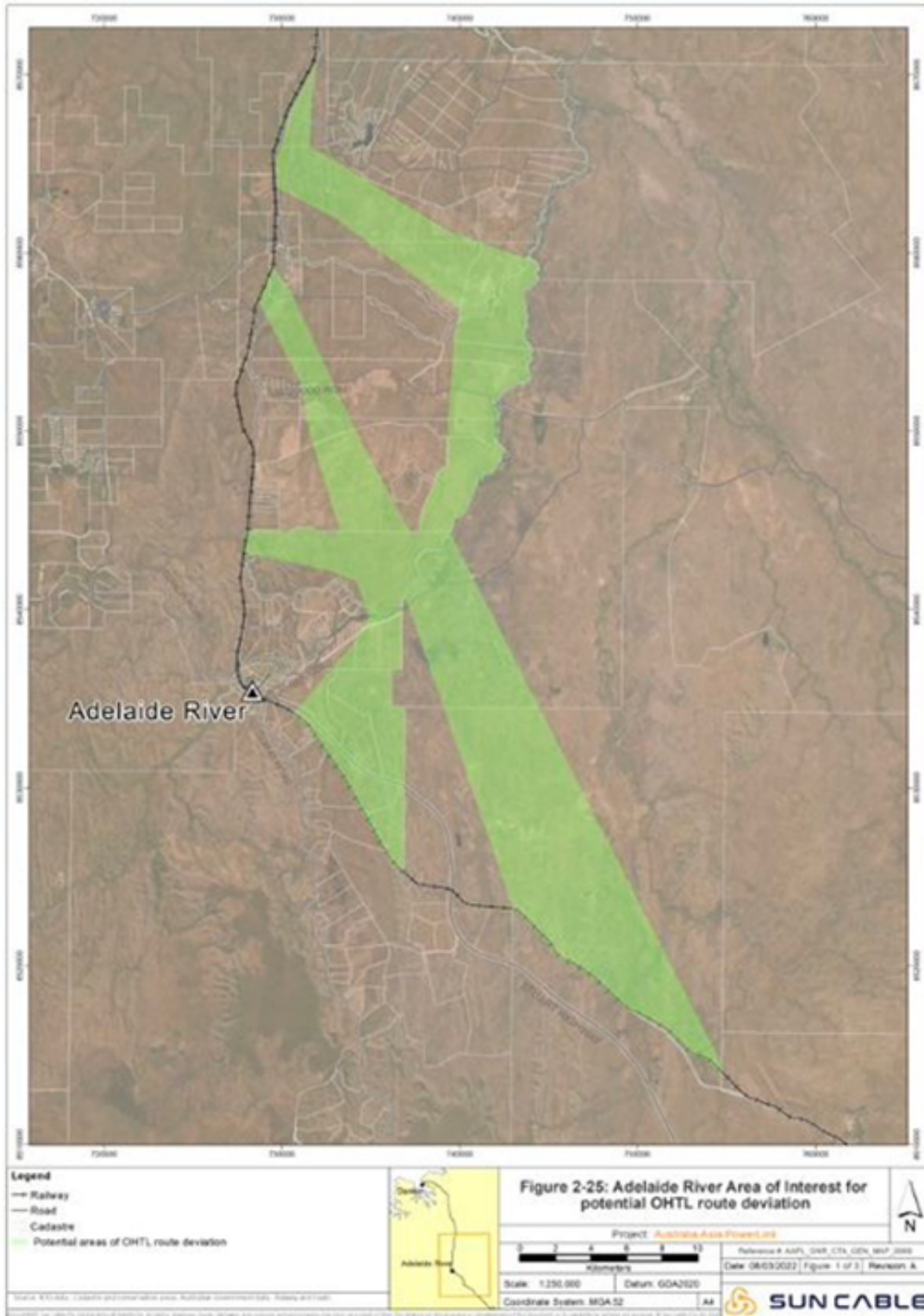
Council invited representatives from Australia-Asia Powerlink Pty Ltd who are delivering the Sun Cable Project to brief Council on developments and plans for this major infrastructure project. The project will deliver power generated in the Barkly via undersea cable to Singapore. Sun Cable has released the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project and Council needed to understand the impacts the project will have in the Shire.

The project has a number of elements and includes a 12,000 hectare Solar Precinct near Elliott in the Barkly Region, that will have a 17 – 20 GWp solar generation capacity. The solar generated electricity will pass through an HVDC Overhead Transmission Line from Elliott to Gunn Point, passing through the Shire via Adelaide River and Lake Bennett. At this stage, the final route through the Shire has not been determined and is subject to community consultation. A map of the potential proposed routes through Coomalie Shire is reproduced here.

To view the EIS, please visit the following link to the NT EPA website;

<https://ntepa.nt.gov.au/consultation/australia-asia-powerlink>

Hard copies can also be accessed at the Adelaide River Post Office and General Store. The period for comments closes on **Friday 15th July 2022**.



Map of potential routes the HVDC Overhead Transmission lines may take through Coomalie Shire.

Ordinary General Meeting 21st June 2022

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 21st June 2022.

The meeting began with a presentation from Dr Anne Walters, Chief Health Plant Officer, Biosecurity & Animal Welfare, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade. Dr Walters outlined for Council the current situation regarding the incidence of banana freckle in the Coomalie Shire and

what steps need to be taken to ensure the disease is contained. At present there are ten properties in the Batchelor – Rum Jungle area that are affected with banana freckle. Banana freckle is a fungal growth that affects bananas only. It is easily identifiable as the spotty leaves and fruit have a sandpapery feel to them. If you think you may have banana freckle on your property it is important that you **do not move the bananas**. For example, do not cut down the plant and bring it to the waste facility. Leave the plant and call the banana freckle line on **1800 084 881**.

Dr Walters advised that at this stage the NTG is trying to contain the outbreak, so it is important there is no movement of plants or fruits from properties or the area. Unlike the previous outbreak, the NTG is not taking an eradication approach. For more information, please visit the following website: <https://nt.gov.au/industry/agriculture/food-crops-plants-and-quarantine/banana-freckle>

Or read the special article in the Stop Press below.

Other matters that were resolved at the meeting included;

- Updating Council Finance Policies;
- The re-introduction of the Community Grants Program. More information will be made available after the July 2022 meeting;
- Further Vet Clinic and Cat Trapping Program for this year. More information will be distributed in August 2022;
- Sponsorship of Community Vegetable Gardens at the Adelaide River and Batchelor schools and child care facilities;
- An Annual Community Art Show to take place in October;
- Endorsement of the Waste Management Strategy 2022 – 2027. Copies will be available on Council’s website; and
- More support for the Batchelor Town & Country Markets.

Members of the community are welcome to attend Council meetings! Public health safety measures still apply, particularly as there are virulent strains of influenza present in the community, in addition to the ever present concern of COVID-19. Responsible physical distancing will continue to be observed which may result in limiting numbers in the Chamber. The wearing of masks is a personal decision.

Need to know more?

Each month the Council meeting agenda and minutes can be accessed from the Council website and a regular link will be provided on Council’s Facebook page.

Visit <https://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-meetings> to access the very latest information.

FROM THE WORKS AND SERVICES TEAM

Council’s Works Program for the next month includes the following:

- Water, Grade & Roll program continues
- Final slashing of road reserves
- Replacing of timber bollards at Myrtle Fawcett Park
- Replacing damaged guideposts
- Pruning works in Bicentennial Park

- Tree lopping and removal of dead trees in Memorial Terrace at Adelaide River

Please note that weather conditions and activity may affect planned activities during the month.

It should be noted that the following roads are controlled by the Dept. of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

- Batchelor Road
- Rum Jungle Road
- Litchfield Park Road
- Stuart Highway Service Road, Adelaide River
- Dorat Road
- Ringwood Road

Should you have any issues in regard to these roads, please report via [Report a road fault - NT.GOV.AU](#). For urgent road faults free call 1800 246-199

To check road conditions go to [Roads Reporting - Road Reports \(nt.gov.au\)](#)

FROM THE COMMUNITY RECREATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports program are in full swing for term 2 and will be winding up for the holidays on Tuesday 21st June. It is important that all children have a signed permission form to participate, this is to ensure we have current up to date contact details in case of an emergency!

Adelaide River Monday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm, recommences 18th July 2022.

Batchelor Area School Tuesday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm, recommences 19th July 2022.

NAIDOC Week

Council will be celebrating NAIDOC Week in a combined effort with Batchelor Institute and Batchelor Area School the week of 15th - 18th August 2022, please see next edition of Stop Press for further details!

Batchelor AusKick

The AusKick program has wound up, after a successful program involving 21 children from Batchelor.

Council would like to thank AFL NT and the NTG for assisting with getting this worthwhile activity happening for the children of Coomalie!

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

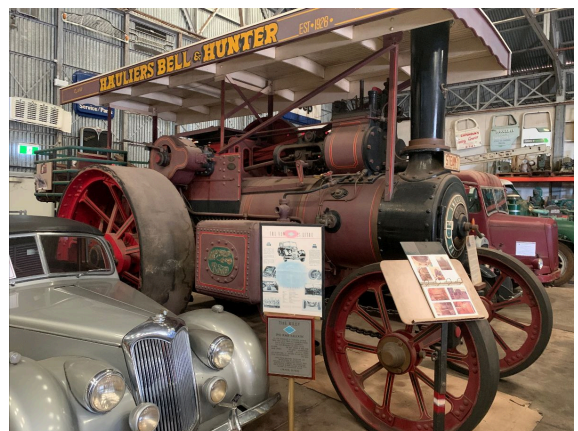
The Seniors Mystery Bus Tour for June was a trip to the QANTAS Hangar in Parap and to view the historic vehicles housed there by the Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club of the NT.

The tour guests were able to see strafing from the Japanese Zero attack on Darwin in February 1942, as well as reminisce on examples of their first vehicles that were on display!

The next tour is scheduled for Thursday July 21st, the bus service is free, however guests are

expected to any pay entry costs as well as meals and drinks themselves.

See poster later in this issue for details!



BARRAMUNDI RELEASED INTO RUM JUNGLE LAKE

Bumper barramundi release for Batchelor locals

Media release 6th June 2022

Batchelor residents and visitors are being encouraged to pull out their fishing rods and handlines for

some recreational fishing opportunities closer to home.

For the first time, 300 Barramundi, averaging 15 to 20 centimetres long, are being released into the Rum Jungle Lake on Monday.

The locally raised barramundi are being introduced into the lake as part of the Fish Stocking Program, a part of the of the Northern Territory Government's \$50 million RecFishing Futures Program.

The initiative is aimed at improving the quality and number of Northern Territory recreational fishing experiences.

Under this program, Darwin Aquaculture Centre grown barramundi are released into waterways where they would not usually occur, but which can support them. A survey of Rum Jungle Lake found a diversity of aquatic life, capable of maintaining a population of resident barramundi.

The release of these fish is part of wider stocking efforts across the Top End.

Further details about fishing in the Batchelor and Rum Jungle region can be found on the AFANT website: [Home - AFANT](#)

To find out more about recreational fishing opportunities in the NT head to nt.gov.au/marine/recreational-fishing

Quotes by Minister for Agribusiness and Fisheries, Paul Kirby:

- “We are pleased to be working with the Coomalie Community Government Council to ensure more Territorians have a chance to take part in an important local hobby which is part of our way of life – recreational fishing.
- “It’s an activity that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, and the release of these Darwin-bred barramundi means that families and friends have more opportunities to take part in land-based fishing.
- “By restocking some of our freshwater reservoirs every year, we’re keeping the Territory a must-visit destination for anglers and improving liveability for locals.
- “Our \$50 million RecFishing Futures Program shows we’re committed to supporting recreational fishing activities across the Territory.”

Quotes by Coomalie President Sharon Beswick:

- “Coomalie Council is pleased to be working with the Northern Territory Government in providing safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities at Rum Jungle Lake.”
- “For many years, Rum Jungle Lake has undergone sensitive rehabilitation and infrastructure investment to ensure it provides opportunities for locals and visitors alike to enjoy all the environment has to offer – from the splendid birdlife and aquatic diversity to the engaging history of the site.”
- “Council looks forward to promoting Rum Jungle lake as a fishing destination in the months and years to come for all to enjoy.”



BATCHELOR POOL DRY SEASON CLOSURE

A large graphic with a blue water background. A central white circle contains the text 'POOL CLOSURE' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, in a white rounded rectangle, it says 'Friday 1st July' and 'Re-opens Saturday 23rd July'. There are small white leaf-like icons above and below the circle. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL' with a colorful emblem.

The Batchelor Swimming Pool will be closed from Friday 1st July 2022 and re-opening on Saturday 23rd July 2022.

During this time, Council will be undertaking required maintenance to the facility.

COUNCIL EVENTS



FREE EVENT



Coomalie

TERRITORY DAY

BATCHELOR OVAL
1 JULY | 6PM - 7:30PM

Celebrate with a BBQ and an official fireworks display at 7pm

No personal fireworks



Find out more at:
territoryday.nt.gov.au

TERRITORY DAY
Her goal is the Territory!



GET UP!

STAND UP!

SHOW UP!

WHITE AUSTRALIA HAS A MAP HISTORY! NO PRIDE IN GENOCIDE! STOP STEALING OUR KIDS! BLAK LIVES MATTER! HEALTH CARE! LAND RIGHTS! JUSTICE! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES! STOP THE LIES!

NAIDOC WEEK

Stronger. Rylie Dank (Narduma)

3-10 JULY 2022

#NAIDOC2022 #GetUpStandUpShowUp

Facebook.com/NAIDOC
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#getupstandupshowup

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour



Council is providing a free bus service for a mystery lunch trip and experience to somewhere in the outer Darwin area.

Plan a day out from around 9am - 3pm.

Bus service is free.

Meals, tours and drinks at own expense!

Save the date:

Thursday 21st July
 Pickup Batchelor 8:30am
 Adelaide River 9:00am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!
 To ensure your seat is reserved, please book direct with Council not through a 3rd party!

School Holiday Program



3 weeks of awesome, fun activities!
 Free & low-cost options!

Get your enrolment form from Councils website



COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Council's libraries are humming along with lots of children and adults enjoying the cool environs on these hot days!

We have a wide and varied range of books available at both Community Libraries, feel free to come in and browse, it doesn't cost to join our Community Libraries. This enables you to have free access to iPads, Computers and Wi-Fi at the libraries.

Craft & Chatter

The Sunday Craft & Chatter group is going strong with up to 10 people attending regularly. These sessions are open to anyone, it's not just about craft anymore: puzzles, board games, anything you think you might like to share with a group!

Community Library Opening Hours

Adelaide River

Thursdays 3:30pm to 6:30pm
 Fridays 3:30pm to 6:30pm
 Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

Batchelor

Fridays 3:00pm to 5:30pm

Sundays 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Community members and visitors are all welcome at the library during the times above.

ADELAIDE RIVER & BATCHELOR POLICE UPDATE

We trust that the dry season is treating you all well.

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

The focus for the coming months is on traffic and road safety. As we move into our 'busy' tourist season, your local police would remind all residents to take care on our roads. There is a large increase in traffic volumes over the next few months with tourists of all shape, size, and backgrounds. Our District is blessed with some awesome sights and experiences which attract many visitors. We urge patience during this period and to sit back and enjoy the weather conditions which provide for a pleasant journey wherever you may travel.

We would also encourage you all to be proactively interested in promoting road safety in your own area. If you observe poor driving, please take note of the vehicle make and model, a description of the driver and occupants, what the vehicle was doing and where. Your local police will follow up with reports of poor driving and may as a result issue infringement notices where appropriate.

If you see our Police members on the road conducting traffic duties, please give them ample space and take care when passing us – we are there to keep you all safe.

PROPERTY AND SECURITY – LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT

We would also urge all residents to take a personal interest in the security of their property. Unfortunately there are people in our world who don't observe the boundaries of property ownership and will take opportunities when they are available. For many years the 'lock it or loose it' message has been promoted by Police, Government and Victims service organisations. This simple message and approach does make a difference. Please take an extra minute to check that your doors are locked when you leave your house, please check that your vehicles are locked when you are away from them. These simple steps make it a little more difficult for opportunistic offenders to carry out their deeds. Should you be unfortunate enough to suffer a loss of property, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, please report it to your local Police. If you are going away on holiday, your local Police and general stores have absentee owner forms to let us know your period of absence. We can carry out proactive patrols when we have that type of information.

We wish you all an enjoyable dry season and look forward to saying hello while we are out an about in the community.

Adelaide River Police

Sgt BIRCH + Constables ALCORN and QUEDLEY

Batchelor Police

Sgt BYRNES + Constables RAJ and HARRIS-JACOBS

WEEDS IN COOMALIE

Weeds in Coomalie

Siam Weed



The parachute seeds are dispersed by wind and water and contain fine barbs that readily stick to clothing and fur. Siam weed is easily spread long-distances through contamination of vehicles, equipment and produce. It blossoms in June-July with pinkish-white flowers and is identifiable by its large stem and leaves both of which resemble a 'pitch-forking' pattern.

You can find out more, including how to identify and report the weed at nt.gov.au/siam



Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security

Siam weed can kill your cattle

2 June 2022

One of the world's most invasive weeds continues to make its way across the Top End and we need

your help to manage infestations.

Siam weed was first confirmed in the Northern Territory in July 2019, and aerial surveys in 2021 revealed the weed had spread 100km from the initial infestation site to cover more than 10 properties.

The Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security continues to work closely with landholders to manage the spread, and is urging the public to be on the lookout and report any sightings to us.

The parachute seeds are dispersed by wind and water and contain fine barbs that readily stick to clothing and fur. Siam weed is easily spread long-distances through contamination of vehicles, equipment and produce.

Siam weed grows and spreads best where annual rainfall is 600mm or more and kills around 3000 cattle annually in the Philippines.

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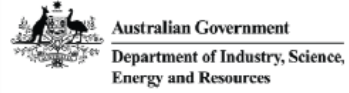
Detection of new Siam weed infestations across the Top End is fundamental to the success of the current management response.

You can find out more, including how to identify and report the weed, at nt.gov.au/siam

Quotes by Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security, Siam weed Project Officer, Tom Price

- "Siam weed is highly invasive and is toxic to livestock. It can also cause skin complaints and asthma in allergy-prone people."
- "We need help from the public to identify the weed on their property and report it to help manage the spread in the NT."
- "If you suspect it, report it. It is critical any new infestations are reported to determine Siam weed's distribution across the landscape."
- "Contact the [Weed Management Branch](#) immediately for assistance on 8999 4567."

RUM JUNGLE MINE REHABILITATION UPDATE



Newsletter

May/June 2022

Conservation Land Management Team Update

On the 2nd of June 2022, the Conservation Land Management Trainees graduated from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) after 12 months of study. Congratulations everyone.



On the 20th May 2022, the recently employed Technical Level 1 (T1's) joined the Rum Jungle team in attending the 2022 GTNT Awards. Geoff Brook (aka Jack) was nominated by the team for the Supervisor of the year award.



Jack was one of 3 finalists on the night. During the announcement of the 3 finalists, short videos of the what the trainees thought of Jack's support during the traineeship were shown. Both Justin & Leroy looked very comfortable and at home in sharing their personal experiences on video. So much so that we may all have to keep an eye out for them in Hollywood soon. It was a good opportunity for the team to bond, dress up and a great night was had by all. Congratulations Jack.





Procurement Update

The Rum Jungle Project Team will be holding an industry consultation information session for the major procurement (tendered) works associated with the project, on the 26th July 2022. Location and session times are not yet confirmed but will be finalised soon.

The key focus of the consultation process will be to seek advice from industry on the best and most efficient ways to do the work on site, ensure that any companies that wish to tender for work

Borrow Pits Update

Coomalie Government Council (CGC) recently signed off on a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Industry Tourism and Trade (Rum Jungle Project Team), on the 6th June 2022.

A working group has been appointed to lead the consultation process with the Rum Jungle Project Team and finalise terms and conditions of the agreement.

A Section 19 request was lodged in may 2022, to the Northern Land Council (NLC) for access to a parcel of land (old Besser Site) situated on the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust (FRALT) . The reason for the selection of this land is due to the fact that it has the quantity and quality of sand required for the rehabilitation works on the Rum Jungle site, clearing of the land has already occurred and most importantly it will provide direct economic benefits to the Traditional Owners of the land.

Reconciliation Action Plan

Wunun Consultancy & Business Services were recently appointed by the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project.

The work will focus on:

Ways to continuously improve engagement methods, setting commitments on the provision of agreed upon business and workforce opportunities for the Warai Kungarakan families.

Rum Jungle Project Staffing Appointments



Recently the Rum Jungle Project team grew by two staff with the on boarding of Debra Waters and Gowan Bush.



Debra is the teams Procurement Project Manager and Gowan is the Community Engagement and Training Officer.

AROWS DAM PROJECT UPDATE



Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage and Manton Dam RTS Projects

The Northern Territory Government, through the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade and Power Water Corporation, has met with Council on a number of occasions to brief Council on two important projects that will be occurring within the Shire. These are the AROWS and Manton Dam RTS projects. Elected Members have raised questions and concerns on behalf of the community with departmental representatives who continue to provide up to date information so that the community and Council are aware of the latest developments. Both projects are in the early stages and there will be ongoing consultation with the community, particularly with landowners adjacent to the projects.

While these two projects will support the water needs of populations north of our Shire, Council has been working with the Power Water Corporation regarding improvements to the security and quality of the water supply within the Coomalie Shire. Over the next twelve months, Power Water is progressing works to increase water supply security in the Coomalie Shire, with bore drilling occurring in Batchelor and the extension of roads, power and pipework to connect in a new bore previously drilled in Adelaide River. We will keep you informed of updates.

For more information regarding the AROWS and Manton Dam projects, follow the link above to an information video or read the article that follows. Your Elected Members are always available to help answer any questions you may have or point you in the right direction.

Have you heard of the Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage project?

In the Darwin region, we are facing water supply challenges. The current water supply (sourced from Darwin River Dam and Howard Groundwater) is operating at or above its supply capacity. A new major source of water is needed to support long term social and economic growth in the region.

The NT Government is working with the Power and Water Corporation on the best approach to

secure Darwin's future water supply.

Over the past two years, the NT Government has completed a detailed business case to explore options to secure Darwin's future water supply. Released earlier this year, the business case investigated a range of supply solutions. These included everything from recycled water, existing infrastructure assets such as Manton Dam, desalination, in-stream dams, such as the Upper Adelaide River Dam, and the Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage (AROWS) project.

The business case found returning Manton Dam to service and AROWS, as a staged infrastructure program, to be the most cost effective and economically viable infrastructure solution to meet the needs of the greater Darwin region.

For more information on the detailed business case visit watersecurity.nt.gov.au

What are the next steps?

Now referred to as the Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program, Stage 1 of the Program includes returning Manton Dam to service and completing pre-construction activities for AROWS (e.g. environmental assessment and concept design). The Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security are also developing an Adelaide River Catchment Water Allocation Plan.

In March 2022, the Australian Government's National Water Grid Authority committed \$300.6 million to deliver Stage 1. It is expected to take around five years to complete this first stage.

Manton Dam was constructed in the 1940's and was Darwin's primary source of water until the construction and commissioning of the Darwin River Dam in 1972. Since then Manton Dam was put into care and maintenance and is not currently used as a source for drinking water. The reservoir opened for recreation in 1988 and will continue to be available for recreation use once returned to service.

Manton Dam's return to service involves refurbishing the existing intake tower and construction of a new pumping station, pipeline and the Strauss Water Treatment Plant, to be located near the corner of Cox Peninsula Road and the Stuart Highway.

AROWS is a major project that will require a range of approvals and detailed project planning. Supported by the Australian Government, the NT Government will now commence pre-construction work, including environmental assessment and concept design.

Stage 2 is the construction of AROWS and expansion of Strauss Water Treatment Plant. The AROWS project is located around five kilometres north of Lake Bennett, adjacent to the Adelaide River. The reservoir is made up largely of a natural ridge formation that can hold water, with the construction of two main containment barriers at low points, to capture and store the water.

Importantly, AROWS is not a conventional in-stream dam. Rather, the water is pumped from the Adelaide River during our wettest months, into the reservoir. There is no dam wall that would restrict the flow of the Adelaide River.

The construction phase is not expected to start for around five years' time, with the whole project expected to take a total of 7 – 10 years to complete from now.

What does this mean for the Coomalie Council Region?

The NT Government is committed to working with the Coomalie and Litchfield communities. We have already been in touch with directly impacted land owners at the AROWS project site and have spoken with Coomalie and Litchfield Council members to provide a project update.

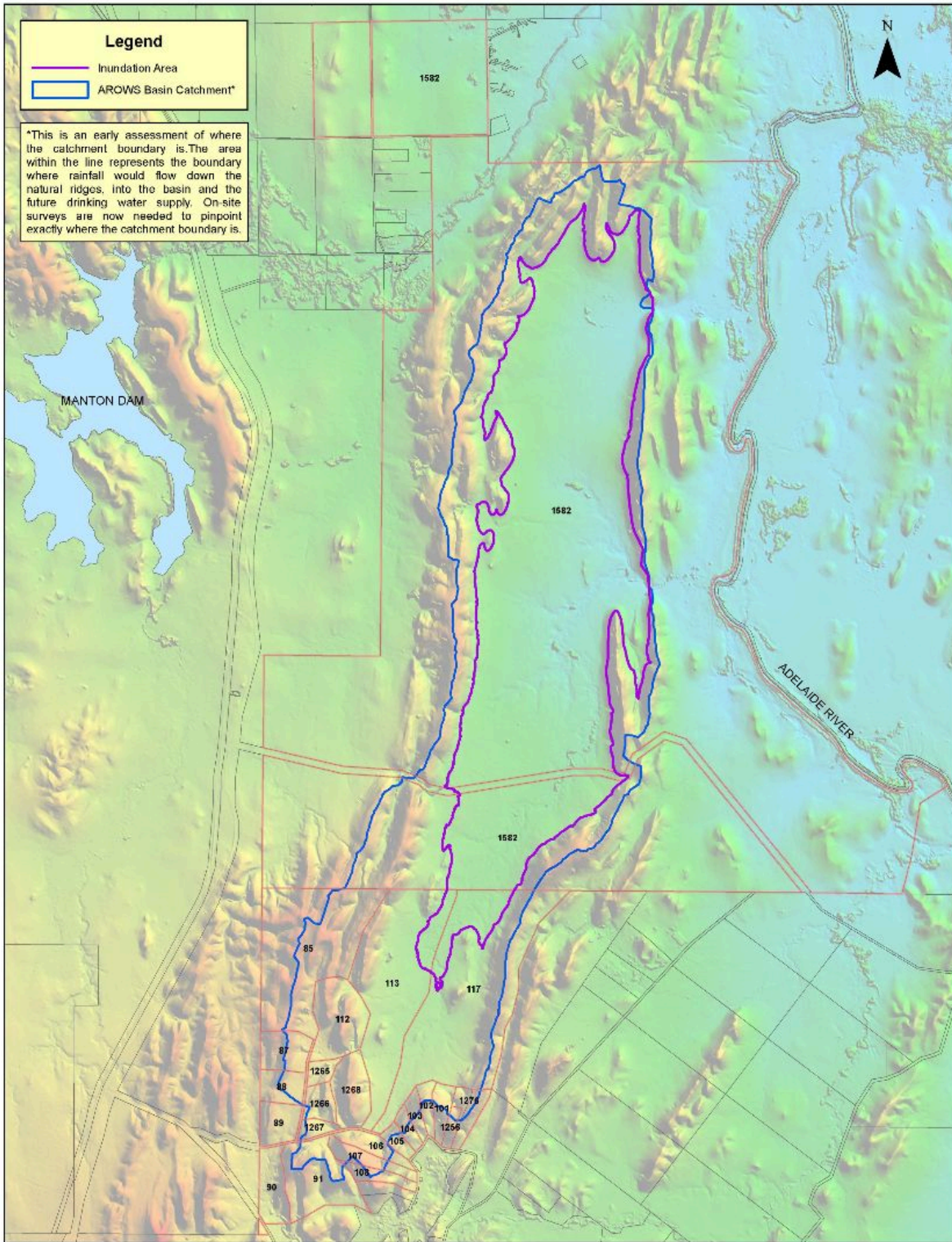
A Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program Community Reference Group and website are being established to help keep you informed and provide a way for you to provide feedback as the Program progresses. We will also provide updates into Council publications.

A Water Advisory Committee will be established to enable community involvement in development of the Adelaide River Catchment Water Allocation Plan, with a range of stakeholder engagement exercises to take place.

It will be important that the community members are able to have their say on the development of this project, including:

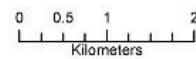
- Impact on the roads, including road upgrades and traffic management;
- Land use and management in the Adelaide River Catchment;
- Workforce opportunities and accommodation impacts;
- Economic impacts of the project in the area

In the meantime, you can visit watersecurity.nt.gov.au to read the detailed business case. To contact the Program delivery team, please email us on waterinfrastructure.ditt@nt.gov.au



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AROWS Basin Catchment





BANANA FRECKLE

Biosecurity

Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade

Banana Freckle



Banana freckle on a leaf

What is it?

Banana freckle is a plant disease caused by the fungus *Phyllosticta cavendishii*. This species is exotic to Australia, and affects Cavendish and non-Cavendish banana cultivars. It is a declared and notifiable pest under Northern Territory (NT) plant health legislation, which means if you notice suspect symptoms, you must report it to NT Plant Biosecurity. Call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881 to report.

Banana freckle is a serious threat to the banana industry. The disease decreases plant health and productivity, and affects fruit quality and appearance. Blemished fruit may not be marketable. Production costs may increase due to the additional costs of fungicide sprays and removal of infected leaves. Some of these increased costs may be passed onto consumers. It is important government, industry, growers and the public all work together to limit the impacts of this pest so we can all enjoy healthy NT grown bananas.

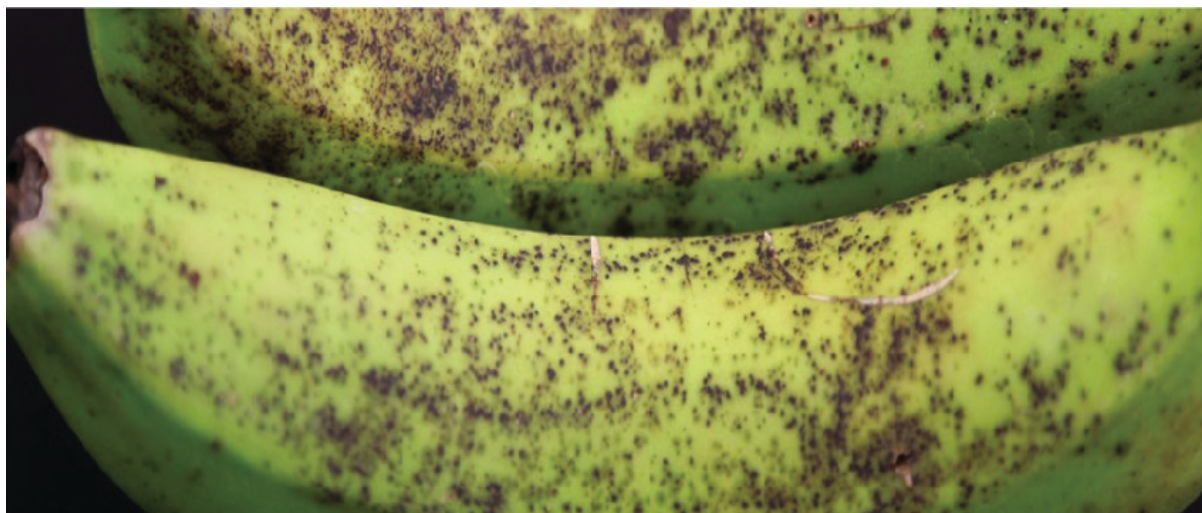
Symptoms

- 'Sandpapery feeling' spots, predominantly on leaves and fruit.
- Spots can be very small to large (1–4 mm) and dark brown to black in colour.
- The spots can run together to form streaks.
- The spots have a sandpaper feel when touched because the fungal structures protrude through the plant surface.
- Severe infection results in yellowing of the leaf, which can wither and die.

Join the Biosecurity Facebook Group [@biosecNT](https://www.facebook.com/biosecNT)
nt.gov.au/banana-freckle

THE TERRITORY





Action

On 31 May 2022, NT Plant Biosecurity received confirmation of a positive banana freckle diagnosis from banana fruit samples collected from a residential property in the Rum Jungle region. The owner of the plants noticed they were looking unusually unhealthy so promptly reported. Early reporting of disease symptoms like this gives us the best opportunity to contain the disease.

During June, NT Biosecurity officers will be conducting on ground surveillance activities to find out the extent of the pest spread in the first instance. They will be conducting surveillance in the Batchelor - Rum Jungle area, as well as commercial growers, nurseries, community gardens and previous sentinel plantings. We will also be contacting banana plant owners for them to check their plants for disease symptoms. During this period, we are focused on obtaining information to assess how widespread the disease is in the NT. Healthier plants mean more fruit for you and a stronger more productive NT Banana industry. Biosecurity is everyone's responsibility and together we can ensure our industries and favourite fruits are protected.

The nature of a biosecurity outbreak means actions can rapidly change. To stay up to date with information follow updates on nt.gov.au/banana-freckle or the Biosecurity Facebook Group [@biosecNT](https://www.facebook.com/biosecNT)

Key Points

Inspect your banana plants regularly for the presence of exotic pests and diseases.

For banana freckle symptoms - look for small spots 1–4mm in diameter that have a sandpapery feel when you touch them. The spots may join to form streaks.

Under the *NT Plant Health Act 2008* (the Act), owners of plants and plant-related material have an obligation to prevent pest and disease infestation, and prevent the spreading of plant pests and diseases. To fulfil your obligations under the Act:

- Keep up to date about pests and disease that may affect your plants.
- Check your plants regularly for disease symptoms.
- Do not move plants from your property that you suspect to be infected with pests or disease.

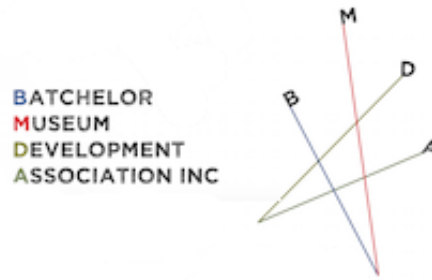
If you suspect banana freckle on any banana variety, report it to NT Plant Biosecurity immediately on 1800 084 881.

For more information, go to industry.nt.gov.au
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
T: 08 8999 2006



**THE
TERRITORY**

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



This last month has been busier for the Museum as the numbers of tourists in the Top End increase. We continue to get appreciative comments and people have some realisation of the major role that this Coomalie area played during WW2.

This week Julie has taken over as our resident Museum host and caretaker. Peter and Pauline are going to tour around the Top End before returning to the Museum in a few weeks.

Lucinda has completed the additional photographic recording from the Rum Jungle era, comprising recreational activities, ready to display. That will be in action next week when we set it up with a screen supplied by a Grant through Museums Australia.

Currently there are researchers from southern Universities in the area, interested in history from the mining era. They visited the Museum on Tuesday and were going to visit people with properties in the area. They will also talk to Ros Jones and several other persons who grew up in Batchelor or lived in Batchelor then, as well as people who worked at the mine.

Sean does a great job in hosting the Museum each week on one of the days which our caretakers have off. Gaye has continued to give time too which has been a great help.

It would be good to have more volunteers from the community to assist in welcoming visitors to explore the unique history of this small, seemingly unremarkable town. Volunteers greet people and introduce them to the lay out of the Museum, record numbers and provide a welcoming voice to the town- no specific talents required. Please do speak with one of us to learn more.

Lucinda and I are at the Museum on Tuesdays if anyone wishes to discuss or enquire.

Jan Hills



The Coomalie Gardening Group met on Sunday 19th June at 11 am on Denmar Downs.

Attendee numbers were considerably down but we were able to welcome a new member from Adelaide River.

At the next meeting, alternative times and venues for the Group will be under discussion.

As the Rosella festival is coming end of July and August is Seniors' month, the next Coomalie Gardening Group meeting will be the third Sunday in July 2022.

Venue DENMAR DOWNS

Date 17th July 2022 at 11 am

This meeting will discuss changes to venue and time and dates.

If you are unable to attend on the day, please email or SMS (0417 816 422) if you have any input or want to have your say.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST 2022.

Any queries, please email Coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com

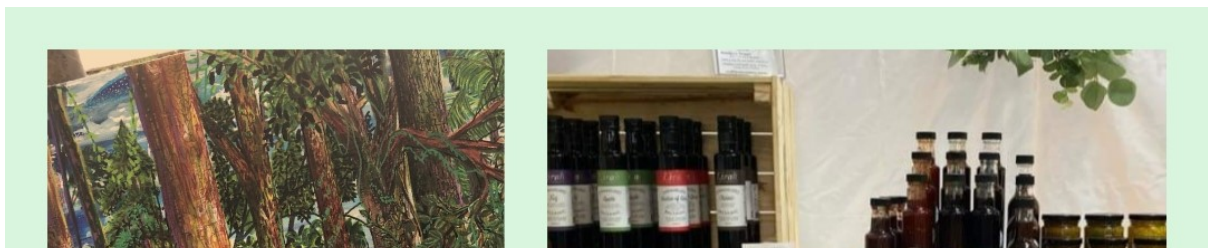
Or ring Mary on 89 760 379.

Please like us on FACEBOOK.

Our page has some plants identification, and good gardening advice.

Please feel free to contribute if you can.

BACHELOR MARKETS





July Market

Sunday 10 July
8am to 1pm
Town Centre,
Batchelor
Near Oval

New stallholders welcome contact
batchelormarketsnt@gmail.com



BACHELOR OP SHOP & FOOD FOR LIFE



The Batchelor op-shop is open each second Friday from 10 am to 12 noon.

At the same time and date each second Friday "Food For Life" operates. The van is driven down from Darwin with goods on board. EFTpos is available for Food for Life transactions.

The op shop has always operated on a cash basis but this year should be able to offer EFTpos also.

The next date for combined Batchelor Op-shop and Food For Life operates on will be Friday 1st and 15th July 2022.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: **Thursday** 28th July 2022 9:30am

Please note change of day to a Thursday!

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 for further details

Coomalie Community Shed

Where: Cutler Place, Batchelor

When: Every Tuesday 8:30am - 2:00pm

Contact: James on 0488 195 410

Agemoves

Where: Adelaide River Primary School

When: Every Tuesday 3:30pm - 4:45pm

Contact: Darryl Butler on 0428 983 098

or

Where: Batchelor Area School Open Hall

When: Every Monday 5:00pm - 6:15pm

Contact: Prue King 0427 332 803

Monthly Bus Trip

Where: Coolalinga and Gateway Shopping Centres

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

When: Monday 25th July 2022

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

Free Entry | Stalls | Live Music | Displays & Performances | Community BBQ | Live Broadcast

Saturday 30 July, 10am to 2pm
 CDU Stadium Sitzler Netball Centre, 235 Abala Road, Marrara NT 0812

Celebrating Us

Darwin
SENIORS
EXPO
2022









Full program: www.cotant.org.au/seniors-expo-2022

LARRAKIA AGED CARE SERVICES

The Federal Government has a number of aged care reforms being announced over the coming months with a significant change in Home based Aged Care Services please refer to the Govt link <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/aged-care-reforms>

Meanwhile Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation continues to deliver **Community Home Support Services** and **Home Care Packages** - the two government funded programs for older people living in the community.

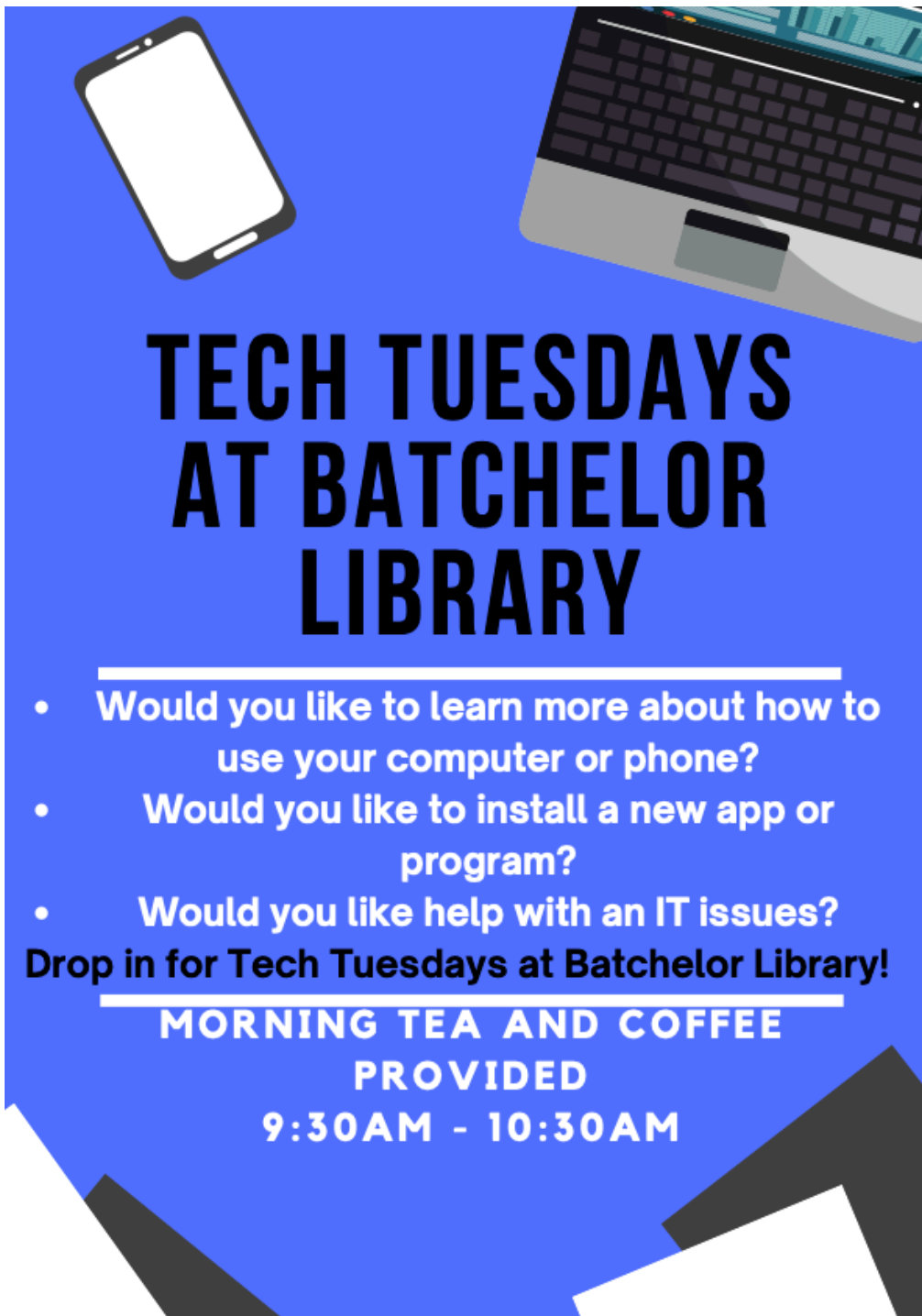
Services delivered under these programs to the Batchelor – Adelaide River area delivered Monday to Friday include:

- Social Support Individual
- Domestic Assistance
- Personal Care
- Transport

To access these services you will first need to contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422

Contact Naveen Joseph - agedcare.rural@larrakia.com.au phone 08 8985 6811

TECH TUESDAYS @ BIITE LIBRARY

A blue poster for 'Tech Tuesdays at Batchelor Library'. At the top left is a white smartphone, and at the top right is a laptop. The main text is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title is a list of three bullet points in white text. At the bottom, it says 'MORNING TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED' and '9:30AM - 10:30AM' in white text. The poster has a white border with a dark blue corner graphic.

TECH TUESDAYS AT BATCHELOR LIBRARY

- Would you like to learn more about how to use your computer or phone?
- Would you like to install a new app or program?
- Would you like help with an IT issues?




Drop in for Tech Tuesdays at Batchelor Library!

**MORNING TEA AND COFFEE
PROVIDED**

9:30AM - 10:30AM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<p>Adelaide River Police Station Northern Territory Police</p> <p>C/- Post Office, Adelaide River 0845 (08) 8976-7042</p> <p>Officer in Charge - Remote Sergeant Peter Birch</p>	<p>Batchelor Police Station Northern Territory Police</p> <p>PO Box 21, Batchelor NT 0845 (08) 8976-0015</p> <p>Officer in Charge - Remote Sergeant Sean Byrnes</p>
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 <p>Adelaide River Health Centre</p> <p>Becker St, Adelaide River 0846 (08) 8976-7027</p>	  <p>Batchelor Primary Health Care Centre</p> <p>27 Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor 0845 (08) 8976-0011</p>
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WHAT

Adelaide River
Community Craft Markets

Agemoves

WHERE

Glen Huitson Park,
Adelaide River

Adelaide River School

WHEN

Saturday, Sunday, Monday and
Wednesday.
For enquiries ring: 0459 082 084

Tuesdays 3:30pm - 4:45pm

		Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Agemoves	Batchelor Area School Hall	Mondays 5:00pm - 6:15pm Call Prue King 0427 332 803
Adelaide River Playgroup	Preschool Room Adelaide River Primary School	Every Tuesday (during school terms) 8:30am – 10:30am
Batchelor Playgroup	Preschool Grounds Batchelor Area School	Every second Friday (during school terms) 9:00am - 11:00am
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Mondays 2:45pm - 3:45pm
Council Run After School Sports	Batchelor Area School	Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm
Food for Life	St Francis Church	Every 2 nd Friday commencing 28 th January 2022
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Litchfield Motel	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Gardening Group monthly meeting	Contact Mary Ashley for this month's location 8976-0379	Third Sunday of month 11:00am At Denmar Downs
Rum Jungle Bowls Club	Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor Contact Mark Shirley 0447 848 234	Every Thursday during Dry Season
St Francis Op Shop	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2 nd Friday commencing 28 th January 2022

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Dogs in Coomalie Shire

PARVO KILLS



All dogs within the Coomalie Region over 3 months of age must be registered.

You can register your dog at the Coomalie Council Office in Batchelor or via email.

Vaccinate your dog

Dogs must be on a leash at all times in any Public Area otherwise they will be impounded.

Fees apply if your dog has been put in the Pound.

Impoundment fees are initially \$95.00 for registered dogs and \$175.00 for unregistered dogs, then \$65.00 per day kept in the Pound. Registered dogs are kept for 3 days and unregistered dogs kept for 2 days. Unregistered dogs must be registered before being released from the Pound.

Dog Registration Charges

Town and Rural - Registration period Sep - Aug

Dog registered between Sep - Aug FULL fee \$35.00

Dog registered between Mar - Aug PART fee \$25.00

Concession card holders ½ price.



**COOMALIE
COMMUNITY**
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Council's Feedback Process

If you choose to raise concerns (or compliments) to Council you are requested to write to the Chief Executive Officer outlining the details. There are two (2) forms on the Coomalie Council website; one is for complaints about dogs and the other is for general complaints.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public, but are closed for any confidential sessions.

Next Meeting: 3:00pm, Tuesday 19th July 2022

Stop Press

Should you know of someone that still wishes to receive a paper-based version of the Stop Press, please email Stop Press to be added to the printed mailing list.

Just a reminder, if you would like an article published, please email it to [Stop Press](#) by the 20th of each month. Each month we start with a clean canvas without articles being rolled over. Please ensure you have read Council's policy [1.1 Community Communication](#) before submitting an article.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS

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