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Welcome to Coomalie Community Government Council's latest edition of Stop Press newsletter.

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From The Chambers



Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 20th February 2024. At this meeting, Council considered the following business:

- CEO is sourcing a consultant to work with Council and the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Program regarding the Rum Jungle Borrow Pit.
- The Black Spot Grant application has been submitted for works on the corner of Miles and Solomon Roads.
- The NTG Community Places for People Grants have been opened and Council will be submitting 2 projects:

Cemetery Precinct Project – Pathways and Parking.
Tree Audit and subsequent tree removal and lopping.

- Council resolved to not appoint a deputy principal member for the remaining term of council.
- Council acknowledged the passing of a valued community member, Mrs Roslyn Jones, who significantly contributed to the Coomalie Community.
- Rates recovery procedure is underway. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the Council Office for options on payment plans.

The 4th and final instalment date for property rates are due on the 29th March 2024.

Instalment Dates:

~~**1st Instalment – Friday 29th September 2023 - finished.**~~
~~**2nd Instalment – Thursday 30th November 2023 - finished.**~~
~~**3rd Instalment – Wednesday 31st January 2024 – finished.**~~
4th & Final Instalment - Friday 29th March 2024

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BATCHELOR

Named after Egerton Lee Batchelor (1865-1911), politician, born 10 April 1865 in

Adelaide.

Batchelor was a central figure in the South Australian labour movement as early as his twenties and it is not surprising that he was one of the leading foundation members and a driving force in the formation of the United Labour Party in 1891. First elected to the SA House of Assembly in 1893 he served until his resignation in 1901 in order to enter Federal politics. He was immediately elected to the House of Representatives and served there until his death on 8 October 1911. From 1908 until his death he was Minister for External Affairs and in 1911 he also took over responsibility for the Northern Territory. Such was his popularity that during his parliamentary career, both state and federal, he was never defeated in an election. He died while climbing Mount Donna Buang near Warburton, Victoria from a heart attack.

Source – Place names Register NT

Free to Residents

Domestic quantities of mulch can be collected from the Batchelor Waste Management Facility.

Need to know more?

Visit Council Meetings page on our website, www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-meetings to access the very latest information.

Council's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th March 2024** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

Council's Feedback Process

Feedback & Complaints

Council values all feedback and complaints that we receive as it is a means to connect with our community and to ensure that we are delivering what the community wants.

Council has 2 easy ways to provide feedback, this can be done through Council's website - [Contact us | Coomalie Community Government Council](#), or via the Snap Send Solve app.

Below is a screenshot of the Feedback form on our website, the personal details fields are not mandatory at this point, but are helpful for us to make contact with you should we need to clarify your feedback.

Complaints & Suggestions Form

Name:

Phone:

Address

Email Address

Nature of Feedback

Description

Supporting documents - File size can be no more than 10 MB

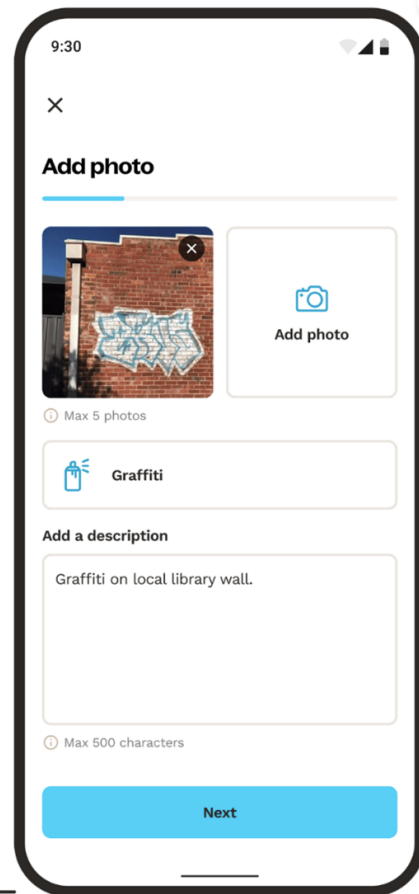
[Upload file](#)

The second option is to use the Snap Send Solve app, this is a smart phone app and can be downloaded from either the Apple Store or the Google Playstore.

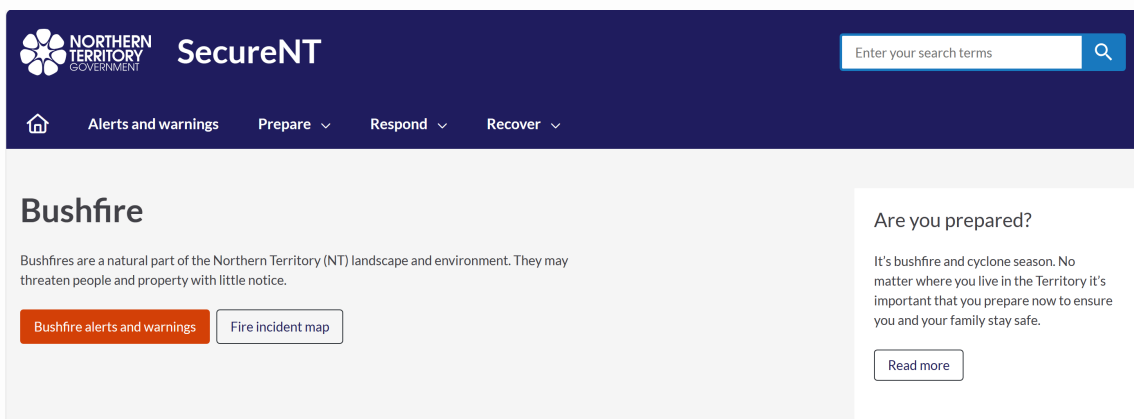
The benefit of this method of communication is that it provides GPS location data for the images that are uploaded with the feedback.

Currently Snap Send Solve does not provide anonymous submission of feedback or complaints. Again this information is handy should we wish to gain clarification on an item!

Connecting problems to problem-solvers.



Natural Disaster Preparedness



Secure NT is the place to go for all your warnings and information regarding natural disasters and preparedness. You can visit the list from [Secure NT](#).

Some handy shortcuts to bookmark are:

Cyclones - [Cyclones | Secure NT](#)

Flooding - [Flooding | Secure NT](#)

Severe Storms - [Severe storms | Secure NT](#)

Heatwaves - [Heatwave | Secure NT](#)

These pages have details on your and your family's preparedness for natural disasters.

Additional information can be gained from the Bureau of Meteorology at their website - [BOM](#).

From The Council Services Team

Council's works team are continuing wet season maintenance along with our regular duties.

Ongoing works include:

- Slashing and weeds maintenance on Council roads.
- Pot hole maintenance.
- On-going tree maintenance.
- There are a number of necessary road repairs and these will be undertaken in due course.
- General maintenance in both Adelaide River and Batchelor townships.
- Mowing of both townships.
- Regular activities at Adelaide River and Batchelor waste facilities.



With recent incidents of people driving through flooded creeks, it is timely to remind everyone:

IF IT'S FLOODED - FORGET IT

Weeds in Coomalie

Mimosa

Scientific name: *Mimosa pigra*

Declaration status: [Class A](#) except in areas where it is classified as [Class B](#)

Mimosa has a statutory weed management plan which outlines the legal requirements for control.

Go to Territory Stories website and read:

- [statutory weed management plan](#)
- [discussion paper: weed management plans for mimosa and bellyache bush 2023 - 2033.](#)

You can also read the [mimosa declaration zone map PDF \(547.0 KB\).](#)

Mimosa is a Weed of National Significance. For more information, go to the [Weeds Australia website](#).

Mimosa is native to tropical America from Mexico to northern Argentina.

It was deliberately introduced to the Northern Territory (NT) in the late 1800s as an ornamental curiosity.

Since then, it has spread across 15 catchments and onto 3 islands in the NT.

In suitable conditions mimosa can form vast monocultures.

Its spread has negatively impacted wetland ecosystems, pasture production, conservation land management and social and cultural land use.

Identification

You should use this as a guide. There may be other plants or weeds that look similar.

- single prickly stem when young, branched prickly bush when mature, up to 6m tall
- stem is greenish in young plants, becomes woody as the plant matures
- stem prickles are 0.5cm to 1cm long
- fern-like green leaves made up of many fine leaflets, occur in opposite pairs along branches and fold together at night, when touched or when water stressed
- flower heads are round fluffy balls composed of up to 100 small pink to mauve flowers
- each flower head produces a cluster of 10 to 20 seed pods
- seed pods are 6cm to 8cm long, turn brown when mature and break into segments
- seeds within the pods are oblong, brown or green and flattened and covered in fine hairs.



Attention: Road Weight Restrictions

*Road Weight Restrictions will be in force within the
Coomalie Shire.*

*1 October until 30 April***

*** Maybe extended due to weather or road conditions*

Permits available from Council 8976-0058

- 48 business hours notice required*
- 10 tonne max on unsealed roads*
- 20 tonne max on sealed roads*



From Community Services Team

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports will be returning the week starting 5th February 2024 with Adelaide River sessions on a Monday from 2:45pm - 3:45pm and Batchelor sessions Tuesday's 2:45pm - 3:45pm, please see Council's website for details on enrolling your child!

Youth Week Programming

Keep an eye out over the coming month for details of Council's Youth Week activities, we will be having some slightly different activities that will generate a lot of interest!

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

The first tour for the year will be held on Thursday 21st March 2024. Pickups are scheduled as: Batchelor 8:30am and Adelaide River 9:00am.

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to secure your spot as places are limited!



Bombing of Darwin Commemoration

Council held its annual Bombing of Darwin Commemorative service at the Adelaide River War Cemetery Civilian Section recently with a gathering of approx. 80 people.

Attendees listened to President Beswick speak about the Post Office workers that lost their lives, in particular the Croft family, that had descendants in attendance at the service.

Janie Mason from CDU Nursing History Unit spoke of Eileen Neenan, nee Elcock, and her MBE and finished with mention of two nurses remembered there at Adelaide River War Cemetery.

The Honourable Mr Brent Potter and Mr Luke Gosling also spoke on recent conflicts and the need to reflect on these actions for future generations.

Council would like to thank NORFORCE for providing the Catafalque party, 452 Squadron Tindal for the Chaplain, all guest speakers, and The Honourable Dheran Young Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for providing the morning tea. Lastly, we would like to thank Aaliyah Turner from Batchelor Area School for reading The Ode of Remembrance during the service!

From the Community Libraries Team

Our Community Libraries have been very busy places of late with people trying to get away from the heat we have been experiencing!

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.

Should libraries be closed on short notice, or late opening for any reason Council will publish this information to its Facebook page.

Batchelor Music & Craft Sessions

These fantastic free programs have again commenced at Batchelor Library on a Sunday between 2 - 4pm.

Don't forget to pop in and say G'Day to our new Library Assistants also!

2024 Community Directory



Advertising for the 2024 Coomalie Community Directory is now open, to have your business appear please follow this [link to download](#) the advertising form.

What's On

Mystery Bus Tour



Thursday 21st March 2024
Pickup: Batchelor 8:30am
Adelaide River 9:00am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to secure your seat!



STEP UP TO
UNITE

2024

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
SUNDAY 3 MARCH



REGISTER OR
JOIN NOW

Sunday 3rd March
8:00am - 12:00pm



Locations:

Adelaide River Oval
Batchelor Oval
Lake Bennett



Free Sausage Sizzle after each clean up!

See www.coomalie.nt.gov.au.cuad-24
for more information.

Or scan the code to the right!



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**COOMALIE
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INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

8 MARCH

Free Brunch

Come and join renowned author
Leonie Norrington and Sue Shearer,
COTA NT, and Dr Sue Stanton and
listen how they have *inspired* and
included those around them!

Friday 8th March 2024

10:00am - 12:00pm

Litchfield Outback Resort

Contact Council on 8976-0058
to secure your seat!



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**MUSIC AND CRAFT
SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES.**



JOIN US FOR FUN-FILLED SESSIONS
BETWEEN 2PM - 4PM EACH SUNDAY
AT BATCHELOR COMMUNITY LIBRARY



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**COMPUTER OR PHONE
GIVING YOU TROUBLE?**



**TALK TO OUR LIBRARY
STAFF TO GET YOU BACK
ON TRACK. SEE US AT THE
COMMUNITY LIBRARIES!**



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Our 3G closure in 2024: your questions answered

Back in 2019 we announced that we'd be closing our 3G network, which you might also know as the Telstra Next G network. Doing so allows us to repurpose the 3G spectrum to offer better coverage and reliability on our 4G and 5G mobile network.

- All Telstra Towers will be converted to 4G by 30th of June 2024
- The 3G network is not being replaced rather it is being upgraded/repurposed (like adding another lane to the highway not building a new highway - in layman's terms).
- 3G users will have the same coverage which will either be the same or improved to 4G. Big data users or high-end users will get bumped to 5G.
- As of the 1st of January, there remained 4 EFTPOS Machines and 18 handset still in operation in Coomalie. The 4 EFTPOs owners need to go to their bank to change their device.

For more information head to [Our 3G closure in 2024: your questions answered \(telstra.com.au\)](https://www.telstra.com.au/our-3g-closure-in-2024-your-questions-answered)

Pathway to Politics

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

8 MARCH

Pathways to Politics Program for Women NT

Changing the face of politics

The Pathways to Politics Program is a national, proudly non-partisan initiative that aims to change the face of politics by equipping women with the skills, knowledge, confidence and networks they need to run for elected office and thrive as political leaders.



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The 2024 program is running 3-7 June. Registrations open 6 March 2024:
<https://www.cdu.edu.au/northerninstitute/study/pathways-politics-program->

COTA

Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: 9:30am 28th March 2024

Gold coin donation please!

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257 for further details

Agemoves

Where: Old Rum Jungle Tavern, Batchelor

When: Every Tuesday 10:00am - 11:30am

Contact: Daryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803

Combined session for people of Coomalie.

Yoga/Pilates and Tai Chi are available on alternative weeks.

All Coomalie people are encouraged to attend both or either sessions.

Monthly Bus Trip


Where: Coolalinga and Gateway Shopping Centres

Pick up Batchelor 8am and Adelaide River 8:30am

When: Monday 25th March 2024

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 25



Do you want to know more about Dementia?

Dementia Awareness Session
 Join us for a **FREE** information session:
 Have a brief overview of dementia and learn about available supports and services
 Know how to support people living with dementia and create a dementia-friendly community
 Share your stories and experiences.

Morning tea will be provided.

Please join us at:

Date: Monday 4th March 2024


Time: 10:30am – 12:00noon

Location: Adelaide River Show Society
 Lot 158 Dorat Rd, Adelaide River

RSVP

By: 29 February 2024
Email: alison.boyle@dementia.org.au
Call: 08 7979 0077 or 0490 375 098

National Dementia Helpline **1800 100 500**
 Find us online dementia.org.au




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NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
 O&S
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 PALMERSTON

BALANCE & HARMONY

MARCH 16
 4PM - 5PM
 PALMERSTON COLLEGE
 SENIOR CAMPUS THEATRE
 AFTERNOON DELIGHTS
 FROM 3.30PM

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TICKETS:
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EVENTLIST/ARAFURA

Community Groups

Batchelor Museum

The Museum has had a few visitors in the past month, but come late March it will open daily from 10 am until 4pm, and at other times by appointment. At times tour groups want to visit earlier to fit in with their schedule and we will work with them to do so. Meantime Peter has been working to improve the grounds presentation and he is changing the bird water points to more conventional pieces, replacing the old bathroom basins. These new bird baths are being cemented in place. We also hope to finally remove the old stumps of mahogany trees which were cut down when the Museum was being established more than twelve years ago.

The mining era brought an influx of both Irish and Italian workers to Batchelor, and I was recently asked to provide details about the Italian men. Whilst we have records about many of the mining workers we do not hold a history of specific country immigration.

The Community has been welcoming in that it has, I think, been recognised that there is history of Aboriginal as well as white Australians and other countries represented here, and we had not previously been bothered with theft and vandalism.

Recently, besides theft there has, disappointingly, been vandalism. One item was the breaking of a door latch. A new one was bought and then Peter saw two boys attempting to break the new one. He chased them quite a way, and reported them to

Police.

Firstly, they needed to be at school, not wandering around looking for some mischief to pass the time.

However this episode reminds me of a project I would like to see happen in Batchelor-- and that is an area for young people to pursue some indoor recreation and skills. One of the houses for relocation (see them near Darwin) would be ideal to set up this project.

If you are interested in developing this idea, please be in contact with us here at the Museum and we can present the project to Council and apply for a Community Grant to get the situation going.

Meantime Lucinda and I will continue our respective projects to keep developing the community Museum .

Jan Hills

Rum Jungle Project Update

The latest newsletter from the Rum Jungle Mine Project can be downloaded from Council's website [here](#) and scroll to the section on Rum Jungle Mine Project Newsletter.

Coomalie Gardening Group

First meeting for the year will be at 11:30am on Sunday 17th March at Denmar Downs.

Batchelor Op Shop / Food For Life

Food for Life/Foodbank is no longer operating in Batchelor.

Food Bank has opened premises in Yarrawonga.

Meet and Greet will still operate each fortnight on Friday, commencing March 8th & 22nd 2024, from 9:30am to 11:30am, at the carport next to St Francis Church.

Sausage rolls and mini meat pies will be served together with tea and coffee. This will be followed by cake and biscuits. Everyone is welcome and food and drinks are free of charge.

The Op shop will be operating at the same time. For this month only all clothing items will be charged out at \$1 (one dollar).

The anglicare ladies will, also, be there for anyone wanting to know about or apply for a No Interest Loan (Nils).

Everyone is welcome so come along and have a chat!

St Francis Church

Every Sunday

Mardango Cres, Batchelor

9:00am service start with morning tea at 10:30am

St Francis' Church, Batchelor

WELCOME TO OUR
CHURCH
Service

EVERY SUNDAY
25 Mardango Cr

Service starts @ 9:00am

Morning tea @ 10:30am

How to get there

King Cr
Mardango Cr
Phoenix Cr
Avella Rd
BROOKER HOUSE

0401 022 522 RevRuthWalton@gmail.com

Save The Date



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Agemoves	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Tuesdays 10:00am - 11:30am Call Daryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803
Coomalie Gardening Group	Denmar Downs	11:00am start Sunday 17th March
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River & Batchelor Schools	Mondays & Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm (during school terms) Returns week starting 5th February 2024
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
St Francis Church Service	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Sunday 9:00am start 10:30am Morning tea
St Francis Op Shop	St Francis Church Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2nd Friday 8th & 22nd March 2024

From Emergency Services

<p>Adelaide River Police Station Northern Territory Police</p> <p>C/- Post Office, Adelaide River 0845 (08) 8976-7042</p>	<p>Batchelor Police Station Northern Territory Police</p> <p>PO Box 21, Batchelor NT 0845 (08) 8976-0015</p>
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Adelaide River Health Centre

Becker St, Adelaide River 0846
(08) 8976-7027



Batchelor Primary Health Care Centre

27 Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor 0845
(08) 8976-0011



The Boring But Necessary Stuff

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 [feedback](#).

You can also fill out one of the two forms on [Council's website](#).

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 March 2024

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.

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