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From The Chambers



**Congratulations to Clr. Freeman who was appointed Deputy President at the September Ordinary General Meeting.
Clr. McClymont will continue to represent the Batchelor Township Ward as a councillor until end of term.**

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 17th October 2023. At this meeting, Council considered the following business:

- Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements were tabled in DRAFT to the Coomalie Councils Risk Management and Audit Committee who recommended that Council endorse the report.
- The Gamba Action Program will run from the 1st December 2023 until the 29th of April 2024 subject to herbicide stock.
- The President, Deputy President, Chief Executive Officer and one Councillor will attend the Annual LGANT Convention in Darwin next month.
- Quarterly reports from Council and Community Services Unit and Corporate Services Unit were discussed with loads of work in each unit being undertaken and some completed with excellent feedback.

The 2nd Instalment date for property rates is sneaking up on us! Due Thursday 30th November 2023.

If you have not received your 2023-2024 rates notice by now, please contact the Council ASAP.

Instalment Dates:

~~1st Instalment – Friday 29th September 2023~~ - finished.

2nd Instalment - Thursday 30th November 2023

3rd Instalment - Wednesday 31st January 2024

4th Instalment - Friday 29th March 2024

Free to Residents

Small 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 21st November 2023** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

From The Council Services Team

The Council's works team's focus this month has been transition into wet season preparedness, with the release of the Slashing & Spraying RFQ's for Council controlled roads.

Other works have included, with projections for a busy couple of months leading up to Christmas.

Works/Waste

- Pre - cyclone clean up successfully completed in Adelaide River & Batchelor, with more than 50 cubic metres of hard rubbish collected, 45 fridges and 25 misc whitegoods.
- Refurbishment of Batchelor park furniture, with the removal of dated BBQ's.
- Line Marking, Bevan & Lithgow Roads.
- Shoulder Works Chinner Road lake Bennett.
- Bowls Club works, working to activate community Sport & Recreation.
- Installation of guideposts, Sargent Road & Poett Road.
- Mulching & rehabilitation of Rum Jungle Lake entry.
- Assistance to Batchelor Catholic Church in removal of graffiti.
- Removal of dangerous tree Cameron Road & Mardango Crescent.
- New Carpark built Batchelor Museum, with the assistance of Rum Jungle Rehab Project Trainees
- Staff training in loader, Backhoe & Roller operations.

Projected November/December

- Awarding of the Slashing & Spraying agreements

- Memorial Terrace Works to repair slumped drain.
- Crater Lake Road Drainage Works
- Coach Road Floodway Works
- Repairs to Old Coach Road Culverts
- Drainage & Culvert installation Miles Road.
- Canopy clearing, Batchelor Oval





Image 1: Earthworks at Batchelor Waste Facility



Image 2: Linemarking at Bevan & Lithgow Roads

Image 3: Undertakin Community In Kind support at Batchelor Museum

Coomalie Art Show Wrap Up

Coomalie Art Show 2023 Wrap Up

With over 25 entries for the 2023 Art Show and a change of venue to the Coomalie Art Centre, the Art Show went off with a bang.

Thanks to all the entries and people that came to visit and appreciate the art over the 5 days and nights that the show was open!

Council wishes to thank Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, Dheran Young MLA for their sponsorship of the event.

Stayed tuned in the next month when Council releases the theme for the 2024 Coomalie Art Show!





The winners for the 2023 Art Show are as follows:

- 1st Place 2D Art - Veronica Hodges "Welcome Relief"
- 2nd Place 2D Art - Charlie Conterino "Thirsty Boabs". Also the People's Choice Award winner!
- 1st Place 2D Junior Art - Charlie Ryan "Midnight Thunder"
- 1st Place 3D Art - John Briggs "Sweetheart"
- 2nd Place 3D Art - Charlie Contarino "Big Snake Digeridoo"
- Honourable Mention - Patricia Higgins "Get Ready"

From Community Services Team

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports are back in full swing with some great numbers in attendance each week.

Should you wish your child to attend, you must complete a Council After School Sports Permission Form, these can be downloaded [here](#), or they are available at your school office.

Dates & times are as follows:

- Adelaide River - Monday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm.
- Batchelor - Tuesday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm.

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

What a great tour we had in October, with a trip to Parliament House to see the inner workings of Government.

There was 20 attendees for this month and they were all thrilled with the activity that

was planned. Activities included: a tour of Parliament House and some history, sitting in on a session of Parliament, Lunch in the Members & Guests Lounge with a visit from The Honourable Natasha Files MLA, Chief Minister, The Honourable Lauren Moss MLA, Member for Senior Territorians, and Mr Dheran Young, Member for Daly.

The next tour is on Thursday 16th November, be quick to get your name down!

Seniors Christmas Party

Planning for the 2023 Seniors Christmas Party is underway, with invitations expected to be mailed out the week starting 30th October. The RSVP list will open on Monday 6th November. RSVP's will not be accepted prior to this date.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - AUSTRALIA DAY

Australia Day

Citizen of the year Awards

Who makes a difference in your community?

Nominations are now open:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Awards are presented at Australia Day events in Councils across the Northern Territory

Visit the website or contact your local Council for details.

nt.australiaday.org.au



🏆 Know someone making a real impact in your community? Nominate them for for one of the below categories!

🇺🇸 Let's honor our unsung heroes this Australia Day.

Categories this year include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year

- Community Event of the Year

Annual Community Grants Program

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Applications for Council's Annual Community Grants Program are now open for 2023-24 program year, closing on 30th November 2023.

The program is open to Community Groups and Individuals seeking assistance with an activity that shows the Coomalie Region in a positive light.

See Council's website at
www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/community-grants
for more information



From the Community Libraries Team

Council has 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.

Be sure to keep an eye out for our new Library Assistant Nicola!

Annual purchasing of new books has been completed, please check the shelves for these items! Should you require a special title, please let your Library Assistants know and we can add it to the order!

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 - Batchelor Area School Library from 3rd November

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. Please see the flyers in this newsletter.

Important Notice for Batchelor Community Library Patrons

Batchelor Community Library is Moving

Effective Friday 3rd
November 2023



Due to the air conditioner issues at Batchelor Institute, we are relocating the Community Library to the Batchelor School Library from 3rd November until Christmas closures from 18th December.

Library hours remain:
Friday 3:00pm - 5:30pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 4:30pm



What's On



Join the Mystery Bus Tour!

Council is providing a free bus service for a mystery lunch trip and experience to somewhere in the Top End of the NT. Plan a day out from around 9am - 3pm.



Thursday 16th
November 2023

Experience the
thrill of the
unexpected.

Pick up available at Adelaide River, Batchelor and Lake Bennett.

Batchelor: 8:30am
Adelaide River: 9:00am
Lake Bennett: 9:50am

Call (08) 8976-0058 to book your spot!.

MUSIC AND CRAFT SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES.



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



COMPUTER OR PHONE GIVING YOU TROUBLE?



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



WEEDS IN COOMALIE

IMPORTANT NEWS
ATTENTION ALL LANDHOLDERS!

is your gamba grass gone?

New gamba grass regulations have started

LESS THAN 3 ha (7.4 acres)
All gamba grass must be removed, or you risk being fined.

LARGER THAN 3 ha (7.4 acres)
You should already be actively reducing gamba every year and have a 15 m gamba-free buffer around boundaries, infrastructure and both sides of the track into your property.

The requirements are part of the *Gamba Grass Weed Management Plan 2020–2030*.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Weed Management Branch
Ph 8999 4567
nt.gov.au/gamba

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Siam Weed Update October 2023

Dear stakeholders,

As of October 2023, Siam weed is known to be present on over 130 sites across 11 properties in the Northern Territory. These infestation sites extend over 3 major catchments; the Finniss, Reynolds and Daly Rivers. The current known infestations span approximately 9,500km² of the western Top End. The furthestmost infestation now sits over 100km from the first recorded infestation.

In July 2023, the Weed Management Branch conducted aerial surveys in collaboration with landholders, Litchfield National Park and the Bulgul Land and Sea Rangers, see Figure 1.

There were a number of new detections found during the aerial surveys this year but fortunately there has been no significant range extension in the last 12 months. One new detection on the Reynolds River just outside the boundaries of Litchfield National

Park is cause for concern, however extensive aerial survey across Litchfield National Park found no Siam weed within the park. There was however a noticed increase in Siam within the core area on Labelle Station and across the Delissaville/Wagait/Larrakia Aboriginal Land Trust.

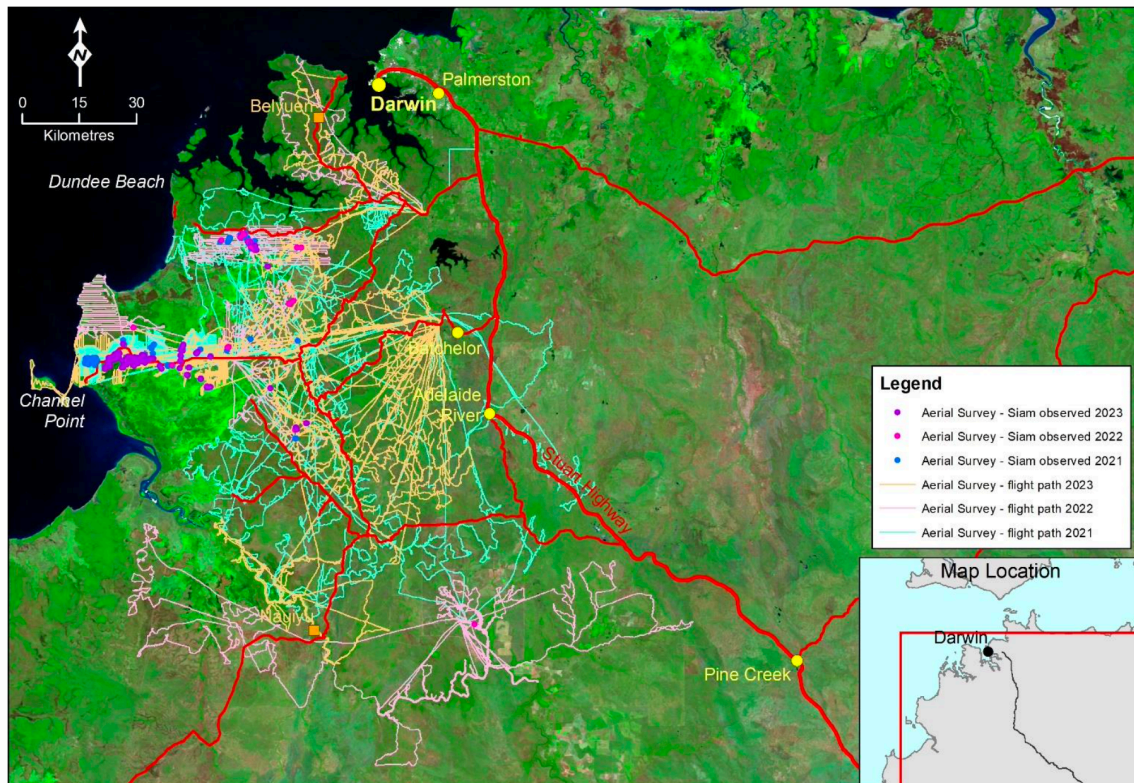


Figure 1. Aerial survey flight paths

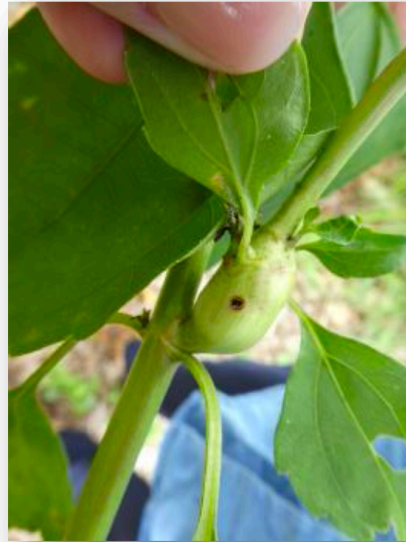
The Weed Management Branch have also continued ground surveys and have prioritised treatment of all Siam weed outside of the core infestation areas. Over the last year all 130 Siam weed sites have been treated at least once, with some sites being treated up to three times. The majority of sites outside of the core area have seen a marked reduction of Siam weed density and reduction of mature plants. Aerial spray trials have been ongoing to refine best aerial control methodology by determining:

- the most effective and cost efficient use of herbicide and wetter mixes
- refinement of chemical and application rates per hectare
- the best timing for control when taking into account seasonal factors
- incorporation of savanna burning practices to achieve better results

Significant aerial spraying was undertaken in May 2023 across the core area that has shown encouraging results.

The results of these spray trials as well as other information to help land managers

manage Siam weed will be included in a Siam Weed Management Guide that is close to being finalised by the Weed Management Branch in collaboration with the QLD Government. The guide looks to provide land managers with a suite of control options depending on the infestation scenario. The guide is expected to be finalised by the end of the year and will be available online.



Photos 1 Cecidochares connexa (gall fly).

Photo 2 gall on Siam weed (resulting from gall fly laying eggs in the fresh growth of the Siam weed, larvae developing and the gall forming, and from which the new gall fly will emerge).

The Weed Management Branch also continue to breed and release gall flies at a number of sites across the core area. The fly galls damage the stems and become vectors of infection in the plant, in turn reducing flowering and seeding. The flies are now considered to have established self-sustaining populations at a number of locations.

In terms of funding, the Australian government funded Advancing the detection, control and management of Siam weed in northern Australia - Siam Weed Project Officer (research) role is finishing at the end October of 2023. The remaining Siam Weed Control Project Officer will continue working with affected landholders and stakeholders conducting ongoing survey, mapping and control of Siam weed through until mid-2025. Eradication of outlying infestations and containment of core infestations will remain the priority.

For more information or to make a Siam report please contact

Joshua.Maeer@nt.gov.au or Shelley.Inglis@nt.gov.au

COTA

Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: **Thursday** 30th November 2023 9:30am

Talk by: NT Carers

Gold coin donation please!

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257 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: 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.

Monthly Bus Trip

Where: Coolalinga and Gateway Shopping Centres

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

When: Monday 27th November 2023 - 4th Monday

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 25

COTA

For senior Territorians

Coomalie, Northern Territory



STRONG
CURRENTS
AHEAD

- ✓ PREPARE DOCUMENTS
- ✓ HAVE CONVERSATIONS
- ✓ PLAN A SEND-OFF

Dying
to Know
Day
8 August

Dying to Know Workshop

End of life choices and planning

Thursday 9 November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Litchfield Resort, 49 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

Information and discussion about end of life choices and planning.

Your documents | Wills, Power of Attorney, Enduring Guardian, Death Nomination, Advance Personal Plan **Your family and friends** | Planning those conversations with your substitute decision makers, executor and guardian. **Your send off** | Cremation, burial or something else? Funeral home package or something personal? Event at home? Party afterwards or no fuss?

To book

Phone Jan Jewell (Coomalie) 0408 760 257

Sharon Beswick (Adelaide River) 8976 7020

Community Groups

Batchelor Museum

Our caretakers, Malcolm and Allison

Some of the panel displays are very personal stories that one does not

decided to continue their travels as we have had very few people coming to the Museum in this very hot build-up weather. Indeed the traffic around is noticeably less-as many tourists are seeking cooler places to spend time.

However we continue with Museum development and upkeep.

On Tuesday 24 October, Rob from Ethical Adventures Tours brought a publicity team- who were intent on photographing in Litchfield Park. Rob had told them of the Castle and the Museum. I introduced the manager to our Museum and explained history around the Mac Arthur Rock. The team then filmed Rob at the rock and in the WW2 area. I

Thanks to Rob for managing to include Batchelor town in the advertising shoot.

We are grateful to the Council for their support in establishing a specified parking area at the Museum adjacent to Tarkarri Road and Kirra Crescent. It is hoped people will utilise this as being near the entrance, and avoid parking on the grass area. Since clearing the parking area Council have placed bollards along the drain to assist people with parking.

We will get a sign printed for display. The large Museum sign there will be shifted once there has been sufficient rain to ease removal.

get in history books and particularly with WW 2 is presented in an easy informative way. The mining history too presents not just the mine workings, and people, but also represents a way of life in that era which the community loved.

Gaye is handling the advertising as we seek new caretakers and the advert is on the volunteer Grey Nomad site. However if you meet people who may be interested please direct them to one of us to provide information.

Thanks to Gaye and Sean for opening recent weekends and being on call.

Jan Hills

Rum Jungle Project Update

The latest newsletter from the Rum Jungle Mine Project can be downloaded from Council's website [here](#).

Coomalie Gardening Group

We wish to thank all our members for their input over the last year and to wish them and all an early Merry Christmas.

The Gardening club will be taking a short break until February 2024.

Date, time and venue will be announced in January 2024.

Next week I will attend a workshop relating to contacting schools with reference to visiting our Museum. It does have a lot of history to offer and the many photos which roll through on displays present a great story in themselves.

Till then stay safe and happy gardening.

Batchelor Op Shop / Food For Life

Dates for Op Shop and Food For Life for October are:

- Friday 10th November 2023
- Friday 24th November 2023

Times remain 10:00am - 12:00pm



Wunun in partnership with IBA are pleased to invite Expressions of Interest (EOI's) from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Wunun will be delivering two programs from July to December 2023.

Local Jobs for Local Mob – Job Readiness Program

For women who are looking for support to secure employment and map their future career pathways.

You will be supported with:

- Tailored program to meet all job preparedness needs Engaging and productive workshops
- Develop professional suite of documents to be competitive in the job market and plan your career pathway Connecting you with potential employers
- Support to build skill sets in areas of interest and demand

Business Support and Mentoring Program

For women who are considering establishing a new business or need support with an existing business.

You will be supported with:

- Business start-up essentials

- Engaging and productive workshops
- Development of business document suite to support your operations and strategic positioning
- Product development and marketing
- Available funding/support opportunities
- Writing successful funding applications

Both programs are free to attend and will be delivered in Batchelor NT.

Places are limited so please contact Rikki to find out more and secure a placement today.

Building a Strong and Capable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce
Achieving Strong Economic Success Through Business Entrepreneurship
Working Together to Secure Strong Families and Communities



Rikki McCallum

Phone: 0427 681 077

Email: rikki.mccallum@outlook.com



Wet Season Market

Sunday 12th
November 2023
8am to 1pm

→ LITCHFIELD OUTBACK RESORT

For more information contact:
batchelormarketsnt@gmail.com
or 0428330231

With the wet season here Litchfield Outback Resort has kindly offered to host the Batchelor Town and Country Markets. So come on down to this beautiful spot - catch up with friends - grab a coffee - a bite to eat - and browse our very unique stalls.



Should you wish to hold a stall please contact Cheryl Campbell or Kaye Wilson on 0428 330 231 or via email at batchelormarketsnt@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
Adelaide River Playgroup	Preschool Room Adelaide River Primary School	Every Monday & Tuesday and the 1st & 3rd Wednesday's of the month (during school terms) 8:30am - 10:30am
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	2nd Sunday of the month - Dry Season only. Next market Sunday 12th November.
Batchelor Playgroup	Preschool Grounds Batchelor Area School	Every second Friday (during school terms) 8:30am - 11:30am
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Mondays 2:45pm - 3:45pm (during school terms)
Council Run After School Sports	Batchelor Area School	Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm (during school terms)
Food for Life	St Francis Church	Every 2nd Friday 10th & 24th November 2023
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Litchfield Motel	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
St Francis Op Shop	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2nd Friday 10th & 24th November 2023

From Emergency Services

Adelaide River Police Station
Northern Territory Police

C/- Post Office,
Adelaide River 0845
(08) 8976-7042

Remote Sergeant -
Colin Queadley

Batchelor Police Station
Northern Territory Police

PO Box 21,
Batchelor NT 0845
(08) 8976-0015

Remote Sergeant -
Sean Byrnes





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 21st November 2023

Stop Press

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Please ensure you have read Council's policy [1.1 Community Communication](#) before submitting an article.

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