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From The Chambers

DRAFT SHIRE PLAN 2023/24

The Draft Shire Plan has been released and available for comment and feedback up until Friday the 26th May 2023. **“IT’S A ONE STOP SHOP”** document about what Council aims to achieve in the new financial year.

The Draft Plan includes:

- Coomalie Council profile
- 2023/24 Draft Budget
- 2023/24 Draft Fees & Charges
- 2023/24 Rates Declaration
- Long Term Financial Term

To obtain a copy please go to the Council Website under Publications or call into the office for a hard copy. www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/publications

ASSET VALUATION

All Council and public assets in the region were visited recently as part of the Valuation of Assets process; site inspections completed by NT Valuers. This process assists Council to develop an asset management plan which will inform the Councils long term financial plan and annual budgeting.

GRANT SUBMISSIONS

Council has managed to compile several Grant Applications for submission:

- Risk Reduction Program – Chin Estate Fire and Flood Mitigation
- Community Places for People x 2 (Cemetery Precinct Upgrade and Activating Myrtle Fawcett Park
- Fishing Infrastructure – Rum Jungle Lake Fishing Deck and Day Use Area upgrade

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 Council Meetings page on our website to access the very latest information. Council’s next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Councils meetings are open to the public.

DRAFT 2023/24 SHIRE PLAN AND BUDGET

Coomalie Council has released the 2023/24 DRAFT Shire Plan including the 2023/24 Budget, Rates Declaration and Strategic Plan for Public consultation and is seeking feedback for 21 days, closing on Friday 26th May 2023. Comments are welcome and can be made by written submission via email or post.

To view the Draft Plan, please visit
Council's website -

www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-publications

Council will have an information tent at the following locations:

Lake Bennett Saturday 6th May 2023 9:00am - 11:00am

Adelaide River Markets Saturday 13th May 2023

Batchelor Markets Sunday 14th May 2023

Come along and chat with your local Councillors.



From The Council Services Team

Works

Council's works crew have started to transition from wet season, to dry season works, including, strengthening fire breaks, completion of pothole management, tree trimming program (Adelaide River & Batchelor) & curb vegetation clearing.

Waste

Stage 1 of the Batchelor Waste facility improvement plan is underway, which will include vegetation clearance, fire breaks, coverage of all waste to assist in vermin control and safety improvements.



Updated Waste Facility Hours



ADELAIDE RIVER

Monday Closed
 Tuesday 8am - 2pm
 Wednesday Closed
 Thursday Closed
 Friday 8am - 10am
 Saturday 8am - 4pm
 Sunday 7am - 3pm

BATCHELOR

Monday 7am - 3pm
 Tuesday Closed
 Wednesday Closed
 Thursday 7am - 11am
 Friday 11am - 3pm
 Saturday 8am - 4pm
 Sunday 8am - 4pm



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Dogs in Coomalie Shire



All dogs in Coomalie Shire over 3 months of age must be registered. You can register your dog at Council Offices or via Email

Dogs **must** be on a leash at all times in any public area, otherwise they can be impounded.



Fees apply if your dog has been impounded.

Dog Registration Charges

Registration Period - 1st September to 31st August
 Registered between Sep - Aug \$37.00
 Registered between Mar - Aug \$27.00
 Pensioner / Concession \$18.50



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COOMALIE VET DAYS

WHEN? Adelaide River 10th May 2023

Free desexing for dogs and cats for concession card holders.

WHATS ON? Discounted services available.

For appointments contact 8976-0058.
 Dog must be registered to obtain service.

For more information see council's Facebook or visit www.coomalie.nt.gov.au

See you there!




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⚠️ ADELAIDE RIVER ⚠️ FERAL CAT TRAPPING

A single cat can kill 16 native animals a day!

WHEN? Tuesday 9th May 2023
 from 6:30pm until 7:00am
 Wednesday 10th

WHATS ON? Do you have a feral cat problem?
 Would you be willing to host a trap?

Council will be placing cat traps around Batchelor on the above dates to reduce the feral cat population.

If you do not want your pet cat trapped, please secure it inside for this period.

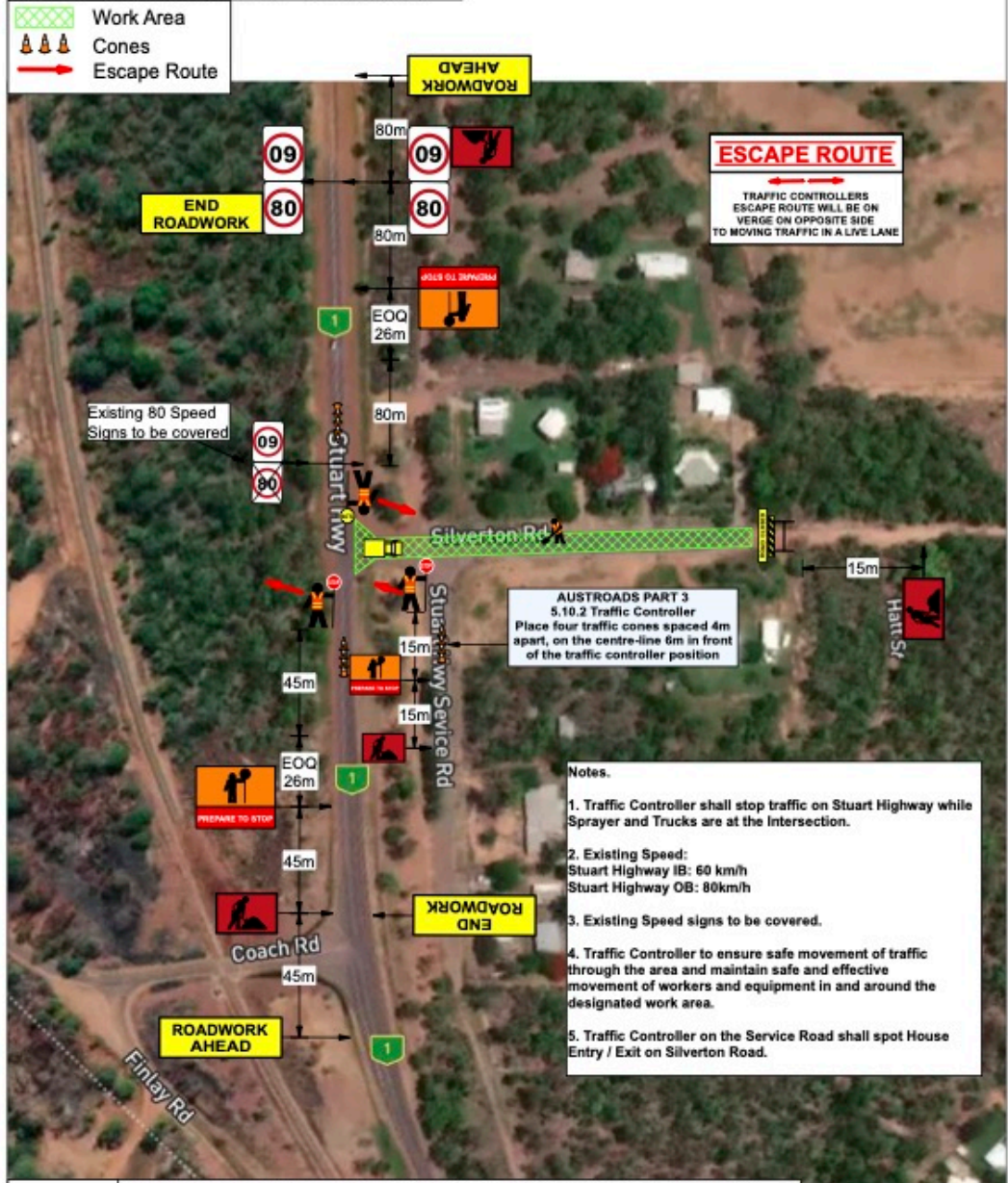
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Adelaide River Roadworks

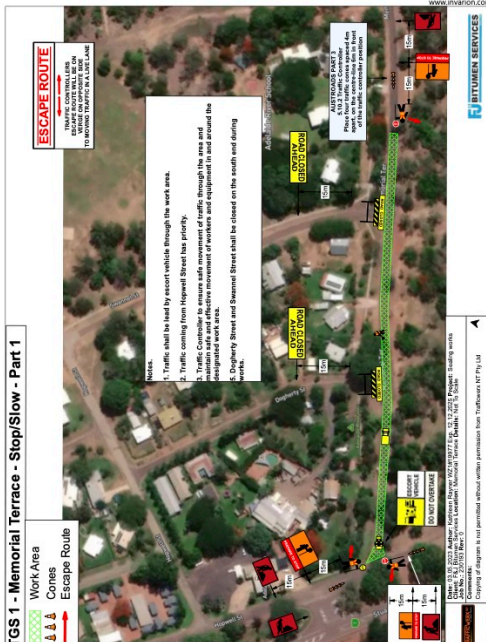
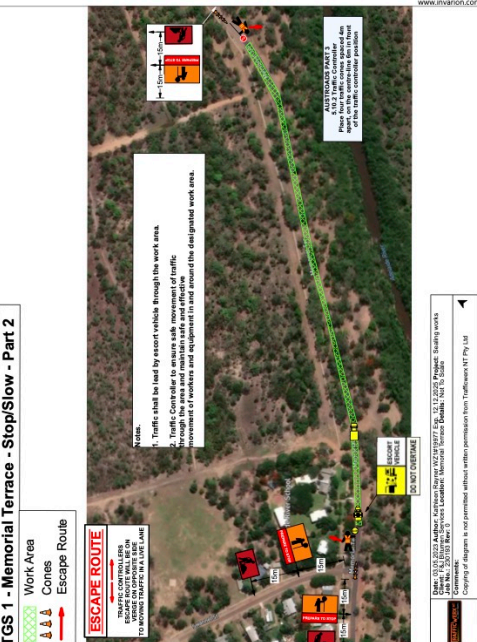
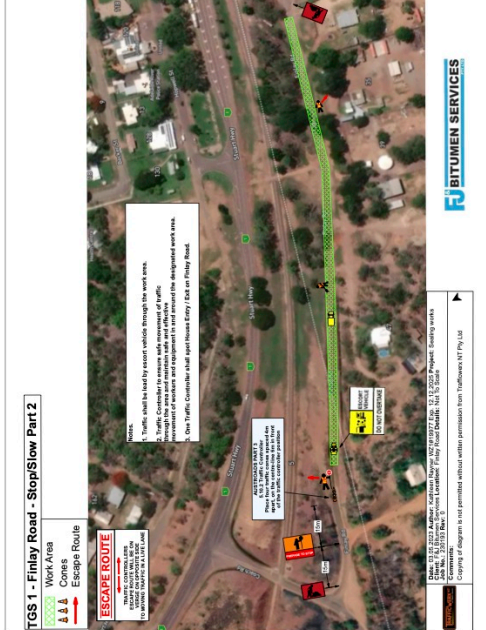
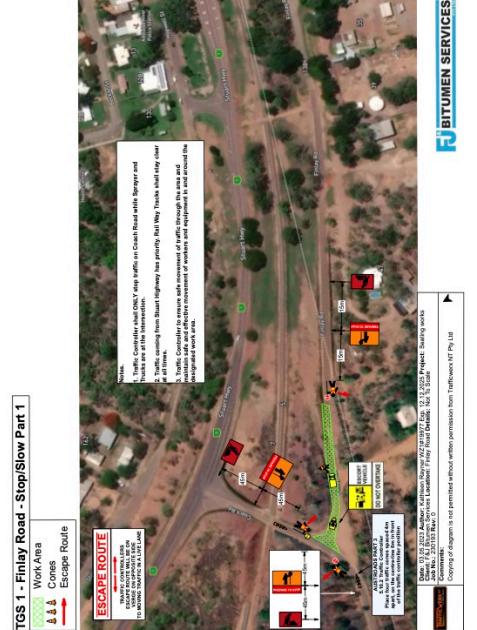
Residents are advised, Council's contractor will commence road resealing works Monday 8th May, with completion expected by the 23rd May 2023. Affected Roads will include, Finlay Road, Silverton Road & Memorial Terrace Adelaide River, however an approved Traffic Guidance System will be in place, with residents asked to observe changed traffic conditions

TGS 1 - Silverton Road - Stop/Slow

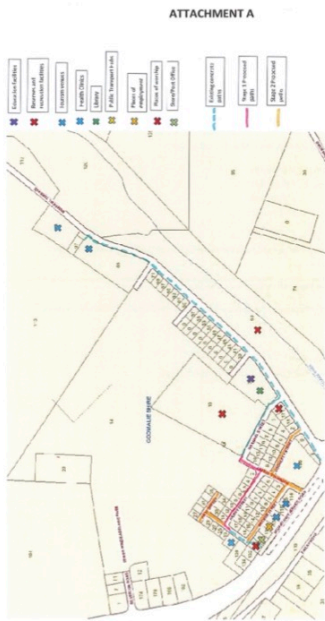


Date: 03.05.2023 Author: Kathleen Rayner WZ1#19977 Exp. 12.12.2025 Project: Sealing works
 Client: F&J Bitumen Services Location: Silverton Road Details: Not To Scale
 Job No.: 230193 Rev: 0
 Comments:
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Footpath Works - Adelaide River and Batchelor



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Council has awarded the tender for the construction of footpaths, for Batchelor & Adelaide River, with works expected to commence mid May.

Completed Road Correction Works



Strickland & Haynes Road civil works completed, authorised signage to be installed in coming weeks.

Thanks to the NTG for the Black Spot Funding to correct these corners.

From Community Development Team

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports is off and running with substantial numbers being recorded at both schools in the shire.

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

Dates & times are as follows:

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

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The next Seniors Mystery Bus Tour will be held on Thursday 18th May, please see flyer later in this newsletter for details!

The last tour had 15 people attend with the group visiting the Royal Botanic Gardens in Darwin, with lunch at Eva's Cafe within the garden grounds!

Be sure to book for the next tour direct with Council to ensure you name is not missed!

Youth Week 2023

Council had 6 children attend the Youth Week activity.

They attended Darwin Go-Karts at Hidden Valley and were treated to 4 x 15 minute sessions of karting around the track.

Please see below for some images from the day!

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

What a warm morning we had this year for our Dawn Service, a bit different to normal!

A lovely service was provided by all, and it was special to see so many Defence Force

personnel lined up to the left of the cross to honour the fallen, or injured personnel from all previous wars that Australia has served in.

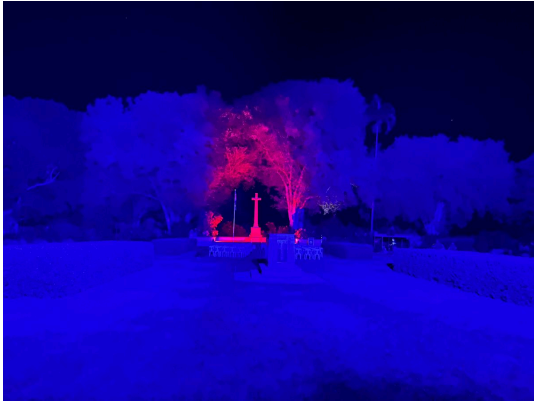
Special thanks must go to the following people, that with their attendance and action made our service that much more special:

- Mr Bob Shewring - MC
- The Honourable Kate Worden MLA - The Ode reader
- Mr Peter Harvey - Bugler
- Ms Ore Ogeleye - Vocalist

Please see below some images from the morning.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service





Youth Week



From the Community Libraries Team

Council's 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.

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

Watch out for the Music & Jam Session at Batchelor Community Library on a Sunday afternoon, bring along your guitar or ukulele, or just your singing voice to have some fun in the afternoons!

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.

What's On

Seniors 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.

Bus service is free. Please bring own water. Meals, tours and drinks at own expense!

Save the date:

Thursday 18th May

Pickup Batchelor 8:30am

Adelaide River 9:00am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

Watch Out



October 13th - 15th 2023

Big Storm Coming

(looking forward to the wet)

Entries close: 15th Sept
Visit coomalie.nt.gov.au/art-show
for more details.

COTA

Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: **Thursday** 25th May 2023 9:30am

Please note change of day to a Thursday!

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

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 22nd May 2023
Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus
Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 25



At the April COTA meeting, CEO Sharon Hillen spoke about her work life as well as Council's plans for the Shire.

Community Groups

Batchelor Museum

The Museum has opened for visitors, though unfortunately we do not have enough volunteers to open every day. We would welcome travellers who would assist in return for a van site with power, water and amenities provided.

Currently the Museum is open for visitors on Saturday and Sunday, with Gaye being there. As Sue is ill this week, Sean will open on Friday and Lucinda on Tuesday. I will be working with Lucinda again at the Museum on Tuesdays as we continue with developing displays. When Sue returns the Museum will open Thursdays as well.

Carol Day-who has made a great contribution to the Museum for over 10 years as Treasurer- has resigned, so we are looking for a person to take on that role. Thank you Carol for your very competent management over the time.

We have been fortunate to have a person with accounting qualifications to set up our accounts and see that the finances have been recorded, audited and reported as required., so all is in order to continue./

Rum Jungle Project Update

The latest newsletter from the Rum Jungle Mine Project can be downloaded from Council's website

As the tourist season really gets under way I hope we are able to open daily as is usual for the time. We will continue to advertise on Grey Nomads for assistance.

I have recently discussed with Carly, Kathy Mills Granddaughter, about a panel around the great contribution Kathy made in writing, arts and music. Carly will help in preparing the panel as she has many photographs and information.

The Museum is an asset to Batchelor and tells of the interesting history of this town and region, so do give consideration to giving some time to assist if you can.

Talk to Lucinda, Gaye, or any of us for further information.

Jan Hills

Batchelor Op Shop & Food For Life

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

[here](#).

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 12th and 26th May 2023 from 10:00am - 12:00pm.



**Come join us this Mother's Day
at the Batchelor Markets.**

**Sunday May 14th
8am to 1pm**

**Batchelor Town Centre
Near Oval
For info contact
batchelormarketsnt@gmail.com**

THE LAKE BENNETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO A

COMMUNITY BBQ

Saturday, 6th May 2023, from 9-11 AM
in the Common Area, just over the causeway before the
North Shore Residents turn off.

This is an opportunity to speak with government
representatives and the Community Reference Group
about the AROWS Project and how it may impact you.

Community members welcome



THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL MEMBER FOR DALY, DHERAN YOUNG FOR
SUPPORTING THE BBQ BY PROVIDING THE SAUSAGES!

*Council's 2023-24 Shire Plan will be on han for discussion with several Councillors
and CEO Sharon Hillen.*

nbnCo Update

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Hi folks,

We know how crucial broadband is to homes and businesses in the bush, and the last few months we've been delivering on upgrade programs across the country. As we continue to evolve and upgrade the network, it is important that we listen to our customers so that we get it right.



That's why we've kicked off a trial of a new nbn® Sky Muster Plus® satellite plan, intended to deliver 100% unmetered data usage and faster burst speeds of up to 100Mbps. I'm excited to see what feedback we get so that the end product delivers on our customers' needs. After one month, early indications suggest the satellite network appears to remain robust despite an increase in data usage of about 33% during the peak hours of 4pm-midnight. I'm excited to say we have extended the trial to include up to around 15,000 eligible participants (previously 10,000).

The trial follows the release of four new higher speed tiers and uncapped data allowance plans on the nbn business satellite service in January, and the announcement in February of a further 1 million more homes and businesses becoming eligible for a full fibre upgrade, with up to 58% of these being in regional areas.

I was proud to represent nbn at the 2023 Mobile World Congress in Barcelona in February, where we announced that nbn will be the first network operator in the world to deploy Ericsson's extended-range software in the field. This software is one of the puzzle pieces that will help us "5G-enable" our existing Fixed Wireless network, improving capacity, reducing congestion and supporting the introduction of higher wholesale speeds.

Staying on the fixed wireless upgrades, we've also recently released [the first 24,000 homes and businesses across Australia who can now access nbn fixed wireless services for the first time](#). These are just the first of around 120,000 premises who may be able to experience enhancements that will enable faster and more consistent speeds overall across the fixed wireless network, including in the evening. This will allow more people to more people to be online at the same to work, study, and stream with less buffering.

Regular readers will know how much I look forward to our annual [Innovate with nbn grants program](#) and the opportunity to celebrate great ideas bursting out of regional and remote Australia. Now in its third year, we are seeing businesses doing incredible things with the nbn® network, and developing products and solutions to increase digital participation, productivity or deliver great social outcomes for regional and remote Australians.

I'd like to take this opportunity to send a virtual thank-you to the businesses who entered this year and congratulate the winners who were crowned at our first face to face Innovate with nbn® Awards Ceremony in February this year. I can't wait to see and hear more from these winners over the coming months.

Before I sign off, I wanted to share some more news for students and their families in regional areas. We are partnering with the Australian Government to provide free broadband for 12 months to up to 30,000 families with no internet at home – a great step forward for families in need. And, as you read this we will have seen the first year that the annual NAPLAN tests were held completely online and we were proud to again support Australian students by placing an outage embargo across much of the network to ensure limited disruption to students during the testing period.

We recognise that affordability of communications services is front of mind for many, and to this end nbn has recently held the first [Low-income and Digital Inclusion Forum](#) with peak industry bodies, advocacy and industry groups. Top of mind in this discussion is identifying possible targeted initiatives to improve access, affordability, and digital ability for low-income, vulnerable, and unconnected end users of the nbn® network. These forums will help inform our actions and will occur at least once each financial year. I'll keep you updated as these discussions progress.

Gavin Williams
Chief Development Officer, Regional and Remote, nbn

nbn® Local stories impacting rural and regional Australia



nbn Sky Muster trial offers unmetered data, more speed

nbn is trialling a new Sky Muster® Plus plan aimed at delivering faster speeds and even more data to satellite customers.

NT Disability Advisory Committee



Applications now open – closing 31 May

Expressions of Interest for the Northern Territory Disability Advisory Committee

The NT Government is looking for people to join the Northern Territory Disability Advisory Committee.

Northern Territory Disability Advisory Committee members have the opportunity to talk with the Minister for Disabilities about issues that impact themselves, their families and their community.

It is important for the minister to hear from people with lived experience of disability about barriers to access and inclusion in your communities, and to work together to come up with solutions.

Applicants must:

- live, work, study or receive services in the Northern Territory
- have a disability or be an unpaid carer or a family member of a person with a disability
- have experience, knowledge and understanding of disability issues
- be willing to work effectively as a member of the committee.

We want to hear from people who represent the diversity of the disability community in the Northern Territory, including Aboriginal people, people in remote communities, people of all ages, people with lived experience of cognitive, sensory, physical or psychosocial disability, carers and/or families of people with disability.

Members are paid for their time attending meetings.

Application process

Please fill in the application form.

[Application form PDF \(206.1 KB\)](#)

[Application form DOCX \(68.3 KB\)](#).

Send your application or nomination to:

Email: officeofdisability.tfhc@nt.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 37037, Winnellie NT 0821 or

Phone: 08 8999 2809

We welcome people to talk to us about the application process.

Video and verbal applications can be made by contacting the committee secretariat.

If you have any questions, please call the Northern Territory Disability Advisory Committee secretariat on [08 8999 2809](tel:0889992809).

Applications close on 31 May 2023

More information including the Easy Read Terms of Reference and Information about becoming a member is available at <https://tfhc.nt.gov.au/disability-advisory-committee>

Save The Date



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Adelaide River Markets	Sgt Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River	Commencing Easter Saturday, Sunday & Monday New & Casual Stallholders Welcome Contact Chris Johnstone 8976-0547
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 (during school terms) 8:30am – 10:30am
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	2nd Sunday of the month - Dry Season only. Next market Sunday 14th May.
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 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

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**

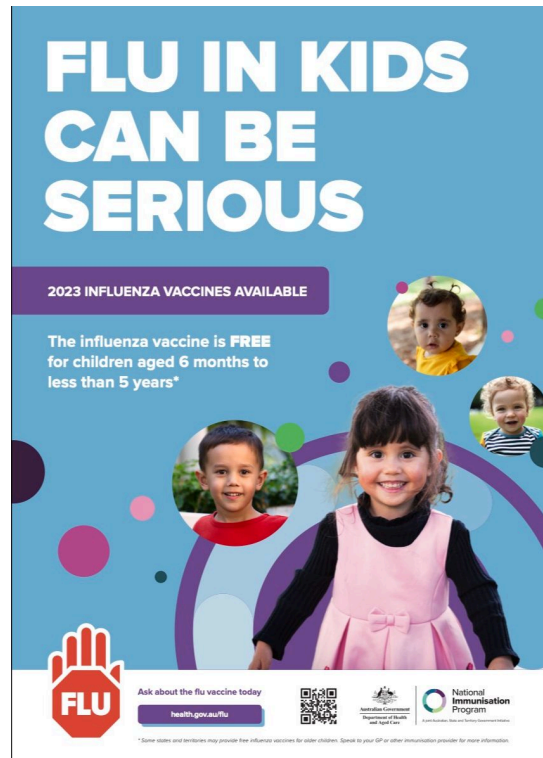
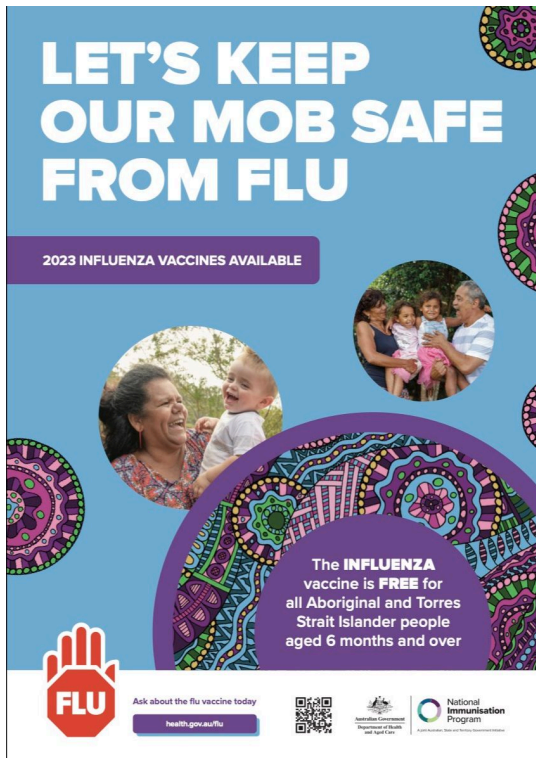
Becker St, Adelaide River 0846
(08) 8976-7027



**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 16th May 2023

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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