

[View this email in your browser](#)



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

Please feel free to share this email with family, friends, and fellow community members. If you wish to sign up for your own copy, follow this [link](#), or use your smartphone camera to take a picture of the QR Code below.



Have you subscribed to the Stop Press Newsletter and not receiving it? Please check your Junk Mail folder and mark the email as "Not Junk", should you require assistance with this, please call Council offices on 8976-0058 and we will be more than happy to help!

From The Chambers

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 18th July 2023. At this meeting, Council

considered the following business:

- Council received the Certified Plan of the Registration of a Road name, CHIN ROAD.
- Auditors will be at the Council Office week of 24th July 2023 to conduct the final stage of auditing Council's financials to prepare for completion of the Annual Audited Financial Statements.
- The Elected Member's Professional Development Plan 2023/24 was introduced. Elected Members will be attending the most appropriate training and conference opportunities to enable each council member to develop capabilities in the member's role.
- Review of Quarterly reports from each of Councils functions highlighting the works achieved, which were above and beyond. Thank you to Councils efficient, professional, and reliable staff.
- Council has been advocating for an increased water supply for Adelaide River and Batchelor amongst all the talk of improving the water supply to Darwin. For many years Council has been told that the region cannot release land or grow as the current water supply cannot handle any further growth. Power and Water Corporation has been listening and our small region is being supported amidst the major projects in the region such as returning Manton Dam to Service and AROWS. The following statements from Power Water Corporation are an exciting turning point for the Coomalie Region and Council will continue to speak up on behalf of community about this essential service:

STATEMENT

Power and Water is working to provide increased water supply security across the Northern Territory, including in towns in the Coomalie Shire Council area.

Adelaide River

Equipping of a new production bore is underway which will provide increased water source capacity for the town and allow greater flexibility in the operation of the Eastern and Western bore fields during the dry and wet seasons; these works are scheduled for completion in December of this year. On completion, the water supply system in Adelaide River will have the capacity and flexibility to support growth in the town.

Batchelor

Planning and investigations for upgrade to Batchelor's water supply system have been underway for some time. Works to upgrade the chlorine disinfection infrastructure have reached detailed design stage with some long lead items having already been ordered. Planning for the development of a new Western bore field is ongoing with further investigations required to validate initial work. Whilst there is more work to do to provide Batchelor with the capacity and flexibility to enable growth in the town over the long

term, Power and Water is happy to assess any proposals in the short term with a view to supporting development in the town.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs Sharon Hillen, has successfully completed the 6 – month probation period for the Chief Executive Officer Role.

Sharon will be in Office for the next 18 months leading the way to a successful and booming Community.

GOOD JOB SHARON



Property Rate notices are scheduled to come your way late August and the 1st instalment due in September.

There are also 4 instalment dates this financial year!!!!

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 15th August 2023** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

From The Council Services Team

Works/Waste

Council's works team are in full swing, with significant works and projects achieved. With this month's focus on "getting back to basics" in Council's service delivery, drainage, waste, roads & parks/reserves being the focus. Works undertaken have included:

- Old Coach Road, maintenance, with gravel placed and reshaping, to assist in road usage for local community.
- Adelaide River Waste Facility rebuild now complete, with transition to transfer station completed.
- Cadogan Road Lake Bennett, floodway completed.

- Mulching program of public spaces, underway Adelaide River
- Swimming Pool maintenance, including safety upgrade and repaint.
- Completion of phase 1 of the Adelaide River & Batchelor footpath project completed (Adelaide River).
- Mulching of public spaces in batchelor underway.
- Significant public spaces & reserves maintenance.
- Edge patching & line marking Haynes Road Adelaide River.
- Firebreaks strengthen Rum Jungle Lake

Projected July/August

- Complete phase 2 of footpath project (Batchelor).
- Implement recycling bins at both waste facilities.
- Further drainage works both towns.





Lake Rum Jungle Water Quality

Surface water quality monitoring was undertaken by the DPIR Environmental Monitoring Unit (EMU) to assess the water quality in the pit lake and the nearby Meneling Creek.

Monitoring rounds were undertaken prior to commencement of the works on the 27 February 2019 and 4 October 2019 and during the works on the 18 October, 1 November, 15 November and 11 December 2019. Surface water samples were collected from four surface water monitoring locations RJCSPit, MCus, MCds and MC@LB (Figure 2).

Samples were analysed for field parameters pH, EC, temperature, DO, REDUX, turbidity. Collected samples were dispatched to the Northern Territory Environmental Laboratories (Intertek) in Darwin, an NATA accredited laboratory and analysed for major ions, TDS, TSS, Metal (Total and filtered) and hardness.

Freshwater Species Protection ANZECC 2000

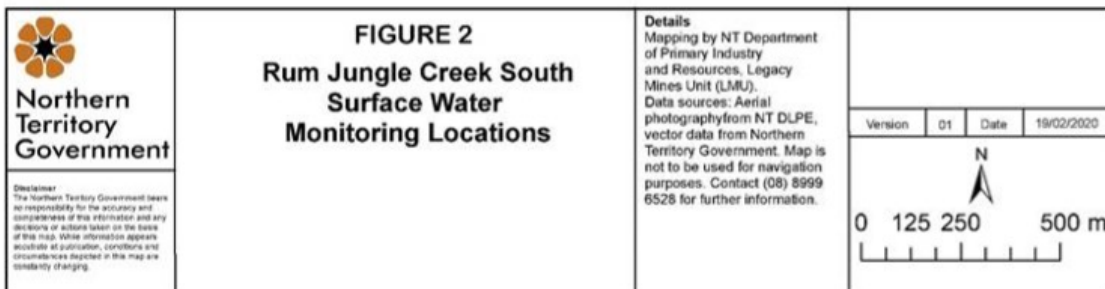
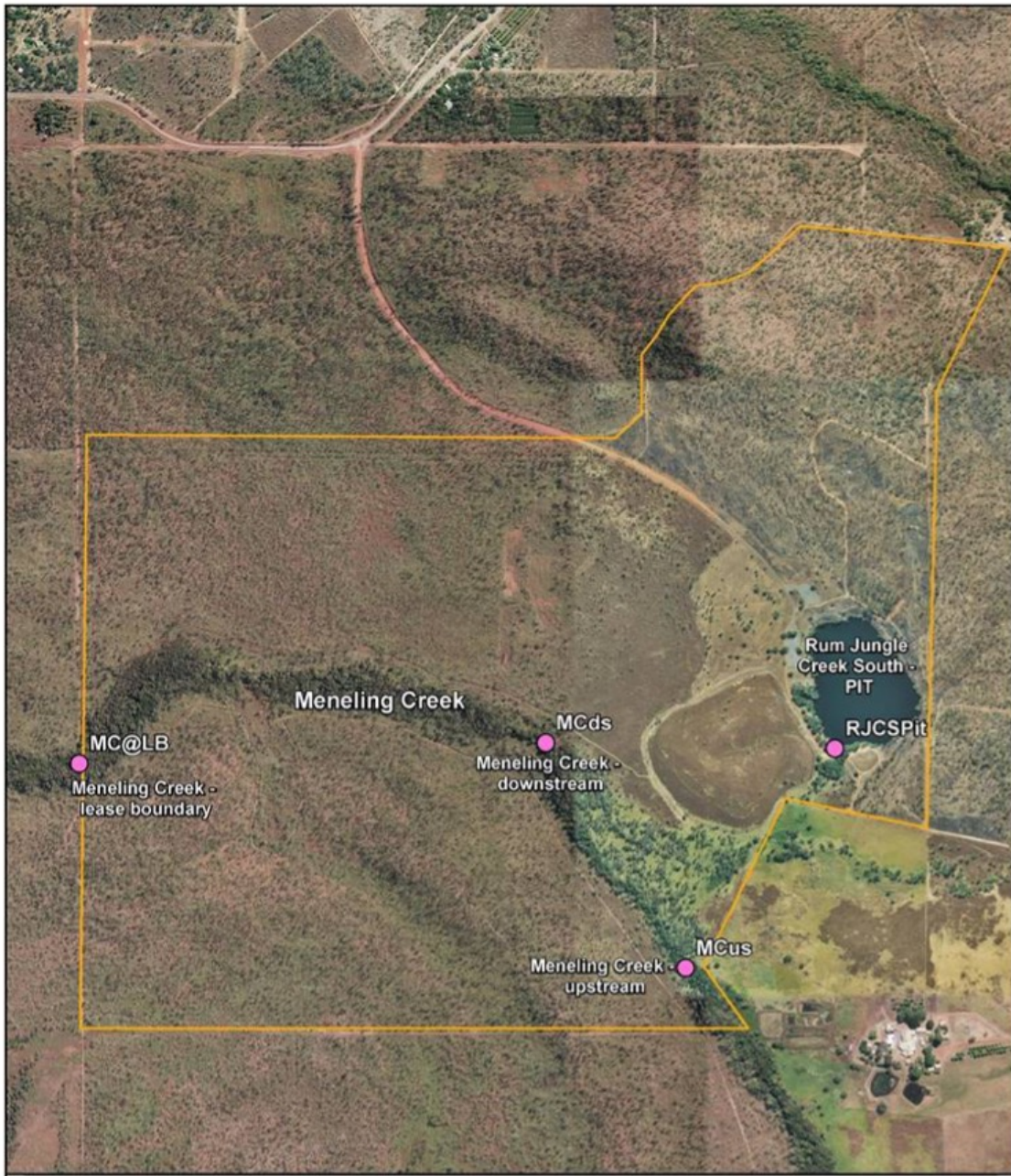
Dissolved metal concentrations were all below the ANZECC (2000) fresh water 95% species protection trigger value for all sampling events in 2019 with the exception of Aluminium (Al) concentrations the 4 October 2019. Al concentrations at MCus (61 ug/L), MCds (64ug/L) and RJCSPit (67 ug/L), were above the recommended ANZECC 2000 freshwater 95% species protection trigger value (55 ug/L) on the 4 October 2019

but still remained below the 90% species protection trigger value.

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines ADWG 2015

Concentrations of all analytes were below the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines ADWG 2015 for Human Health both before and during the site works.

Levels of turbidity detected above the ADWG Aesthetics level (5 NTU) in the RJCSPit (27 to 97 NTU) both prior to after the commencement of earthworks. The water in the pit was slightly alkaline with pH ranging from 7.54 to 9.95 pH, which exceeds the ADWG Aesthetics Guideline (6.5 to 8.5 pH).



	Field			Inorganics		Lead	Metals										
	CC (field)	pH (field)	Turb_Avg	TDS	Hardness as CaCO3	Lead (filtered)	Aluminium (filtered)	Arsenic (filtered)	Boron (filtered)	Calcium (filtered)	Copper (filtered)	Iron (filtered)	Manganese (filtered)	Nickel (filtered)	Selenium (filtered)	Uranium (filtered)	Zinc (filtered)
	us/cm	pH Units	NTU	mg/L	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
ECL				10	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.05	0.5	0.02	0.01	2	0.01	0.01	0.2	0.001	0.1
ADWG 2015 Aesthetic			5	600	200						1,000	100					
ADWG 2015 Health	6.5 to 8.5					10		10	4,000	2	2,000		500	20	10	17	
ANZECC 2000 (FW) 80%						9.4	150	140	1,300	0.8	2.5		3,600	17	34		31
ANZECC 2000 FW 90%						5.6	80	42	680	0.4	1.8		2,500	13	18		15
ANZECC 2000 FW 95%						3.4	55	13	370	0.2	1.4		1,900	11	5		8

Location Code	Date	Sample Type	CC (field)	pH (field)	Turb_Avg	TDS	Hardness as CaCO3	Lead (filtered)	Aluminium (filtered)	Arsenic (filtered)	Boron (filtered)	Calcium (filtered)	Copper (filtered)	Iron (filtered)	Manganese (filtered)	Nickel (filtered)	Selenium (filtered)	Uranium (filtered)	Zinc (filtered)
MC@BL	27/02/2019	Normal						0.03	28.4	0.3		<0.02	0.61	68	11	0.34	<0.2	2.57	1.5
MC@BL	4/10/2019	Normal	462.12	6.59	2.86	210	198	0.05	54.1	0.5	21.5	<0.02	0.28	28	6.94	0.19	<0.2	1.01	2.5
MC@BL	18/10/2019	Normal	484.45	8.07	2.2	210	195	0.04	33.1	0.43	19.5	<0.02	0.26	20	4.76	0.19	<0.2	1	1.8
MC@BL	1/11/2019	Normal	278.9	7.2	1.37	180	189	0.05	31.5	0.4	12.5	<0.02	0.36	54	6.1	0.2	<0.2	1.48	1
MC@BL	15/11/2019	Normal	382.47	7.25		200	195	0.04	31.5	0.4	17	<0.02	0.26	24	4.66	0.18	<0.2	1.38	1
MC@BL	11/12/2019	Normal				210	185	0.04	24.1	0.4	12.5	<0.02	0.3	14	3.14	0.19	<0.2	1.48	1.3
MCds	27/02/2019	Normal						0.04	30.9	0.3		<0.02	1.04	94	13.3	0.37	<0.2	0.812	2.4
MCds	4/10/2019	Normal	480.78	6.8	6.13	220	194	0.04	64.3	0.45	22.5	<0.02	0.33	20	8.39	0.18	<0.2	0.474	3
MCds	18/10/2019	Normal	461.67	8.25	15.63	210	191	0.02	27.6	0.4	17.5	<0.02	0.17	14	5.12	0.1	<0.2	0.457	1.3
MCds	1/11/2019	Normal	272.98	7.97	1.78	170	187	0.04	22.9	0.35	13.5	<0.02	0.21	44	7.93	0.14	<0.2	0.474	1
MCds	15/11/2019	Normal	369.26	7.83		200	193	0.05	40.4	0.35	16.5	<0.02	0.2	30	6.54	0.14	<0.2	0.546	1
MCds	11/12/2019	Normal				200	182	0.03	33.3	0.35	13.5	<0.02	0.19	14	4.07	0.16	<0.2	0.582	1.8
MCus	27/02/2019	Normal						0.02	29.8	0.25		<0.02	0.66	80	21.4	0.3	<0.2	0.207	1.7
MCus	4/10/2019	Normal	447.18	6.47	3.71	210	192	0.05	61.3	0.4	20.5	<0.02	0.19	18	13.4	0.15	<0.2	0.308	2.9
MCus	18/10/2019	Normal	457.61	7.6	3.52	200	190	0.03	31.9	0.35	18.5	<0.02	0.14	12	8.97	0.09	<0.2	0.327	1.6
MCus	1/11/2019	Normal	283.88	7.77	12.34	190	190	0.04	19.1	0.35	10.5	<0.02	0.18	42	22.9	0.15	<0.2	0.354	1.1
MCus	15/11/2019	Normal	386.85	7.65		210	192	0.09	28.2	0.35	16.5	<0.02	0.41	24	7.09	0.14	<0.2	0.371	1.1
MCus	11/12/2019	Normal				200	182	0.03	35.4	0.35	11.5	<0.02	0.17	20	12.5	0.18	<0.2	0.4	1.1
RUCSPit	27/02/2019	Normal						0.04	38.9	0.6		<0.02	0.09	28	3.02	0.32	<0.2	4.6	2.1
RUCSPit	4/10/2019	Normal	285.37	7.54	27.1	120	94.5	0.05	66.6	0.6	30	<0.02	0.17	10	3.56	0.19	<0.2	6.64	2.8
RUCSPit	18/10/2019	Normal	230.64	9.95	95.85	110	94.5	0.05	28.6	0.65	23.5	<0.02	0.15	10	1.49	0.16	<0.2	8.33	1.5
RUCSPit	1/11/2019	Normal	142.14	8.96	74.05	100	93.1	0.03	19.5	0.65	20.5	<0.02	0.09	6	0.86	0.13	<0.2	6.91	0.9
RUCSPit	15/11/2019	Normal	195.06	8.68		130	95.1	0.16	23.9	0.6	24	<0.02	0.22	6	1.27	0.17	<0.2	6.75	0.8
RUCSPit	11/12/2019	Normal				120	90.7	0.03	32.1	0.6	22	<0.02	0.14	8	1.8	0.19	<0.2	7.77	1.4

From Community Services Team

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports is currently in hiatus until after the school holidays.

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. Term 3 from 24th July.
- Batchelor - Tuesday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm. Term 3 from 25th July.

School Holiday Program

Another School Holiday Program is done and dusted with the children attending a vast range of activities including: water parks, movies, Lego & Science Works days, as well as Personal Challenges at BOEC.

Territory Day

A wonderful evening was held at the Batchelor Oval for the annual Territory Day fireworks. The fireworks kicked off at 7:00pm and lasted for approximately. 10 minutes. There was roughly 150 people in attendance on and around the oval, with a lot of visitors to the area enjoying the spectacle as well!

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The next Seniors Mystery Bus Tour will be held on Thursday 17th August 2023, please see flyer later in this newsletter for details!

The July tour had 15 attendees who visited the old Fannie Bay Gaol (it was difficult to get some out!) followed by lunch at Silks at Darwin Turf Club.

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



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.

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!

Annual purchasing for new books is currently in progress, 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

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.

What's On

Watch Out



**COOMALIE
COMMUNITY
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

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.



BATCHELOR POOL

Reopens

**AUGUST
3
2023**

Thursday | 3:00pm
Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor

www.coomalie.nt.gov.au

Rosella Festival 2023





On a very warm Darwin Show Day, the 2023 Rosella Festival had a remarkable 51 market Stalls and thousands of people through the gates to this free community event on the Public Holiday.

What an amazing job the organisers of this community event did for the region and the town of Adelaide River!

COTA

Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: **Thursday** 31st August 2023 9:30am

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 28th August 2023

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 25

Community Groups

Batchelor Museum

We have missed out on many visitors over the past few months as we were not able to open the Museum every day because we did not have the volunteer numbers to do so. However many of the visitors who have come have been very interested and appreciative of this small town's crowded history- and often amazed at the extent of war-time history of the Coomalie area.

One man who contacted me by telephone said he understood so much more about his Father's service around the Batchelor and Pell Airstrips after spending some hours looking through the WW2 exhibit at the Museum

This week we have welcomed Malcolm and Allison to stay as resident caretakers for some months. They contacted us when they were at Uluru and then travelled here, so have seen quite a bit of the Territory along the way. From here they will be able to enjoy a lot of Top End places and attractions.

This morning we talked about the signage and personally I have always noted how many people stop to see The Castle, but do not visit the Museum. It was good to have a new perspective and get some interest in upgrading our exposure.

Later Gaye and I had a walk around our existing signage, and whilst we wait for official signs along Rum Jungle Road we will make some changes to the ones at the Museum site.

Also, visiting this morning, for the third time, was the daughter of Janet Dickinson (nee Litchfield),-Stella, who wanted to see the house where her Grandfather, Boyne Litchfield, lived. The advice she had did not take into account houses that have been built since.

However with help from locals that has since been sorted.

Amazingly whilst she had noted the picture of her Aunt Judy at work in the Rum Jungle laboratory she had previously missed that of her Mother, just placed above. So, a

worthwhile visit to Batchelor all round.

It is always good that people find the connection they are seeking when they come, as so many do visit for just that reason. The mining history and the wartime history have significance for so many people.

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

Gardening group does not meet during August.

Next meeting is Sunday 17th September 2023 at 11am.

Venue is Denmar Downs.

Enquires ring Mary on 8976 0379.

Batchelor Op Shop and Food For Life

Dates of opening 9:30am to 12 noon will be held Friday August 4th and Friday August 18th.

Meet and greet Cafe will be also operating at same time offering FREE tea, coffee,, sausage rolls and cake.

Please join us at 25 Mardango Cres Batchelor



Red Cross Telecross is a service for the community especially those who are

isolated or are experiencing loneliness , and are over 65 yrs of age or ATSI 50 yrs and are eligible for CHSP (Commonwealth Home Support program) services.

A volunteer will call you each morning to check on your wellbeing.

To register please call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 and request Social Support Individual to receive this service.

Currently the service is free.

Web <https://www.redcross.org.au/services/telecross/> for further information
1300 885 698

Red Cross Telecross is a service for the community especially those who are isolated or are experiencing loneliness , and are over 65 yrs of age or ATSI 50 yrs and are eligible for CHSP (Commonwealth Home Support program) services.

A volunteer will call you each morning to check on your wellbeing.

To register please call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 and request Social Support Individual to receive this service.

Currently the service is free.

Web <https://www.redcross.org.au/services/telecross/> for further information 1300 885 698

A promotional poster for Batchelor Markets. The top half has a teal background with white text: "Batchelor Markets", "SUN 13 AUGUST", "8am to 1pm", and "Town Centre". A circular inset shows a market scene under large trees. A black circular logo on the right contains the text "Batchelor Town & Country Markets" with a tree icon. The bottom half has a light blue background with a paragraph of text.

Batchelor
Markets
SUN 13 AUGUST
8am to 1pm
Town Centre

Batchelor
Town & Country
Markets

COME ON DOWN TO OUR BEAUTIFUL MARKETS UNDER THE MAGNIFICENT RAIN TREES. BROWSE OUR UNIQUE STALLS AND ENJOY GREAT FOOD AND BEING A PET FRIENDLY MARKET ALL THE FAMILY CAN COME ALONG AND ENJOY!

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
Adelaide River Markets	Sgt Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River	Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Wednesday over the Dry Season 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 and 2nd Wednesday (during school terms) 8:30am – 10:30am
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	2nd Sunday of the month - Dry Season only. Next market Sunday 13th August.
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 4th & 18th August 2023
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Litchfield Motel	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Gardening Group Monthly Meeting	Denmar Downs, Miles Rd Batchelor	17th September 2023 12:00pm
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 2nd Friday 4th & 18th August 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 15th July 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.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

To see the previous editions of Stop Press please follow this link to [Councils website](#).

Copyright © 2023 Coomalie Community Government Council, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you either opted in via our website, gave us permission to send direct marketing, or previously received newsletters via email.

Our mailing address is:

Coomalie Community Government Council
22 Cameron Rd
BATCHELOR, NT 0845
Australia

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).