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Seasons Greetings



**COOMALIE
COMMUNITY**
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

On behalf of Elected Members, I wish all a Happy Holiday season and a New Year filled with blessings!

The end of the year brings no greater joy than the opportunity to express how grateful we are for our Coomalie Community, volunteers, and staff. Excited to see what we can achieve together next year!

Let's sit back, relax, celebrate, and wish all a safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Merry Christmas

From President Sharon Beswick

From The Chambers



Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 21st November 2023. At this meeting, Council considered the following business:

COOMALIE SUPER 7 Priority Projects 2023-24.
These are exciting future major projects Council is

advocating with the Commonwealth and NTG Agencies for the Coomalie Shire to have upgrades to:

1. Mango and Industry roads,
2. Upgrades to waste management facilities,
3. Batchelor Precinct Community Hub,
4. Aged care,
5. Rum Jungle Lake Borrow Pit and surrounds,
6. Myrtle Fawcett Park and Community Hub,
7. Coomalie Cemetery Precinct.

Preparation for the annual Australia Day Event 2024.
Plant and Equipment replacement program 23-24,
(aged essential plant and equipment).



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

Instalment Dates:

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

~~2nd Instalment – Thursday 30th November~~ - finished.

3rd Instalment - Wednesday 31st January 2024

4th Instalment - Friday 29th March 2024

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

ADELAIDE RIVER

The Town takes its name from the adjacent Adelaide River, which was discovered by LR Fitzmaurice and C Keys of the HMS Beagle in 1839 and named in honour of Queen Adelaide, who was the Dowager Queen at the time. The Adelaide River flows into Clarence Strait, named after her husband William IV, Duke of Clarence.

The QCE Hotel (Quiet, Comfort and Ease) was established by Edward Hopewell in the 1874 on the southern bank of the River adjacent to the crossing and the Overland Telegraph Line which had been established in 1872. Following WWII, the War Cemetery, a hotel, and other facilities were developed on the northern side of the crossing, the site of the Verburg farm during the 1920s.

On 11 January 1962, an area of 626.8 hectares was proclaimed as a town site and given the name of Adelaide River.

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 19th December 2023** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

CHRISTMAS FACILITY CLOSURES

Facility Closures



Council wishes to advise of the following facility closures over the Christmas - New Year period.

Council Offices - 22nd December 12:00pm
and reopens 2nd January

Waste Facilities - Christmas Day 25th December

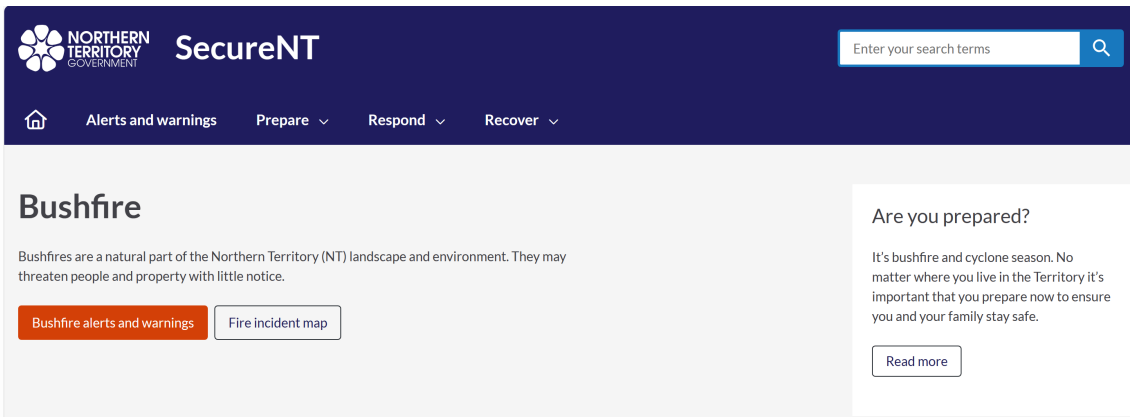
Batchelor Pool - Christmas Day 25th December

Libraries - from 18th December until 8th January

Seasons Greetings



Cyclone / Flood Season 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](#).





Mobile, landline and internet services keep Australians connected. But they may not be available in a natural disaster.

If a disaster impacts a communications network, emergency personnel, telecommunications carriers and energy providers will work together to get these services back up as quickly as they can. But this takes time, and they might have to wait until conditions are safe.

That's why it's important that you have backup options.

How do I prepare for an outage during a natural disaster?

There are some easy things you can do to prepare for unexpected outages in an emergency or natural disaster:

- Don't rely on any single form of communication to see you through, as it could become unavailable.
- Include a portable battery powered radio with a spare set of batteries in your emergency kit so you can stay connected and up to date with emergency information.
- Keep your mobile charged and have a backup power source, like a battery pack.
- Pack some cash in your emergency kit, as EFTPOS or ATMs may not be working.
- Consider getting a satellite phone, UHF radio or personal location beacon as an alternative form of communications.
- Prepare and communicate your emergency plans to loved ones before you have to act on them.
- Write down contact numbers and email addresses for family and friends so you have them even if you can't recharge your phone.
- Follow advice from emergency personnel on the ground and Emergency Alert phone messages if received.
- While you can, monitor radio and television stations, emergency services websites, and social media for up-to-date warnings and information.
- If you're concerned for your safety, don't wait to be told to evacuate – prepare and leave early if it is safe to do so.

Learn more at
www.infrastructure.gov.au/STAND

From The Council Services Team

Council's works team's focus has firmly transitioned into wet season maintenance, with the slashing & spraying service agreements issued to two local contractors.

Other works have included -

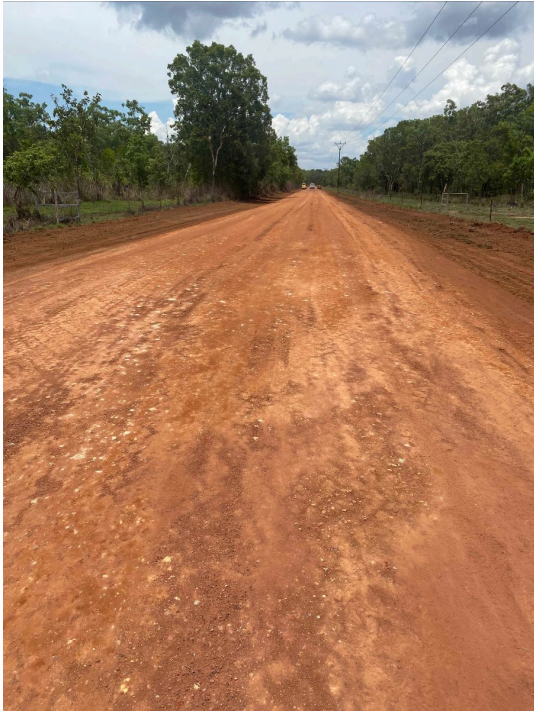
Works/Waste/Regulatory

- Pothole maintenance Cadogan/ Chinner Road Lake Bennett.
- Continual works Batchelor & Adelaide River waste Facilities.
- Procurement and receipt of a new animal management pod.
- Re sheet & verge works Miles Road.
- Slashing Spraying Crater Lake Road.
- Grade Water Roll, Miles, Banyan, Old Coach, Kerr Road.
- Removal large Mahogany tree Mardango Crescent & Wooley Court.
- Cleaning of drainage grates, to assist in wet season run off.
- Installation of new road signs Eva Valley.
- Pothole Maintenance Batchelor Township & Fred Hardy Road Adelaide River.
- Cyclic mowing of Adelaide River & Batchelor Townships.
- Drainage Works Crater lake Road.
- Culvert & Drainage works Old Coach Road.

Projected December/January

- Drainage Works Cheeney Road.
- Continued Slashing & Spraying region wide.
- Safety works Adelaide River & Batchelor Waste facilities.









Council has switched its operations into wet season mode with an increased slashing and spraying activity within the local road network. Please drive carefully when you see the Council staff on the road and take note of road signs and drive with care.

Council has also subcontracted some roadside slashing and weed spraying works to local contractors, RS Gardening and Prestons, respectively, again take care when you see their signs, vehicles and plant within Coomalie's local road network.

From Community Services Team

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports have almost completed for the 2023 School year.

We will be returning for Week 2 of Term 1 2024, please keep an eye on Stop Press for February with details on enrolling your child!

School Holiday Program

The School Holiday Program for January 2024 was released on the 1st of December with lots of exciting activities for the kids to undertake over the holidays. Please see [Council's website](#) to download a copy of your enrolment form!

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

After the excitement of the October tour, the trip for November was a relaxed affair, with our seniors taking in the NATSIAA Awards paintings at the Museum and Art gallery of the Northern Territory. Lunch followed at Saltwater @ Bundilla within the museum also.

Seniors Christmas Lunch



A very humid day met our Seniors for the annual Christmas Lunch at the Litchfield Outback Resort on Friday 1st December.

A full house of people were entertained by the Batchelor Area School carolers, and then Tracks / Grey Panthers Dance Troupe performed several numbers to the King - Elvis Presley. They were so entertaining they managed to attract some new members to their company, His Honour The Administrator of the Northern Territory, Prof. Hugh Heggie and his partner Ms Jones!

Council would like to thank the sponsors for the event, without their generosity, the event would not take place.

Coomalie Council acknowledges the generosity of the event sponsors.



Adelaide River Markets



Remote Area Tree Services



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 Libraries remain open until Sunday 17th December, when they will close for their annual shut downs when maintenance and thorough cleaning can occur!

They will re-open again from Monday 8th January, please see opening times below.

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.

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

January School Holiday Program



Enrolments are now open for Council's holiday program. See www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/shp-jan-24 for details



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND CELEBRATION!

Gather your family and friends, come along and enjoy a day filled with live music, delicious food, and exciting activities. Let's celebrate together!

Australia Day 2024



Friday January 26th, 2024

Brunch starts 9:30am

Community Celebration starts 10:30am with a Citizenship ceremony and Coomalie's Citizen of the Year awards.

Batchelor Area School Hall, Kirra Cres, Batchelor



BATCHELOR SANTA RUN

On the 16th of December 2023
Held by the Batchelor FERG, POLICE & CLINIC

Santa will be swapping his sleigh for The Batchelor Fire Truck, listen for the sirens and see his route below.

There's two STOPS for a Meet & Greet with the chance to snap a picture with The BIG Man himself.

SANTA'S ROUTE

STOP #1 PARK
(Corner of Narunga & Tarkarri Streets)
estimated arrival 4:15pm

STOP #2 VACANT BLOCK
(Flynn Street)
estimated arrival 4:45pm

Batchelor



Dementia Australia is holding a community information session

**Batchelor Institute Library
Thursday 14th December 2023**

10:00am - 11:00am

Please contact 

Dementia Australia if you would like to attend on mobile 0407 094 862 or let the staff at the Batchelor Library know you are interested in attending.

© Dementia Australia

*Merry
Christmas*

The combined Churches
of Batchelor present

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Bruce Jones Centre

6pm Friday 8th December

Sausage sizzle, cold drinks for sale.

For more information call Ruth

0401 032 533



Water Security Northern Territory

AROWS PROJECT

The NT Government has taken significant progress in the planning and approval activities for the Adelaide River Off-Stream Water Storage (AROWS) project.

This month, it announced SMEC as the lead engineering consultant to deliver a Concept Design Report for this innovative water security project. The \$6 million contract will build on the feasibility work undertaken to date by the Power and Water Corporation and progress detailed technical investigations to deliver the Concept Design Report for AROWS over the next 12 to 18 months.

This will be delivered concurrently with a rigorous environmental impact assessment of the project, with GHD Pty Ltd engaged in April 2023 to lead this work. This process will involve a number of scientific studies to better understand any environmental impacts from the project and how best to minimise these, and is expected to take approximately 2 years to complete.

Through these processes and the development of the project more broadly, the NT Government will continue to engage with stakeholders and the community in the Coomalie region. In May this year, officers of the NT Government and Power and Water Corporation attended a community BBQ at Lake Bennett, hosted by the Lake Bennett Association, to discuss the AROWS project. The representatives also attended the Batchelor and Adelaide River markets in August this year.

This year's community events were highly productive, with community members raising important matters such as impacts on land uses, roads, crocodile safety and water catchment, and potential for recreational use. The NT Government will consider these matters as part of its ongoing planning and assessments for the project. Over the next 12 months, the NT Government will be continuing engagement with stakeholders, including the Coomalie residents, to further discuss these matters.

The planning and approvals phase of the AROWS project will run for the next 2 to 3 years as part of Stage 1 of the Darwin Region Water Supply Program, which is jointly funded by the Australian Government and the NT Government.

For more information relating to the project, please visit www.watersecurity.nt.gov.au. You can also sign up to regular community updates on the project directly from the NT Government through the website or contact NT Government representatives by emailing WaterInfrastructure.DIPL@nt.gov.au.

COTA

Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: ***No Morning Tea in December***

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.

Monthly Bus Trip

Where: Coolalinga and Gateway Shopping Centres

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

When: Monday 11th December 2023

NOTE SHOPPING BUS IS EARLIER TO AVOID CHRISTMAS RUSH.

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 25

COTA

For senior Territorians

Coomalie, Northern Territory



All at COTA NT wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy 2024!



Coomalie Christmas Dinner Dance

When

Saturday 16 December 2023, 7pm for 7.30pm

Where

Litchfield Outback Resort
49 Rum Jungle Road
Batchelor

Cost

COTA NT Members \$50
Non-Members \$55

Bookings

Jan Jewell 0408 760 257
(leave message)
Payment required when booking. **Bookings close COB Friday 8th December**

Community Groups

Batchelor Museum

A really quiet time for the Museum currently. Just a few people looking to visit and last week we did have someone come to assess in relation

In the current year we could not open daily when the tourist season commenced so missed out on many visitors. Not good for the Community or for us. So new volunteers are very

to a group tour next May-June.

So there has been little activity around the scene.

However, we had watered the pot plants the week before as there had been little rain. It was easy to see when I came last Tuesday (November 21) that our hose, which usually hangs on the front tap at the entry was missing. To the person who took the hose we send several messages. The hose is used to water pot plants, occasionally to green the grass close to the entry, sometimes to wash off the concrete and whatever is needed. We do not water other areas as it would be an expense we could not maintain.

It is convenient to have the hose there to use as we needed. We do not need the added task of locking up a hose, and then bringing it out whenever we need to water plants or whatever. We give our time voluntarily and an extra task is not needed.

The Museum is a charity organisation, developed and staffed by volunteers. It does not earn a lot of money, but it does provide an attraction for the town, as well as a recognition of people from several walks of life.

It was a senseless theft, and thief, if you read this, kindly return the hose.

welcome. No experience required.

We have a good venue and would be interested in speaking with someone regarding running the coffee shop from the Museum in the coming year. Anyone wanting to discuss is requested to speak with Gaye or Lucinda or look for the phone numbers at the Museum entrance to contact.

Cheers,

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.

Till then stay safe and happy gardening.

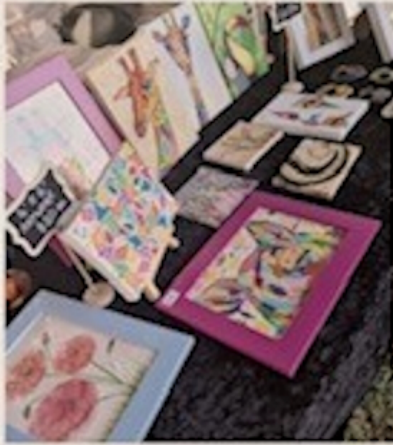
Batchelor Op Shop / Food For Life

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

On a better note, a new resident has expressed interest in assisting at the Museum. Keith has an interest in history, and has been involved with the Phillip Island National Vietnam Veteran's Museum.

- Friday 8th December 2023

Times remain 10:00am - 12:00pm



Christmas Market

*Sunday 10 December
8am to 1pm*

at Litchfield Outback Resort

Come down to the last
market of 2023 where
there is always something
for everyone!

*New stallholders welcome contact
batchelormarketsnt@gmail.com*



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

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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
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	2nd Sunday of the month. Next market Sunday 10th December.
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River & Batchelor Schools	Mondays & Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm (during school terms) Returns week starting 5th February 2024
Food for Life	St Francis Church Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2nd Friday 8th December 2023
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
St Francis Op Shop	St Francis Church Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2nd Friday 8th December 2023

From Emergency Services

**Adelaide River Police Station
Northern Territory Police**

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

**Batchelor Police Station
Northern Territory Police**

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





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 December 2023

Stop Press

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