

STOP PRESS Latest Edition for June 2023

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From The Chambers

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 20th June 2023. At this meeting, Council considered the following business:

- The 2023-24 Rates Declaration was deferred to a special council meeting to be held on 27th June 2023 at 3:00pm in the Council Chambers.
- The Elected Member Allowances and the Fees and Charges for 2023-24 were approved and adopted.
- As a result of the 2023-24 Rates Declaration not being adopted, the 2023-24 budget, Shire Plan and 2023-27 Long Term Financial Plan were all deferred to the special council meeting to be held on 27th June 2023.
- A salary/wages increase in line with the 2023 Fair Work Commission Wage Increase was approved for staff.
- Signage structures at Nic's Crossing will be repurposed at the crossing to display public information.
- Sponsorship of the Rosella Festival was approved to the value of \$900 for the 2023 event.
- Policy Reviews were completed for Council's Procurement and Meetings of Council policies.

Council thanks all stakeholders who actively participated in the Draft Shire Plan consultation period, including meeting at the public consultation events and the written submissions received. Council values the feedback and comments provided and assists Council to understand the priorities and concerns of its constituents.

Need to know more?

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

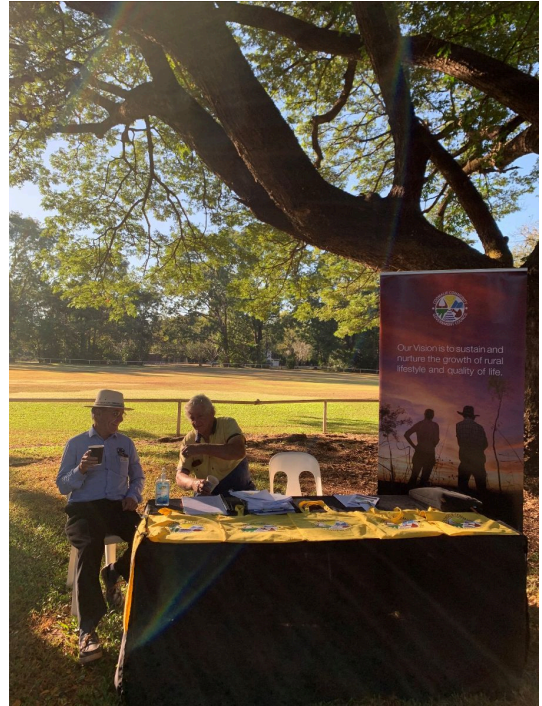
Council's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18th July 2023** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

Help Shape Coomalie's Communication Strategy

Council is committed to better engagement and communications with Coomalie Residents.

Find them at the markets at the end of every month. Or drop us a line through the portal on the website.

A way in which we can achieve this is a simple survey that will take 4 minutes to complete! Some of you may have already completed this, if you haven't, the survey is open until the 10th July 2023. To complete the survey, please follow this [link](#) to Survey Monkey.



From The Council Services Team

Works/Waste

Council's works team have again completed significant works, with this month's focus on waste, drainage & road works. Works undertaken have included,

- Cheeney Road drainage realignment
- Batchelor Waste Facility rebuild, in readiness for Environmental Protection Licence application.
- Floodway works awarded Heather Lagoon & Cadogan Road Lake Bennett
- Water, Grade Roll Old Coach Road.
- Completion and acquittal of Black Spot funding, Haynes & Strickland Roads.
- Installation of Guideposts Chinner Road & Crater Lake Road.
- Assistance with Batchelor Area School sports carnival
- Assistance with the Heritage Precinct working Bee Adelaide River.

Projected June/July.

- Adelaide River Waste Facility rebuild to achieve EPA compliance.
- Further works on Old Coach Road.
- Re-sheet of Miles Road crossing.
- Perreau Road slashing and maintenance.





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

It's not too late to book your child in for some fun activities over the School Holidays. Please see Council's website to get your enrolment form! www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/jul-23-shp

Territory Day

Territory Day is on again at Batchelor Oval, with fireworks on show from dusk (approx. 6:45pm).

Bring your family down to be entertained, and grab some food from the Batchelor Area School stand beforehand.

Reminder - there is an exclusion zone in place on the oval from 3:00pm on the afternoon until approx 8:00pm after the fireworks. The all clear will be given by the Pyrotechnic company after this time after they have checked the area for unspent fireworks or spot fires.

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The next Seniors Mystery Bus Tour will be held on Thursday 20th July 2023, please see flyer later in this newsletter for details!

The June tour had 12 attendees who visited Nightcliff foreshore to look for fossils in the rocks! Lunch was had at the Beachfront Hotel.

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.

Rum Jungle Lake Fish Release

NT Fisheries this week released 25 larger barramundi and 80 fingerlings into Lake Rum Jungle on Monday 19th June 2023. This is in addition to the 300 fingerlings released during June 2022 at the Lake.

The 25 larger fish are all approx. 50cm long and are all tagged with a green tag. Should you catch one, please call the number on the tag and quote the reference number to receive a lure set for your efforts. The 80 fingerlings that were released are all 10cms in length.

Fisheries are more than happy with the condition and health of the lake and are looking to make further fish release in coming years!

Students from Batchelor Area School were in attendance as part of their school curriculum to observe and detail the release program.

Quotes from Council's Acting CEO Natasha Chapman

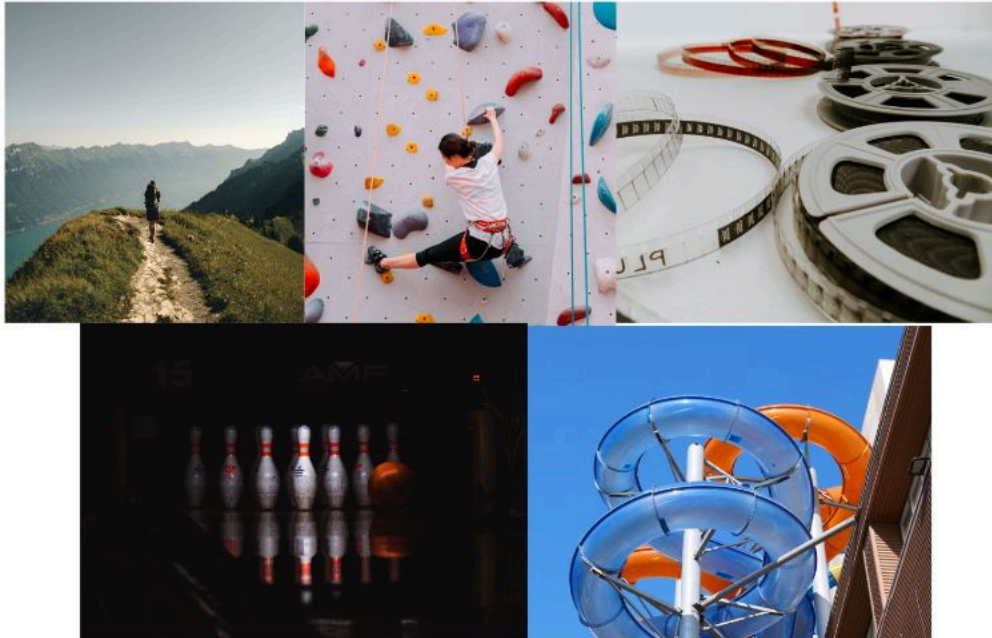
"Council is thrilled to be involved in the Barramundi Release Project at Rum Jungle Lake."

"The larger tagged Barramundi released offers immediate fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities to the public."



What's On

Dry Season Holiday Program



A full program of activities has been released,
see Council's website for full details and to get
your enrolment form -

www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/jul-23-shp

Places are limited so book early to avoid
disappointment!

Please note: there is a co-contribution required on some activities!



Batchelor Swimming Pool

Council wishes to advise that the Batchelor Swimming Pool will be closed for annual maintenance from Tuesday 4th July 2023 and re-opening Thursday 3rd August 2023



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.

Territory Day 2023

Personal Fireworks

Council has again secured the use of Batchelor Oval for a *limited time* after the NTG sponsored fireworks display!



From approx. 8:00pm until 9:00pm personal fireworks may be let off within the Batchelor Oval.

All responsibility for personal fireworks remains with the person letting off, Council holds no responsibility for any damage or injury caused.



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 20th July
Pickup Batchelor 8:30am
Adelaide River 9:00am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

2023 Rosella Festival

Rosella Festival

Where: *Adelaide River Show Society - 110kms south of Darwin on Stuart Highway*

When: *Friday 28th July 2023 (Public Holiday)*

Time: *8.30 - 3.00pm*

Stalls:

- *Specialty Handcraft Stalls*
- *Rosella Products*
- *Books*
- *Cakes, Biscuits*
- *Cards*

Special Events

- *Quickfire Raffles*
- *Kids Entertainment - Jumping Castle, Stacie the Hyper Clown*

Make a Day of it:

- *Spend a lazy "family day" at the Festival*
- *Enjoy the sausage sizzle, pancakes & fantastic Food from the kitchen*

COTA

Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: **Thursday** 27th July 2023 9:30am

Gold coin donation please!

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257 for further details

Special Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: **Thursday** 6th July 2023 9:30am

Talk by the Stroke Foundation

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 24th July 2023

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 25

Millie the Breast Screen Bus

Millie the Breast Screening bus returned to Batchelor in 2023!

BreastScreenNT provides free mammograms (breast x-rays) for the early detection of breast cancer in women aged 50 to 74 years of age.

From May to July, Millie will visit a number of regional and remote locations in the Top End and Big Rivers regions including Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi, Daly River, Batchelor, Adelaide River, Pine Creek, Mataranka and Katherine.

From August, Millie and the BreastScreenNT team will head further south to Borroloola before visiting the Barkly region and Central Australia. Stops will include Tennant Creek, Harts Range, Atitjere, Hermannsburg, Yuendumu, Yulara and Alukura.

Last year, BreastScreenNT performed more than 5,300 screens to women across the Northern Territory (NT). Of those screens, 810 were performed at 20 remote communities by the mobile breast screening bus.

BreastScreenNT detected breast cancer in 50 women in the NT in 2022.

Over two days 35 women in Batchelor had mammograms which is a fantastic result. Cupcakes were a giveaway and a big thank you goes out to our local Batchelor Police for assisting with the decorations!

Batchelor clinic staff are looking forward to accommodating Milli again in 2024



Community Groups

Batchelor Museum

Our small team at the Museum continues to welcome tourists although with a reduced schedule of opening days.

Currently Friday to Sunday and then Tuesday. Unfortunately we are losing people who come to the area and require Museum time on those other days.

Some weeks back I was contacted by the organiser of a caravan group who advised the days they would be in Batchelor and wanted to visit the Museum. So last Friday and Saturday the numbers were boosted by their visit. Many were pleased also to select from the great array of books which Prue organises, and bought a number for their travels.

Yesterday was also busy when Lucinda and I were there. A group of four friends from around Lismore

The authorities intended to defend Australia from there south as, having seen the rapid advance across Malaysia and into New Guinea they did not think that a similar advance into Australis would be stopped above Brisbane-as indeed it was. This was due in no small part to the thousands of men and women who served around our Coomalie area and those who patrolled east and west to the coastlines.

The most common remark we get from older Australians is “we never learnt about the war affecting Australia. I had no idea about this northern activity.”

For other visitors it is the mining history which is the focus of their interest.

There are a few new panels being mounted over the next few weeks, including the story of Fred Litchfield-

were keen viewers, and during conversation one man produced his photos of the concrete walls and obstacles set up around that northern NSW area to prevent an intrusion of Japanese soldiers during WW2. That was the "Brisbane Line."

Rum Jungle Project Update

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

Coomalie Gardening Group

No gardening group this month and the next meeting will be in SEPTEMBER.

On Sunday 17th at 11 30 am at Denmar Downs.

for whom Litchfield Park is named. He was also the first person to find gold in the Northern Territory.

Presently engaging with the printers to bring these two displays as we continue to broaden the interest.

Come along and see!

Jan Hills

St Francis' Anglican Church Op Shop & Food for Life

Open: alternate Fridays from 9:30am to 12noon.

Everyone is welcome to browse through the Op Shop and join us for a cuppa and piece of cake every other Friday at St Francis Anglican Church, Mardango Cr. Cash, EFTPOS (including Basic card) is available for all transactions.

Benefit card-holders may also purchase low-cost food items from Food for Life.

The next date for combined Batchelor Op-shop and Food For Life operates on will be Friday 7th & 21st July 2023.

July Market

Sunday 9th July 2023
8am to 1pm

Batchelor Town Centre

**For more information or to
book a stall please 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

Local Artist Workshops



The Great Emu Wars' | Bev Garside

Opening | 6pm Fri, 23 June, 2023

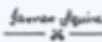
Showing | 23 June - 15 July, 2023

Darwin Visual Arts

Ground Floor, Harbour View Plaza, Darwin City

Wed 12pm - 5pm | Thu & Fri 10am - 5pm | Sat 10am - 2pm

'The Great Emu Wars' celebrates the infamous Australian war of the same name, in which a rebellious mob of emus out flanked the machine-gun mounted jeeps sent to eradicate them. Ninety-one years later, Bev Garside portrays the battles between the Army and emus in a humorous and slightly sarcastic light, using felt and mixed media to visualize the tenacious and resilient emus. The emus are joined in arms by other quirky fauna from around Australia, prompting viewers to ask themselves whether there is more that we too can do to support our native wildlife against "climate change and habitat destruction.



www.darwinvisualarts.com.au

Harbour View Plaza 1/8 McMinn St, Darwin

Learn Hand Papermaking

Monday 19th June 2023
9 am to 3 pm

Learn to recycle and recreate your own handmade papers from resources you may have in your own home. Once you learn this simple, fun and relaxing technique, you will be able to create fun, meaningful cards, journals or artworks for your loved ones. I will show you how including many techniques for fun and creativity.

- Bookings Essential - call Veronica 0419832953
- No experience necessary
- All equipment provided
- Morning tea included (please bring your own lunch)
- Cost is \$150 per person for the day
- Limited to 6 people only



Veronica Hodges
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355 Bees Creek Road
Bees Creek NT

Australian of the Year



Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Australian of the Year Awards

The Australian of the Year Awards recognizes inspiring individuals who lead as role models for their communities, their state and the nation.

The Awards give Territorians the opportunity to nominate individuals who show courage and inspire us to make our own contribution to a better Australia.

Nominations for the 2024 Awards are open across four categories:

- **Australian of the Year** - celebrating the achievements and contributions of eminent Australians who are role models for us all.
- **Senior Australian of the Year** - recognising those Australians aged 65 and over who continue to achieve and make a difference.
- **Young Australian of the Year** - celebrating inspiring individuals aged between 16 to 30 who have accomplished great things in all walks of life.
- **Australia's Local Hero** - acknowledges individuals making a difference in their local community.

[Nominate Now!](#)

Northern Territory, who inspires you?
NOMINATE NOW
australianoftheyear.org.au

Australian of the Year Awards
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We're all part of the story



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 9th July.
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 commencing 9th & 23rd June 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	18th June 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 9th & 23rd June 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 18th July 2023

Stop Press

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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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