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From The Chambers

Draft Shire Plan 2023/24

It has and will be an incredibly busy time for Council. Council has developed the Draft

2023-24 Annual Budget and Shire Plan that is currently out for public consultation until Friday 26th May 2023.

Council's key priorities identified for 2023-24 include:

ADELAIDE RIVER

- Cemetery Precinct Upgrade - long vehicle and carparking stage 1. Underground power to the three cemeteries; signage and additional seating and landscaping for day use; install a Memorial Garden in Coomalie Bush Cemetery.
- Activating Myrtle Fawcett Park Stage 1 - Replace toilet block; enhance turning circle, traffic management and carparking; install potable water point; improve directional signage.
- Adelaide River Waste Transfer Station - finalise land title; equip site to function as a transfer station; rehabilitate old land fill.
- Upgrade Industry Roads - Haynes, and Strickland Roads.

BATCHELOR

- Aged Care Accommodation Batchelor Township Resilience and Adaptation Master Plan.
- Waste Management Facility - enhance ability to separate and recycle waste and reduce landfill.
- Enhance fishing and recreational opportunities at Rum Jungle Lake.
- Access to Helicopter landing pad from clinic to oval.
- Administer the installation of signs in DIPL signage bays.

LAKE BENNETT

- Upgrade floodways at Chinner Road.
- Upgrade School Bus Stop on Chinner Road.
- Upgrade Industry Road - Heathers Lagoon Road.

RURAL

- Upgrade floodways in rural areas.
- Advocate for industry support for roads to be upgraded to sealed roads.
- Fire and Gamba Risk Mitigation Project at Chin Estate - working with NT Land Corp and NTG to reduce the risk for wildlife and improve emergency access.
- Batchelor to Darwin Arterial Road - work with NTG(DIPL) to upgrade to sealed roads.
- Improve directional signage and water over road indicators.
- Collaborate with rural landholders to manage Gamba Grass in the region.

The Draft 2023-24 Shire Plan can be found on Council's website or by contacting the Council on 08 8976 0058. To have your say on the Shire Plan, email submissions to the CEO at mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au.



Community Engagement

It has also been a busy time actively engaging with the Community. Elected Members & CEO along with staff attended:

- The Lake Bennett Community BBQ organised by the Lake Bennett Body Corporate. Forty-five landholders attended along with Member for Daly, Dheran Young and the AROWS Project Team as well as the Chair of the Darwin Water Supply Infrastructure CRG.
- The April COTA morning tea in Batchelor, CEO of Coomalie Council as the guest speaker, with attendees discussing footpaths, aged care programs and facilities.
- Adelaide River Markets with a Council stall to consult with the community on the Draft Shire Plan.
- Batchelor Markets with a Council stall to consult with the community on the Draft Shire Plan.



Priority Meetings during the month of May

- Citizenship Ceremony Council Chambers for Rebecca Nilkare of Batchelor with

Kirsty Sayers-Hunt from Dheran's Member of Daly Office in attendance with some wonderful gifts for the new Australian Citizen.

- May OGM – A presentation from Sean Holden, CEO of LGANT to recognise Clr. Sue Bulmer's 20 year anniversary of service to Coomalie Shire.

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 20th June 2023 at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Councils meetings are open to the public.



RATING STRATEGY 2023-24

Each year Council is guided by its Long-Term Financial Plan, Strategic Plan and the Shire's economic data when considering options and setting rates and charges. For 2023-24, Council's primary goal is to ensure adequate revenue is raised to maintain and renew assets and to meet increasing community demand for services.

Council's principles for its rating structure include:

- Transparency to the ratepayer – ensuring ratepayers understand how rates are calculated and the ratepayer responsibilities in relation to rates and legislation;
- Equity to all ratepayers – ensures Council considers all ratepayer's capacity to pay;
- Administrative simplicity – an easy to apply, understand and comply with structure to increase payment of rates by ratepayers;
- Flexibility to respond to change – changes in local economy and individual ratepayer circumstances can be considered.

Council levies rates based on Unimproved Capital Value (UCV), which is the value of land excluding the value of any improvements, including buildings. This value is set by the Valuer-General of the NT. A minimum rate is applied to all rating classes.

EXAMPLE 1: Ratepayer A has a township property with a UCV of \$50,000; the RID is 0.007032 and the minimum charge is \$1,114.00. To calculate what this ratepayer's annual rates is, we use the below calculation.

$$0.007032 \times \$50,000 = \$351.60$$

\$351.60 is LESS THAN the Minimum Charge therefore, the MINIMUM Charge is applied.

Council aims to keep increases to a minimum, but at the same time to improve its own source revenue and to provide a fair and equitable structure for all ratepayers within the Shire.



Coomalie's Councillors will be attending the Adelaide River and Batchelor Craft Markets over the next few months, giving them an opportunity to hear direct from Coomalie citizens on the issues that are important to them.

Come along on the below dates to 'Have Your Say' with your Councillors!

Adelaide River Craft Market 8:30am - 12:30pm

Saturday 10th June

Saturday 8th July

Saturday 12th August

Saturday 8th September

Batchelor Market 8am - 2pm

Sunday 11th June

Sunday 9th July

Sunday 13th August

Sunday 9th September

From The Council Services Team

Works/Waste

Council's works team have had another busy month, with a transition to dry season works, with a focus on ensuring our irrigated areas are looking inviting. Works undertaken have included:

- Resealing of Silverton Road, Finlay Road and Memorial Terrace in Adelaide River.
- Line marking to compliment the recent reseal.
- Edge patching of Memorial Terrace.
- Erosion remedial repairs Cheeney Road.
- Roadside slashing, Lake Bennett & Batchelor.
- Grade, Water & Roll completed in Lake Bennett.
- Culvert repairs, Heather Lagoon Road.
- Pothole repairs in Batchelor, Adelaide River & Lake Bennett.
- Successfully awarded two tenders, Grading & Maintenance, also the Mowing & Landscaping maintenance.
- Safety Improvement at Batchelor & Adelaide River Waste Facilities.
- Slashing & rehabilitation works Batchelor Waste facility.

Projected May/June

- Continued erosion remedial works Cheeney Road.
- Grade, Water, Roll Adelaide River & Batchelor
- Commencement of the installation of stage one of the footpaths project. Adelaide River & Batchelor.
- Expressions of interest for floodway works, Lake Bennett.
- Expressions of interest for edge works Haynes Road Adelaide River.
- Further rehabilitation works Batchelor Waste Facility.

- Works on Old Coach Road & Miles Road.





Expressions of Interest - Cleaning Services



**Provision of cleaning services in
Batchelor & Rum Jungle.**

**Please contact Paul Wilson on
8976-0058 or mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au
for more details**



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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



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



Congratulations Andy!

Andrew Hewitt has been employed with Council since November 2021, and is our

Council Services Coordinator.

We are very proud to congratulate Andy on graduating from his Certificate 4 in Government Investigations over the weekend.

This new gained wisdom has helped Andy to broaden his skill set and bring a new level of expertise to Councils regulatory services.

The qualification will help to support Andrew in his role as Council Services Coordinator and give the required knowledge when working to enforce By-Laws, developing regulatory services, and ensuring compliance throughout.

It's so great to see Andy levelling up, and we are proud to be able to support him with his professional development.

From Andy:

"Thanks to Coomalie Council for the opportunity to develop my skill set. I feel I have the tools and skills necessary to conduct compliant investigations and understand my role better. It's really exciting to be learning new things about this aspect of my role."

From Community Services Team

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports is up 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 [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 15th June 2023, please see flyer later in this newsletter for details!

The May tour had 12 people attend with the group visiting the Museum and Art Gallery fo the NT, and seeing the Archie 100 exhibition. See some photos later in this newsletter from the day!

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



School Holiday Program

The July School Holiday Program is currently being worked on. Keep an eye on Council's website and Facebook for the release of the program!

Territory Day

It's on again! Saturday 1st July 2023 at Batchelor Oval from 5:00pm.

Just a few reminders:

- Personal fireworks can be let off on the oval after the ALL CLEAR has been given by the pyrotechnic company!

- Hot food and some drinks are available courtesy of Batchelor Area School Council.
- Refer to the map below for the exclusion zone that will be set up from 3pm. NO ONE is allowed within this area during the fireworks show.

DO NOT ENTER



FIREWORKS EXCLUSION ZONE

Saturday 1st Juy 2023

3:00pm - 8:00pm



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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

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.

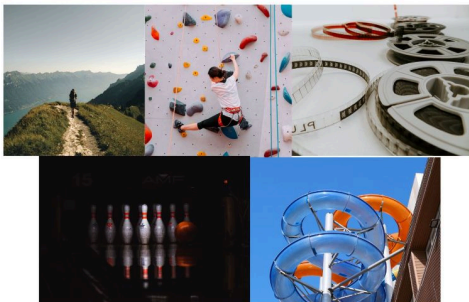
Bus service is free. Please bring own water. Meals, tours and drinks at own expense!

Save the date:

Thursday 15th June
Pickup Batchelor 8:30am
Adelaide River 9:00am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

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!



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** 22nd June 2023 9:30am

Due to circumstances this Morning Tea is a week earlier

Please note change of day to a Thursday!

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

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 26th June 2023

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 25

Community Groups

Batchelor Museum

Despite seeking assistance from travellers for months there has been no interest from Grey Nomads to assist with the opening of the Museum for this tourist season. If you are speaking to visitors at the

We are very grateful for the current garden appearance of the grounds which is due to the Council providing assistance to aid the presentation. It is certainly good that the Monument is now so well defined in its' new location, and one hopes more

shop or the hotel please mention that the Museum offers a site with power and water, and amenities provided, in return for assistance with opening all seven days.

Currently we are short on Museum volunteers so that the Museum is open on four days only. Gaye is doing both Saturday and Sunday, Sean is covering Friday, and both Lucinda and I are there on Tuesday as we are both working on projects for the Museum development.

Sue is usually there on another day but has not been well. We wish you improved health Sue; take it easy for now.

Rum Jungle Project Update

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

Coomalie Gardening Group

May meeting is on Sunday 18th June at 12pm.

Venue is Denmar Downs, 505 Miles Rd, Batchelor

Drinks and nibbles will be available. All welcome.

Contact Mary Ashley on 8976-0379 for details

tourists will stop to look at it.

Last weekend there was a visit from the Palmerston Scouts with several adult leaders, led by Adina Pascoe-Bell, who is also the Mayor of Palmerston. It is great that the adults brought the troop down to look at the unique history of the small town of Batchelor.

Certainly our visitors find it interesting. Just on Tuesday we had people from NZ and several states. So perhaps you can offer some time to help out? Talk to any one of us about volunteering.

Jan Hills

Batchelor Op Shop & Food For Life

The Batchelor op-shop is open each second Friday from 10 am to 12 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 9th and 23rd June 2023 from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

JUNE MARKET

Sunday 11 June 2023


Batchelor
Town & Country
Markets

8am to 1pm
Town Centre, Batchelor



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 11th June.
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 20th June 2023

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