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**From The Chambers**



Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. At this meeting, Council considered the following business:

- Council provided a trip to Darwin City for Coomalie Seniors on the 17<sup>th</sup> August including lunch. A delightful day was had by all and a delicious lunch at the Waterfront was enjoyed.
- The Risk Management and Audit Committee held their quarterly meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August and made some recommendations to Council. Minutes can be viewed on the Council website.
- Council and staff will focus over the next couple of months developing the Annual Report 2022-2023. The document is the primary tool for reporting to our community, funding organisations, and stakeholders on Council's service levels, achievements, and challenges.
- Council resolved to provide a significant cash contribution to a grant application for a Commonwealth Growing Regions Grant to upgrade the Adelaide River and Batchelor Sports and Recreation Hubs.
- Councillors also have a task ahead of them to produce the Asset Management Plan for Coomalie Council. Councillors, CEO and Executive Managers will be locked away for a long day's workshop.

**Property Rate notices are scheduled to arrive late August to the address on Council's property data base. Please ensure that you have provided Council with your most up to date mailing address.**

**Instalment Dates:**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*Free to Residents*

**Small quantities of mulch can be collected from the Batchelor Waste Management Facility.**



Council receives a briefing from JLT regarding risks and protections relating to insurance and risk management.

## Dog Registrations Due

All dogs within Coomalie Shire must be registered as of 1st September 2023.

Cost of registration:

- Full \$40.00
- Concession \$20.00

### ***Need to know more?***

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

Council's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th September 2023** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

**LEGACY WEEK 2023**



# LEGACY 100

1923 - 2023



Council President Sharon Beswick attended the Legacy 100 years celebration at Adelaide River War Cemetery this past week.

The Legacy torch was ceremoniously passed to President Beswick to signify the continuing path that Legacy provides to Returned Service Personnel and families.

Legacy is an iconic Australian charity that was established in 1923 and founded on a promise made from one digger to another – to “look after the missus and the kids”.

Today, Legacy's mission is to ensure long term support for the Service Personnel and families, providing for the educational and development goals of families. We help those we serve to grow and thrive despite adversity.

President Beswick can be seen below with current and past President of Legacy as well as some Legatees from Darwin and surrounds.







## From The Council Services Team

The Council Services team are “getting back to basics” month has been a success, with a significant amount of work on our public spaces, drainage, and waste facilities.

### Works/Waste

- Public spaces mulching program underway Adelaide River.
- Street light maintenance completed, Adelaide River & Batchelor.
- Phase 2 of the Council’s footpath project completed in Batchelor.
- Drainage work Miles Road & Cheeney Road.
- Continue firebreak management Adelaide River.
- Bowls Club works, working to activate community Sport & Recreation.
- Installation of guideposts, Cheeney and Coach Road, through to Adelaide River.
- Mulching & rehabilitation of Rum Jungle Lake entry.
- Repairs to Information Centre roof completed.
- Assistance to Adelaide River school, with the annual sports carnival.
- Assistance with the triathlon event, Lake Bennett.
- Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC) Animal Management Reference Group meeting held at our chambers.



## Projected August/September

- Increased recycling visibility at both facilities.
- Pre - cyclone clean-up will be scheduled.
- Roadworks Chinner Road scheduled.







Local Period Contractor Ooloo Contracting, hard at it improving the safety of Chinner Road and the access to the Chinner Road Bus Stop.

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# Restricted Items

Please note several items in the Coomalie Council Shire Plan are yet to be approved for disposal at this facility.

## Prohibited Items:



White Goods



Tyres



Batteries



Waste Oil



E-Waste



Paint



Transport Bodies



Chemicals



Medical & Bio-Hazard Waste



Asbestos



Animal Carcasses



Pressure Gas Cylinders



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## Coomalie Art Show

### Coomalie Art Show 2023

Entries are now open for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coomalie Art Show, please see Council's website for entry details and an entry form.

For 2023 Council is taking the approach to open the Art Show to residents and ratepayers of Coomalie Council area only, to gauge and activate the interest within the Shire.

With the popularity of the our first event, Council has made the decision to shift the venue to a purpose-built facility, holding it at the Coomalie Cultural Centre on the corner of Awilla and Nurndina Streets, Batchelor.

Opening times will be shorter times for 2023, see details below, with opening night being in a reception style format.

Key Dates for 2023:

- Entries close 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Entries delivered to Council by 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Opening Dates & Times

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 1:00pm

Please note: no late entries will be accepted, and must be in the hands of Council by the 6<sup>th</sup> October.

The 2023 Exhibition supported by Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

# Watch Out Big Storm Coming

(looking forward to the wet)

**Coomalie Cultural Centre  
Nurndina Street, Batchelor  
October 13th - 17th 2023**

Friday 13th 6:00 - 8:00pm  
Sat 14th & Sun 15th 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Mon 16th - Tue 17th 10:00am - 1:00pm

**Entries close: 6th Oct**  
Visit [coomalie.nt.gov.au/art-show](http://coomalie.nt.gov.au/art-show)  
for more details.







# Batchelor Institute

## From Community Services Team

### **Council Run After School Sports**

After School Sports are back in full swing with some great numbers in attendance each week.

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 - Tuesday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm.

### **Women's Health Week**

Coomalie Council is partnering with the Adelaide River and Batchelor Health Centres to provide a morning tea and information on Women's Health Checks and the importance of having these on a regular basis.

Come along to Adelaide River Health Centre on Wednesday 6th September from 10:00am - 11:30am and the Rum Jungle Bowls Club on Thursday 7th September from 10:00am - 11:30am to have some free morning tea and a chat with a Women's Health professional.

### **Seniors Month / Mystery Bus Tours**

The next Seniors Mystery Bus Tour will be held on Thursday 21st September 2023, please see flyer later in this newsletter for details!

The August tour had 11 attendees who visited the old Oil Tunnels that travel under Darwin City. Lunch followed this activity at Fiddlers Green, lunch was courtesy of Coomalie Council as its Seniors Month activity.

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

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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.

Annual purchasing of 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.

**A reminder** - Batchelor Community Library is closed on Friday 1st September due to an electrical upgrade in the library itself!

## What's On



**Women's Health Week**  
4-8 September 2023  
[womenshealthweek.com.au](http://womenshealthweek.com.au)

Artwork by Tam Bower

**Know Your Health!**

Find out the details of what a Women's Health Check involves, and de-mystify the experience! Come along for a free morning tea and speak with Health Professionals about what is involved.

Adelaide River Clinic  
Wednesday 6th Sept  
10:00am - 11:30am

Rum Jungle Bowls Club, Batchelor  
Thursday 7th Sept  
10:00am - 11:30am

Jean Hailes  
Women's Health Week  
Jean Hailes is supported by funding from the Australian Government.



## 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 21st September**  
Pickup Batchelor 8:30am  
Adelaide River 9:00am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

## Rosella Festival 2023



2023 Rosella Festival moved to the Adelaide River Show Society on the 28th July. All stallholders had a great day.

On behalf of Adelaide River Community Craft Market committee we would like to thank our Major Sponsors - NT Government, Coomalie Community Government Council, Mr Dheran Young MLA for Daly, Yellow Rose Cleaning Services and Adelaide River Show Society.

This year the kids had a jumping castle, face painting and a clown to enjoy plus two free raffles and they had a great day!! A big thank you to our volunteers who made this event a great success. Also to all our stallholders a big **thank you** for coming and joining us at the Festival.



*Overall another well attended & very successful  
Rosella Festival*

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## COTA

### **Morning Tea**

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: **Thursday** 28th September 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 25th September 2023 - 4th Monday

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 25

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## Community Groups

### **Batchelor Museum**

There has been a fall in numbers of visitors to the Museum in this month

### **Rum Jungle Project Update**

The latest newsletter from the Rum Jungle Mine Project can be

and will continue as the weather gets warmer. But there are usually Wet season travellers who want to visit, so it is great to know that we have the support to open through the coming months.

A tragedy that there have been fires in Litchfield and one can only hope that there is increased work programmes to combat the gamba scourge. The situation does affect Batchelor and will continue to do so whilst ever the gamba is there. Just one plant can expand so quickly.

There have been plants appear at the Museum grounds but they have been removed before seeding and hopefully it does not get to establish close to Batchelor boundaries.

We have completed the purchase of a device to enable card payments at the Museum. Quite a process as our Office Holders changed with Carol's resignation and each of us had to appear personally to sign at the bank. Lucinda has done a great job to manage all the bits, and it will be very helpful as many people now come without cash.

Prue continues to assist the Museum through the book stall sales, and visitors also buy books when they come.

The Fred Litchfield panel will shortly be in place. Come and read about

downloaded from Council's website [here](#).

### **Coomalie Gardening Group**

No meeting in August due to Seniors Month activities.

Next meeting 11.30 on third Sunday in September at Denmar Downs.

### **Batchelor Op Shop / Food For Life**

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

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Friday 15th September 2023
- Friday 29th September 2023

Times remain 10:00am - 12:00pm

the “Attagirls” in WW2 which is now on display- a little known unit of great significance.

**Jan Hills**

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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](mailto:batchelormarketsnt@gmail.com)

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# 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 10th September.
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 19th September 2023**

## **Stop Press**

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