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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Please read and familiarise yourself with the below information should COVID-19 ever enter any of the Coomalie Communities.

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

If COVID-19 comes to your community

What should you know?

-  Anyone can catch COVID-19.
-  Vaccination protects you and the community from COVID-19.
-  COVID-19 is a serious illness that can make you very sick and may cause death.
-  COVID-19 is very contagious and people can catch it easily.
-  People who have COVID-19 may come from other places.
-  It's important if you or your family feel sick to ring the health centre.

If you need an interpreter when reading this, please ask a staff member.

coronavirus.nt.gov.au  SecureNT 

COVID-19 Remote Community Information

What should you know?

- COVID-19 can affect everyone.
- COVID-19 could still be in/come to the NT.
- COVID-19 can make you very sick and may cause death.
- COVID-19 can spread easily to other people.
- COVID-19 has nothing to do with how someone looks or where they are from.

What can you do to help prevent COVID-19?


- Get the vaccine.
- Wash your hands often.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.
- Clean your homes often with disinfectant or bleach.
- Don't share smokes.
- Don't share drinks such as water bottles, soft drinks, cool drinks or alcohol.
- Don't play cards in big groups.
- Always remember to stay three big steps away from all people who don't live in your house.
- Remember, these rules are to keep you and your family safe and healthy.

What happens if someone gets sick with COVID-19 in your community?

- If COVID-19 comes to your community lots of things will change quickly as the Police and Health Officers come into your community to make sure everyone is safe.
- You might see people wearing strange Personal Protective Equipment over their clothes, they are the health staff who are there to help you.
- Protective clothing is to keep you and health staff safe and stop the spread of the virus.
- You might see Army and Police in the community, they are there to help keep everyone safe.
- The sick person will be taken to hospital in Darwin.
- The sick person's family will have to go to Darwin to be cared for and will have to go into quarantine for two weeks. There is a special part of Howard Springs that is set aside especially for people from community. They won't be mixing with anyone else staying at Howard Springs.
- You and your family will have to have a COVID-19 test.
- You and your family will have to stay inside your homes and yards.
- You cannot visit family who live in other houses.
- Food and other supplies you will need will be brought to your house.
- Police and Health Officers will be there to make sure everyone is safe.

What actions do you need to take?

- Many people are working hard to keep Aboriginal communities safe but you have to help too.
- You might have to do lots of different things to keep you and your family safe.
- You and your family must wash your hands all the time.
- You must stand at least three big steps away from people who don't live in the same house as you.
- You must ring or go to the health centre if you or a family member feel unwell, but wait outside and the nurse will see you outside.
- It's important that you stay in the community and don't go with family to Darwin or to another place.
- Everyone else must stay in the community.
- It's best to stay at home.

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COUNCIL UPDATES

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

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OFFICE CLOSURE - CHRISTMAS 2021

PLEASE BE ADVISED THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF THE COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL WILL CLOSED FROM: -

Noon Friday 24th December 2021 (Christmas Eve)

TO

Monday 3rd January 2022 (New Years' Day in lieu)

REOPENING FOR NORMAL OFFICE HOURS FROM

TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022

@ 8.00AM

Works and Services Staff will continue to operate as per normal operational hours.

Council services, such as waste management, animal management and compliance matters, swimming pool, day to day maintenance and responding to urgent and minor works will continue as normal.

The Waste Facilities and Pool will be closed on Christmas Day.

If you have an urgent issue, please ring the office to hear the on-call contact number.

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 3.00pm.

The meeting commenced with two presentations to Council. The first was provided by Remote Sergeants Paul Parkanyi and Peter Birch, Northern Territory Police. Both Sergeants provided clarity regarding the expansive policing (and emergency management) districts for both the Adelaide River and Batchelor Police Stations. The areas of responsibility extend beyond the Coomalie Shire boundaries into the Litchfield Council area and adjacent unincorporated areas.

The Adelaide River district extends north to Acacia and Corroboree Park, east toward Ban Ban Springs, south to Hayes Creek and Douglas and west to Robin Falls, inclusive of the Adelaide River Township and surrounding rural area. The Batchelor district includes Batchelor township and surrounding rural area, extends north to Berry Springs, includes Litchfield National Park and continues westward to Labelle Downs and Channel Point. Both Sergeants explained that policing statistics are inclusive of all these areas, and do not reflect Adelaide River or Batchelor township statistics only. Sergeant Parkanyi reassured the meeting that recent commentary regarding crime levels in the Batchelor township for example, were inaccurate as the entire district was included in reportable statistics.

Both Sergeants also spoke of the challenges of contemporary community policing and outlined key future priorities where NT Police and Council can work together. These include a Domestic Violence Safe House in Batchelor, Community Safety Plans for both Adelaide River and Batchelor townships, and increased engagement of young people through such initiatives as sport and recreation.

Mr Reilly, Director Water Security, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security provided Council with a presentation on the Northern Territory Strategic Water Directions consultation paper

and also provided a high-level discussion regarding the proposed AROWS project. All stakeholders are invited to provide a submission to the NT Strategic Water Directions paper by 4th February 2022.

The paper sets out 10 proposed directions for water security in the Territory:

1. Water governance is contemporary and coordinated.
2. Drinking water is safe.
3. Water use is efficient and productive.
4. Water supports jobs and economic growth.
5. Cities, towns and communities use the whole water cycle.
6. Aboriginal connections to water are valued.
7. Water-dependent environmental values are protected.
8. Water science, knowledge, skills and innovation are enhanced.
9. Territorians are engaged in water stewardship.
10. Water resources management can adapt to change.

Further information can be found at the following link:

<https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/directionspaper>

President Beswick reported on a number of activities and initiatives that had been undertaken during the month. These included;

- attendance at the LGANT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting;
- a visit for a few of the Mayors and Presidents to the Alice Springs Regional Waste Management Facility.
- and Council's Call for Motion regarding the status and classification of the Coomalie Shire received unanimous support at the General Meeting. The president will be writing to LGANT to follow up on how Council can progress this matter with the Minister.
- Elected members also accepted the Lord Mayor's invitation and attended the City of Darwin Council meeting in the Chambers at Darwin; and
- All Elected Members attended Mandatory Training Session in Chambers conducted by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

Key items of business from the meeting were:

- The Accessibility, Connectivity and Mobility Strategy was adopted by Council. This provides a strategic plan for improved pedestrian pathways and mobility in both townships;
- Following a process of consultation with key stakeholders, Council agreed to recommend to the Place Names Committee the naming of the new road in the Finnis Valley as Chin Road;
- Council agreed not to instruct NTEC to pursue non-voters from the recent local government elections;
- Get ready to see more of your Elected Members at community events and markets as Council endorsed a community engagement program;
- And Council agreed to provide cash and in-kind assistance to COTA for the Childrens Christmas Party and the Batchelor Area Schools Christmas Raffle.

Council also selected EcOz as the consultants to work with Council and the community in the development of the Waste Management Strategy. This will be developed over the coming months.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 21st December 2021 at 3.00pm. Meetings will be recorded for minute taking purposes only.

Members of the community are welcome to attend Council meetings! COVID Safety provisions still apply, so physical distancing must be observed which may result in limiting numbers in the Chamber.

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 www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/index.php/meetings-agendas-and-minutes to access the very latest information.



FROM THE WORKS AND SERVICES TEAM

Council's Works Program for the month of November includes the following:

- Weight restrictions in place- please contact the office on 8976 0058 to arrange for a permit
- The Pool and Waste management facilities will be closed on 25/12/2021 Christmas Day
- Council operations will continue as normal over the Christmas Period
- No interruption to rubbish collection service

Please note, that weather conditions and activity, may affect planned activities during the month.

It should be noted that the following roads are controlled by the Dept. of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

- Batchelor Road
- Rum Jungle Road
- Litchfield Park Road
- Stuart Highway Service Road, Adelaide River
- Dorat Road
- Ringwood Road

Should you have any issues in regard to these roads, please report via [Report a road fault - NT.GOV.AU](#). For urgent road faults free call 1800 246-199

To check road conditions go to [Roads Reporting - Road Reports \(nt.gov.au\)](#).

FROM THE COMMUNITY RECREATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports has almost completed for 2021, with 3 weeks remaining for the school year!

Should you wish for your child to participate in After School Sports in Term 4, please obtain a copy of your enrolment form from your school office or from Council's website [here](#). It is a requirement that all participants have completed this form. This is to ensure we have emergency contact details, as well as any allergy information that could be necessary.

Seniors Christmas Party

The date has been set for the Annual Seniors Christmas Party - Friday 17th December 2021. Festivities commence at 11:30am sharp as we have a tight schedule and a very special guest!!

We have currently filled our quota of guests, should you wish to be placed on the wait list, please contact Council on 8976-0058.

January School Holiday Program

Based on feedback from our last School Holiday Program, we have put together some fun and exciting activities for the January School Holiday period. Activities commence on the 10th of January through until the 24th. Please see the poster later in this newsletter.

Miss Hilary Short Story Award

This inaugural competition has now closed, keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of the winner!

End of School Year Pool Party

Please see flyer later in this newsletter for an End of School Year Pool Party at the Batchelor

Swimming Pool. This will be held on Friday 24th December from 3:00pm - 6:00pm. Keep an eye on Facebook for further updated details!

Australia Day Celebrations & Citizen of the Year Awards

Australia Day celebrations will again occur at Batchelor Area School from 8:00am on Wednesday 26th January 2022, with a **free** Big Breakfast for **all** Coomalie Shire residents, as well as entertainment by way of a local singer.

Citizen of the Year Awards are open for three categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (Under 30)
- Community Event of the Year

Should you know of anyone, or an event, that would be a worthy recipient please contact Council on 8976-0058 for a nomination form

Entries close Monday 13th December 2021!

ANNUAL WET SEASON ROAD RESTRICTIONS

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Attention: Road Weight Restrictions

Road Weight Restrictions will be in force within the Coomalie Shire.

*1 October until 30 April***

*** Maybe extended due to weather or road conditions*

Permits available from Council 8976-0058

- *48 hours notice required*
- *10 tonne max on unsealed roads*
- *20 tonne max on sealed roads*



SWIMMING POOL SURVEY



Thank you to everyone that completed the survey.

The results are currently being analysed and will be presented to Council at the Ordinary General Meeting on the 21st December.

Keep an eye on our website for summarised results after the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL EVENTS

A poster for the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards. The background features abstract, flowing shapes in purple, teal, and orange. The text is centered and reads: 'Australia Day' in a smaller font, followed by 'Citizen of the year Awards' in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below this, it asks 'Who makes a difference in your community?' and states 'Nominations are now open:'. At the bottom, there are two categories: 'Citizen of the Year' with a purple dot and 'Young Citizen of the Year' with a teal dot. A small graphic of a certificate is visible in the bottom right corner.

Australia Day

Citizen of the year Awards

Who makes a difference
in your community?

Nominations are now open:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year

Community Event of the Year

Awards are presented at Australia Day events in Councils across the Northern Territory

Visit the website or contact your local Council for details.

nt.australiaday.org.au



January School Holiday Program

Starts January 10th until the 24th

7 fun filled days of activities, can you guess what they all are?



Visit Councils website for an enrolment form or call Council on 8976-0058.



Craft & Chatter

When: Every Sunday

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

at Batchelor Community Library

BYO Craft Supplies

or just come for a chat!



Community Library Christmas Closure

Monday 20th December 2021 to
Wednesday 5th January 2022

Community Libraries will be closed from Monday December 20 and re-opening from Wednesday January 5th.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a



Come Celebrate All That Makes Coomalie Great!

January 26, 2022

Batchelor Area School Hall



BBQ Big Breakfast from 8:15am

Happy New Year!



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Citizen of the Year
Awards Presentations from 9:30am



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Australia Day
Citizen of the
year Awards





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COME CELEBRATE THE END OF A
LONG SCHOOL YEAR (AND
CHRISTMAS)

IT'S A POOL PARTY!

FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER
BATCHELOR SWIMMING POOL
3:00PM - 6:00PM



COTA
For senior Territorians
Coomalie, Northern Territory

Santa is Coming to Batchelor

Contact Jan Jewell
on 8976 0255 if info needed

Friday 10 December
from 5pm



**Bruce Jones Centre
near the Bowls Club
Batchelor**

**Lollies and small toys
for children
Photos with Santa
Community Sausage
Sizzle**

TERRITORY CHECK-IN APP

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Get proof of your COVID-19 vaccination

Using the Express Plus Medicare App

- 1 If your Medicare and myGov accounts are not already linked, sign into my.gov.au
- 2 Link Medicare to your myGov account by selecting **Link your first service** from the home page, or selecting Medicare from the Services menu. You'll need to enter some personal information to prove your identity.
- 3 Once your Medicare and myGov accounts are linked, download the Express Plus Medicare App onto your phone from the App Store or Google Play.
- 4 Open the Express Plus Medicare App and sign in.
- 5 Select **Proof of vaccinations** from the home page of the app or from the History and statements section.
- 6 Select **View History**, then select **View COVID-19 digital certificate** or **View immunisation history statement**.

NEED HELP? CALL THE SERVICES AUSTRALIA ONLINE SERVICES SUPPORT HOTLINE 132 307

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT CORONAVIRUS.NT.GOV.AU

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Get proof of your COVID-19 vaccination

Using the Medicare online account through myGov

- 1 Sign in to www.my.gov.au
- 2 Link Medicare to your myGov account by selecting **Link your first service** from the home page, or selecting Medicare from the Services menu. You'll need to enter some personal information to prove your identity.
- 3 Once your Medicare and myGov accounts are linked, select Medicare.
- 4 On the **Proof of vaccinations** tile, select **View proof**.
- 5 On the **Immunisation history** tile, select **View history**.
- 6 Select your name, and then select either **View COVID-19 digital certificate** or **View immunisation history statement**.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT CORONAVIRUS.NT.GOV.AU



To attach your vaccination certificate to your Territory Check-In app, follow the above instructions. Should you require further assistance, please see your friendly Community Library staff or call into Council offices!

COOMALIE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

2022 Community Directory

The 2022 Coomalie Community Directory listings are now open.

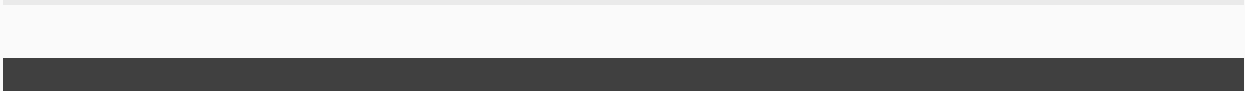



Please complete the form following this link, or contact Council on 8976-0058 to update your listing.



The 2022 Community Directory is now open for advertising your business.

Should you wish to advertise, or update your listing please following this [link](#) and complete the form and email into Council for updating.



COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Coomalie Community Libraries will be winding down for the 2021 year as of the 20th December, and re-opening from the 5th January 2022.

If you need to stock up on books for this period, please speak to our friendly staff and they can arrange your catalogue for you!

On behalf of the team - Bev, Breda, Lance & Linda, we wish all our Library members a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New year!

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.

HEADPHONES IN LIBRARIES

Just a reminder that library staff, at both Batchelor and Adelaide River, cannot issue headphones to people, this is due to current COVID-19 restrictions, you are however allowed to bring your own and use in our devices.

Please respect this decision when advised.

ANNUAL CYCLONE PREPARATIONS



PLAN • LISTEN • GET HELP

PLAN

BE READY WITH BACK UP PLANS IN CASE THINGS GO WRONG.

LISTEN

TO THE RADIO FOR NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET HELP

GO TO
[HTTPS://SECURENT.NT.GOV.AU/REPAIRE-FOR-AN-EMERGENCY/CYCLONES](https://securent.nt.gov.au/repare-for-an-emergency/cyclones)



WHAT TO DO DURING A NATURAL DISASTER

1

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Familiarise yourself with the risks that could occur in your community.

2

PREPARE YOUR HOME

Coordinate with your family on your protocol during an emergency. Keep important numbers on hand.

3

PACK AN EMERGENCY KIT

They should all contain food, water and supplies for a minimum of 72 hours.

4

STAY INFORMED

Contact your local government to find out how it will share alerts and instructions during an emergency.

FOR MORE SAFETY TIPS VISIT

[SECURENT.NT.GOV.AU](https://securent.nt.gov.au)

BASIC SAFETY TIPS: FLOODS

- Turn Around, Don't Drown
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.
- Just 60cms of moving water can knock you down, and 30cms of water can sweep your vehicle away
- If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher ground. Flash floods are the #1 cause of weather-related deaths
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.



GAMBA PROTECTION ZONE

There are new requirements for the management and control of gamba grass under the

Weed Management Plan for GAMBA GRASS 2020 – 2030

The requirements are that, for all properties, you must have a 15m gamba grass free buffer around land parcel boundaries, around infrastructure and on both sides of the track into your property.

For properties less than 3 hectares (7.4 acres), land owners/occupiers must destroy all gamba by July 2023.

For the larger blocks, you must be actively reducing your gamba infestations year on year.



To find out more, contact the
NTG Weed Management Branch
P: 8999 4567
W: nt.gov.au/gamba



STUART HIGHWAY ROADWORKS

Upcoming road works - Stuart Highway near Adelaide River

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is widening a 28km section of the Stuart Highway near Adelaide River to improve safety for road users.

The works will begin 25km south of Adelaide River and progress 28km towards Dorat Road near Hayes Creek on the Stuart Highway.

Construction is expected to start on Tuesday 23 November 2021 and be completed by April 2022.

The upgrade will enhance safety for road users by improving the road shoulders. Road users will have improved protection from steep batters and other hazards with additional guardrails being

introduced at select locations.

Access will be maintained at all times with traffic management in place and road users are asked to take care when passing through the work areas.

Road users are encouraged to follow 'RoadReport NT' on Facebook to keep up to date with any change in conditions and progress of the works.

For more information please contact Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Project Manager, Jacques van der Hyde on 08 8999 4714 or via email at jacques.vanderhyde@nt.gov.au



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Despite the Museum being closed, Lucinda and I continue our commitment with the various tasks we have taken on for the Museum records and development.

Darryl and Gaye are still here and have been doing some tidying of the grounds which has been a great help. The grounds are looking much better than at this time last year. Just need to help those Tamarind trees respond to the rain and fertiliser!

I have recorded interest in Allan Hood previously, as he was a farm worker here at Batchelor Farm for three years 1912-1915. A friend who is involved with the Genealogical Society has researched his history and then Lucinda worked on the rather difficult record that was in the National Archive- the print was very distorted and words mis-spelt but Lucinda deciphered it all. These were the records from a newspaper.

The information was printed in "The Advertiser," firstly in a letter to a Mr Wise, and subsequently, more information after an interview conducted with a "representative" of the paper. I think perhaps the descriptions of the farming outcomes and the conditions regarding heat, humidity and rainfall, would be some of the most informative records about the farm, which subsequently was closed. Certainly Allan Hood's comments come as someone who experienced the conditions, but was committed to the Batchelor Farm unlike many others. He was scathing of some of the critics!

Allan Hood enlisted in 1916 –his service number was 1056. He served in the AIF, and was then demobbed in Melbourne February 1919. He returned to Darwin and the farm but by then the farm had been closed down.

It has all been of interest to us to unravel this story about the committed young man whose pictorial record from the Batchelor Farm turned up in a second hand bookshop many years later.

There will be more of interest for people to view when we have our 2022 season.

Jan Hills



Thank you to Barry Conde, "the bee man", who travelled down to our meeting this morning to show us stingless bees and their hives.

His presentation was, both, very interesting and practical. A record number of members attended and enjoyed a brunch of chilli chicken wings and beef pies followed by caramel and cream cake and doughnuts. Hot and cold drinks were supplied.

Unfortunately, this meeting is the last for the year 2021.

Thank you to all those who have participated during 2021 and before, who have made the Coomalie Gardening Group the success it is.

If there are any questions or queries please email coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com

Like us on FACEBOOK or
Ring Mary on 89 760 379

ALL are welcome to our meetings and lifts are available for anyone requiring help with travel.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: No morning tea in December due to the holidays

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 for further details

Coomalie Community Shed

Where: Cutler Place, Batchelor

When: Every Tuesday 8:30am - 2:00pm

Contact: Bonna on 0488 766 541

Agemoves

Where: Adelaide River Primary School

When: Every Tuesday 3:30pm - 4:45pm

Contact: Darryl Butler on 0428 983 098

or

Where: Batchelor Area School Open Hall

When: Every Monday 5:00pm - 6:15pm

Contact: Prue King 0427 332 803

Monthly Bus Trip

Where: Coolalinga and Gateway Shopping Centres

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

When: Monday 13th December 2021

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255



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MEDIA RELEASE

22 November 2021

COTA NT's Petition for NT Rights Tabled in Canberra

COTA NT's petition to the Members of the House of Representatives, "Repeal Section 50A of the Northern Territory (Self Government) Act 1978 to allow the NT to enact laws dealing with voluntary assisted dying" was launched in February 2021 in response to the wishes of a clear majority of surveyed Members and stakeholders.

The Petition was signed by over a thousand Northern Territorians who supported the right of the Northern Territory legislature to debate and make its own laws regarding voluntary assisted dying.

Today in the Federal Parliament in Canberra, MP for Solomon Luke Gosling tabled our Petition and urged all Territorians to keep fighting for equal rights with Australians living in South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria.

"We will continue to lobby for the rights of Territorians to be equal to those of Australians living elsewhere in the country." said CEO of COTA NT, Sue Shearer.

"Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland have all passed voluntary assisted dying laws. New South Wales is debating its own Bill. Meanwhile the rights of Australians living in the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory to discuss and develop legislation around voluntary assisted dying continued to be stymied by the Federal Parliament.

"We will not put this to one side. It is an important issue and a topic that deserves debate and discussion; debate and discussion that Territorians have a right too. It is time that Federal Parliament recognises that its refusal to enable this conversation is a contravention of democracy."

"Our Petition has closed, but we urge people to add their name to a Record of Support led by Go Gentle Australia. It only takes a minute to make a difference and help make sure Territorians are not left behind – visit www.gogentleaustralia.org.au/take-action."

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Media Contact: Sue Shearer, CEO COTA NT 08 8941 1004


Petition, Repeal Section 50A of the Northern Territory (Self Government) Act 1978 to allow the NT to enact laws dealing with voluntary assisted dying – published to




<https://www.cotant.org.au/petition/>

<https://www.gogentleaustralia.org.au/take-action>

COTA Northern Territory is the peak advocacy and representation organisation for senior Territorians advocating for and working towards an age-friendly, just, inclusive and equitable society since 1969

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<p>Adelaide River Police Station Northern Territory Police C/o Post Office, Adelaide River, NT 0845, 08 8976 7042</p> <p>Officer in Charge: Remote Sergeant Peter Birch</p>	 <p>Batchelor Police Station Northern Territory Police PO Box 21, Batchelor, NT 0845, 08 8976 0015</p> <p>Front Counter open: Mon—Thurs 8am—4pm Officer in Charge: Remote Sergeant Paul Parkanyi</p>
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<p>Adelaide River Health Centre</p> <p>Becker St, Adelaide River 0846 (08) 8976-7027</p>	<p>Batchelor Primary Health Care Centre</p> <p>27 Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor 0845 (08) 8976-0011</p>	

SAVE THE DATE

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Agemoves	Adelaide River School	Tuesdays 3:30pm - 4:45pm Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Agemoves	Batchelor Area School Hall	Mondays 5:00pm - 6:15pm Call Prue King 0427 332 803
Adelaide River Playgroup	Preschool Room Adelaide River Primary School	Every Tuesday (during school terms) 8:30am – 10:30am
Batchelor Playgroup	Preschool Grounds Batchelor Area School	Every second Friday (during school terms) 9:00am - 11:00am
Council Run After School Sports	Batchelor Oval	Mondays 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Litchfield Motel	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Gardening Group monthly meeting	Contact Mary Ashley for this month's location 8976-0379	Third Sunday of month 11:00am At Denmar Downs

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Dogs in Coomalie Shire

PARVO KILLS



Vaccinate your dog

All dogs within the Coomalie Region over 3 months of age must be registered.

You can register your dog at the Coomalie Council Office in Batchelor or via email.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times in any Public Area otherwise they will be impounded.

Fees apply if your dog has been put in the Pound.

Impoundment fees are initially \$95.00 for registered dogs and \$175.00 for unregistered dogs, then \$65.00 per day kept in the Pound. Registered dogs are kept for 3 days and unregistered dogs kept for 2 days. Unregistered dogs must be registered before being released from the Pound.

Dog Registration Charges

Town and Rural - Registration period Sep - Aug
Dog registered between Sep - Aug FULL fee \$35.00
Dog registered between Mar - Aug PART fee \$25.00
Concession card holders ½ price.



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 [general complaints](#).

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 21st December 2021

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