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CHRISTMAS FACILITY CLOSURES

Council Facility Closures

Council Offices: 12:00pm 23rd December

- 8:00am 4th January

Waste Facilities: 25th December

Batchelor Pool: 25th December

Libraries: 19th December - 5th January



Coomalie Council wishes you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

From the Chamber

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 15th November 2022. One would think with the year approaching its end, that business in Council would reduce accordingly, but the very opposite is true.

Council received a confidential briefing from the Valuer-General's Office regarding the recent revaluation exercise for all properties in the Shire. The Northern Territory Government, through the Valuer General's Office, undertakes property valuations on a three year cycle. The Valuer General completed the most recent exercise and met with Council to discuss the methodology and the

objections period for landholders. All property owners should have received their UCV valuations by now. Property valuations form the basis of Council's rating methodology and new values will take affect from next financial year when rates are calculated.

The meeting also considered the following business:

- Policy reviews Council regularly reviews its policies to ensure these are current and compliant with the new Act. The Community Communication and Customer Service Charter policy frameworks were reviewed and updated versions are now available on the Council website:
- Council has been awarded a further \$104,500 through the WaRM Grant Program and resolve to invest these additional funds in further upgrades at the waste management facilities;
- A new grant application to the 2022-23 Immediate priority grant program was also approved and Council will be seeking an upgraded ranger vehicle with hydraulic cage and new equipment to improve roadside and parks maintenance;
- An amount was also approved to comment the regular building and asset valuation exercise and Council will be seeking quotations from qualified property valuers to work with Council in valuing buildings, infrastructure and equipment;
- Council also supported a request for financial assistance to the Batchelor Area School for its Annual Christmas Raffle;
- Council also accepted a generous donation from Mr and Mrs Smith of a limited edition print of "Bombs Over Darwin" for the Adelaide River Community Library;
- Urgent remedial upgrades were approved for the Batchelor swimming pool;
- A contractor will be engaged to de-gas whitegoods at the batchelor waste management facility. Council also agreed to collect whitegoods at the batchelor facility for a period of one month, twice per annum; and
- Unfortunately with every increasing prices and limited supplies, the sale price of Glyphosate was increased to \$286.00 for a 20 litre drum.

Members of the community are welcome to attend Council meetings! Public health safety measures still apply, particularly as there are virulent strains of influenza present in the community, in addition to the ever present concern of COVID-19. Responsible physical distancing will continue to be observed which may result in limiting numbers in the Chamber. The wearing of masks is a personal decision.

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 https://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-meetings to access the very latest information.

Council's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th December 2022** in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor.

Darwin Region Water Supply – Community Reference Group (CRG)

Chief Executive Officer, Anna Malgorzewicz, is a member of the Darwin Region Water Supply CRG which held its first meeting in November 2022. The CRG has been established to share information and feedback on two important projects for the Coomalie Shire – Manton Return to Service (RTS) and the AROWS (Adelaide River Off-Stream Water Supply) project. The first newsletter contains information about the projects and the Committee Members. If you want to ensure you remain update to date you can register to receive regular newsletters here:

https://watersecurity.nt.gov.au/darwin-region-future-water-supply/community-reference-group

The Chief executive officer will provide Council with a monthly update on the projects and if you

have any questions or concerns please contact Anna Malgorzewicz or any of your Elected Members.





- Mr Joe Martin-Jard, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Land Council – noted the Importance of drinking water for the community and expressed the need to get good culturally appropriate communications material produced to support engagement with communities.
- Members who were apologies for the meeting:
- Commerce NT
- Natural Resource Management
- Ms Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
 Ms Ruth Palmer, Public Officer, Lake Bennet

PROGRAM BRIEFING

helinions were provided with a potentiq on the irregardin by Coan Tyren's Seriol Director Facilities Projects and Trade, and Trevor Durling, Senior Headworks Planning Engineer, Power and Water Corporation. The presentation highlighted the importance of establishing additional wate supply sources in the Durlinin region, by the Program was selected, and the progress the NT Government is making. There was an outline on the engineering journing and its provided to ERG members can be found there. The CRG meeting schedule for 2023 was confirmed by members, with the first meeting of 2023 planned to be held in the Coomalie area. Members want to hold more of the CRG meetings within the community areas.

- March
 Iune
- June

CONTACT DETAIL

Community members are encouraged to contact their CRG representative to voice matters related to the Program Alternatively, community members can contact the

Alternatively, community members can contain NT Government Project Team by email on Waterinfrastructure.DITT@nt.gov.au.





FROM THE WORKS AND SERVICES TEAM

Roads

We have commenced our roadside slashing and spraying program across the area, you may have been lucky enough to witness some of our Council Officers or local contractors in your street already. This program is extensive and designed to control weeds and ensure visibility across the road networks it will be running throughout wet season until May 2023. Our water grade and roll program is also well underway with notable works in the Adelaide River area currently being completed. Council Officers are also inspecting all roadside drainage and performing any necessary drain and floodway clearing as required.

Please remember that all wet season Road Weight Limits are in place until April and if you require a Road Weight Waiver Permit, please contact council.

Parks and Gardens

Maintenance of our Parks, Ovals and Adelaide River Bush Cemetery is continuing with the increased workload due to the weather. Multiple tree removal and tree trimming activities have taken place in Adelaide River and Batchelor Townships to ensure safety and accessibility to all our residents. These works will be continued and increased into December

Waste Management

With the Segregation bays being installed currently at Batchelor Waste Management Facility we are looking forward to improved waste management and recycling opportunities across the network. December will see and fit out of these bays, usage plans created and training of Council Officers to assist the community further with their recycling needs

Animal Management

Regular patrols and responses to complaints are being conducted across both Adelaide River and Batchelor Townships. We would like to remind the community that registration of dogs is required and enables our ranger to reunite any lost or wandering dogs with their rightful owners quickly and easily. We are working towards Vet Clinic Days in both Adelaide River and Batchelor in February to ensure residents have access to Veterinarian Services for their much-loved pets.

The Works and Services Team is looking forward to Christmas and will be out in the community continuing maintenance and attending to any emergencies throughout the Holidays. The whole team would like to wish the community a Safe and Happy Holiday period.

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 program is running right up until week 9 of school - the last week being 5th December. For all children attending a signed permission form is required to ensure we have all relevant information for your child, as well as up to date contact information in case of an emergency.

Adelaide River Monday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm. Batchelor Area School Thursday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm.

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The Seniors Mystery Bus Tour for October was a trip to the Darwin Military Museum at East Point, followed by lunch at Silks at the Darwin Racing Club. A total of 12 people attended the trip, and a wonderful time was had by all!

The next day is scheduled for February 2023, please see marketing material closer to February!

Seniors Christmas Party

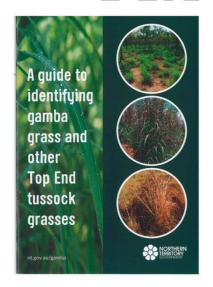
The Annual Seniors Christmas Party is being held on Friday 2nd December at the Litchfield Outback Resort. Please see the next issue of Stop Press for photos and details from the event!

Australia Day Brunch & Awards

A slight change to our event this year with the "Big Breakfast" becoming a "Big Brunch" with a start time of 10:30am for serving of brunch. The awards ceremony will be starting at 11:30am concluding by 12:30pm.

The event will again be held at Batchelor Area School's back hall.

Gamba Action PROGRAM





NTG's <u>free</u> Glyphosate program returns on Friday December 2nd. Available for collection Friday's 9:00am - 3:00pm from Council.

** Limits of 1 drum per landowner

*** While stocks last!



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January School Holiday Program

Program Out Now!



Visit shorturl.at/akmV2 to get your enrolment form, visit your school office or scan the QR Code to the right!













COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

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Council's libraries continue to be a place for our children and adults of the Shire.

Adelaide River Library, in conjunction withe the school, has introduced some supervision rules for children attending the library. We are working with BIITE library to re-introduce these rules at the Batchelor Community Library.

Should libraries be closed on short notice, or late opening for any reason Council will publish this information to its Facebook page.

With the Christmas holidays fast approaching, now would be a great time to arrange your holiday reading program! Please speak with your friendly librarian to discuss any items you may wish to borrow!

We have 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.

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

Please see poster above for Christmas closures at your local library!

Community members and visitors are all welcome at the library during the times above.

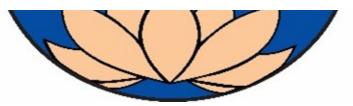
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RUM JUNGLE MINE UPDATE





The below is some information from the Quarterly Stakeholder report received by Council.



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The Rum Jungle Project Team recently supported the transport and legistics for nine Kungarakan and Warai representables to participate in a two day economic educational widt over to Gow Vern Patuallo was instrumental in setting up the meeting schedule for the two days, providing accommodation and being a gracious host to all attendees for the duration of the trip. The group meet with Gumati (GAC), Kirratijingu (RAC) and Olhmiru Aboriginal Corporation's (DAC.)

An overview of the economic development journey was delivered by the 3 separate entities. They each explained their corporations and how they each succeed within their separate business models. By all account this trip was a great step forward in helping the Kungarakan and Warai representatives learn what can be







Borrow Pits Update

In addition to the existing certificate for the main Rum Jungle site, the project is required to gain additional Sacred Site certificates to cover borrow pits and other areas. The applications for these certificates were lodged this quarter to the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority.

The borrow pit located on the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust requires a "Section 19" lease under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and we understand NLC has been engaging with Kungarakan and Warai on this.

The second borrow pit located on Coomalie Community Government Council freehold land is still having the use agreement negotiated. However in October, an access agreement for the purpose of weed control was set up.

Reconciliation Action Plan

Wunun Consultancy & Business Services (Rikki McCallum) has been appointed to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for the Rum Jungle Project. A draft version of the RAP draft is to be circulated for comment in News

The Neconculation Action Plan (NAP) aims to look at ways to continuously improve stakeholder engagement, support self-determined participation and sets shared project commitments. So please tak the time to chat with Rikki over the next month to have your say in the development of the RAP, your input is invaluable.

2022 Rum Jungle Quarterly Stakeholder Report Schedule

The Quarterly Stakeholder Report schedule is as follows:

Quarter 4, 20th January 2023





Procurement Update

There are two major procurement packages for the Project and the first one is out to market. Expression of Interest [EOI] for the major Water Remediation and PR Backfill services package was released to the market on 5 October 2022, with an industy Prefiling held on Monday 17 October 2022. The EOI is closing on Wednesday 2 November 2022. This EOI is the first step in a multi-stage procurement process.

Also, the project is seeking interest from local Coomalie contractors for the office fit-out in Batchelor,

Asbestos removal Civil Construction
Electrical including Air-conditioning Cleaning Fencing
Grounds maintenance and Landscaping Mechanical,
Minor demolitions and removal of existing structures
Supply, delivery and installation Office Furniture Painting
Plumbing Security

If you are interested please email the team at rumjunglecontracts@nt.gov.au

Further information on the Project's procurement activities can be found at: ICNNT – Rum Jungle ICN





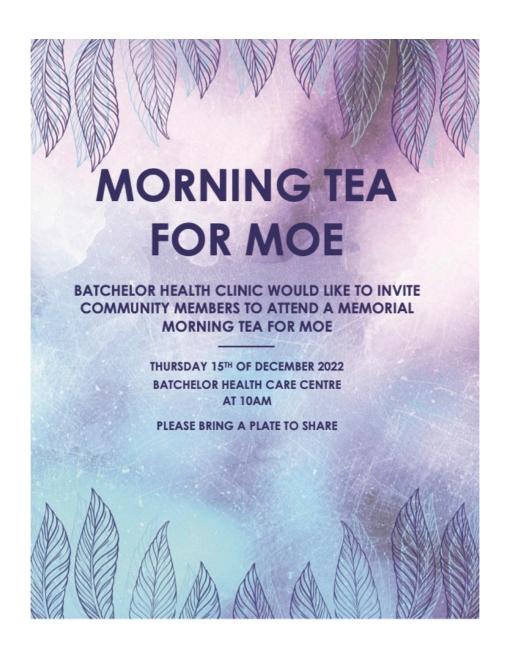
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Rum Jungle Project Staffing Appointments This month the Rum Jungle Project has welcomed 3 new team members. Please join us in welcoming; Paul Jones, Health Safety & Environment (HSE) Director Sue West, HSE Technician, Environmental Management Unit Serena Coleman, Executive Officer, Community Engagement



BATCHELOR CHRISTMAS MARKET







Unfortunately, the meeting on 20th November is now postponed until 27th November at 11.30.

The was a pig attack and an animal was injured. Consequently we were at the vets and could not act as hosts for the arranged meeting.

Hope to see you all on 27th Nov 11.30 at Denmar Downs.

There are frangipani cuttings as well as allemanda, hibiscus, desert roses and cat's whiskers among other plants. These are all free.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Please note that this meeting on 27th will be the last of this year.

First meeting in 2023 will be the third SUNDAY in the month of FEBRUARY.

Please follow us on Facebook and "like" us.

Contacts

Mary 0417 816 422

Email: coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com

We hope all our members have an enjoyable end to the year and hope to see you all in

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MERRY CHRISTMAS





Coomalie Region Road Report >

For all information regarding local road conditions, it is suggested you join the Facebook Group 'Coomalie Region Road Reports'

Council does not contribute to this page, all information is to be taken on face value.

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 2nd and 16th December 2022.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: *Thursday* 19th January 2023 9:30am *Please note change of day to a Thursday!*

Gold coin donation please!

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 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

Please note Batchelor and Adelaide River sessions have now combined to the above.

Monthly Bus Trip

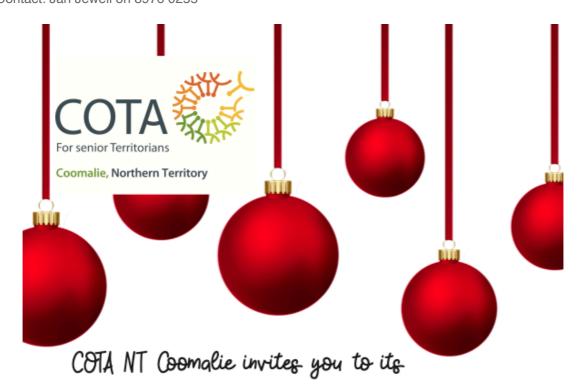
Where: Coolalinga and Gateway Shopping Centres

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

When: Monday 12th December 2022

Note Earlier trip due to Christmas Festivities.

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255



Christmas Dinner / Dance



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Adelaide River Police Station
Northern Territory Police

Batchelor Police Station Northern Territory Police

C/- Post Office, Adelaide River 0845 (08) 8976-7042 PO Box 21, Batchelor NT 0845 (08) 8976-0015

Officer in Charge - Remote Sergeant Peter Birch

Officer in Charge Remote Sergeant Sean Byrnes

We trust that the dry season left you well and looking forward to some rain..

CYCLONE SEASON

We are now officially in our cyclone season and weather predictions to date have us expecting some significant weather this year. Now is the time to begin making preparations for the wet season and all of the weather patterns which it will bring us. Giving time to cyclone clean up would be time well spent while the remaining dry weather permits. We urge everyone to take their own personal safety seriously and make preparations, your local police are here to help during weather events but our role is made much easier if everyone is prepared in some way. Keep and ear or eye on the weather forecasts and weather warnings and please head the advice provided.

Good information and guidance is available on the NT Government website SecureNT.

Visit www.securent.nt.gov.au/prepare-for-an-emergency for more information and advice.

Weather warnings are available on the various Social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. You can register to receive these alerts automatically but if you need help then feel free to talk to us. Visit https://securent.nt.gov.au/alerts for more information.

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

Our interstate visitors and holiday makers have made their way back to their home states leaving us to look forward to the incredible weather which we see in the Top End. Giving time to our vehicles and their safety for wet weather driving will also be wise. As our roads have less traffic flow please remain vigilant around safe driving and ensure that you always refreshed, prepared and sober before making any journeys. As the wet season builds and develops we urge all motorists to take extra care when traveling about our roads. The fresh grass is bringing animals to the roadside thus increasing the chances of collisions with vehicles. Please be cognisant of all animals when travelling. If you discover any loose stock then please advise your local police or 131444 if the matter is presenting an immediate danger to other motorists.

PROPERTY AND SECURITY - LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT

Media coverage continues to bring your attention the property offending in Darwin and surrounds. Despite our distance from these locations, we are not immune to persons motivated by dishonesty. Over the last few months we have experienced instances of 'out of town' offenders visiting our districts and committing offences. We continue to urge all residents to take a close personal interest in the security of their property. If we can all play our part we will have a safer community. Reporting all incidents no matter how minor will also help your local Police gain a better understanding of where focus is needed. Should you observe suspicious persons or vehicles, please contact 131444 immediately. The information you provide can assist Police in investigating and solving offences which you may not be aware of. It is timely to remind all residents that your local Police appreciate personal contact either in person or on the station phone but that we cannot staff the Police Station 24 hours a day. It is preferable that all reports be made through 13144 or 000 in an emergency so that your local Police can be despatched to attend even if we are not on duty.

As simple step such as removing keys from motor vehicles, locking doors and even older style steering locks will make offenders look elsewhere for their next prize.

We wish you all a safe wet season and look forward to saying hello while we are out an about in the community.

Adelaide River Police Sgt BIRCH + Constables ALCORN and QUEDLEY

Batchelor Police
Sgt BYRNES + Constables RAJ and HARRIS-JACOBS







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



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Agemoves	Litchfield Outback Resort	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 Tuesday (during school terms) 8:30am – 10:30am
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	Sunday 11th December 8:00am – 1:00pm
Batchelor Playgroup	Preschool Grounds Batchelor Area School	Every second Friday (during school terms) 9:00am - 11:00am
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Mondays 2:45pm - 3:45pm (during school terms)
Carmail Drin		Thursdays

After School Sports

Batchelor Area School

2:45pm - 3:45pm
(during school terms)

Food for Life St Francis Church Every 2nd Friday commencing

28th January 2022

Grey Panthers Dance Classes Litchfield Motel Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098

Gardening Group Contact Mary Ashley for this month's location Third Sunday of month 11:00am

monthly meeting 8976-0379 At Denmar Downs

Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor
Rum Jungle Bowls Club Contact Mark Shirley Every Thursday during Dry Season

0447 848 234

St Francis Op Shop Mardango Cres, Batchelor Every 2nd Friday commencing

28th January 2022

COUNCIL INFORMATION

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



Waste Facility Hours - Adelaide River

As of Tuesday 17/08/2021

PUBLIC and COMMERCIAL HOURS
Tuesday 8am - 10am
Friday 8am - 10am
Saturday 8am - 4pm
Sunday 7am - 3pm

ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL HOURS

Tuesday 10am - 2pm

TRIAL HOURS ONLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Waste Facility Hours - Batchelor

As of Tuesday 17/08/2021

PUBLIC and COMMERCIAL HOURS

Monday 7am - 11am

Friday 11am - 3pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

Sunday 8am - 4pm

ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL HOURS

Monday 11am - 3pm

Thursday 7am- 11am

TRIAL HOURS ONLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Attention: Road Weight Restrictions

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

- 1 October until 30 April**
- $\star\star$ Maybe extended due to weather or road conditions

Permits available from Council 8976-0058

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





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 <u>complaints about dogs</u> and the other is for <u>general complaints</u>.

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 December 2022

Stop Press

Should you know of someone that still wishes to receive a paper-based version of the Stop Press, please email <u>Stop Press</u> to be added to the printed mailing list.

Just a reminder, if you would like an article published, please email it to <u>Stop Press</u> 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 <u>1.1 Community Communication</u> before submitting an article.

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