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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Latest changes to Testing & Isolation procedures effecting Territorians.









Changes to Testing and Isolation

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Vaccinated	Unvaccinated
Positive Case <ul style="list-style-type: none">Isolate for 7 days. Day 0 is when positive test was taken. Day 7 ends at 12 noonPCR test on day 6 (or Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) if PCR not available)Exit isolation on day 7 if test is negative. Remain in isolation until day 10 if positive (or haven't done day 6 test)If symptoms persist seek medical advice	Positive Case <ul style="list-style-type: none">Isolate for 10 days. Day 0 is when positive test was taken. Day 10 ends at 12 noonPCR test on day 8 (or Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) if PCR not available)Exit isolation on day 10 if test is negative. Remain in isolation until day 14 if positive (or haven't done day 8 test)If symptoms persist seek medical advice
Close Contact <p>A close contact is someone who lives with a 'positive case' or has spent 4+ hours indoors with them in a house like setting, office conference room or a vehicle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Quarantine for 7 days. Day 0 is when your housemate started isolation or you last had contact with a positive case. Day 7 ends at 12 noonPCR or RAT within 3 days and on day 6Exit quarantine on day 7 if tests are negativeIf positive test, follow above Vaccinated Positive Case rules	Close Contact <p>A close contact is someone who lives with a 'positive case' or has spent 4+ hours indoors with them in a house like setting, office conference room or a vehicle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Quarantine for 14 days. Day 0 is when your housemate started isolation or you last had contact with a positive case. Day 14 ends at 12 noonPCR or RAT within 3 days and on day 6 and 12Exit quarantine on day 14 if tests are negativeIf positive test, follow above Unvaccinated Positive Case rules

Declare a positive RAT result online using the [Rapid Antigen Test declaration form](#). This will trigger an email with the next steps. If you cannot complete the online form, call the COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 490 484.
If your COVID-19 PCR test result is positive, you will be contacted by NT Health via an automated text message or phone call. Given privacy issues the hotline cannot give you your results.

⚠ Breaching conditions of entry or providing false and or misleading information can result in a fine of \$5 024 for an individual, \$25 120 for a company or imprisonment. If you are leaving quarantine or isolation before day 14 continue to wear a mask until day 14, avoid high risk settings and continue to monitor for symptoms.

coronavirus.nt.gov.au  Practise physical distancing where possible  Wash hands regularly  Stay home if unwell  Get tested if symptomatic  Download the Territory Check In app and ensure you upload your vaccination status 

COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 18th January 2022. And a great way to commence the year was with a discussion with the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Chancey Paech MLA. The Minister was scheduled to attend in person, but the recent COVID-19 restrictions resulted in his attendance via video-conference.

Council had an ambitious agenda to discuss with the Minister and a lot of ground to cover, particularly as this was Council's first meeting with the Minister since his appointment as the

Minister for Local Government more than twelve months ago. A number of issues that were addressed were outside the Minister's remit or ability to discuss with Council and so it was agreed these matters would be taken up with his Ministerial colleagues. These items included:

- Exploring opportunities for the development of independent living facilities for seniors in Batchelor;
- Improving connectivity and access to communication and internet options;
- Youth diversion and engagement programs, including the possibility of establishing a youth centre;
- Community Safety improvements for the townships.

While it was great to have the Minister's undivided attention Council was disappointed in the very little interest or support from the Minister regarding boundary reform or progressing amalgamation efforts. For many years, Council and Belyuen Community Government Council have held discussions regarding a potential amalgamation and plans to include surrounding unincorporated areas into Council. These discussions did take a backward step and it is clear Council needs to progress discussions with the Minister further. Council will keep the community UpToDate.

Council also had a very lengthy discussion regarding the ongoing issues at both Health Clinics. Council wrote to the Minister for Health expressing its concern and sought a reassurance that both clinics would be adequately staffed with professional health personnel. This followed on from a further letter that was sent to the Minister for Health in December 2021. As Council is receiving very little traction with its advocacy to the Northern Territory Government, copies were also sent to the respective Shadow Ministers. This resulted in meetings between the President and Cllr Bulmer and the Shadow Minister for Health Mr Bill Yan, the Shadow Minister for Tourism and Hospitality Ms Marie-Clare Boothby and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr Gerard Maley. Council is hopeful external lobbying will also lead to improvements at the clinics.

Council also appointed members to the Waste Advisory Committee. Ms Kristy McInnes and Ms Tania Roberts will be joining Cllrs Freeman (Chair), Bulmer and Beswick on the Committee. There remains one vacancy and this position will be ratified at the February meeting.

The Terms of Reference for the new Risk Management and Audit Committee were also confirmed at the meeting and advertising will take place to appoint members and the Chair.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 3.00pm. Council has also agreed to record all its meetings for minute taking purposes only.

Members of the community are welcome to attend Council meetings! COVID Safety provisions still apply, so the wearing of masks and 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 February includes the following:

- Weed spraying program continues
- Roads management & maintenance
- Gamba Action Program
- Clearing of trees from parks & gardens

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 program will be recommencing the week starting Monday 7th February with a few changes to the program.

Adelaide River will be undertaken on Monday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm.

Batchelor Area School Program is still being developed with the Acting Principal, and is a week or so off to ensure we meet COVID-19 guidelines.

January School Holiday Program

Lots of fun and activities was held for the January program, with activities including Laser Tag, Ice Skating, Lego building fun and much more. Please keep an eye out for the July Holiday Program as this comes nearer.

Australia Day Celebrations & Citizen of the Year Awards

Australia Day celebrations occurred at Batchelor Area School on Wednesday 26th January 2022, with a free Big Breakfast for all Coomalie Shire residents.

Massive thanks to all our volunteer helpers on the day.

Please see later in this edition for some candid snaps of all our winners and citizens on the day!

Citizen of the Year Awards were presented to:

- Citizen of the Year - Paul Bonavita
- Young Citizen of the Year (Under 30) - withheld due to no nominations being received.
- Community Event of the Year - Rum Jungle Bowls Club Mixed 4's Event.

Please keep in mind these worthy awards for 2023, the nominations we get the better the event will be!

Bombing of Darwin Commemoration

The 80th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin is fast approaching. Coomalie Council will be hosting a respectful service to honour the fallen at the Adelaide River War Cemetery on Sunday 20th February from 10:00am - all community members are welcome to attend.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Coomalie Council celebrated Australia Day at the Batchelor Area School again this year, with a Big Breakfast followed by Citizen of the Year presentations.

Council had the honour to host 2 young Kungurakan future leaders to '*Welcome to Country*', they offered an insight into how they see the history of the Coomalie regions within their speech. Thank you Lane & Crystal for sharing this moving and sensitive issue with those present.

The Australia Day Ambassador for our celebration, was Kwame Selormey from the Melaleuca Foundation. Kwame shared his experiences as a new citizen in a foreign land and also spoke about his initiatives with youth within the Northern Territory to enable everyone to have a prosperous future.

Young Citizen of the Year - Award withheld due to no nominations received.

Community Event of the Year - Rum Jungle Bowls Club Mixed Four's Event

Citizen of the Year - Paul Bonavita

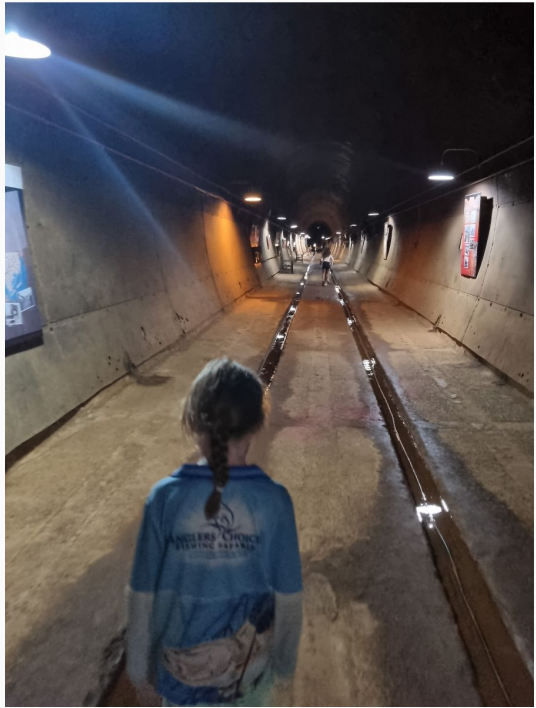




Note: Due to COVID restrictions, unfortunately a lot of our photos show people wearing masks!

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The January School Holiday Program was jam packed full of fun activities for the kids, they went to Ice skating, to Laser Tag, we hit the museum up and even went out to Litchfield National Park. The kids were great and had a whole lot of fun! We got to handle a snake, also a bearded dragon, they played on the best playground on the Esplanade, also had a look at the old war tunnels, They had ice cream from Maccas and the kids even had a sleep on the bus on the way back from the wave pool! This year was great.



ANNUAL WET SEASON ROAD RESTICTIONS

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*



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SWIMMING POOL SURVEY



A synopsis of results from the pool survey are detailed below:

- A decision by Council to close the pool would be detrimental within the community.
- Only closing the pool for operational requirements and not for a set period each year is preferred by the community.
- Council is currently seeking grant funding to install fitness equipment in the Batchelor Oval precinct.

- As the current Pool Supervisor is required to have Annual Leave, Council officers will be required to recruit and train relief pool officers to undertake leave requirements of current staff.
- Additional training of staff is required to ensure the facility standards are uplifted and are achieving 5 stars by next survey period

At it's monthly Council meeting in December, Coomalie Councillors agreed to the following trials to see if they would increase patronage at the pool:

- Free entry to the pool for all
- Opening the pool for 'Lap Swimming' 2 days per week from 6:30am - 8:30am

Further discussions will take place at a Council level once the trial periods have completed.

COUNCIL EVENTS

Bombing of Darwin Commemoration 80th Anniversary



You are invited to attend the commemoration service at the Adelaide River War Graves on Sunday 20th February 2022 starting at 10:00am.

This will be followed by a morning tea on the grounds.

Please RSVP by 10th February to Council on 8976-0058 or recreation@coomalie.nt.gov.au



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Craft & Chatter

When: Every Sunday
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
at Batchelor Community Library
BYO Craft Supplies
or just come for a chat!



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Batchelor Swimming Pool

Opening Hours
 Monday 3pm - 6pm
 Thursday 3pm - 6pm
 Friday 3pm - 6pm
 Saturday 1pm - 6pm
 Sunday 12pm - 6pm

Prices
Free Entry
from 1st
January - 28th
February!



For more information visit www.coomalie.nt.gov.au

Early Morning Lap Swimming



Monday's & Friday's
 6:30am - 8:30am
 Council is running lap swimming sessions for a 2 month trial for the months of January & February!




Coomalie Dolphins Swimming Lessons

Term 1 Program commencing
 Thursday 17th February 2022



Contact Coomalie Council on 8976-0058 for further information or to book your spot!
 Fees applicable for lessons.



Just like riding a bike, some people never got the chance to learn how to swim. Though it may seem daunting for an adult, it's never too late to jump in the deep end.

While it can sometimes feel like Aussies are born knowing how to freestyle, for a lot of people, swimming doesn't summon pictures of relaxing times at the beach, but anxiety and fear of the unknown.

According to a Royal Life Saving Australia report, five per cent of Australian adults cannot swim at all but it's argued this figure may actually be higher as people do not wish to report it.

Don't miss out on the fun this summer, and though it may be intimidating at first, learning to swim - even as an adult - is a life skill that increases fitness, improves mental health, adds recreational enjoyment, and might just save your life.

Swimming lessons for adults

Why some people never learned how to swim

While swimming lessons are now a mandatory part of primary school in Australia, for many, being in or around large bodies of water can cause feelings of anxiety and unease simply due to their inexperience in the water.

Some children and adults may simply have never gotten the lessons due to affordability, access, disability, or a lack of priority in areas where swimming was not common.

The report also found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, First National peoples, ethnic minorities, and rural residents were at a greater risk of drowning due to their lack of education around water.

As an estimated 30 per cent of Australians are new migrants who are also inexperienced around the water, they may have not had the same opportunities for swimming lessons or taught water safety skills – but this doesn't mean it's too late to learn and enjoy the water safely.

Why is it important to know how to swim?

First of all, swimming is engrained in Australian culture and a cornerstone of our lifestyle. Getting in one of the country's many pools, beaches, lakes, rivers, and waterholes with friends and family is one of the icons that make this country great.

That aside, the major reason to know how to swim is a life-saving skill. While swimming and water safety education has been a part of the [Victorian Curriculum](#) since 2017, not every Australian has had this opportunity. Without knowing basic swim skills, going into the water can be extremely dangerous.

This can greatly impact quality of life, as well as the ability to properly supervise children in the water and understand beach and [pool safety regulations](#).

Australia is surrounded by water, which is why organisations such as [Royal Life Saving Australia](#) have committed to Australian children having the 'right to a comprehensive swimming and water safety education.'

With an aim for 'a water-loving nation free from drowning,' it is imperative that people feel comfortable in water, and know the signs to look for to keep themselves and others safe.

Aside from the potential life-saving benefits and added hobby also provides many health benefits. When used as a form of exercise, swimming can be utilised to assist in building endurance, muscle strength, and cardiovascular fitness, tone muscles and build strength.

Gaining knowledge in swimming and water safety is a life-saving skill for children and adults alike - and it's never too late to learn.

Where can adults go to learn how to swim?

While it may seem nerve-racking at first to head for swimming lessons as an adult, be assured that it is quite common, and welcomed by the swimming community – you are doing something to improve yourself and help those around you.

Start by enquiring with your local pool or swim centre. They may offer group classes, or you may prefer private lessons to suit your individual needs. All swim teachers should be AUSTSWIM accredited and are specialised in assisting you to reach your goals – whether you just want to become comfortable and confident in the water by learning fundamental swimming and water safety to fully mastering your strokes, swimming, and diving techniques.

Becoming comfortable in the water will assist in helping you to enjoy the water, while keeping fit and being able to look after yourself and your loved ones safely.

How long will it take to learn how to swim?

This is largely based on the individual, and what you are looking to achieve. Some may only want a few lessons for basics, and others may feel more comfortable with an ongoing routine to improve their confidence and swimming ability. After an initial lesson with a swim instructor, they will be able to help advise the best pathway for you to gain confidence in the water.

And remember, once you do, there are plenty of places to enjoy the water from swim holes to beaches – just make sure to do it safely!

Copied from RACV Newsletter December 2021

COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

After a slow start to the year, the libraries are back in full swing especially now that school is back!

All the iPads have had a clean up, and unfortunately the Samsung tablets at Adelaide River Library have been removed from the library. Remember these are common use items and therefore we have locked them down to be only approved Apps installed on them. If you wish to have an App considered, please let your librarian know.

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.

Craft & Chatter

The Sunday Craft & Chatter group is growing strong with up to 10 people attending regularly. These sessions are open to anyone, it's not just about craft anymore: puzzles, board games, anything you think you might like to share with a group!

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.

ART IN THE LIBRARY

Council, through it's wonderful librarian Miss Bev, have managed to obtain a guest speaker for the 'Craft & Chatter' session on the 20th February at Batchelor Community Library.

Eileen O'Conner from the "*Gourd Factor*" is coming to the library on Sunday 13th Feb from 1:30 to 2:30 to talk about her work. She grows gourds and then carves into them to make bowls, spoons,

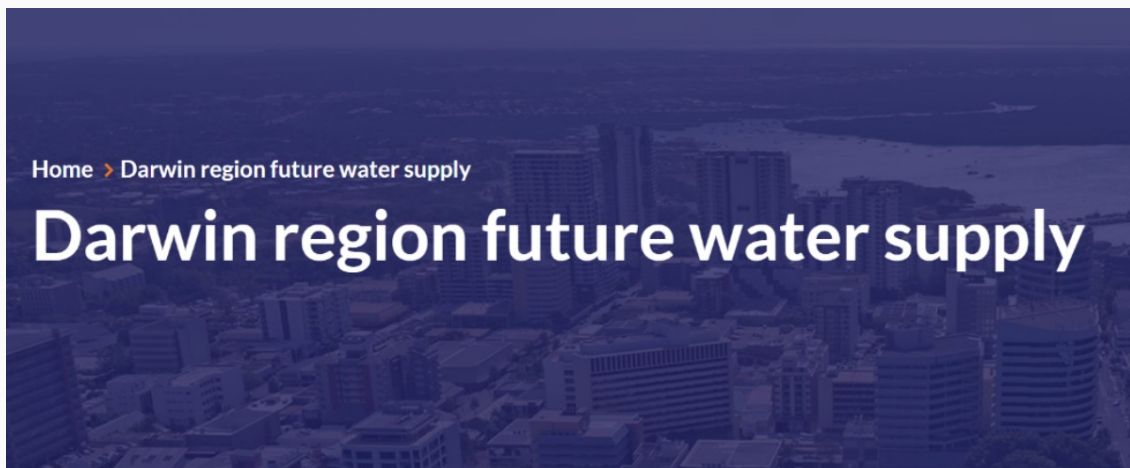
jewellery etc. which she then paints and adds resin. She is planning to bring empress to talk about and show and will have some gourd seeds to give away if anybody would like them.

Gourds have been used throughout history, in almost every culture throughout the world. They are one of the earliest domesticated types of plants and have been discovered in archaeological sites dating from as early as 13,000 BC.

Today, gourds are commonly used for a wide variety of crafts, including jewellery, furniture, dishes, utensils and a wide variety of decorations using painting, carving, burning and other techniques



Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage (AROWS)



Water, it's one of our most precious resources.

As the Territory grows, water security is critical –for people, agriculture and industry.

The Northern Territory (NT) Government is committed to delivering secure, reliable and cost-effective drinking water for Territorians, now and into the future.

In the greater Darwin region, the majority of our water supply, around 85%, comes from the Darwin River Dam, which is operating at or above its sustainable supply level. The remaining 15% of the greater Darwin region water supply is provided through groundwater resources. In other words, the current supply is operating at capacity.

Funded by the Australian Government's National Water Grid Fund, and in partnership with the Power and Water Corporation, the NT Government has completed the Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage (AROWS) Detailed Business Case.

[Part A: Preliminary Assessment \(Summary\)](#)

[Part B: Detailed Business Case \(Summary\)](#)

Detailed reports, as well as a short video, can be found at the press release here - [media release](#).

CHILDREN'S COVID IMMUNISATIONS

BATCHELOR

The children's vaccination program kicks off at Batchelor Area School.

When: Every Wednesday 10:30 – 4:00pm

Location: Dental Clinic – Batchelor Area School (Front of the school)

Who: Available to all children of Batchelor Community - 5yrs – 17yrs

- Drop-in's are welcome.
- Parents, carers, and guardians must accompany their child.
- Consent forms must be completed prior to vaccinations

COVID-19

We ask that everyone to follow COVID-19 regulations

- Social Distancing
- Mask Wearing
- Sanitise hands
- Check in by scanning or signing in

Please note: Batchelor Area School is under some very strict COVID-19 guidelines. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff and children, only essential services are allowed to enter school

classrooms and school grounds.

Please refer to Batchelor Area School, 08 8976-0077, should you require further information.

ADELAIDE RIVER

Available at the Adelaide River Clinic, Tuesday's.

Please contact the clinic on 08 8976-7027 for further information.

ANNUAL CYCLONE PREPARATIONS

BE PREPARED FOR THE

CYCLONE SEASON

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://SECURE.NT.GOV.AU/P
REPRE-FO-AN-
EMERGENCY/CYCLONES](https://secure.nt.gov.au/p-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

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

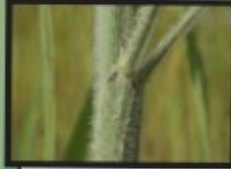
Weed Management Plan for **GAMBA GRASS**

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



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



The Coomalie Gardening Group will meet for the first time in this year of 2022.

The last meeting was in November 2022.

We meet on the third Sunday of each month throughout the year with three exceptions.\

- August is "Senior Month" and consequently a busy month so there will be no gardening meeting in August.
- The other two months with no meeting are December and January each year.

So our February meeting will be at 11am on Sunday 20th.

The venue will be:

Denmar Downs

Miles Road

Eva Valley

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

Like is 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.

BACHELOR OP SHOP & FOOD FOR LIFE



The Batchelor op-shop is open each second Friday from 10 am to 12 noon with the last date being 28th January this year.

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 operations will be Friday 11th February 2022.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: Friday 25th February 2022 9:30am

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 for further details

Guest Speaker: Dherran Young, Member for Daly

Everyone is welcome and current COVID rules at the time will apply.
Come and meet Dheran and discuss your Senior's issues with him.

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 28th February 2022

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

COTA Children's Christmas Party

COTA Coomalie Branch would like to thank the following people and businesses for their sponsorship of our Santa in Batchelor Event.

- Coomalie Council
- Sharon Beswick
- Batchelor Store
- RS Gardening
- Litchfield Motel
- Puma Service Station
- Paul Bonavita (Santa)
- Neil Macdonald
- and all COTA Coomalie Volunteers .

This was a well received event and the children had a great time.

A SCOPING STUDY TO IDENTIFY KEY ISSUES FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OLDER PEOPLE

FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED
Older people and carers

Researchers at the National Ageing Research Institute are working with the National Mental Health Commission to understand the key issues for older adults to maintain mental health and support those living with mental illness and their carers.

We are seeking older adults who live in the community or in residential aged care as well as family or friend carers of older people living with mental illness to participate in a focus group discussion.

We are keen to hear your unique insights about the mental health and wellbeing of older people, and how this can be better supported.
The focus group discussion will take approximately 1.5hrs and will be conducted at a location convenient to participants or online subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

To participate you must be

- Aged 65 years +, or aged 50 years+ if you are from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background, live with HIV/AIDS or have an experience of chronic homelessness.
- You **do not need** to have personal experience of mental health problems to participate.
- **OR YOU ARE**
- An adult (18 years+) family or friend carer of an older person living with mental illness.

Participants will receive an AUD\$40 gift card for their contribution.
Contact our team to learn more!
Email: p.feldman@nari.edu.au or j.antonides@nari.edu.au
Mobile: 0493 093 969

Ethical aspects of this study have been approved by Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) HREC2021-07-856

Focus group older persons & carers flyer, Ver. 2 | 21.09.21, HREC2021-07-856

A SCOPING STUDY TO IDENTIFY KEY ISSUES FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OLDER PEOPLE

INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS NEEDED
Older people with experience of mental illness

Researchers at the National Ageing Research Institute are working with the National Mental Health Commission to understand the key issues for older adults to maintain mental health and support those living with mental illness and their carers.

We are looking for older people living with a personal experience of mental illness to participate in an interview to share their experiences with mental illness, mental health service use, and how the mental health of older people can be better supported in the future.

The interview will take approximately 1 hour and will be conducted at a location convenient to participants or online subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

To participate you must be

- an adult aged 65 years+ OR 50 years+ if from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders background, living with HIV/AIDS, or have an experience of chronic homelessness
- Have used mental health services in the past 12 months

Participants will receive an AUD\$75 gift card for their contribution.
Contact our team to learn more! Email: p.feldman@nari.edu.au or j.antonides@nari.edu.au
Mobile: 0493 093 969

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Interviews older persons with MI flyer, Ver. 2 | 21.09.21, HREC2021-07-856



Rum Jungle Bowls Club 2021

This year was another great year where the club grew participation numbers and hosted an NT Bowls tournament.

The regular social bowls on a Thursday night ran for 8 months this year starting in March and finishing in November. Once a month on a Saturday a BBQ was held with prizes for participants.

There were over 1000 school students from all over the Territory who played bowls as the club continued its partnership with the Batchelor Outdoor Education center.

The club also has local children who do basic garden maintenance after school on Thursdays.

The club has received sponsorship and support from the Batchelor store, Fish 4 U, and Zebra rock.

We are very grateful and look forward to this continuing in the future.

The club is in the process of being Incorporated so that we can access government grants.

There will be some new seating and shade put around in the next few months.

On behalf of the Rum Jungle Bowls club, we wish you all a safe and merry xmas and a happy happy new year.

Mark Shirley
President R.J.B.C.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Adelaide River Police Station

Northern Territory Police

C/o Post Office, Adelaide River,
NT 0845,
08 8976 7042

Officer in Charge:

Remote Sergeant Peter Birch

Batchelor Police Station

Northern Territory Police

PO Box 21, Batchelor, NT
0845,
08 8976 0015

Front Counter open:

Mon—Thurs 8am—4pm

Officer in Charge:

Remote Sergeant Paul Parkanyi





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

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

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
monthly meeting

Contact Mary Ashley for this
month's location
8976-0379

Third Sunday of month 11:00am
At Denmar Downs

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

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.



**COOMALIE
COMMUNITY**
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

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 22nd February 2022

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Please ensure you have read Council's policy [1.1 Community Communication](#) before submitting an article.

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