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Welcome to Coomalie Community Government Council's latest edition of Stop Press newsletter.

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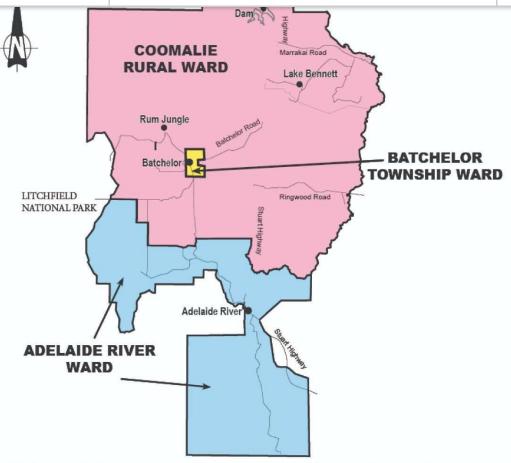


LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS





Local Government elections are just around the corner, to keep abreast of information, please click the image above for further information.



NOTE: Electors enrolled for addresses to the west and east of the council boundaries are NOT required to vote as this area is unincorporated. For further information contact the NTEC.



Are you passionate about Coomalie Shire? Do you want to represent your community in a leadership role?

Then you should think about nominating for a place on your Council!

In partnership with the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) and the Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT), Coomalie Community Government Council will be hosting a Candidate Information evening on

Wednesday, 7th July 2021 5:30pm Coomalie Council Chambers 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor, NT 0845

At this event you will learn what it means to represent your community on Council, how Council

As we need to ensure the event is COVID-19 compliant, we would appreciate your rsvp by Tuesday 6th July 2021 as places will be limited.

Nominations open Friday 16th July 2021 and close Thursday 5th August 2021.

Candidate information pamphlets and brochures are available from the Council Office and the Adelaide River and Batchelor Community Libraries. Or go online to learn more. Visit the special Local Government Elections information page on the Coomalie Council website here.



Have you thought of becoming a Councillor?

Key Dates to Remember

- 7th July Candidate information night
- 16th July Nominations for Councillors open
- 5th August Nominations for Councillors close
- 16th August Early & mobile voting commences
- 28th August Election Day



Visit <u>www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/elections</u> for further information!





The Territory Business Lockdown Payment has been established to provide immediate financial support to businesses during a lockdown period.

This payment is an amount of \$1,000 and those eligible will need to submit a simple online application.

Visit Territory Business Lockdown Payment Program | Jobs First Plan for more information.

COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A very busy and productive evening in Chambers on Tuesday 15th June 2021, where Council held two very important meetings.

Firstly, Council met as the Coomalie Bush Cemetery Board to receive operational report updates and discussed plans to complete the new "Rosella Niche Wall", that was installed. The existing Columbarium is nearing capacity and the Cemetery Board resolved for a new niche wall to be installed. The Board has requested an additional amount of \$15,000 be referred to the First Quarter Budget Review for consideration of the installation of a shade structure or pergola to enhance amenity.

The Ordinary General Meeting was the last meeting of the financial year and the last meeting to take place under the *Local Government Act 2008*. The new Act comes into force from 1st July 2021 and there will be necessary changes made to the agenda and papers to ensure compliance with the new provisions.

Key outcomes from the meeting included;

- Rates Council declared rates for the 2021-22 financial year. The Rates Declaration was published in the NT News on Friday 18th June 2021 and it can also be accessed here. <u>DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2021-2022.pdf (nt.gov.au)</u>
- Council has also agreed to enable payments by two instalments. For those property owners who do not wish to pay rates in the usual one sum, payments will now be due in two equal parts on Friday 24th September 2021 and Friday 25th March 2022. Rates are also payable via direct debit. If you encounter problems meeting your rates obligation, please contact the helpful staff at the Council Office to arrange a Payment Plan.

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• The Budget, Fees and Charges and the Shire Plan 2021-22 were also ratified at the Council meeting and are available on Council's website. At this stage, Council is uncertain as to the amounts it will receive from the Commonwealth and Territory Governments regarding operational subsidies and the annual Financial Assistance Grants. The Budget for 2021-22 has taken a very conservative outlook given advice that further reductions will be made to annual subsidies. For example, the Northern Territory Government has indicated the annual Community Library operational grant will again be reduced by a further 3%. Amendments will be made at the First Quarter Budget Review to reflect changes in budget amounts.

and Community Infrastructure Program. These funds will be further invested in road and waste management improvements.

- Council has also been working with stakeholders in providing a safer school bus stop in Batchelor. In consultation with the Northern Territory Government, NT Police, Buslink and the property owners, a new designated school bus stop will be established in the Batchelor General Store carpark, along the boundary to Anzac Park. An in school and on-bus safety and awareness program will also be delivered by the team from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.
- Waste Management Facilities Council also resolved not to award the contract for the Supervision of the two gatehouses. Currently there are two contractors that provide supervision and access services to Council at both Waste Management Facilities. Both contracts conclude at the end of June 2021 and Council resolved to staff the gatehouse directly.
- The gatehouses were funded by a Special Purpose Grant to assist Council in meeting the requirements that the NT Environment Protection Authority included in its 2018 Directions Notice to Council.In order to comply with Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998 Council needed to include better access controls and prevent the deposit of listed materials.Deliberately lit fires at the waste facilities were also causing issues for Council.Over the coming months there will be further improvements to both sites that will see greater compliance and less negative impacts on our environment.
- A special newsletter on Waste Management will be issued in the coming weeks.

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The next meeting of Council is Tuesday 20th July 2021.

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 July include the following:

- · Continue slashing works
- Manning of Waste Management Facilities
- Update signage at Batchelor Swimming Pool
- Install and replace cats eye and guide posts on roads
- Road signage audit
- Continuing works at Waste Management Facilities

r icase note, that weather conditions and activity, may enect planned activities during the month.

It should be noted that the following roads are controlled by the Dept. of Infrastructure

- 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 completed for Term 2 at both schiols within the Coomalie region.

Should you wish for your child to participate in After School Sports in Term 3, please obtain a copy of your enrolment form from your school office or from Council's website <u>here</u>. 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.

Territory Day

Territory Day celebrations have been postponed for the time being due to the lockdown situation. Please stay tuned for more information as it comes to hand.

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

The latest tour was held on Thursday 24th June 2021, with a good range of community members in attendance. Attendees were treated to a leisurely day at MAGNT with lunch at the cafe. The next tour will be on Thursday 22nd July 2021, please book directly with Council on 8976-0058 to secure your seat!

July School Holiday Program

When this edition goes to press, the July School Holiday Program is already underway. Please download a copy of the regsitration form from here, complete and return to secure your place - plenty of places remaining!

Andrew Roberts

Community Recreation Development Officer

Coomalie Community Government Council Position Vacant



Full time Office Manager Level 6/7

Council is seeking to employ an Officer Manager to oversee and undertake the day to day clerical operations and front office duties whilst providing support to the rates and accounting department in a compliant, confidential and safe manner.

The Office Manager must be able to work with initiative and professionalism and be available Monday to Friday.

Previous experience doing similar work will be highly considered. Favourable consideration will also be given to applicants with Local Government experience and/or understanding.

Position Description is available on Council's website www.coomalie.nt.gov.au

Resumes that outline clear details of skills and experience, work history and referees should be sent to the Senior Administration Officer at Coomalie Council by Friday 9th July 2021.

Postal Address: PO Box 20, Batchelor NT 0845

Email: mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au

Council reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Anna Malgorzewicz Chief Executive Officer

Coomalie Community Government Council Position Vacant



Part time Waste Facility Attendant Level 3/4

Under the direction of the Regulatory and Works Supervisor, the Waste Facility Attendant will be responsible for safeguarding the health and safety of residents at Council's Waste Management Facilities in Adelaide River and Batchelor. The Attendant will also ensure only Coomalie Shire residents have access to the facility and that recycling is put in appropriate locations, with prohibited items being rejected from entering the waste facilities.

The Waste Facility Attendant will be responsible for gatehouse cleanliness and general supervision of the waste management facilities, including record keeping and monitoring commercial operators.

Previous experience doing similar work will be highly considered. Favourable consideration will also be given to applicants with Local Government experience and/or understanding.

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Anna Malgorzewicz Chief Executive Officer

DO YOU FEEL **SAFE** IN YOUR HOME AND IN YOUR COMMUNITY? WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR CONFIDENCE **AND SAFETY?**



When: Wednesday 4th August Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm Where: Litchfield Motel Conference Room

Morning tea and Light Lunch provided! Wear light & comfortable clothing on the day!

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to book your free spot!













eries to be delivered, set up your MyGov account, video call friends and family, or ver a world of entertainment online — even if you've never used a computer bef Free, local support makes going online or using your device easy.







Contact Coomalie Council on 8976-0058 to be placed in touch with a friendly, caring and free network partner who will assist with all your questions!







COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

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What a great month we've had settling into our new library roles!

We have enjoyed getting to know the regular children that utilise our library facilities every week. We have also been getting to know the avid readers in our communities and what texts they're interested in.

the school holidays- remember the Coomalie School Holiday Program I running too! Mr Andrew will be using the Adelaide River library for some of his sessions and we hope to include some of the fun activities he will have in our fantastic facilities going forward.

Speaking of new things to do at the library, how many words can you find on this Boggle Board? You'll find this one in the Batchelor Community Library, come down and fill out a word list to see if you can get the most words this week! There might be a prize for you!

See you all soon!

Linda Roberts

Community Opening Hours

Adelaide River Thursday and Friday Afternoons 3:30pm to 6:30pm Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

Batchelor Fridays 2.45 to 5.30pm Sundays 12.45 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.



SIAM WEED

What to look for:

A fast-growing shrub or scrambling weed that can grow several metres in height. The plant has branches and leaves in opposite pairs and produces bunches of fluffy white to pink flowers during June to September.

What you can do

- Do not move plants, plant material or soil out of the Torres Strait Protected Zone to the Torres Strait Permanent Biosecurity Monitoring Zone, or from either zone to mainland Australia without a permit and an inspection by a Department of Agriculture and Water Resources biosecurity officer.
- Report any signs of suspect exotic weeds to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources by phone on +61 7 4241 7800 or email <u>NAQS</u>.





Profile

Siam weed is one of the world's worst weeds, with a phenomenal growth rate and massive seed production. Plants can reach 10 metres by scrambling through adjacent vegetation. It forms impenetrable thickets to three metres tall in open sites, such as river banks and pastures. It can smother tropical fruit crops, young forestry plantations and pastures. It is also a serious environmental weed, invading native woodlands and posing a major fire hazard in the dry season.

Identification

Branches and leaves grow in opposite pairs. Leaves are triangular with three prominent veins and toothed margins. Crushed leaves are mildly aromatic. From June to September it produces masses of fluffy white to pale pink flowers. The seeds are 4–5 mm long with a parachute of pale bristles that helps them travel in the wind and adhere to clothing. The seeds are notorious for spreading via vehicles, earthmoving and construction equipment.



Siam weed flowers

Distribution

Siam weed comes from tropical America but has become a serious weed in Africa, South East Asia and Papua New Guinea. There have been a number of detections of this weed in Queensland and the Cocos Islands. From 2013 the Siam weed eradication program was replaced with a National Management Strategy that stresses the importance of early detection and eradication if found anywhere outside the containment zone in north Queensland.

Threat

If Siam weed established widely in Australia, control would cost millions of dollars a year. Tropical crops, grazing land and natural ecosystems would be threatened.



Siam weed forms dense infestations

Keep a Top Watch!

Be vigilant for any new and unfamiliar plants in your region. Siam weed could potentially invade much of Australia's tropical and subtropical coastal fringe from the Kimberley region to northern NSW. Learn what it looks like and contact the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources if you think you've seen Siam weed plants in your region.

Report any unusual shrubs that you don't recognise

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

WORKSHOPS

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When: Friday 23rd July 2021 (Public Holiday)

> 8.30 - 9.30am Poets Breakfast 8.30 - 3.00pm Craft Festival

Time: Staffs:

- Specialty Handcraft Stalls
- Rosella Products
- Rooks
- Gold detecting equipment and lots more

Special Events

- Poets Breakfast
- Quickfire Raffles
- Kids entertainment

Make a Day of it:

- Spend a lazy "family day" at the Festival
- . Enjoy the sausage sizzle & fantastic Bistro Food
- Say G'day to Charlie, the famous buffalo and Large Crocodile at the

The Rosella Festival has something for everyone Email: rosellafestival@gmail.com

Mobile: 0459 082 084







HEAL COUNTRY

Calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

NAIDOC WEEK SPECIAL EVENT ADELAIDE RIVER 7th JULY 2021

10:30am to 1:30pm

ARTS - CRAFTS - BBQ - PICNIC - FUN - FRIENDSHIP

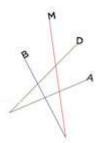
IRONBARK ABORIGINAL CORPORATION WELCOMES
SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR CELEBRATION OF NAIDOC WEEK AND THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR ADELAIDE RIVER FACILITY - BRING A BLANKET... ENJOY!

35 FINLAY ROAD, ADELAIDE RIVER









Seeing the numbers of caravans and travellers on our Top End roads, it is no surprise that we have had a lot more visitors to the Museum. Our volunteers Bryn and George (Georgina) are doing a great job and also enjoying their stay.

come, sit, and enjoy the garden, which is looking good. The few millimetres of rain did not do much for it though and the green will eventually go to dry brown.

The Tamarind trees are being watered in the hope that they will recover their more dense foliage. They were affected because of the long period of lower rainfall over the past few Wet seasons. Consequently the Barking Owls did not nest there this last season. Hopefully they will return. Whilst Prue was away, Carol, and Sue ran the book stall at the Market. Sean assisted with the loading of the boxes. It was a good day, though we will welcome Prue's expertise with selection, advising customers and re the books when she returns.

It has been interesting talking with visitors as most are people who live interstate in Australia-there are few overseas people, though we did have two visitors who could speak, but not read English. George spent some time to assist them.

Ethical Adventures tourist groups were almost one hundred per cent overseas visitors, before Covid, but are now people from interstate. It is good to see the company mobile again. Lucinda and I continue to deal with improving the displays and the photographic displays that Lucinda put together are very popular. However the numbers of people who sit and watch the Bombing of Darwin DVD is remarkable. It is a whole new history lesson for many.

Jan Hills



A lively meeting of the Coomalie Gardening Group took place on Sunday 20th June 2021 at Denmar Downs

Apologies were received from Denise and Billy.

After a morning tea of nibbles followed by both vanilla and humming bird cake discussion took place on the timing of watering of gardens amonst other things. Consensus was that the best time was between sunrise and 9 am.

Next month's meeting will be brought forward and held at Christian Camp Grounds on the Batchelor Road on Sunday the 11th July 2021 at 11am.

Please note there will NOT be a meeting during August due to Seniors' month...

The September meeting at will be held at the home of Elva Pearce.

The October meeting will be held on Denmar Downs where the guest speaker will be Barry Conde and his topic will be Native Bees.

All are welcome to join us and enjoy the exchanging of ideas and knowledge etc.

For queries please ring Mary on 89760379 or 0417816422.

Batchelor to meeting.

LIKE us on Facebook where lots of advice may be found.

Our email address is Coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com





Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: Friday 30th July 2021 9:30am start

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 for further details

Coomalie Community Shed

Where: Cutler Place, Batchelor

When: Every Tuesday 8:30am - 2:00pm Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

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 26th July 2021



Adelaide River Race Cup 5 June 2021

What a fantastic day it was!! 2000 attendees who knew how to have a great time without being over the top. A big thank you to Patricia Forscutt for the compiling and cooking of a large part of the Sponsors' tent. To the volunteers goes heartfelt appreciation – a bit of a hand makes so much difference to the Committee's workload.

2021 Adelaide River Show

This year was very small because many of the 'pop-up' stalls we tend to rely on are not working due to the Covid and also to the cancellation of Fred's Pass Show and apparently a couple of other events which were also cancelled. We have already commenced planning for our 2022 Show which will be an event to attend.

2021 Camp Draft

A very successful 3 day competition, very well run, with cattle donated by Tipperary Station, and run by Sue Brosnon and Dave Connelly. The Saturday night band The Grind provided great music.

Open Mike Music Night 31 July 2021

Be sure to keep this date free. Our monthly Open Mike Music Night is a great night with all kinds of talent coming out and a friendly atmosphere. We offer free camping, bar and food facilities. It is a safe environment for kids and we normally get between 120 – 140 people many of whom are regulars.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ERRITOR

NORTHERN

Northern Territory Police

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

Officer in Charge: Remote Sergeant Peter Birch

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

Every Tuesday

Adelaide River Playgroup

Preschool Room Adelaide River Primary School

(during school terms) 8:30am – 10:30am Every second Friday

Batchelor Playgroup

Preschool Grounds
Batchelor Area School

(during school terms) 9:00am - 11:00am

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

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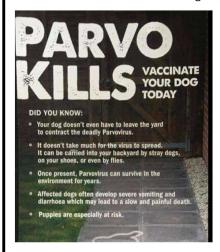
DOGS IN THE COOMALIE SHIRE

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 Adelaide River 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 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 September - August FULL fee 35.00

Dog registered between March - August 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 <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,

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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