

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

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COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COMMUNITY RECREATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports has recommenced for Term 2 at Adelaide River Primary School and Batchelor

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Should you wish for your child to participate in After School Sports in Term 2, 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

Planning is underway for a fireworks night for Territory Day 2021. The event will start at approximately 4:00pm with activities and BBQ being run by Batchelor Area School. The night will conclude with a fireworks display from 6:30pm provided by NT Major Events Corporation.

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

The latest tour was to be held on Friday 21st May 2021, however insufficient numbers were received again to make the trip cost effective.

The next tour will be on Thursday 10th June 2021, please book directly with Council on 8976-0058 to secure your seat!

July School Holiday Program

Planning is being finalised for the July School Holiday Program with lots of activities over the 3 week period. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for full details and how to register.

Andrew Roberts

Community Recreation Development Officer

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

At the April Ordinary general meeting of Council, Commissioner Ken Fleming QC, Independent Commissioner Against Corruption and Ms Anna Collins, Director, Assessments, Office of the ICAC, held a joint staff and Elected Member briefing on the role, functions and responsibilities of the ICAC. The ninety minute presentation was informative and valuable. For more information about the ICAC, please follow this link to the ICAC website <u>www.icac.nt.gov.au</u>

Another busy agenda followed the presentation. Key matters that were considered by Council included:

- Vet Clinic Days Following on from the very successful clinic held in both Batchelor and Adelaide River, Council requested staff explore these becoming a regular service feature for the community. The recent vet clinic days were subsidised by a \$15,000 Commonwealth grant, which enabled Council to offer free services to concession card holders. Staff will explore options of providing user pays services in the future that are subsidised by council through the provision of a venue, marketing and promotion and administrative support.
- NT Local Government Election August 2021 Council discussed polling booth options for the August election. Promotional information will be provided as soon as it is available. The goods news is in addition to early polling options as per previous elections, there will be an "on the day" polling booth in Batchelor on Saturday 28th August 2021. Council will run a free bus service from Adelaide River to transport electors to Batchelor who wish to vote "on the day".
- Smoke Free Workplace and Public Places Council also revised its Smoke Free Policy to provide clear direction to the community where voluntarily declared smoke free areas

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matter has been ongoing for some years. Residents may be aware that Council has leaded a portion of the NT Land Corporation parcel to provide residents with legal access to their properties. Following a public exhibition period, Council resolved to proceed with opening these roads. The Chief Executive officer will continue to liaise with NT government departments and the NT Land Corporation to finalise this process and have both roads gazetted.

- Draft 2021-22 Shire Plan and Budget Council endorsed the Draft Plan and Budget for public consultation and comment. Documents are available on Council's website, Council office or the Community Libraries. Get your copy and ensure you provide Council with comments by Thursday 10th June 2021.
- Overriding Statutory Charges in the confidential section, Council discussed registering overriding statutory charges on properties for non-payment of rates. If you are having difficulty meeting your rates obligation, please contact the friendly staff at the Council Office to discuss Payment Plan options.

The next meeting of Council is Tuesday 15th June 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 May include the following:

- Water, Grade and Roll program underway
- Road's contractor addressing road issues from the wet season
- Final road slashing being undertaken
- Irrigation being turned on and serviced
- · General maintenance of both townships
- · Both landfill's have had mulching of the green waste
- Guide post and cat eyes have been installed on Meneling Road and Miles Road
- · Pool pumps & filters have been replaced at the pool for better power efficiency

Please note, that weather conditions and activity, may effect 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 <u>Report a road fault -</u> <u>NT.GOV.AU</u>. For urgent road faults free call 1800 246-199

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COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES





COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

What a busy month of changes it has been in the Coomalie Libraries! With Miss Prue leaving the Batchelor Community Library, Miss Hilary leaving Adelaide River Library and soon Miss Nan leaving the Batchelor Library as well. We will miss these lovely ladies; their helpful nature and their contributions to the library community. We look forward to seeing their smiling faces as Community Members once they have settled into retirement life.

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and Adelaide River.

A reminder for all community members as Ms Helen, Ms Bek, Ms Fiona, Mr Lance and I take over the reins of libraries that all Community Members are welcome to use the library facilities during Community hours as listed below.

Remember, our services and facilities include the use of free Wifi if you bring your own device as well as the loan of tablets, computers, printers (may incur a small fee per sheet at Batchelor) and scanners for use inside the library facilities.

What would you like to see at the library? If you have a program or an idea that you think our Coomalie Library Community would benefit from, please don't hesitate to send us your suggestions on <u>library@coomalie.nt.gov.au</u> or drop into the library to introduce yourself, have a chat and get to know your new library staff.

Miss Linda

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.

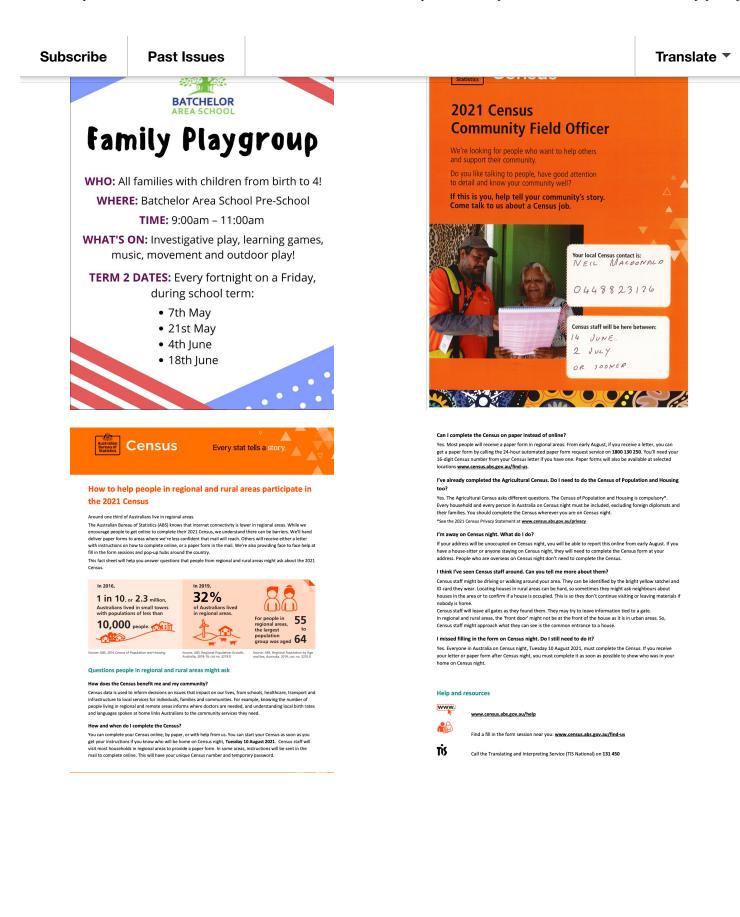
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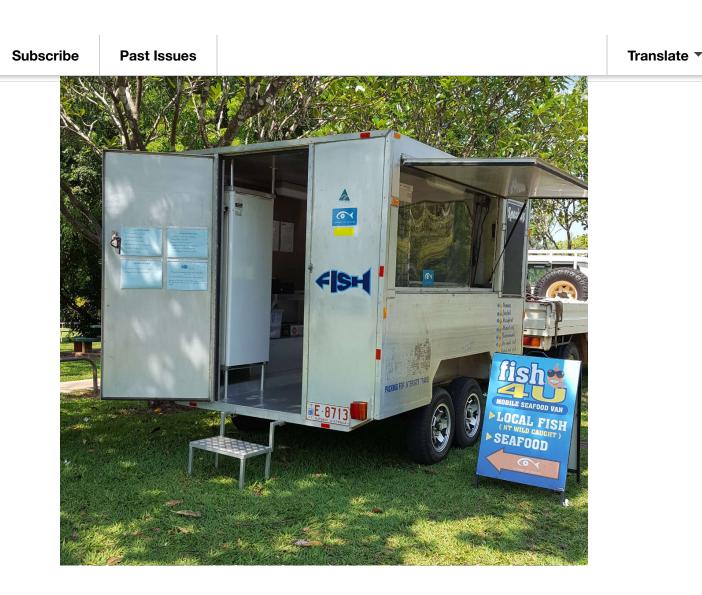


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Fish 4 U will be visiting Batchelor on Thursday 10th, 24th June and 8th July. We won't be visiting Batchelor on 22nd July due to Les and Annette organising the Rosella Festival on 23rd July.

Our hours are 11.30am to 4.30pm, we are parked in front of Batchelor Oval, Nurndina Street.



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Back to the Track 1945 - 2021 76th Anniversary - Battle for Australia / VJ Day

Further information and the full itinerary can be found at: <u>A rolling e-map roadmap on the Darwin to Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway travel</u> <u>information for self drive visitors guide</u>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



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

FOUNTAIN HEAD GOLD MINE PROJECT UPDATE



Fountain Head Gold Project



PNX Metals Limited (PNX) is proposing to re-open the historic Fountain Head gold mine, which is situated on granted Mineral Leases just north of the Mt Wells road between the towns of Pine Creek and Adelaide River in the Northern Territory.

A project update was provided to stakeholders in July 2020 describing the impacts and benefits of the proposed development; and included details of layout, processing methodology, key studies being undertaken and potential environmental and social impacts.

In late 2020, PNX amended the proposed processing methodology from heap leach to carbon in pulp (CIP), which in turn has reduced the project footprint and required updates to previously completed studies.

This project update summarises these changes and provides revised timing of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is currently being prepared and will provide the community with the opportunity to formally comment on the proposal.

Contact the PNX Project Team Level 1, 135 Fullarton Road Rose Park, South Australia, 5067 Ph: +61 8 8364 3188 Email: info@pnxmetals.com.au Website: pnxmetals.com.au

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- Key changes to the Project include:
- A change in the processing methodology from heap leach to carbon in pulp.
- The existing waste rock storage will become an integrated waste landform (IWL) and be used to store filtered tailings and benign waste rock.
- The approach to tailings management is unique to the NT and offers long term environmental benefits. Filtered tailings have up to \$0% of water removed and this subsequently reduces the risk of
- seepage from the IWL. Increased energy requirements which will be sourced via an on-site power station.

- station.
 Additional equipment for the crushing and grinding of ore.
 The project footprint on non-disturbed land will be reduced with the new design, from 82.3 ha to 80.6 hm.
 The original mine schedule was for 3 years, and to begin in late 2020. The new schedule is for mining to take 3.5 year and if appoved, will begin in the first hard 2022.

- Studies PNX has updated for inclusion in the EIS include;
 - Air quality
 - Noise - Traffic
 - Hydrology
 - Groundwater
- Key findings to-date from these studies include;
- Ground-level concentrations of particulate matter and dust deposition rates caused by the Project will comply with air quality criteria at nearby receptors.
- Project noise will comply with the noise guideline criteria at the nearest receptor during construction and operations. The increase in traffic is minimal and has not changed the previous assessment or recommendations.
- Overall results indicate that the majority of waste materials to be mined will be non-acid forming, with a minor proportion of potentially acid forming (PAF).
- It is proposed that the PAF material will be slockpiled and then backfilled into the mined void following completion of mining, The PAF material will be covered with water eliminating the potential for acid artainage.
- Updated ground and sufface water modelling is yet to be finalised and additional geochemical testing of waste rock and tailings is currently underway to inform the water management component of the studies.
- The aquatic and terrestrial ecology and cultural heritage studies were not required to be updated as the changes in processing methodology did not require the impact assessment to be updated.
- An angement plans addressing the key issues and impacts will be released with the EIs, and include a Water Management Plan, Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Closure Plan.



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Stakeholder consultation is an important part of the environmental and social impact assessment process. Consultation with stakeholders, including government authorities, businesses, Traditional Owners and landholders, commenced in June 2019, and feedback has been built into the Project design.

PNX provided a Project information flyer in July 2020 inviting the public to ask questions or provide comments on the proposed project.

PNX has also been engaging with industry and government stakeholders about the project, including the AustralAsia Railway Corporation, APA (owners and operators of the nearby gas pipeline) and the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority. In 2019, the draft terms of reference for the EIS were exhibited for public comment. Once the draft EIS is submitted to the EPA, it will be available from the EPA website and in hard copy at selected locations for the community to review and provide comment. The EPA will consider community submissions in their response to the draft EIS.

If the Project is approved to commence, consultation with local communities will continue and be focused on employment and procurement opportunities and the timing of Project activities that may impact road, railway or other stakeholders.

Interested community members are encouraged to direct any questions about the recommencement of mining at Fountain Head to the contact details below.

Draft EIS Development (Mar – May 2021)	Draft EIS Assessment (June – Aug 2021)	If the Project is Approved
 Conduct Project briefings/meetings with government authorities and business. Distribute project update(s) to community members. Community members encouraged to contact PNX with questions or concerns. Respond to community concerns and incorporate feedback into Project design. 	 Public exhibition of EIS (hard copy and on the EPA website). EPA will review public submissions and draft a response. 	 Regular updates provided on PNX website. Community notices or meetings as required. Consultation with Traditional Owners on cultural heritage matters.
Contact the PNX Project Te	am Ph: +	61 8 8364 3188
Level 1, 135 Fullarton Road	Emai	l: info@pnxmetals.com.au
Rose Park, South Australia, S	5067 Webs	site: pnxmetals.com.au

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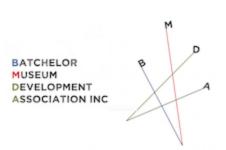
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Keep Saturday 5 June 2021 free and come share the excitement and glamour of our bush race day!! There will be Fashion on the Field, Darwin Bookmakers, and as live band at night.

For pre-paid/on line entry, seat reservations please check out ARSS Inc Web Page and Facebook.

Adelaide River Show and Camp Draft 11-13 June 2021

This year the Show will be one day on Saturday 12 June. The Camp Draft will commence on Friday 11 June and run till Sunday. There will be a live band on the Saturday night, the Pavilion will be open and entries of the categories available run as per normal. More info to follow.



Visitation to the Museum has increased over the past month. This has included drop-by people who are visiting Batchelor, and the resumption of tour groups from Ethical Adventures. Before the Covid epidemic the group comprised all or most international tourists. Now the group is interstate people. They come after having a swimming break at Berry Springs, and utilise our enclosed verandah space to enjoy their group lunch.

There was also a tour group of seventeen older school students from South Australia during the school holiday period. They were touring the NT and spent a couple of hours looking through the Museum. Carol and Sean joined Kim to introduce smaller groups to the displays.

A small new panel was installed after the haines were re-located in the Batchelor Farm display. The haines are better displayed so that is a plus, and the new arrangement has a small shelf in the corner of the room so that the items are displayed.

The Museum grounds are looking well after a lot of weed and debris removal, spraying of weeds and regular mowing However we cannot afford to pay water to keep the green, so that will fade off. Several of the committee members were involved in the tidy up but thanks to Steve and Kim for the recent maintenance and mowing.

Meantime Lucinda and I continue to work on organising further displays of interest, utilising material supplied. This will be stories and comments from people associated mainly, with Rum Jungle mine.

This week there was an article published in an on-line newspaper I receive which gave the story of the failure of the rehabilitation program for Rum Jungle mine. It will be available for people to read, in the room where we have information about rehabilitation etc.

Jan Hills

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Sunday 16th May 2021 found some members gathering once again at Denmar Downs.

Whilst enjoying a morning tea, plans for the group were discussed.

Whilst Denmar Downs will be currently used as a base, it was decided to go to a different host garden three or four times a year.

We have also invited Barry Conde to bring some of his native bees and talk about them at our October meeting.

Please note that in August there will be NO Coomalie Gardening Group meeting. This is because of the many other activities that will be offered during Seniors Month. We also do not meet in December.

Monthly meetings are held on each THIRD SUNDAY at 11 am. Notices of details of each next meeting can be found in the "Stop Press" and on Coomalie Community Watch as well as Coomalie Gardening Group.

Anyone wanting cuttings of Allemanda, Dracaena, Devil's Ivy, Agave, Chain Plants, Aloe Vera or ornamental pineapples are welcome to collect at next meeting. All are free of charge.

Next meeting will be Sunday June 20th at 11 am at Denmar Downs.

For queries please ring Mary on 89760379 or 0417816422.

Anyone wishing to get a lift from Batchelor to the meeting can ring or SMS Mary on 0417 816 422. Arrangements will then be made to collect and return any individuals requiring transport from Batchelor to meeting.

LIKE us on Facebook where lots of advice may be found. Our email address is <u>Coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com</u>



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When: Friday 25th June 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

<u>Agemoves</u>

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 June 2021 Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255



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The Northern Territory Government's Business Hardship Package is being continued until 1 July 2021 for businesses that have experienced a 30 percent loss in turnover due to COVID-19.

Register online in minutes for your Business Hardship Certificate that can then be used to access relevant concessions such as payroll tax, power and water bills, rents and rates.

For more information and to apply, visit: <u>https://businessnt.smartygrants.com.au</u>/<u>businesshardshipregister</u>



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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

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		Datchelor Area School	9:00am - 11:00am	
_	ouncil Run After School Sports	Batchelor Area School	Mondays 2.45pm - 3.45pm	
-	ouncil Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Tuesdays 2.45pm - 3.45pm	
Grey Pa	nthers Dance Classes	Litchfield Motel	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098	3
	ardening Group nonthly meeting	Contact Mary Ashley for this month's location 8976-0379	Third Sunday of month 11:00 At Denmar Downs	am

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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

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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: 5pm, Tuesday 18th May 2021

Adelaide River Council Office

The Adelaide River Council Office operates from the Adelaide River Library at the below times.

 Thursday
 3:30pm - 6:30pm

 Friday
 3:30pm - 6:30pm

* Only when Hilary Brett is on duty

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.

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