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HAWTHORN FC SUPER CLINIC

The residents of Coomalie were treated to an AFL Super Clinic by the Hawthorn Football Club after

their game against the Gold Coast Suns on Sunday 29th May.

The children were put through games and activities by players and coaches of the Hawks, and then the players signed autographs for the people in attendance.

Special thanks to Hawthorn for considering Batchelor as a stopover before they experienced Litchfield National Park, and also to Joe from Coomalie Community Watch for manning the BBQ and providing beautifully cooked sausages to all that attended!















COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council held its ordinary general meeting on Tuesday 17th May 2022. This was a key meeting for the year as Council formally declared the Rates and Annual Budget 2022-23 and adopted its Shire Plan 2022-23. The Rates Declaration was published in the *NT News* and is also available on Council's website at https://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-publications

The Annual Budget and Shire plan 2022-23 is also available on the website. Or, if you want a hard copy, pop in to one of Council's Community Libraries or visit our Administration Office in Batchelor, and the friendly team will provide you with a copy on request.

Key items of business that were also considered by Council at its meeting were:

- Incorporation of Unincorporated Areas the Northern territory Government conducted a
 consultation process between March and April seeking stakeholder and community views
 regarding "Bringing Local Government to Unincorporated areas". Council approved a joint
 submission with Belyuen Community Government Council, with whom Council has been
 working for many years in a proposal to join together in a stronger local government. The
 joint submission suggested combining all three Shire councils and bringing together
 surrounding unincorporated areas into a new regional Council. The Northern Territory
 Government is seeking to implement reforms to local government by 30th June 2023;
- Greater Darwin Region Destination Management Plan Council worked with many

stakeholders in the development of the Plan and the Northern Territory Government released it during the month. This is an important document that will provide a framework for future planning and funding submissions. A copy can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Tourism Town Asset Program – Council has received a grant of \$72,000 to develop a
Discovery Kiosk and Wayfinding System at the Batchelor Information Centre. Updates will be
provided regarding this exciting project;

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

FROM THE WORKS AND SERVICES TEAM

Council's Works Program for the next month includes the following:

- Completion of Footpath works Becker Street, Adelaide River
- Floodway works Heathers Lagoon Road, Lake Bennett
- Causeway works Miles Road, Eva Valley
- Water, Grade & Roll program (as per below)
- Final slashing of road reserves
- Replacing of timber bollards at Myrtle Fawcett Park
- Replacing damaged guideposts
- Replacing of rotted timber boards at Rum Jungle Lake toilets
- Pruning works in Bicentennial Park
- Tree lopping and removal of dead trees in Memorial Terrace at Adelaide River

Water, Grade & Roll Program

Wednesday 01/06/2022	Grade Water & Roll – Miles Road, Banyan Road & Old Coach Road	
Thursday 02/06/2022	Grade Water & Roll – Fowler Road & Sargent Road	
Friday 03/06/2022 & Saturday	Grade Water & Roll - Poet Road, Lithgow Road, Windmill Road, Scott Road	
04/06/2022	and White Road	
Monday 06/06/2022	Grade Water & Roll – Haynes Road, Strickland Road & Fred Hardy	
- Wednesday 08/06/2022		
Thursday 09/06/2022	Grade Water & Roll Munz Road	
	Grade Water & Roll - Owen Lagoon Road, Heathers Lagoon Road, Cadogan	
Friday 10/06/2022 & Saturday	Road & Echidna Road	
11/6/22	Mix and lay dirt on Heathers Lagoon Road, Owen Lagoon Road, Cadogan	
	Road & Echidna Road	

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)

Heathers Lagoon Drainage Works



Council are undertaking improvements to the road by constructing culverts at the Lake Bennett Overflow crossing and constructing a concrete causeway further along the road.

These works will improve access along the road during the wet season and significantly reduce the damage caused to the road surface during the wet season.

Works will be commencing on 30th May 2022.

These works will cause some disruption to traffic.

Road users are advised to seek alternative routes during the construction period.



FROM THE COMMUNITY RECREATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Council Run After School Sports

After School Sports program are in full swing for term 2 and will be winding up for the holidays on Tuesday 21st June. It is important that all children have a signed permission form to participate, this is to ensure we have current up to date contact details in case of an emergency!

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

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The Seniors Mystery Bus Tour for May was a trip to a gallery in Darwin where the participants created some hand-crafted tiles with acetone paints. A lot of fun was had by all who attended, especially when trying to use straws to blow the paint to form distinctive patterns! See below for photos from the day

The next tour is scheduled for Thursday June 16th, the bus service is free, however guests are expected to any pay entry costs as well as meals and drinks themselves.

See poster later in this issue for details!

Fortnightly Sports

The sporting activities continue at Batchelor Sport Courts with a mix of activities available for people to undertake.

The next sports nights for this term will be on Thursday 9th and 23rd of June 2022 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Territory Day - Cracker Night

Council is again preparing for the annual Cracker Night to be held at Batchelor Oval, keep an eye on notice boards around the towns for further information!









BATCHELOR POOL DRY SEASON CLOSURE



The Batchelor Swimming Pool will be closed from Friday 1st July 2022 and re-opening on Saturday 23rd July 2022.

During this time, Council will be undertaking required maintenance to the facility.

COUNCIL EVENTS

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour



Council is providing a free bus service for a mystery lunch trip and experience to somewhere in the outer Darwin area.

Plan a day out from around 9am - 3pm.

Bus service is free.

Meals, tours and drinks at own expense!

Save the date:

Thursday 16th June

Pickup Batchelor 8:30am Adelaide River 9:00am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

Free Movie Night

Sunday 26th June 2:00pm - 4:30pm



Regular on-going movie nights will occur on the last Friday of the month

Batchelor Community Library @ BIITE





COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

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Council's libraries are humming along with lots of children and adults enjoying the cool environs on these hot days!

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.

The first of our monthly Movie Nights is on this Friday 29th April at the Batchelor Community Library, those in attendance will be treated to a movie and a free BBQ.

Craft & Chatter

The Sunday Craft & Chatter group is going 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

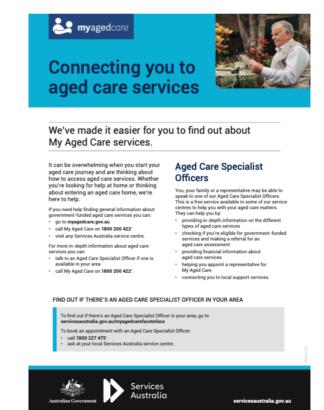
Community members and visitors are all welcome at the library during the times above.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

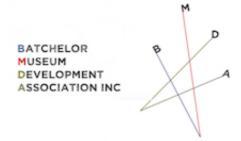












Over the past month Lucinda and I have tidied up the garden again, and taken the opportunity to remove the very large mahogany stump which is difficult to mow around and had a build up of soil (and weeds) around it. Some may have seen the small amount of smoke as it has been slowly burning for five weeks- and yes, we did arrange a fire permit. We intend to level this area out and tidy up that small area. Many thanks for the well executed mowing of the grounds a few weeks ago. Really endorsed our efforts to make the grounds look attractive.

Peter and Pauline arrived at the Museum two weeks ago and we are grateful for their assistance to now open every day from 10am. We were compromising with five days earlier which has led to some problems for people visiting Batchelor for a day or so only. Peter and Pauline would welcome more visitors so please spread the word.

For locals there are some new panels and there will soon be a third photographic display mostly with recreational pictures from those people who lived here in the mining era. They are great illustrations of the natural bushland which existed then with many fishing and camping activities, plus various other pursuits.

The existing photographic displays are well regarded, especially when someone recognises a friend or relative from the time. Last week visitors came as they live near previous CEO Paul in South Australia.

Many people from Adelaide River and Batchelor, but also all points further north, attended the funeral for Vic Fox on Friday 24 May. Vic's contributions to community over many years are well known and there was much evidence from his fellow fire fighters and emergency services people, which would be a source of pride and solace to his grieving family.

There are two steel pieces displayed in the Museum which Vic contributed after finding them on his property. Both are hand made tools from WW2 and fine examples of the ingenuity in making what could not otherwise be obtained at the time. Vic enjoyed making things too and used his wood working skills as another outlet for his energy and enjoyment with meeting people.

From June 1 our tour group (Ethical Adventures) will resume visits. Their planned schedule was changed as Berry Springs has not been open so that the swim time there was not possible.

Please spread the word re the Museum if the opportunity arises!

Jan Hills



Anyone is welcome to come to the Coomalie Gardening meetings. There is no fees or charges

involved.

Morning tea/Brunch is provided free of charge.

Anyone wanting a ride from Batchelor to the venue and back will need to ring Mary on 89 760 379 to arrange.

The group has a Facebook page.

Posts by individuals are encouraged on this page. Experience and knowledge are shared through this resource. Just google Coomalie Gardening Group.

Give us a "Like"

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 3rd and 17th June 2022.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: Thursday 30th June 2022 9:30am

Please note change of day!

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 for further details

Everyone is welcome and current COVID rules at the time will apply.

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 27th June 2022

Booking essential - Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255



Once in a life-time reform

The Australian Government is investing \$19.1 billion over 5 years to reform 5 pillars of the aged care sector: home care, residential aged care services and sustainability, residential aged care quality and safety, workforce and governance.

Find out what these reforms mean for you.

Tuesday 2 August 2022, 8.30am to 12pm Nitmiluk Room, Parliament House, 15 Mitchell St, Darwin City NT 0800

Thursday 4 August 2022, 8.30am to 12pm Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters 93 Barrett Dr, Alice Springs NT 0870

Key speakers



Janet Anderson Aged Care Quality & Safety Commissioner



Ian Yates AM CE, COTA Australia & Chair, Council of Elders



The Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO Age Discrimination Commissioner



Gill Yearsley CEO, NT Primary Health Network



RSVP Register via Eventbrite (preferred) cotant.eventbrite.com 08 8941 1004 or email activities@cotant.org.au

TECH TUESDAYS @ BIITE LIBRARY



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Adelaide River Police Station Northern Territory Police

C/- Post Office, Adelaide River 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

Officer in Charge Remote Sergeant Sean Byrnes







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

Adelaide River Community Craft Markets

WHERE

Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River

Agemoves

Adelaide River School

WHEN

Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.
For enquiries ring: 0459 082 084

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	Adelaide River School	Mondays 2:45pm - 3:45pm
Council Run After School Sports	Batchelor Area School	Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm
Food for Life	St Francis Church	Every 2 nd Friday commencing 28 th 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	Every 2 nd Friday commencing 28 th January 2022

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Dogs in 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 via email.

Vaccinate your dog

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

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

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

Dog Registration Charges

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



Council's Feedback Process

If you choose to raise concerns (or compliments) to Council you are requested to write to the Chief Executive Officer outlining the details. There are two (2) forms on the Coomalie Council website; one is for <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 21st June 2022

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