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## COUNCIL UPDATES

### **FROM THE COMMUNITY RECREATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

#### **Council Run After School Sports**

After School Sports is almost complete for Term 1, with 1 day remaining at Adelaide River on Easter Tuesday, the Batchelor date on Easter Monday will not go ahead due to the public holiday. 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 [here](#). It is a requirement that all participants have completed this form. This is to ensure we have emergency

## Youth Week 2021

Youth Week was held on 15<sup>th</sup> of April with a trip to Territory Wildlife Park; Bookings ended up at 23 children on the day with approx. 8 helping adults, incl. 3 staff members. The children were treated to 2 wildlife encounters with a very large snake and a blue tongue lizard, as well as attending the flight deck show and the Ooloo Sand Bar talk with keepers. By all reports, a fun day was had by all those who attended.

Please see further down in this newsletter for images from the day.

## Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

The first tour of the year was held on Monday 12th April 2021, with a trip to Karama Library for the knit and Knatter session, making blankets for a good cause. Lunch was then partaken at the Karama Tavern. The next tour will be on Monday 10th May 2021, please contact Council office on 89760058 to secure your seat!

## ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The 2021 ANZAC Day Dawn Service was held at Adelaide River War Cemetery on a clear & chilly morning this year. Approximately 1800 people attended the Dawn Service this year, which is in line with the past few year's services. Our MC, Bob Shewring, lead us through the formal proceedings, with commemorations including Essington School singer, Hallie McDowall, and young Bugler, Caedyn Taylor, from the Arafura Wind Ensemble.

As Council had applied for a Community Benefit grant at the end of 2019 to host the subsequently cancelled 2020 service, these funds were transferred over to the 2021 service. The funding allowed us to have a professional traffic management service, the sound & lighting team as well as a professional photographer for the event, some images are included at the end of this report.

Please see further in this newsletter for images from the service.

Andrew Roberts  
Community Recreation Development Officer

## FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Ordinary General Meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Council received an address from the Chair of the Audit Committee, Mr Russell Anderson, who set a valuable framework for Council as it finalises its Shire Plan and Budget deliberations for 2021-22. Mr Anderson highlighted areas that will require particular focus and attention in the coming period. These are the prescriptive and onerous impacts of the new *Local Government Act 2019* and its attendant regulations that come into force from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021; future boundary reform and Council's preparedness to review service provision; the increasing competitive grants environment; and as grant and subsidy funding reduces the need to ensure Council has a sound Business Plan, Risk Framework and prudent financial management to ensure its future sustainability.

Key items of business that were dealt with by Council were;

- Policy Updates – the Corporate Credit Card and Council Professional Development and Extra Meeting Allowances policies were discussed and approved. Council agreed not to proceed with allocating an extra meeting allowance;
- Local Government Elections – Council resolved to offer electors the opportunity for “on the day” polling. At the 2017 election, only early voting was available with no election day polling. This year, Council will work with NTEC to provide a voting facility on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in Batchelor Township. Arrangements will be made to provide Community Bus

<b>Nominations open:</b>	Friday, 16 July
<b>Close of electoral roll:</b>	Tuesday, 27 July at 5:00 pm
<b>Close of nominations:</b>	Thursday, 5 August at 12:00 noon
<b>Early voting commences:</b>	Monday, 16 August
<b>Election day:</b>	Saturday, 28 August

- Myrtle Fawcett Park – Council decided to amend the location of the shade structure and swing set and it will be located adjacent to Becker Street;
- Batchelor Swimming Pool – a new program of swimming lessons, provided in partnership with Royal Life Saving NT will be developed and offered to patrons in the coming months;
- Waste Management Facilities – the contract to supply and install tanks, pumps and septic systems at the two waste facilities was awarded to Stockwell Water and Gas Pty Ltd. This is one of the final tasks to support the operations of the new Gatehouses at the facilities. Council will advertise the tender soon for the supervisions of the gatehouses and it is hoped this will become fully operational from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

The next meeting of Council is Tuesday 18<sup>h</sup> May 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](http://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:

- Continuing our slashing program of road verges
- Roads' contractor will address some road issues caused by heavy rains and flooding
- Installing signage, depth indicators and guide posts where required.
- Continuing repairs of wet season damaged roads.
- Grade and roll program has commenced.
- Pruning of overhanging trees in the townships.
- General maintenance of both townships
- Regular maintenance of both landfills

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 [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 \(nt.gov.au\)](#).



On behalf of Coomalie  
Community Government  
Council and **nbn™** join us for



## a free information session

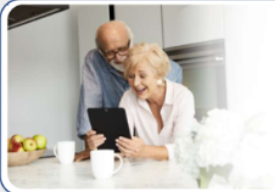
about Sky Muster™ Satellite and getting connected!



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm**

**Litchfield Outback Resort**

49 Rum Jungle Road, Batchelor



**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00pm**

**Litchfield Outback Resort**

49 Rum Jungle Road, Batchelor



**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm**

**Adelaide River Community Library**

Memorial Terrace, Adelaide River Area School

You will hear about:

- The **nbn™** network and how to connect
- How to make the most out of your **nbn™** connection
- How to protect yourself from scams and staying safe online

## 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:**

Friday 21st May  
Pickup Batchelor 8:30am  
Adelaide River 9:00am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

# AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

TERM 2, 2021

MONDAYS 2:45 - 3:45  
FROM 19/4/2021  
BATCHELOR AREA SCHOOL

TUESDAYS 2:45 - 3:45  
FROM 20/4/2021  
ADELAIDE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL





## ADELAIDE RIVER VET DAYS

**WHEN?** Tue 11th & Wed 12th May  
from 10:00am



**WHATS ON?** Free desexing for dogs and cats for concession card holders.  
Discounted services available.

For appointments contact 8976-0058

For more information see council's Facebook or visit [www.coomalie.nt.gov.au](http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au)

Access Shed Swannel St, Adelaide River

*See you there!*

## ⚠ ADELAIDE RIVER ⚠ FERAL CAT TRAPPING

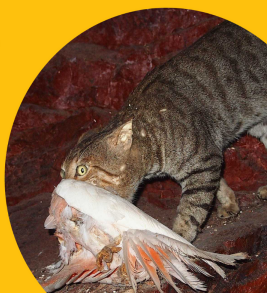
**WHEN?** Mon 10th & Tue 11th May  
from 6:30pm

**WHATS ON?** Do you have a feral cat problem?  
Would you be willing to host a trap?

Council will be placing cat traps around Batchelor on the above dates to reduce the feral cat population.

**If you do not want your pet cat trapped, please secure it inside for this period.**

For more information see council's Facebook or [www.coomalie.nt.gov.au](http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au)



## COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

### ADELAIDE RIVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

This has been the most exciting month ever at Library. A group of children that come to library regularly went together on the Adelaide River Primary School bus to the Council's Youth Week excursion to the Territory Wildlife Park.

in library time. It was a fantastic excursion, and everybody learnt a lot. Ted read to us all the way on the bus, and we shared stories about snakes and crocodiles that are part of our everyday lives in the Top End.

We visited the nocturnal house, the aquarium, the lagoon with whip rays and barramundi and the flight display. The children were given the opportunity to see a python and a big blue tongue lizard up very close. They overcame some fears and asked some very intelligent questions.

The whole day was a huge success and the children gained so much from the experience. Thank you to Helen for driving the bus, Suzie for bringing the snacks and the band aids, and Melissa, Emma and Jack Kerr for their fantastic kid wrangling skills keeping everyone safe. Congratulations to Andrew from Council for providing such a well organised and educational opportunity.

Just a reminder that we will be hosting a Gaming Day and a Lego Masters Day during the July school holidays. If anyone has a box of Lego at home that they no longer use, please would you consider donating it to the library so we can build more and more amazing constructions.

Council has employed four new Library Officers who will work on a casual basis at both the Batchelor and Adelaide River Libraries. We have enjoyed welcoming Linda, Fiona, Helen and Rebekah to our library family. They have been most impressed with the happy and productive environment in the library, and the high level of care, cooperation, respect and encouragement the children give each other and to the staff.

Miss Hilary

### **Community Opening Hours**

Thursday and Friday Afternoons 3:30pm to 6:30pm

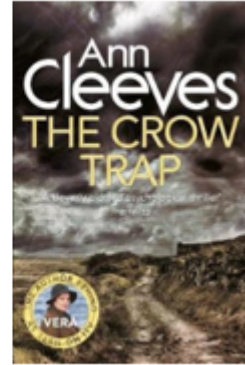
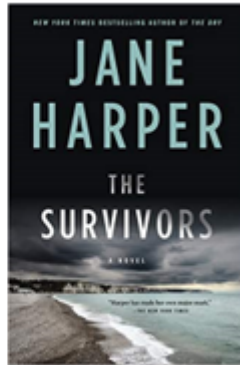
Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

### **Library Fundraising**

There will be a library fundraiser at the Adelaide River Inn on Friday 21st May of May from 6:00pm.



from our large range of fiction. Two female authors who tell a good detective tale are Jane Harper, an Australian, and Ann Cleeves a British writer. Below are some of their novels.



### Kids' Time in the Library

Friday 3.00 – 5.30 pm

Sunday 1.00 – 4.30 pm

### HEADPHONES IN LIBRARIES

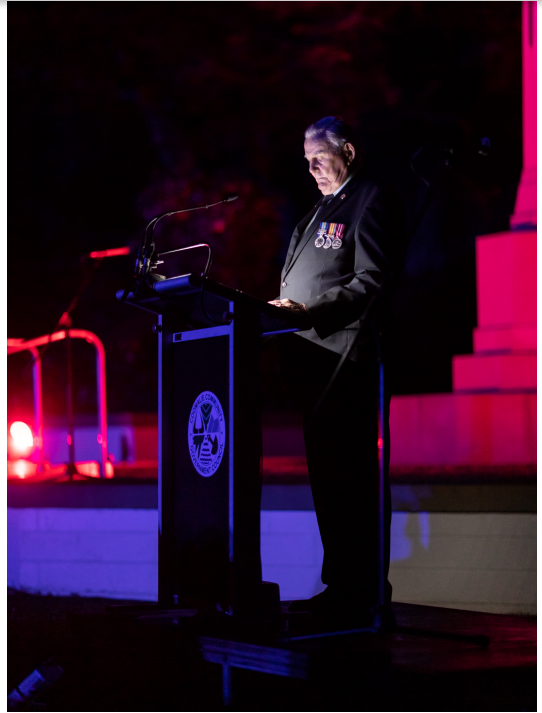
Just a reminder that library staff, at both Batchelor and Adelaide River, cannot issue headphones to people, this is due to current COVID-19 restrictions, you are however allowed to bring your own and use in our devices.

Please respect this decision when advised.

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## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE





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YOUTH WEEK 2021





COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



# Family Playgroup

**WHO:** All families with children from birth to 4!

**WHERE:** Batchelor Area School Pre-School

**TIME:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**WHAT'S ON:** Investigative play, learning games, music, movement and outdoor play!

**TERM 2 DATES:** Every fortnight on a Friday, during school term:

- 7th May
- 21st May
- 4th June
- 18th June

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## ADELAIDE RIVER SHOW SOCIETY

### 2021 ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast

It was 14 degrees C on Sunday morning in Adelaide River and we were swamped with cold and hungry post Dawn Service brekkie seekers!! Just what we had anticipated!!!!

We had a great morning at the Show Grounds. The Driandria Waler Horses were available for patting after their annual duty as Guard of Honour at the Adelaide War Graves ANZAC Dawn Service. Lucinda Hooper and the Waler riders also had their beautifully laid out, informative,

The Arms Collectors NT exhibition of Australia's military armaments history allowed visitors to follow the changes technology has made. It is a world class exhibit and we are very lucky to have these volunteers who give up their time to give visitors an appreciation of our ANZAC history.

To top it off Ted Egan joined us and had kids and adults singing songs Territorians grew up knowing while his repertoire of stories and anecdotes kept the crowd entertained.

Max Corliss ran the Two-Up and raised some dollars for the RSL. Lots of fun spruiking from the side-lines too!

Putting on a big brekkie is quite a task and our small Committee was supported by volunteers Gail Flack, Pat Simmonds, Alison Rixon, Eryn Clegg and Amber Aylott. As a non-profit organisation sponsorship or donations are vital. We take this opportunity to sincerely thank Woolworths Coolalinga, Taylor Fencing, Ooloo Investments and Kirkland Gold for their sponsorships towards food items, hire of appliances and labour.

Finally thank you to all those who came and supported the morning with us and made it such a great event.

### **Open Mike Music Night Saturday 22 May 2021**

After a very successful 2020 set of Open Mike Music Nights our first 2021 Dry Season music night will be on 22 May with Bunny, Andy, Andrew, Mel, Mal and the gang. One of the important aspects of this night is to encourage local talent whether it be singing, musical instrument or story- telling to get up and have a go. We have some very talented people in our Top End and we want to support them.

The bar and kitchen will be open and free, unpowered camping available. So we look forward to seeing you all for a great opening night!!

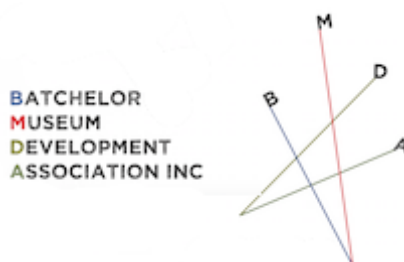
### **Adelaide River Race Cup 5 JUNE 2021**

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.



Over the month we have had visitors on most days, with varying numbers. Hopefully there will be more consistent visitation as the month progresses - there are certainly many travellers around the Top End.

some mulch to fill a depression and increase the lawn area around the office building. As well we have planted some minimal care plants, and finally removed all the fallen tree pieces to the dump. Just need another weed spray around the perimeter.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April there will be a group of twenty students visiting from South Australia, and we will have extra people there to introduce them to the various sections. These are older students on a school holiday trip.

There are other adult groups visiting in May and June. The photograph displays are proving popular with visitors. The new panels are slowly becoming available.

Lucinda and I continue to work on the records of the Museum and also utilise more of the information and materials donated. So much came in from the people who lived in Batchelor during the mining period; and now as relatives visit the WW2 section they ask more questions and sometimes offer more information and photographs. It can be a very emotional visit for some.

We would welcome some new people to support the Museum by joining our small group of volunteers. It can be interesting to meet visitors and it is a great way to contribute to our community. Call by some time and talk to whoever is there at the time.

Jan Hills



Last meeting held 18th April 2021 at Denmar Down.

Meeting was well attended this month with robust conversations over tea and nibbles and home baked cake.

Some members took home propagated cuttings of Allemanda plants and/or chain plants and baby tears as well as cockscomb seeds and hopefully these now will enjoy life in new gardens.

Thoughts were with or about two of our members who passed in March of this year.

Dick Boswell Skinner of late of Batchelor and  
Leslie (Clickers) Clarke, late of Adelaide River.  
Sadly missed.

Denise reminded everyone that the markets re-commence in Batchelor next month on Mothering Sunday which falls on 9th May 2021.

There was some talk of a stall being available at the Batchelor Town and Country markets that

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Next meeting of the Coomalie Gardening Group will be held at Denmar Downs on Sunday 16th MAY 2021 at 11:00am.

Anyone can join or attend meetings who has an interest in gardening.

There are no fees involved.

For queries please ring Mary on 89760379 or 0417816422.

Our email address is [Coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:Coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com)

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### **Morning Tea**

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: 28th April 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 24th May 2021

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

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## Business Hardship Package

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.

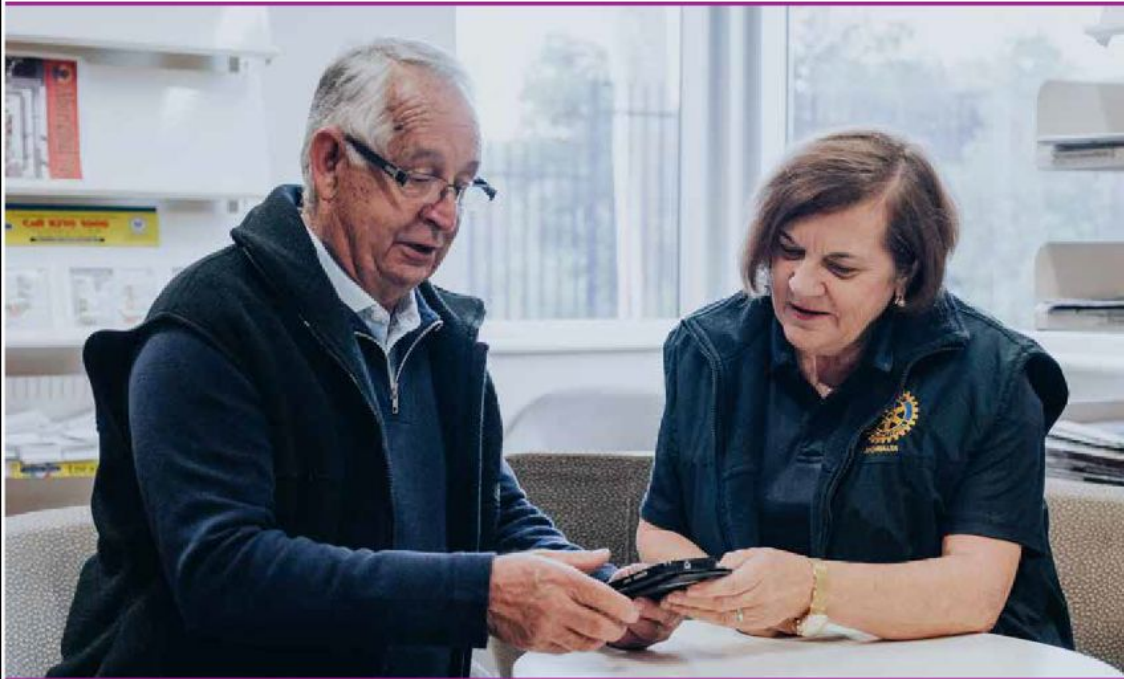
Register online in minutes for your Business Hardship Certificate that can then be used to access relevant concessions such as payroll tax, power and water bills, rents and rates.

For more information and to apply, visit:

<https://businessnt.smartygrants.com.au/businesshardshipregister>

## Free Sessions for Seniors

Want to learn more about your  
smartphone, tablet or computer?



**BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

**Ph:8976 0058**

**Email.beconnectedcoomalie@gmail.com**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**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
Batchelor Playgroup	Preschool Grounds Batchelor Area School	Every second Friday (during school terms) 9:00am - 11:00am
Gardening Group monthly meeting	Contact Mary Ashley for this months location	11am, Sunday 16th May Denmar Downs



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	School Sports	Batchelor Area School	Mondays 2.45pm - 3.45pm
	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

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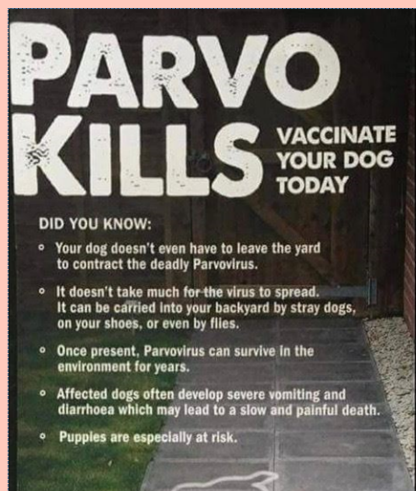
### DOGS IN THE COOMALIE SHIRE

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 **\$90.00** for registered dogs and **\$165.00** for unregistered dogs, then **\$60.00** 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.



#### Registration Fees

Town Dogs - A limit of 2 dogs per household applies

Registered **Sept-August** (1 year)

**\$30.00**

Registered **March—August** (6 months) **\$20.00**

Concessions

**1/2 price**

Rural Dogs - Registration is free and no limits apply

Click the image above to download a dog registration form.

# OPENING HOURS

## Adelaide River Waste Station

Monday	7.00 am to 5.00 pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	7.00 am to 5.00 pm
Saturday	7.00 am to 5.00 pm
Sunday	7.00 am to 5.00 pm

## Batchelor Land Fill

Monday	6.00 am to 6.00 pm
Tuesday	6.00 am to 6.00 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	6.00 am to 6.00 pm
Saturday	6.00 am to 6.00 pm
Sunday	6.00 am to 6.00 pm

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:



White goods



Batteries



E- Waste



Car bodies



Medical Waste



Tyres



Waste oil



Paint



Chemicals



Asbestos



**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,

## **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 [Stop Press](#) to be added to the printed mailing list.

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

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