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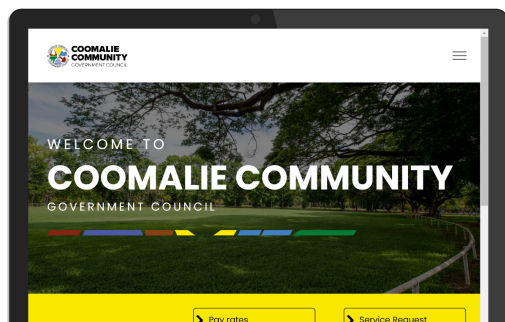
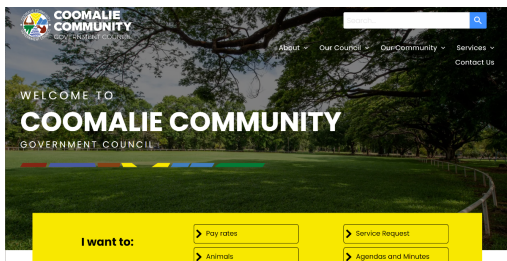
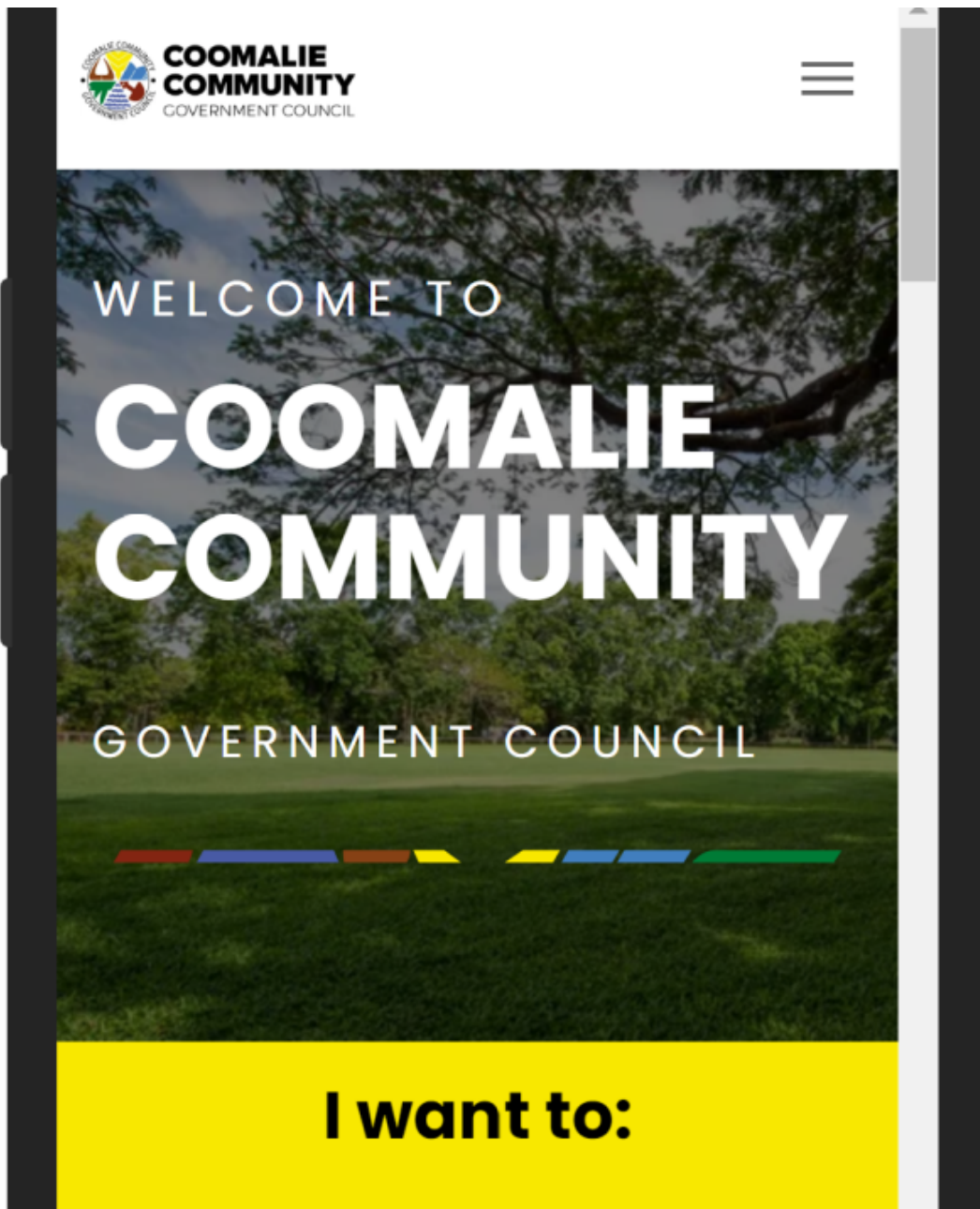
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COOMALIE COUNCIL WEBSITE





Council's new website went live on Thursday 28th April!

With the new website you can quickly find all the information you may be after, and search within the website for any documents you require.

You can also now pay your rates online through our website with a link to Commonwealth Bank's BPoint software.

The website is integrated to render nicely on PC's, tablets and phones to make it even easier to access the resources and information you may need!

COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

It has and will be an incredibly busy time for Council. Council has developed the Draft 2022-23 Annual Budget and Shire Plan that is currently out for public consultation until Thursday 12th May 2022. Council's key priorities identified for 2022-23 include:

- Introduction of FREE Entry for all general admission to the Batchelor Swimming Pool
- Introduction of early morning lap swimming two days per week throughout the year
- Re-instatement of the Community Grants Program
- Allocation for renewal of the Tree Canopy
- Completion of the Waste Management Strategy
- Improved recycling facilities at the Waste Management facilities

The Draft 2022-23 Shire Plan can be found on Council's website or by contacting the Council office. To have your say on the Shire Plan, email submissions to the CEO at mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au.

After the launch of the consultation on the Incorporation of Unincorporated Areas in March 2022, Council has met with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, adjacent councils and communities in the unincorporated areas to discuss Council's views and position. Council continues to work with Belyuen Community Government Council to revisit the previous amalgamation process. Have Your Say by going to: <https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/cox-daly-and-marrakia-douglas-daly>.

The Waste Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting in early May to discuss with consultants EcOz and True North Strategic Communication the outcomes of the community consultation. This is an important step in the development of the Waste Management Strategy for the Shire.

Council places notices on consultation opportunities on its website, Facebook and noticeboards in Adelaide River and Batchelor as well as within these pages. If you are not certain of an upcoming opportunity, please contact the friendly staff at the Council office or your local Elected Member. Details are available on Council's website.

It has also been a very busy time in the Chamber. Key matters that were discussed and decisions made include:

- Council is working with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) on a number of initiatives including stocking Rum Jungle lake with fish stock for recreation, the Rehabilitation of the Rum Jungle former mine site and discussions regarding the proposed AROWS development;
- Grant Funding opportunities including improvements to Haynes Road, Adelaide River and Strickland Road, Stapleton and improvements to the footpath networks in Adelaide River and Batchelor; and
- Additional road improvement projects for inclusions in the NT Infrastructure Strategic Framework paper.

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 www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/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:

- Footpath works Becker Street, Adelaide River
- Floodway works Heathers Lagoon Road, Lake Bennett
- Causeway works Miles Road, Eva Valley
- Road widening Cadogan Road
- Opening grade of roads
- Removal of road restriction signs
- Final slashing of road reserves

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 have fully commenced for 2022 with the easing of COVID restrictions please see your school office for an enrolment form.

Adelaide River Monday afternoons 2:45pm - 3:45pm.

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

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The next Seniors Mystery Bus Tours will be held on Thursday 12th May - this is pre-planned activity so ensure you make a booking to reserve your seat!

The bus is free, however guests are expected to pay entry costs as well as meals and drinks themselves.

See poster later in this issue for details!

Fortnightly Sports

The first sports evening was held at Batchelor Sports Courts on Thursday 28th April with the participants being entertained with games of 3x3 basketball as well as a free BBQ!

The next sports night will be Thursday 12th May 2022 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Swimming Pool News

Council at its last meeting approved to continue the opening of the Swimming Pool to all

Council, at its last meeting, approved to continue the opening of the swimming pools to all community members for FREE and to maintain the Lap Swimming program on Monday & Friday mornings

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

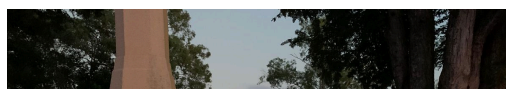
Monday the 25th April saw approx. 2000 people attend the memorial service at the Adelaide River War Graves.

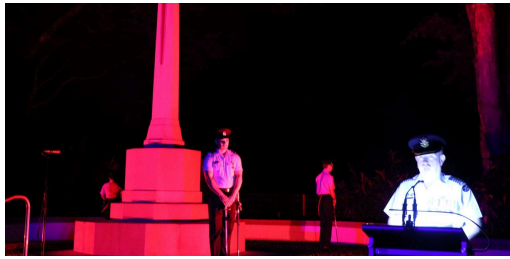
Guest speakers at this years service included The Honourable Paul Kirby MLA, Group Captain Graham from 44 Squadron Tindal and Chaplain Andrew Knox who lead the prayer and reflection of the ANZAC Story.

Four Coomalie Councillors were able to attend, and caught up with attendees and reflected on the poignancy of the event with those in attendance. President Beswick laid a wreath on behalf of all Coomalie residents to honour those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

Council would like the following people for making the service memorable:

- MC - Bob Shewring
- Singer - Yvette Young
- Bugler - Peter Harvey
- Ode Reader - Nick Kerr
- Waler Horse Society of the NT
- Coomalie resident volunteers
- Council staff





COUNCIL EVENTS

COOMALIE COUNCIL
PRESENTS

WEEK NIGHT SPORTS

4PM-6PM

**FREE BBQ
FIRST WEEK**

**EVERY FORTNIGHT
STARTING
THURSDAY 28
APRIL**

Fun Pick Up Games
BASKETBALL
COME ALONG & TRY
 CONTACT ANDREW @ COUNCIL 8976-0058
 OR MR SHIRLEY @ BAS 8976-0077 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Free Movie Night

Friday 29th April
 6:00pm - 8:30pm



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

Batchelor Community Library @ BIITE



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 12th May

Pickup Batchelor 8:00am

Adelaide River 8:30am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

Batchelor Swimming Pool

Opening Hours

Monday 6:30am - 8:30am **
 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 Thursday 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 Friday 6:30am - 8:30am **
 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 Saturday 1:00pm - 6:00pm
 Sunday 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Prices

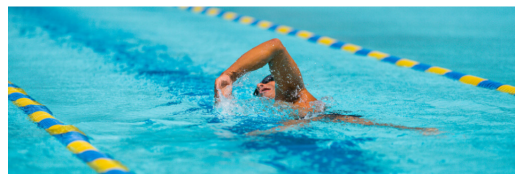
FREE!!

** Denotes trial hours



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

Early Morning Lap Swimming



Monday's & Friday's
 6:30am - 8:30am

On-going



COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

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.

DRAFT SHIRE PLAN AND BUDGET





DRAFT SHIRE PLAN 2022 - 23

Council endorsed the Draft Shire Plan 2022 – 23 for public consultation at its recent meeting. All members of the community and stakeholders are invited to provide comment to Council.

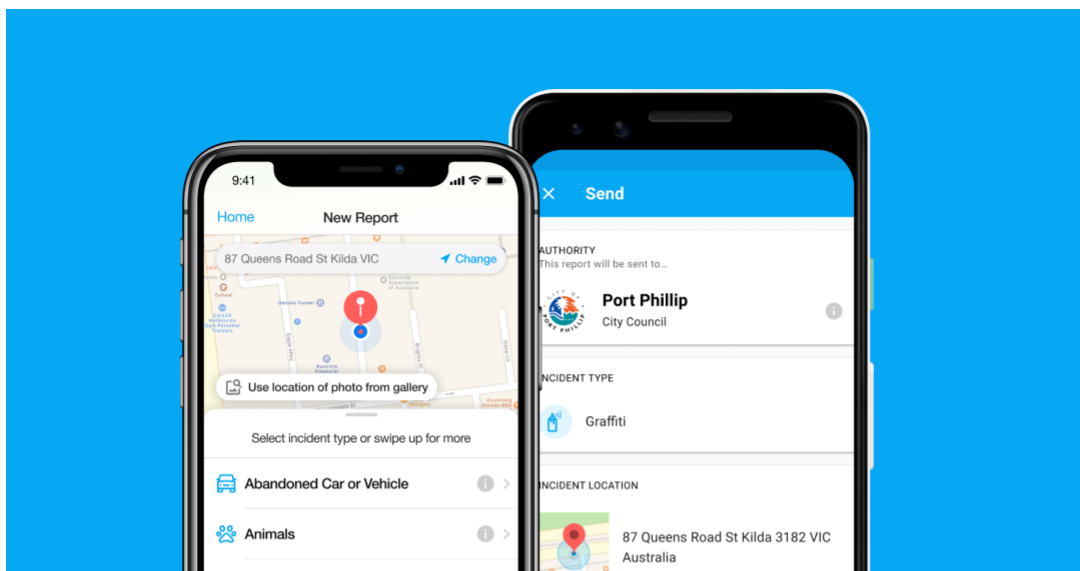
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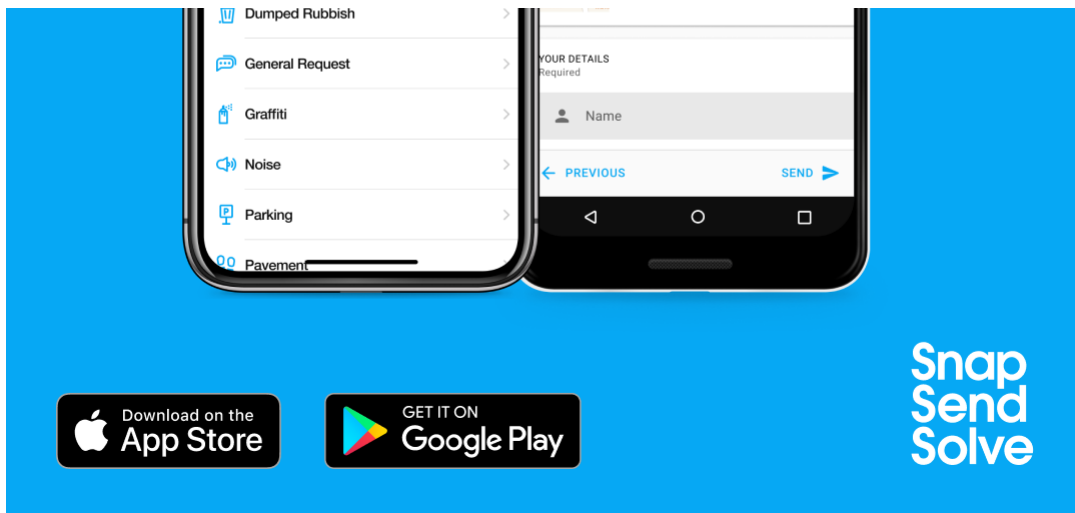
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Council also resolved to increase rates, fees and charges by the current CPI projection of 6%.

Follow this link to download your copy of the [Draft Shire Plan 2022 – 23](#) or collect a copy from the Council Office at 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845 or at Council's Community Libraries in Adelaide River and Batchelor.

SNAP SEND SOLVE





Council has signed to the Snap Send Solve program that enables members of our community to take a photo of an issue within the community (graffiti, pothole, vandalism) and send it direct to Council for rectification.

Within the **free** app (both Apple & Google), it allows you to make comments on the issue, record it's location via GPS tagging and provide your contact details so we can follow up with you as to maintenance progress.

Download the **free** app today and start reporting!



NEW FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM



Building a modern and consistent Fire Danger Rating System

The countdown to implementation has started with **5 months** to go!

The AFDRS will be implemented on **1 September 2022**, creating a consistent set of fire danger ratings across Australia.

Introducing the new AFDRS design!!

After months of deliberations the AFDRS Program Board has signed off on the final look and feel of the AFDRS “device” (roadside sign/web graphic) and accompanying high-level messaging

...with the series (weather signs, graphics, and accompanying high level messaging).

This will mean that wherever people are in Australia, or whether they are at home or travelling, the public will see a similar sign and with consistent advice on what to do at each level, while also allowing enough flexibility for agencies to meet the needs of their communities.

Social research informed the retention of the iconic 'watermelon' shape, but work has been done to draw more attention and trust to roadside signage.

The signs have been designed in a way that meets accessibility standards, using a common roadside signage font, which will be slightly adjusted for other mediums such as websites and social media.

The agreed elements of the sign are:

- The rating names in a white font on a black ribbon
- The size, location and shade of colour used for the wedges
- The bar across the bottom left (under moderate) to indicate when there is no fire danger rating.

Optional elements are:

A **timestamp** has been recommended to instil confidence that the information is up to date and relevant, however these may not be practical for all signs, particularly those in remote areas.

Community messaging on the sign is considered best practice, but it is also acknowledged that it may not be a practical or affordable option for some jurisdictions across all their signs.

A style guide is being developed and will be provided to local implementation teams and stakeholders in the coming weeks.

The agreed messaging

To accompany the new signage, the Board also agreed to a set of messages to help with community messaging.

Moderate: Plan and prepare

High: Be ready to act

Extreme: **Take action now** to protect life and property

Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Local snapshot - Northern Territory

The Northern Territory continues to proactively prepare for the new fire danger rating system to start on the 1 September 2022.

Stakeholder engagement has continued at number of volunteer brigade prestart meetings, ALFA planning meeting, Finnis River Valley and the BFNT staff forum were presented with an introduction to the AFDRS and its various systems.

The development of the fuel load observation network is now well underway. A large number of suitable locations for ongoing ground fuel load assessments have been identified. Training for observations will be offered late April, early May to enable fuel load observations to begin. If you are interested in becoming a fuel load observer please get contact us using the details below.

Training for all other aspects of the AFDRS will begin during May which will include e-learning, face to face and workshops. The training will target staff and volunteers for both agencies initially and then branch out through workshops for other land managers.

For more information

National Website: <https://www.afac.com.au/initiative/afdrs/afdrs-faqs>

Northern Territory: Implementation Project Officer Kelly Benham at Bushfires NT on 08 8922 0844 or email kelly-marie.benham@nt.gov.au



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



Earn extra money



Training is provided,
no experience required

Most jobs are on election day, but some jobs are in
the weeks before and after the election.

**Register now to work at the 2022 federal election,
which is being held on Saturday 21 May.**

aec.gov.au/electionjobs



BACHELOR COMMUNITY MARKETS

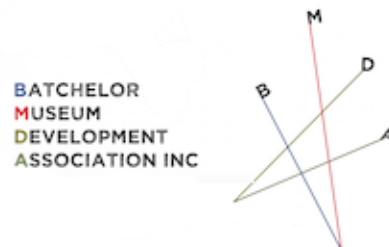


The Batchelor Town & Country Markets are back on for 2022!

My name is Cheryl and together with some other very helpful ladies we will be coordinating the markets. We appreciate how important the Batchelor markets are to our community, and the opportunity they offer for people to come together, share and enjoy the many and varied offerings of stall holders.

Arrangements are currently being made for the first market to be held on Sunday 8th May 2022, which is also Mother's Day. More details will be posted soon so mark the date in your calendars and stay tuned!

Any interested stall holders can contact batchelormarketsnt@gmail.com to register interest.



The Museum has been opening just five days a week since April 1. We are short of people to enable us to open every day. Hours are 10am to 4pm. Currently we do not have anyone to cover Mondays and Wednesdays.

Jan and Lucinda spend time most Tuesdays doing work for the Museum displays and also Records. However we recently spent two physically exhausting Tuesdays. Firstly spraying weeds and removing gamba grass plants which keep reappearing; and also whipper snipping around each of the buildings. Following that we cleaned the side verandah which is the area which a regular tour group uses for their lunch stop.

...which is the area which a regular team group does for their garden stop.

Then last Tuesday we did a careful and controlled burn (having acquired a Fire Permit) around the big stumps at the side of the driveway, with the intention of removing all that dead wood so the grass area can be extended. Hopefully it will not require a lot of earth fill and will look a lot tidier.

I answered an email re current opening hours for Shanaugh Murphy who attended school in Batchelor 1967-1969. Shanaugh said her Dad managed the Club, whilst her Mother worked at the General Store.

Shanaugh visited Sunday April 24 and enjoyed the visit very much. She is intending to send some photographs. Maybe some locals will remember her or caught up whilst she was here?

There will shortly be an additional photo display –the third- as the Museum has many photos supplied by people who donated after they had attended the 50 years reunion that Ros Jones organised. A record of those times; camps, fishing, boating, school, sports- with teams coming down from Darwin, weddings and other social occasions will feature.

A tour group has been delayed in starting visits to the Museum as apparently Berry Springs will not open until May 15 this year. Assume late rains have affected the opening date.

We do have travellers coming to assist mid-May so that will be very helpful, as we will be able to cover the whole week opening. Meantime there are phone numbers displayed for people to contact should they need to visit on the days not currently covered.

Travellers reading this please contact us in time so we can assist. Also if you want to stay in Batchelor with free electricity and amenities please contact us.

Jan Hills



April saw a change in the date of the Gardening Group as the third Sunday fell on Easter Sunday. Therefore, it was deferred for one week.

We met at 11 am on 24th April and in spite of Easter having passed, hot cross buns and chocolate Easter eggs were on the menu and enjoyed by all. The venue was Denmar Downs. For the second month in a row, we were delighted to introduce new members.

Mr Ken Edge was our speaker for this month and enthralled us all with his array of air plants, both large and small. His talk was quite illuminating and the array of surfaces to which plants could be attached was extensive. The methods of adhesion, where necessary, was also numerous. We are grateful to Ken for extending our education on these incredible plants. Whilst the outdoor meeting was taking place, a number of stingless or native bees (which are very small and black) were sighted and one enterprising member of the attendees tracked down their nest. This nest is now protected from, hopefully, accidental or other damage and they now may continue their cycle of life

protected from, robbing, accidental or other damage and they now may continue their cycle of life and their pollination work.

The next meeting will be on the third Sunday of May (15th) at 11am and will, again, be held at Denmar Downs.

It is hopeful that our next speaker will be available then to talk about the landscaping of gardens.

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 5th and 19th May 2022.



As interest in morning tea is waning COTA Coomalie is conducting a survey as to what seniors would like to happen with morning tea to make it more interesting to attend.

1. Would you prefer another day.
2. Would you like some activities. i.e. Bingo
3. Would you be interested in speakers, if so what would you like as topics.
4. Another improvements that you can suggest.

Please reply to the following email address - cotacoomalie@gmail.com.

These will be discussed at the next morning tea on Friday 27th May at 9.30.am. at the Bowls Club. Please attend and let us know your thoughts and suggestions.

Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: Friday 23rd May 2022 9:30am

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 23rd May 2022

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

TECH TUESDAYS @ BIITE LIBRARY





TECH TUESDAYS AT BATCHELOR LIBRARY

- Would you like to learn more about how to use your computer or phone?
 - Would you like to install a new app or program?
 - Would you like help with an IT issues?
- Drop in for Tech Tuesdays at Batchelor Library!**

**MORNING TEA AND COFFEE
PROVIDED**

9:30AM - 10:30AM

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	WHERE	WHEN
Adelaide River Community Craft Markets	Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River	Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. For enquiries ring: 0459 082 084
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	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

PARVO KILLS



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 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 17th May 2022

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.

Just a reminder, if you would like an article published, please email it to Stop Press 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 1.1 Community Communication before submitting an article.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS

To see the previous editions of Stop Press please follow this link to Councils website.

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