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

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COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

BY-ELECTION NOTICE

Coomalie - Batchelor Township Ward



Key dates for the by-election are:

Friday 29 October Nominations open Electoral roll closes Tuesday 2 November 5:00 pm Declaration of nominations Friday 5 November Saturday 20 November

Election day Declaration of results

Early voting

NT Electoral Commission TCG Centre Level 3, 80 Mitchell St Darwin

Monday 15 November to Friday 19 November - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Monday 6 December

Election day voting

Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre Hall Tarkarri Road, Batchelor, NT Saturday 20 November 9:00 am to 2:30 pm **Batchelor** Township Ward BATCHELOR

Voting in Northern Territory Local Government elections is compulsory.



ntec.nt.gov.au



1800 698 683



mtec@nt.gov.au

Authorised by Iain Loganathan, Northern Territory Electoral Commission, 80 Mitchell St Darwin NT 0800

Further information and nomination forms can be obtained from Council's website here, or by calling into Council offices during opening hours.

COVID UPDATE



Don't delay, prioritise your vaccine today!

As Australia starts to open up, we need to prepare for the Delta strain of COVID-19 coming to the Territory. The best thing you can do to protect yourself, your family and our community is to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Two doses of the vaccine gives you around 90% protection against hospitalisation and death from COVID-19.

You can get your COVID-19 vaccine at your local health centre:

- Batchelor on Thursdays between 9am-12pm or 1pm-3pm;
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Or, call the COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 490 484.

The NT Health mobile vaccine clinic can come to your event. Book on: covid.mobilevaccination@nt.gov.au

For more information visit https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/ today. #sleevesupNT

COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at the new time of 3.00pm. There was a considerable amount of business to attend to as some matters had been held over during the caretaker period and the inauguration meeting of Council.

As the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements are required to be presented to the Minister and Grants Commissioner by 15th November in any given year, it is customary for Council's Audit Committee and Auditor to meet during October 2021.

Council's appointed Auditor, Nexia Edwards Marshall, provided Council with a presentation on the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending 30th June 2021. Council also endorsed the Annual Report 2020 – 2021 and a copy of the report and statements can be accessed here:

https://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/index.php/council-publications

Copies will also be available at the Council Office and through the Adelaide River and Batchelor Community Libraries.

A new President and a new format to the agenda was also introduced. President Sharon Beswick presented her inaugural Presidents Report and this will become a regular addition each month. The report generated a good deal of discussion and Council agreed to a number of initiatives. In the spirit of ongoing professional development, Elected Members agreed to accept an invitation from the Lord Mayor of Darwin and attend a City of Darwin Council Meeting to observe their procedures and protocols. In addition, in order to engage more effectively with the community, Council requested the Chief Executive Officer prepare a report for the next meeting with suggestions regarding community engagement activities and events.

Council also needed to consider the nature and timing of the Batchelor Ward By-Election. As reported in last month's edition, former Clr. Deb Moyle resigned from Council triggering a By-Election. The By-Election will be conducted by the NT Electoral Commissioner on Saturday 20th November 2021. There will be on the day voting at the Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre and early and postal voting options available also. For more information contact the helpful team at the Council Office or access further information here:

https://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/index.php/about/council-elections

Key items of business were:

- By-Laws the Drafting Instructions to broaden and strengthen Council's By-Laws were approved. The creation of new By-Laws is a lengthy legal process and the community will be consulted in the coming months when the first Draft of the new By-Laws has been prepared by Parliamentary Counsel;
- Road Hierarchy Classification System Council approved the new strategy that will inform future maintenance and funding applications;
- Accessibility, Connectivity and Mobility Strategy Council welcomed the approach to connect
 up pedestrian and cycle pathways in the townships but also asked Officers to consider
 walkways and laneways in the townships. As a result, the strategy will be brought back to
 Council's November meeting for further consideration;
- Funding Opportunities Council agreed to submit applications for sealing three kilometres of Haynes Road, Adelaide River and for the construction of footpaths in Adelaide River and Batchelor and develop a proposal to prepare a Business case for the Darwin to Adelaide River Rail Trail. In addition, it accepted an additional \$104,000 in funding through the WaRM Program for continued improvements to the two waste facilities;
- Representation Council also nominated previous and current Elected Members to the Batchelor Division of the Development Consent Authority in addition to community member Mr Richard Luxton, nominated President Sharon Beswick to represent LGANT on the NT Heritage Council and resolved for Clr Colin Freeman to attend the LGANT GM and AGM in Alice Springs (at his own expense). It should be noted Clr. Freeman has been nominated to the LGANT Executive Board;
- Waste Management there continued a good deal of discussion regarding improvements to recycling options at the waste facilities. Council also expressed concern that some members of the public are not complying with CHO Directions to sign in or use the QR Code and requested improved signage be installed.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 3.00pm. Council has also agreed to record all its meetings for minute taking purposes only.

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.

And thank you to many members of the community who joined Council at its meeting to observe from the public gallery.

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 <u>www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/index.php/meetings-agendas-and-minutes</u> to access the very latest information.





FROM THE WORKS AND SERVICES TEAM

Council's Works Program for the month of November includes the following:

- On going repair works to footpath in Becker Street
- Weight restrictions in place over the wet season
- Regular maintenance to parks & gardens
- · Regular maintenance to roads

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 has recommenced for Term 4 at both Adelaide River Primary School and Batchelor. In an effort to get more interest in the program, the Batchelor program will be running from the oval each Monday from 3pm. Please pack your bathers and a towel, as some days we will end up at the pool for some fun and games!

Should you wish for your child to participate in After School Sports in Term 4, 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.

Seniors Christmas Party

The date has been set for the Annual Seniors Christmas Party - Friday 17th December 2021. Festivities commence at 11:30am sharp as we have a tight schedule and a very special guest!!

Invitations will be issued in the coming weeks, please keep an eye on your mailboxes! If you do not receive your invitation by December 1st, please contact Council.

Batchelor Swimming Pool Survey

Recently a survey was issued via Stop Press Digital for community feedback in regard to the Council run swimming pool in Batchelor.

All community members are kindly asked to complete a survey either via SurveyMonkey or you can collect from the General Stores in both Adelaide River & Batchelor, or from Council offices.

For all the surveys that are completed fully, you will go in the draw to win some fantastic prizes!

January School Holiday Program

Based on feedback from our last School Holiday Program, we have put together some fun and exciting activities for the January School Holiday period. Activities commence on the 10th of January through until the 24th. Please see the poster later in this newsletter.

Miss Hilary Short Story Award

In recognition of Miss Hilary Brett's service to Council and the Adelaide River Community Library, Council created an annual award in Miss Hilary's honour. This led to the creation of the Miss Hilary Short Story Award.

The competition is open to all school aged children within the Coomalie Shire. To enter you need to write a short story that is based around the theme for the years award, please see below for further details.

Theme: My Favourite Pet

Closing date: Friday 19th November 2021

Story length: Junior school < 500 words, Middle school 500 words and Senior school 1000 words.

Prize: \$50 voucher

ANNUAL WET SEASON ROAD RESTICTIONS

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Attention: Road Weight Restrictions





Coomalie Dolphins Swimming Lessons

Term 4 Program commencing Thursday 14th October 2021



Contact Coomalie Council on 8976-0058 for further information or to book your spot!

Fees applicable for lessons.



Coomalie Swimming Lessons

Regular, on-going swimming lessons have commenced at the Batchelor Swimming Pool from Thursday 14th October from 3:30pm.

These lessons will be run in accordance with the Royal Lifesaving Society's Swim & Survive program.

Swimming is an important part of childhood as it develops a lifelong skill that can save a life.

To enrol your child, or yourself, please download the enrolment from Council's website <u>here</u> and return to secure your place.















REMEMBRANCE DAY





Seniors "Mystery" Tour Darwin Cenotaph - November 11, 2021



In lieu of a traditional Seniors Mystery Bus Tour for November, we are running a bus to the Memorial Service at the Darwin Cenotaph on the 11th of November.

Lunch, at own cost, will be at a place yet to be decided.

Bus times:
Batchelor 7:30am
Adelaide River 8:00am
Stapleton Creek 8:20am
Coomalie Creek 8:35am
Lake Bennett Bus Stop 8:45am

SWIMMING POOL SURVEY



To help Council understand the needs and requirements of our Community, we have created a survey on the Batchelor Swimming Pool.

Please complete the survey via the following link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLXMY7N or by scanning the below QR code with your smartphone.

All fully completed surveys will have the chance to win some fantastic prizes to the value of \$330!



COUNCIL EVENTS











Craft & Chatter

When: Every Sunday
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
at Batchelor Community Library
BYO Craft Supplies
or just come for a chat!





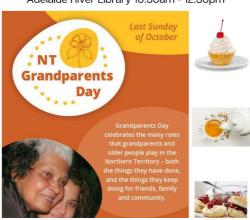


For more information visit www.coomalie.nt.gov.au



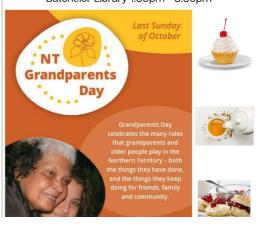


Adelaide River Library 10:30am - 12:30pm



Grandparents Day 2021

Sunday 31st October Batchelor Library 1:30pm - 3:30pm







January School Holiday Program

Starts January 10th until the 24th

7 fun filled days of activities, can you guess what they all are?



Visit Councils website for an enrolment form or call Council on 8976-0058.





COOMALIE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

2022 Community
Directory

The 2022 Coomalie Community





The 2022 Community Directory is now open for advertising your business.

Should you wish to advertise, or update your listing please following this <u>link</u> and complete the form and email into Council for updating.

COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Another busy month has been happening in our libraries, with the arrival of the annual book orders! Please ask your friendly library staff for detail son the new books. If you are into rearing chickens we have a few good books for you!

Should we not have a book you may be looking for, please ask your friendly Community Librarians to help secure the book!

Through our Community Libraries, we also have access to digital audiobooks, Miss Linda certainly enjoys listening to these on her long drives! Please also ask your friendly Library staff how to access these.

<u>Community Opening Hours</u> 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.

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JUST a reminder that library Staff, at Doth Batchelor and Adelaide River, cannot issue neadphones 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.



Curlew's Eye by Karen Manton

Local author, Karen Manton, has recently released a new book titled Curlew's Eye, look out for a copy to borrow from your local Library!

ANNUAL CYCLONE PREPARATIONS

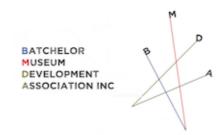






BASIC SAFETY TIPS: FLOODS • Turn Around, Don't Drown Avoid walking or driving through flood waters • Just 60cms of moving water can knock you down, and 30cms of water can sweep your vehicle away • If there is a chance of flash flooding, move ediately to higher ground. Flash floods are the #1 cause of weather-related deaths • If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water. rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



The Museum has continued to attract visitors though with very varied attendances. Sometimes noone and other days six or eight people will attend. Still it has been a good year considering almost no-one last year.

The grounds have brightened up with the early bit of rain but part will soon have to be excavated to pull out the rusted pipe-line so that there will be no problem with leaking, which can be very expensive. Also it would have been harder to find the leak once rain is regular.

Our caretakers, Gaye and Darryl are staying on longer though we will go to "open on request" in the next week or so.

Hopefully there will be good rains to encourage the Tamarind trees to recover their foliage –they are still so bare despite watering during the year-they are a coastal tree. Our resident owls have departed for now but it would be good if they returned to restored foliage on those trees.

Despite the quietening down regarding visitation there is plenty of jobs to be done. Lucinda is continuing with again duplicating the records under a new system. Jan is developing more material.

Lucinda is trialling a new catalogue system for our collection –called Mosaic Collections. If there is someone out there who is knowledgeable about this system, or other systems, could you please get in touch.

Lucinda is here Tuesday from 10am to around 2pm or leave a message at the Museum any time.

Think about joining our group of volunteers; please talk with one of us. It does not require any special Museum skills. We would welcome some new people. Maybe talk with James Wright, at the Men's shed or market, Sue Bulmer, or Lucinda.

It is not all work. We have social occasions; and often meet interesting visitors and make good contacts. Think on it please!

Jan Hills





This group did not meet for the October meeting due to circumstances outside our control.

The last meeting of the year will be on Sunday 21st November 2021 at 11am.

Venue will be Denmar Downs.

Mr Barry Conde will be our guest speaker and will be bringing hives containing native (stingless) bees. Morning tea/brunch will be served.

This is a free event and all are welcome.

Anyone requiring a lift from Batchelor to Denmar Downs, Miles Road, Eva Valley, and back again, can contact Mary on 89 760 379.

Our next meeting, after November 2021, will be in February 2022.

The Committee

If anyone needs a lift from Batchelor to a venue and back to Batchelor, please ring Mary on 89 760 379.

Transport can be arranged to ferry anyone from Batchelor and back again. Ring Mary on 89 760 379 if you require this service.

SEE YOU THERE!

If there are any questions or queries please email coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com

Like is on FACEBOOK or Ring Mary on 89 760 379

ALL are welcome to our meetings and lifts are available for anyone requiring help with travel.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: Friday 26th November 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: Bonna on 0488 766 541

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<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 22nd November 2021

Booking essential - Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Adelaide River Police Station Northern Territory Police

C/o Post Office, Adelaide River, NT 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

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	
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	Batchelor Oval	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	
Gardening Group monthly meeting	Contact Mary Ashley for this month's location 8976-0379	Third Sunday of month 11:00am At Denmar Downs	

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 290 (2) (b) notice is hereby given that Coomalie Community Government Council has published its 2020-21 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements.

These can be viewed at Council Offices, on Councils website or via t.ly/hTj3



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

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 16th November 2021

Stop Press

Should you know of someone that still wishes to receive a paper-based version of the Stop Press, please email <u>Stop Press</u> to be added to the printed mailing list.

Just a reminder, if you would like an article published, please email it to <u>Stop Press</u> by the 20th of each month. Each month we start with a clean canvas without articles being rolled over.

Please ensure you have read Council's policy <u>1.1 Community Communication</u> before submitting an article.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS

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