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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

For 2023 Council has reinstated the Community Grants Program for residents of the Shire.

Applications are open to all Coomalie residents and ratepayers to apply, however there are certain conditions applicable to the program.

Full details can be found at Council's webpage for the program - Community Grants I Coomalie

Community Grants Program



Applications for Council's *Community Grant Program* are open from 1st October for the 2022-23 program year, and close on 30th November.

The program is open to Community Groups and individuals seeking assistance with an activity that promotes the Shire in a positive light.

See Council's website https://tinyurl.com/2p875fm7 or scan the QR code below for further details





COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

From the Chamber

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 18th October 2022. And it was yet again, another busy night for Council.

Council convened as the Cemetery Board and held its regular meeting to discuss operational and strategic issues for the Coomalie Bush Cemetery as required pursuant to the current *Cemeteries Act 1952*. The Northern Territory Government has undertaken a major redrafting of the current *Cemeteries Act 1952*. The new *Burial and Cremation Bill (ACT) 2022* was passed in July 2022. The new Act and Regulations are proposed to commence in November 2022, after consultation on the draft Regulations has been completed. The new legislation will replace the current *Cemeteries Act 1952* and *Cemeteries Regulations 1967* and align with contemporary practices for burials,

disposals and exhumations. The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet undertook a consultation process with all stakeholders on the *Draft Burial and Cremation Regulations 2022*. The Board was provided with a presentation on changes to the Regulations that will include:

- restrictions on the location of burials in undeclared areas;
- alkaline hydrolysis as a process for the disposal of human remains;
- considerations for the Minister for Local Government prior to changing the details of a cemetery or declaring a structure for the interment of human remains.

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet has also formed a Local Government Cemeteries Working Group to support councils with sample policies, forms and registers for cemetery management, as well as provide an opportunity for any questions to be asked about the new legislation. The Chief Executive Officer has been appointed a member of the Working Group.

At Council's Ordinary General Meeting, Council received a number of presentations. Mr Gary Higgins, Member, NT Remuneration Tribunal, presented Council with an outline of future considerations and processes for determining Elected Member Allowances. Council was invited to provide a submission to the NT Remuneration Tribunal regarding its views on Elected Member fees and allowances.

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation also met with Council to discuss its activities at the premises its leases from Council at 35 Finlay Road, Adelaide River. Council resolved to extend the lease and continue to provide the premises to Ironbark for a further two years.

Residents of Batchelor Township also held a confidential meeting with Council regarding concerns for young at risk people in the community. Council valued the opportunity to discuss with members of the community these important issues and a number of initiatives will be actioned in the coming weeks and months. These programs will be made public once all important stakeholders and family members have an opportunity to be briefed and participate in the decision making process.

The following matters were also resolved at the meeting;

- Council is to receive a further \$104.500 under the WaRM Grant program 2022-23 and Council requested the team prepare a number of options for its consideration at the November meeting;
- Due to the success of the Art Show, Council agreed to provide further cash investment in this program and hold its each year in the September -October period;
- A new key system is to be introduced to improve safety and security of all assets and buildings in the Shire; and
- Council noted the Draft Heritage Management Plan for the Adelaide River War Cemetery.
 The Office of Australian War Graves will be consulting the community in the coming months on this very important document.

Members of the community are welcome to attend Council meetings! Public health safety measures still apply, particularly as there are virulent strains of influenza present in the community, in addition to the ever present concern of COVID-19. Responsible physical distancing will continue to 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 https://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-meetings to access the very latest information.

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Council's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15th November 2022** in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor.

FROM THE WORKS AND SERVICES TEAM

October has been a very busy month for the team with Kerbside Pre cyclone rubbish collection in both Adelaide River and Batchelor.

We are pleased to see the completion of a new Floodway on Miles Road as part of a major flood mitigation project designed to improve wet season access for residents I the Eva Valley Area. Vital repairs at Coach Road Adelaide River were also completed near the snake creek crossing to flood damage.

Looking into November our focus will switch to roadside slashing given the early rains and extensive road network. You will see Council Officers and some of our local contractors out and about the shire slashing and spraying to control weeds and improve visibility in the road reserve.

Alongside our major works we will continue:

- maintenance of Shire roads by contractor (Grade and roll program of dirt roads)
- increased upkeep of all parks and gardens including the bush cemetery
- Increased Ranger Patrols in Batchelor Township for unrestrained dogs
- Firebreak and weed management at waste facilities
- Tree removal Batchelor Oval and revegetation planning

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 <u>Report a road fault - NT.GOV.AU</u>. 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 is currently on hold until school returns on Monday 10th October. For all children attending a signed permission form is required to ensure we have all relevant information for your child, as well as up to date contact information in case of an emergency.

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

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The Seniors Mystery Bus Tour for October was a trip to the Darwin Military Museum at East Point, followed by lunch at Silks at the Darwin Racing Club. A total of 12 people attended the trip, and a wonderful time was had by all!

The next day is scheduled for Friday 18th November. As usual, guests are expected to any pay entry costs as well as meals and drinks themselves. See noster later in this issue for details!

Seniors Christmas Party

The Annual Seniors Christmas Party is being held once again at the Litchfield Outback Resort on Friday 2nd December, please keep an eye on your mail for your invitation should you be eligible!

COUNCIL EVENTS

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour



Council is providing a free bus service for a mystery lunch trip and experience to somewhere in the Top End of the NT.

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

Bus service is free.

Meals, tours and drinks at own expense!

Save the date:

Friday 18th November

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

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

To ensure your seat is reserved, please book direct with Council not through a 3rd party!





COOMALIE SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

It's on again this year, save the date - December 2nd at the Litchfield Outback Resort!

RSVP's strictly by Friday 18th November, invitations being issued this week to Coomalie residents. There is a venue capacity, so please call early to make your reservation, if you miss the cut off, we cannot assist!



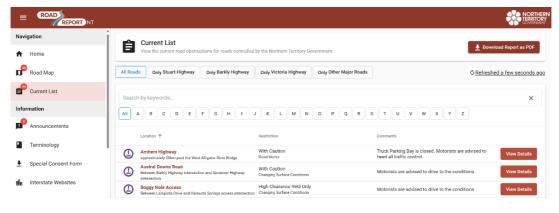


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ROAD REPORT NT

With an early Wet Season upon us, it is timely to remember to check the condition of roads prior to travel.

You can achieve this by either checking the NT Road Report website - $\underline{\text{Road Report NT}}$ or checking their Facebook page - $\underline{\text{Road Report NT I Facebook}}$



Crocodiles Sighted

Crocodiles have been sighted in this lake - Be CrocWise





Council received report of Saltwater Crocodiles in Rum Jungle Lake.

In the interests of public safety, Council Officers contacted Parks & Wildlife to undertake a survey of crocodiles at the lake. The results of the survey were recently received, and it was found that at the time of the survey, there were no saltwater crocodiles within the lake, however there was quite a few freshwater crocodiles present.

To this Parks and Wildlife, as well as Council, **DO NOT** recommend swimming within Rum Jungle Lake.

The only safe place to swim is the Batchelor Swimming Pool with its FREE ENTRY.

COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

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Council's libraries continue to be a place for our children and adults of the Shire.

Adelaide River Library, in conjunction withe the school, has introduced some supervision rules for children attending the library. We are working with BIITE library to re-introduce these rules at the Batchelor Community Library.

Should libraries be closed on short notice, or late opening for any reason Council will publish this information to its Facebook page.

With the Christmas holidays fast approaching, now would be a great time to arrange your holiday reading program! Please speak with your friendly librarian to discuss any items you may wish to borrow!

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.

Community Library Opening Hours

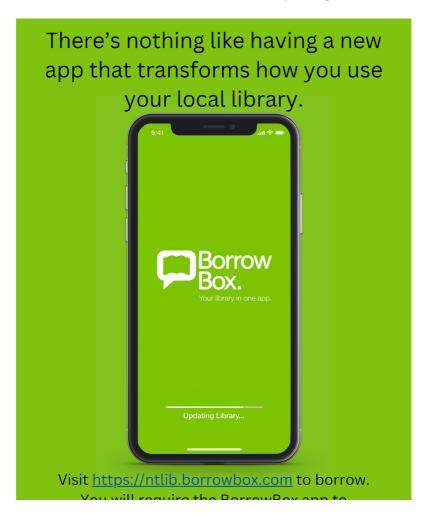
Adelaide River

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.



rod will require the borrowbox app to starting listening and a Library card!



WEEDS IN COOMALIE



Siam Weed Update 2022

The NTG Has released their latest newsletter on Siam Weed, please see Council's website for details - http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/siam-weed-oct-22





RUM JUNGLE MINE UPDATE

The below is some information from the Quarterly Stakeholder report received by Council.

Quarterly Stakeholder Report

Stage 3 Milestones

The Stage 3 work program includes the major civils and rehabilitation efforts and commenced earlier this year. The Project is required to deliver against performance milestones as set out in the Federation Funding Agreement – the financing arrangement between governments to support delivery of the Project. There are 34 milestones over the life of the Federation Funding Agreement and the ones relevant to this year are reported here. The status against these relevant milestones is shown here in this table:

Performance Milestone #1	Current Status		
	Complete 🗸	Complete key project management plans including Project Management Plan (and Master Schedule) (PMP) and project control and community sub-plans for the delivery of the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project of works.	
#2	Delayed	Project control and Risk, Compliance and Audit processes and systems established for project delivery. • Slight delay due to recruitment of key staff not yet complete.	
#3	Complete 🗸	Work Health Safety processes and systems established for project delivery. Commence borrow material negotiations: • s19 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth) for access to Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust site • agreement for access to Coomalie Community Government Council (CGC) site. Finalise Contracting Strategy and provide remaining approved nonconstruction PMP sub-plans. Document and report on ongoing land management and environmental monitoring.	
#4	On track	Complete a 2021/22 Financial Audit Report. Report progress on borrow material negotiations. Commence contract notification and tendering. Carry on land management, environmental monitoring works. Ensure all monthly reports and quarterly reports are submitted.	

Rum Jungle Project Quarterly Business & Workforce Outcomes

The project has established Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure project success against. At this planning stage, there are no construction based Indicators but here are the most important business and

КРІ	Quarterly Target	Quarterly Actual Result
Aboriginal Business Expenditure (% of operating costs)	5%	5.6% 🗸
Employment Full Time Equivalent Aboriginal	25%	56% 🗸
Employment Full Time Equivalent Warai and Kungarakan	20%	40% ✓

Key Activities July to September 2022

Procurement Activities

Key procurement actions this quarter include:

Industry consultation sessions. The
purpose of this consultation was to seek
feedback and advice from local industry
on packages. The upcoming works package
are large and need to be packaged to
encourage local business participation to
encourage local business participation to
delivering the works. We sought local
industry advice to finalise the decisions
for packaging approach.



ICNNT - Rum Jungle ICN Gateway page

https://gateway.uction.govera.com/ Quotations & Tenders Online (QTOL) Page: Quotations and Quotations & Tenders Online | Tender Details (nt.gov

Project Approvals

- One of the borrow pits for the project is located on the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust. This means that under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, a "Section 19" lease is required that sets out the conditions for that borrow pit. The application for the lease was submitted this quarter.

Reconciliation Action Plan

Engagement and Land Management Activities



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Quarterly Stakeholder Report

What's Happening Next Quarter

The October to December quarter will be a very busy period. The key activities coming up are:

Land Management

Weed management will start a bit early this year due to the early rains around Batchelor. The team and contractors are preparing to focus on gamba grass in particular over coming months.

Inegrated fire and weed management has started for the site so this coming weed season is very important.

Approvals

The journey for Sacred Sites certificates, Environmental approvals and the borrow pit access agreements will continue.

Economic Development Support

A Kungarakan Traditional Owner has organise a trip to Nhulunbuy to learn from Gumatj, Rirratjingu and Dhimirru Aboriginal Corporations about how the operate and what businesses they run. The Project is supporting this great initiative for a team of Traditional Owners to visit these organisations to learn and share knowledge. This trip is planned for early October.

Procurement

The Water Remediation and Pit Backfill services will progress through the Expression of Interest and onto the Request for Tender phase in the coming quarter. All interested suppliers are strongly encouraged to submit Expressions of Interest as this is the pathway towards the works contracts.

Other procurements to set up the Batchelor office area, supply services and infrastructure for the office will start this quarter too.

Civil Construction Traineeship

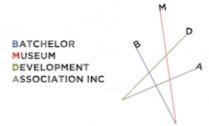
The next round of Traineeships for the Project will be in Civil Construction. We are planning this out in this quarter so that we are ready to kick off recruitment in around May 2023. We are planning for 8 trainees and most of the training to be in Batchelor.

The project team is looking at how to best get actual machine hours up for the trainees.

The next Quarterly Stakeholder Report will cover updates on the above activities, projections and the next steps in the scope of work for Stage 3.

For further information go to: Rum Jungle rehabilitation project | Department of Industry, Tourism and

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Perhaps you noted the Monument being shifted to the grounds of the Museum in recent days. This project has been under discussion for about a year, so it is good that the shift has finally occurred. The previous position- close to the roundabout-was not safe or easily accessible. Indeed, many people I spoke to about the monument had not noticed it.

Originally the site designated was opposite the entrance to the Batchelor Airfield, as that was where General MacArthur landed when he arrived in Australia from Guam during WW2. Now the airport entrance has been shifted, but the traffic increase too meant that the site was no longer practical.

The original shifting date was postponed as a ten-ton crane could not do the job, so a heavier crane was employed. The monument is sited so as to be accessible across the walkway into the Museum grounds along Tarkarri Road. The site is there too, because it is close to the WW2 exhibit rooms within the Museum.

Other significant notices have been added to the big rock monument post war and so this shift will make it easier for visitors to locate these memorials. That is very important to relatives, as we are constantly reminded by our visitors at the Museum.

This year we have taken the advantage of reduced advertising rates offered and decided to advertise in a magazine relating to supervised student travel, as this small town of Batchelor has played a unique and important role in Australian history.

Meantime small additions to our displays continue to evolve. Currently the Museum is only open by request.

Jan Hills





Sunday 23rd October found some of the Coomalie Gardening group out at Denmar Downs.

Here they quenched their thirst and ate cake, whilst extolling the virtues of different methods of airlaying among other topics.

There was a selection of plants to find new loving homes, including an extremely large air plant.

The next meeting will be also at Denmar Downs when Ken will hold a workshop on airplants and how to secure and care for them.

This will be the last meeting of the year and will be held at 11 am on 20th November '22.

Meanwhile for gardening advice etc, follow our Coomaliegardeninggroup on Facebook

Contact details for the group are below by

- 1. messenger through our Facebook page
- 2. Telephoning Mary on 08 89 760379
- 3. SMS to 0417 816 422
- 4. Email to Coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail.com

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 11th and 25th October 2022.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

When: *Thursday* 24th November 2022 9:30am *Please note change of day to a Thursday!*

Gold coin donation please!

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 for further details

Coomalie Community Shed

Where: Cutler Place, Batchelor

When: Every Tuesday 8:30am - 2:00pm Contact: James on 0488 195 410

Agemoves

Where: Litchfield Outback Resort

When: Every Tuesday 10:00am - 11:30am

Contact: Daryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803

Please note Batchelor and Adelaide River sessions have now combined to the above.

Monthly Bus Trip

Where: Coolalinga and Gateway Shopping Centres Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

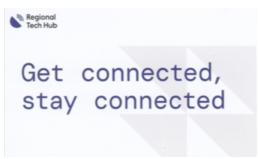
When: Monday 28th November 2022

Booking essential - Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

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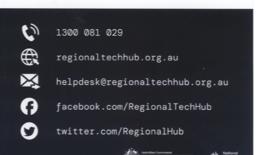
Independent and free connectivity advice for regional, rural, and remote Australians.

The Regional Tech Hub offers independent advice to regional Australians on how to get connected and stay connected to phone and internet services.

If you are experiencing connection issues, or have



questions about the options available to you, get in touch.



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	
Agemoves	Litchfield Outback Resort	Tuesdays 10:00am - 11:30am Call Daryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803	
Adelaide River Playgroup	Preschool Room Adelaide River Primary School	Every Tuesday (during school terms) 8:30am – 10:30am	
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	Sunday 11th December 8:00am – 1:00pm	
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	Thursdays 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 in Coomalie Shire over 3 months of age must be registered. You can register your



Dogs **must** be on a leash at all times in any public area, otherwise they can be impounded.

Fees apply if your dog has been impounded.

dog at Council Ottices or via Email



Dog Registration Charges

Registration Period – 1st September to 31st August Registered between Sep – Aug \$37.00 Registered between Mar – Aug \$27.00 Pensioner / Concession \$18.50



Waste Facility Hours - Adelaide River

As of Tuesday 17/08/2021

PUBLIC and COMMERCIAL HOURS
Tuesday 8am - 10am
Friday 8am - 10am
Saturday 8am - 4pm
Sunday 7am - 3pm

ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL HOURS
Tuesday 10am - 2pm

TRIAL HOURS ONLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Waste Facility Hours - Batchelor

As of Tuesday 17/08/2021

PUBLIC and COMMERCIAL HOURS

Monday 7am - 11am

Friday 11am - 3pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

Sunday 8am - 4pm

ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL HOURS

Monday 11am - 3pm

Thursday 7am- 11am

TRIAL HOURS ONLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL



Road Weight Restrictions

Road Weight Restrictions will be in force within the Coomalie Shire.

1 October until 30 April**

 $\star\star$ Maybe extended due to weather or road conditions

Permits available from Council 8976-0058

- 48 business hours notice required
- 10 tonne max on unsealed roads
- 20 tonne max on sealed roads





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 15th November 2022

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.

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