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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



Local Government elections are just around the corner, to keep abreast of information, please click the image above for further information.

## COUNCIL UPDATES

### **FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council entered the caretaker period on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 which runs until 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021. During the caretaker period, Council is still required to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2019*, such as holding regular meetings and monitoring expenditure, but can not make major decisions or make long term commitments. As a result, Council's meeting in August

was brief with limited business on the agenda.

As it was Council's last meeting before the election, it was also the occasion to say thankyou to all Elected Members and to acknowledge the long service of some.

President Andrew Turner was presented the 15 Years Long Service Award.

Clr. Sue Bulmer was also presented with the 15 years Long Service Award and

Clr. Max Corliss was presented with a special letter of acknowledgement from the President of LGANT for almost ten years of dedicated service.

The meeting also farewelled a number of retiring members who will not be contesting the next election. These are:

Clr (and President) Andrew Turner

Clr. Max Corliss

Clr. Christian McElwee

Each member also gave a valedictory speech and we have included below the speech from President Andrew Turner.

From all the staff at Coomalie Community Government Council we extend our thanks to all Elected members for their service and guidance over the past four years. For those retiring, we wish them all the very best and will miss their presence in the Chamber. For those recontesting the election we extend our best wishes.

And congratulations are extended to Clr Sharon Beswick for her re-election and to Mr. Steve "Bones" Noble who will be inaugurated into the new Council in September.

### **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.

### **CLOSING SPEECH - PRES. TURNER**

In reflecting on Coomalie Community Government Council and my time as an elected member, I would always start by recognition of the dedicated and hardworking staff that have facilitated the wishes of Council during that time. The staff are a pleasure to work with as they handle all manner

of tasks, from receiving complaints to organising community events. Council could not and would not achieve what it does without the friendly and hardworking team. Stacey and Melissa, Aleyshia, Emma and the whole team well done and thanks.

Always and ably assisting are the legion of community volunteers. Once again, whether it is in the library, assisting with the information to visitors, helping at the after school and community events, they are exemplary in the drive and caring, and the support that is shown is fantastic. Once again, Council would not be in a position to achieve as it does without the volunteers of Coomalie.

I also make mention of the councillors. I would like to express my thanks to each of the individuals which have given of their time and experience and caring for the community. The experience of the current council has, to my mind, been positive even as I think back of several of the more difficult decisions that have been deliberated and worked through. Not all have been popular or have been without criticism, but all have been made with the community's best interest in mind. I personally thank each of the council members and wish them every success in all the endeavours and in life, whether contesting again or taking a break, thank you and all the best. Thank you, Sharon, Christian and Deb.

I would particularly like to thank Max Corliss for his support and work. Certainly, the last couple of years has been easier with his support and his commitment is without question.

I would also very much like to thank Sue Bulmer. Sue encouraged me to join council many years ago and whilst we have not always agreed on topics, Sue definitely has community spirit and drive to ensure community remains a key focus in the business of council.

I also wish to thank the Chief Executive for her leadership, council, and care in assisting and guiding Coomalie Council through the business of local governance. Leading a small and varied team is demanding and Anna, you do it very well.

I believe local government is often the most overlooked of the tiers of government, but in many ways requires the greatest vision and dedication to be part of and to undertake well. I strongly believe that vision, honesty, and direction are the most valuable and highest priority items council can deliver to the residents and ratepayers of a region. Vision can often get lost in the daily and monthly detail of running a business, but as a ratepayer, it is the consideration I admire most. Without a vision, community and in particular our unique Coomalie Shire, would be overwhelmed by the constant forces exerted by departments, government of the day and the grind of keeping a council viable. My hope is that the new council will work with the same caring for this community and general cohesiveness that the current council has demonstrated.

Thank you  
Pres. Andrew Turner



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## **FROM THE WORKS AND SERVICES TEAM**

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

- Normal ongoing operational maintenance
- Waste attendants commence at Waste Management Facilities 17/08/2021
- Repairs to Becker Street drain

During August we undertook these important aspects of community work, in addition to normal works:

- Assistance with Adelaide River Primary School sports carnival set up and pack up
- Coach Road pavement and drainage works

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](https://www.nt.gov.au/roads/report-a-road-fault). For urgent road faults free call 1800 246-199

To check road conditions go to [Roads Reporting - Road Reports \(nt.gov.au\)](https://www.nt.gov.au/roads/reporting-road-reports)

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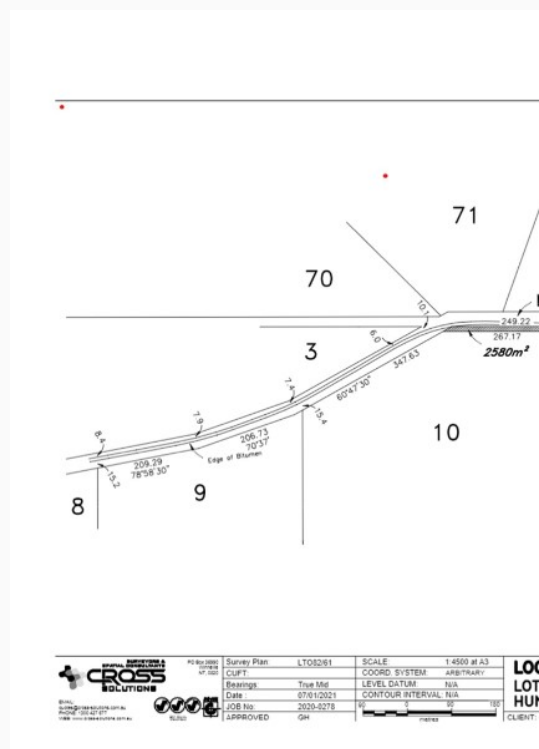
**Establishment of a MILTON ROAD, S1**

Pursuant to Section 273 of the *Local Government Act 2009* Stapleton.

As background, a survey of No 505 (Lot 10) Milton Roac pavement had encroached onto the landowner's land. A that this encroachment of the road pavement (and suitat 11) Milton Road, Stapleton.

Council has negotiated with the two affected landowners acquiring portions of their land for the purpose of widening

Council intends to open Milton Road as detailed on the s



## **PROPERTY RATE NOTICES 2021-2022**

Property rate notices have been issued and are currently making their way to you via Australia Post. If you are concerned you have not received your notice.....don't worry, contact the Council Office and we can email it to you.



GREAT NEWS:

2 Instalment dates this year.

Instalment 1 due 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Instalment 2 due 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

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

After School Sports has recommenced for Term 3 at both schools within the Coomalie region.

Should you wish for your child to participate in After School Sports in Term 3, 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 contact details, as well as any allergy information that could be necessary.

### **Territory Day**

Territory Day celebrations will occur on the 29th of August this year, refer to posters further in the newsletter for details of Batchelor activities.

Adelaide River FERG and Police will be onsite at the Adelaide River Oval for personal fireworks release on Sunday evening.

Please refer to the next edition of Stop Press for full coverage of the event, and below for additional information.

### **Seniors Personal Protection Workshop**

A Personal Protection Workshop was held for our Seniors on the 4th of August at the Litchfield Motel.

Sharon from Personal Protection Strategies ran our Seniors through some options should they need to defend themselves.

Refer below for some images from the morning.

Special thanks to Sharon from Personal Protection Strategies, Neighbourhood Watch NT, Victims of Crime NT, Batchelor Police and the Litchfield Motel for hosting the event.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY CHANGES

**Changes to  
Landfill  
- Adelaide**

**As of Tuesday**

PUBLIC and COMMERCIAL  
Tuesday 8a - 4p  
Friday 8a - 4p

**Changes to  
Landfill  
- Batavia**

**As of Tuesday**

PUBLIC and COMMERCIAL  
Monday 7a - 4p  
Friday 11a - 4p  
Saturday 8a - 4p

**Prohibited Items:**



White Goods



Batteries



F-Waste

POOL HOIST INSTALL





A small celebration was held at the Batchelor Swimming Pool to recognise this fantastic addition for Coomalie residents.

A ceremonial ribbon was cut by Miss Lyla Wills, OAM, along with a special cake prepared for the day's proceedings that was ceremoniously cut by Cllr Sue Bulmer.

The hoist was then test run by Prue King who gave it the thumbs up, especially when it didn't dunk her!

Thanks go to the volunteers from Batchelor Area School who worked to raise funds to contribute to the equipment.

Also special thanks to the Northern Territory Health Department for providing us with a Healthy Lifestyle grant to fund this vital piece of equipment to enable our Seniors and disabled citizens use of this facility.

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## COUNCIL EVENTS

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# NATIO SCIENCE

COME AND SEE  
INNOVATIONS FOR

New



# Regional Tourism Strategy

Join us for a free symposium into the Greater Darwin Destination Management Plan for the Litchfield region.



**When:** Friday 3rd September 2021 10:30am - 12:00pm

**Where:** Coomalie Council Chambers, 22 Cameron Road Batchelor

**Register:** Contact Council on 8976-0058

**TERRITORY DAY 2021**



# Territory Sunday 29

Personal fireworks  
Council has secured  
Batchelor Oval for  
the NTG sponsored



Red circle below defines the area on the oval where Personal Fireworks can be released. Fireworks cannot be released under the trees.



## TERRITORY DAY PERSONAL FIREWORKS

Council has reached an agreement with NTG Major Events Corporation contractor to enable the release of personal fireworks on Batchelor Oval.

Once the major fireworks display has completed, the contractors will clean up the oval and ensure it is safe, this should take approx. 30 minutes.

After this check has been done, and ONLY after we have been given the all clear, will members of the public be allowed onto the oval to release personal fireworks.

The overarching emphasis Council will be taking is one of safety to all members of the public should Batchelor FERG deem it inappropriate to release personal fireworks on the night, we will have to respect that decision!

## COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

### COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

August has been a relatively quiet month for libraries with staff cleaning down shelves, auditing of

books, and arranging our annual order through NT Libraries, look out for the new titles when they get delivered!

We are currently looking to purchase some more Lego for the Library at Adelaide River, you have any suggestions please let your friendly Library Team Member know!

Ask your friendly Community Librarian to help you if need!

### **Community Opening Hours**

#### **Adelaide River**

Thursdays 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Fridays 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

#### **Batchelor**

Fridays 2.45 to 5.30pm

Sundays 12.45 to 4:30pm

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

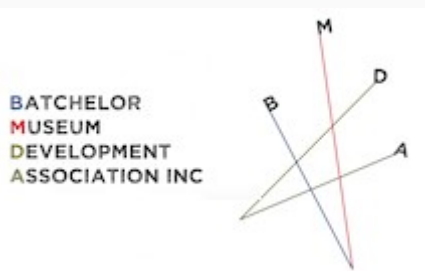
### **HEADPHONES IN LIBRARIES**

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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## **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**



Whilst the Museum continues to receive good visitation the numbers have reduced somewhat- influenced by the numbers of visitors who left following the sudden Darwin lockdown.

People staying in Batchelor appreciate the offer for them to revisit next day at no extra entry charge if they want to continue. The rolling photograph collections continue to absorb interest, while most people who have been in Darwin have seen the Bombing of Darwin DVD at the Aviation Museum. The Aviation Museum enjoys huge visitor numbers. I am told there will be a new program initiative there soon.

The information re Egerton Batchelor in the museum is being reprinted onto a metal panel, black on white as most other panels. The first panels for the Museum, relating to the Batchelor Farm of 1911, were printed on Simona and are less distinctive. I changed from that recommendation with the next printing. The new panel will be relocated to a position under the photograph of Mr Batchelor so it is easier for people to view.

To my knowledge Egerton Batchelor is the only politician ever to have been invited to serve with the opposition ministry. Egerton joined the South Australia Labour party and became the leader. However, with the approval of his party, he accepted the invitation to serve as a Minister within the liberal Government of South Australia. He resigned in 1901 to stand for the Federal Parliament and was subsequently elected. He took responsibility for the Northern Territory in 1911. Northern Territory development may well have been different had he not died prematurely from a heart attack later that year.....

We are careful with water usage so when I noted the huge increase in the latest account we looked for a leak. Not any green patches obvious but the source was subsequently identified close to a building. It required removal of some concrete and therefore a jackhammer so Gary was called in and a temporary repair was made.

The seventy-plus- years pipes need to be replaced to prevent recurrence of this problem so will need to get some idea of the cost of this project. I will then seek a Grant to undertake the installation- a new task that cannot be ignored.

Never a dull time!

Jan Hills

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There was no meeting this month (August) because of events for Seniors' month.

The September meeting has been moved from the third Sunday of the month (for this month ONLY) to the fourth Sunday to accommodate our guest speaker.

Venue will be Denmar Downs Miles Road

Time will be 11 am

Date will be 26th September 2021.

All are welcome

Refreshments will be available and provided free of charge.

Cuttings etc will also be available free of charge.

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](mailto: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 24th September 2021 9:30am start

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 for further details

Ms Sally Sievers, The Anti-Discrimination Commissioner will be giving a talk at the COTA Coomalie Morning Tea on 24<sup>th</sup> September at Bowls Club.

### **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 27th September 2021

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus

Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

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**SENIORS PERSONAL PROTECTION WORKSHOP**



## NEW NORTHERN TERRITORY SENIORS POLICY

Acknowledging the NT has Australia's fastest-growing rate of seniors aged over 65-years, the Territory Labor Government has launched its Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026.

The Policy will guide a whole-of-government approach to revitalising pathways to services and programs for senior Territorians.

Four priority areas and a range of actions will provide future direction to address the matters of

greatest importance for our ageing population as the demand for services continues to expand.

Priority areas are:

- economic participation and financial security;
- safety and security;
- health and wellbeing; and
- social inclusion and diversity.

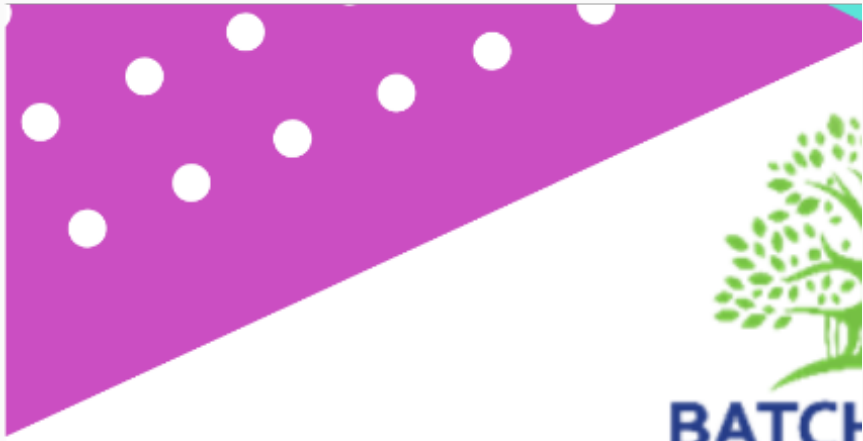
Features of the policy include:

- helping older people to remain in the work force while providing a range of services to support the increased cost of living;
- developing and stimulating private, public and affordable housing for seniors across urban, regional and remote locations;
- a recreation plan to help people stay healthy and active for as long as possible and initiatives around financial and social resources to maintain connections to family, friends and the community;
- improving and simplifying access to the NT Concession Scheme and NT Seniors Recognition Scheme.
- provision of easy-to-understand financial information on superannuation and retirement savings, with Aboriginal people receiving the information in their own language or having access to Aboriginal interpreter services; and
- ensuring senior Territorians can access high-quality, culturally-secure preventative healthcare and promoting, and protecting the health and wellbeing of seniors.

To read the policy please follow the below link

- [https://tfhc.nt.gov.au/\\_\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/1033359/nt-seniors-policy-2021-26.pdf](https://tfhc.nt.gov.au/___data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1033359/nt-seniors-policy-2021-26.pdf)

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**TAX HELP**



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

<p><b>Adelaide River Police Station</b>  <b>Northern Territory Police</b>          C/o Post Office, Adelaide River,          NT 0845,          08 8976 7042</p> <p>Officer in Charge:          Remote Sergeant Peter Birch</p>	<p><b>Batchelor Police Station</b>  <b>Northern Territory Police</b>          PO Box 21, Batchelor, NT          0845,          08 8976 0015</p> <p>Front Counter open:          Mon–Thurs 8am–4pm          Officer in Charge:          Remote Sergeant Paul Parkanyi</p>
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<b>Adelaide River Health Centre</b>	<b>Batchelor Primary Health Care Centre</b>	
Becker St, Adelaide River 0846 (08) 8976-7027	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 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
Gardening Group monthly meeting	Contact Mary Ashley for this month's location 8976-0379	Third Sunday of month 11:00am At Denmar Downs

## COUNCIL INFORMATION



# Dogs in Coo

PARVO KILLS



Vaccinate your dog

**Dogs must be on a leash at  
otherwise they w**

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## 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: 5pm, Tuesday 21st September 2021**

## **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.

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