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

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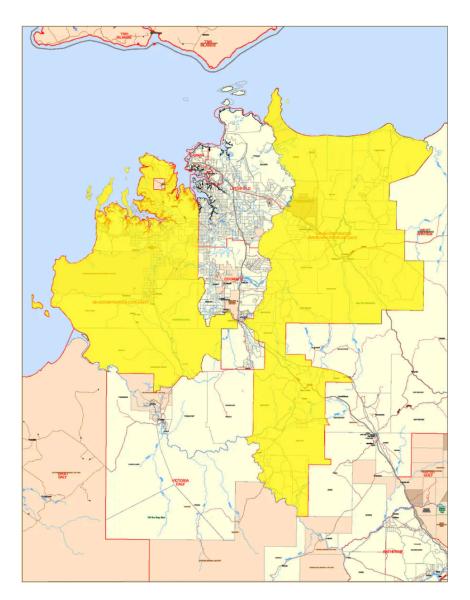
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COUNCIL UPDATES

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

It has and will be an incredibly busy time for Council. Looking ahead, Council will focus over the next two months in developing the 2022-23 Annual Budget and deliberate the Rates Declaration. Council will consult widely on the proposed 2022-23 Draft Budget and the Draft Shire Plan.

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet also launched the consultation on the Incorporation of Unincorporated Areas on 23rd March 2022. This will affect Coomalie Shire. Council is meeting with the Department and consulting with adjacent councils and communities in the unincorporated areas to discuss Council's views and position. Council is also working with Belyuen Community Government Council to revisit the previous amalgamation proposal. Have your say - <u>https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/cox-daly-and-marrakia-douglas-daly</u>



The Waste Advisory Committee will hold its third meeting in early April 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 thanks everyone who participated in the consultation process, attended the consultation sessions at the waste facilities and Adelaide River and Batchelor Stores and completed the survey.

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.

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

- Free Entry to the Batchelor Swimming Pool has been extended until 30th June 2022;
- Council is working with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) on a number of initiatives including stocking Rum Jungle lake with fishstock 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.

Council also held a Cemetery Board Meeting in March and resolved to consider further upgrades for shade and all weather cover as part of the new Budget and requested a Landscaping plan be developed for the Coomalie Bush Cemetery.

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 <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 February includes the following:

- Weed spraying program continues
- Roads management & maintenance
- Clearing of trees from parks & gardens
- Liaising with DIPL for roadworks on Batchelor Road to mitigate flooding
- Preparing the Dry Season works program

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 <u>Report a road fault -</u> <u>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 have fully commenced for 2022 after COVID restrictions were in place at schools.

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

Seniors Mystery Bus Tours

The Seniors Mystery Bus Tours have restarted for the dry season, and occur once a month, currently on a Thursday. You will be treated to an educational experience followed by lunch somewhere in Darwin or its outer regions.

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

See later in this issue for images from this months trip on the 14th April!

Coomalie Youth Week

Please see advertising further in this issue for details of Youth Week activities for the April School Holidays. You can download your enrolment form from Council's website! Download your copy <u>here</u> and submit to secure your place!

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Keep an eye out on Facebook and notices at the local stores for our soon to launch new website, that is much more user friendly and intuitive from a user experience!

80th ANNIVERSARY BOMBING OF DARWIN COMMEMORATION

It was a hot and humid morning for Coomalie's Bombing of Darwin Service for the Commemoration of the 80th anniversary.

This year we had a very special guest, Mr Brian Winspear, the 101 year old veteran from the Bombing on the 19th of February 1942, was in attendance.

Mr Winspear was accompanied by The Chief Minister, Michael Gunner, and various Members of Parliament who came together with the community to commemorate the events 80 years ago.

Special thanks to Coomalie Shire staff for putting together the event and to Mr Dheran Young, Member for Daly, for providing morning tea.











ANNUAL WET SEASON ROAD RESTICTIONS

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Attention: Road Weight Restrictions



Road Weight Restrictions will be in force within the Coomalie Shire. 1 October until 30 April** ** Maybe extended due to weather or road conditions

Permits available from Council 8976-0058

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



COUNCIL EVENTS



At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them

> Monday 25th April 2022 Service begins 5:30am sharp Adelaide River War Graves

Traffic restrictions will apply. Limited *reserved* seating available on application. For bookings, please call Council on 8976-0058.

Traditional Gunfire breakfast and Two-up at the Adelaide River Show Society follows the Service.



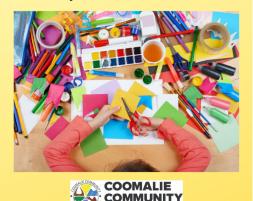




Department of Veterans' Affairs

Craft & Chatter

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



Batchelor Swimming Pool

Price

EXTENDED!!

Opening Hours Monday 6:30am - 8:30am ** 3:00pm - 6:00pm

After School Sports



Adelaide River School Monday's 2:45pm - 3:45pm Batchelor Area School Tuesday's 2:45pm - 3:45pm



Early Morning Lap Swimming







MEMORIAL DRIVE TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ANZAC DAY Monday 25th April 2022

The public are advised that due to the Anzac Day Commemorations, Memorial Drive in Adelaide River will be restricted to traffic from 4.00am to 8.00am on Sunday 25th April 2021.

Restrictions will occur from the Stuart Highway Service Road to the Adelaide River War Cemetery. Traffic will be restricted to a one-way traffic flow towards the War Cemetery from 4.00am to 6.30am.

The one-way traffic flow will be reversed from 6.30am to approximately 8.00am to allow traffic to leave the Adelaide River War Cemetery area. Drivers are reminded that they must follow the directions of the traffic controllers at all times

Reserved Parking and Seating

Available for Veterans, Current & Ex Service people, aged people, wreath layers and those with special requirements & limited mobility.

Please contact Coomalie Community Government Council on 8976 0058 by Friday 16th April 2021, to apply for a reserved parking and seating pass.

Council regrets any inconvenience that these arrangements may cause.

Anna Malgorzewicz Chief Executive Officer Coomalie Community Government Council



Places are limited - ensure you book! Obtain your copy of the enrolment from Council's website and ensure you return to secure your spot!









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 14th April Pickup Batchelor 8:00am Adelaide River 8:30am

Contact Council on 8976-0058 to save your seat!

Calling all Volunteers....



Council is seeking volunteers to assist with various tasks at our ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

You will be required to assist from approx 4:00am on the 25th April until 9:00am after completion.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please contact us on 8976-0058 and leave your details!

Note: Volunteers must be vaccination compliant



COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

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Council's libraries are humming alomng with lots of children and adults enjoying the cool environs on these hot days! Council has recently appointed 2 new librarians to work a both libraries, please make welcome to Miss Linda M and Miss Lee when you see them doing their training over coming weeks!

We have a wide and varied range of books available at both Community Librarians, 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.

Craft & Chatter

The Sunday Craft & Chatter group is growing 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.

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.

CHILDREN'S COVID IMMUNISATIONS

BATCHELOR

The children's vaccination program kicks off at Batchelor Area School.

When: Every Wednesday 10:30 – 4:00pm
Location: Dental Clinic – Batchelor Area School (Front of the school)
Who: Available to all children of Batchelor Community - 5yrs – 17yrs

- Drop-in's are welcome.
- Parents, carers, and guardians must accompany their child.
- Consent forms must be completed prior to vaccinations

COVID-19

We ask that everyone to follow COVID-19 regulations

- Social Distancing
- Mask Wearing
- Sanitise hands

• Check in by scanning or signing in

Please note: Batchelor Area School is under some very strict COVID-19 guidelines. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff and children, only essential services are allowed to enter school classrooms and school grounds.

Please refer to Batchelor Area School, 08 8976-0077, should you require further information.

ADELAIDE RIVER

Available at the Adleaide River Clinic, Tuesday's.

Please contact teh clinic on 08 8976-7027 for furtehr infomration.

COOMALIE SENIORS DO GOVERNMENT HOUSE







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Coomalie Seniors, as part of the Mystery Bus Tour program, attended Government House on Thursday 10th March.

They were treated to a tour of the house and gardens of Government House, and had morning tea with Her Honour The Honourable Mrs Vicki O'Halloran who was welcoming and gracious in having so many visiting her house.

WEEDS IN COOMALIE

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Star Burr Weed (*Acanthospermum hispidum*) has been detected in Adelaide River.

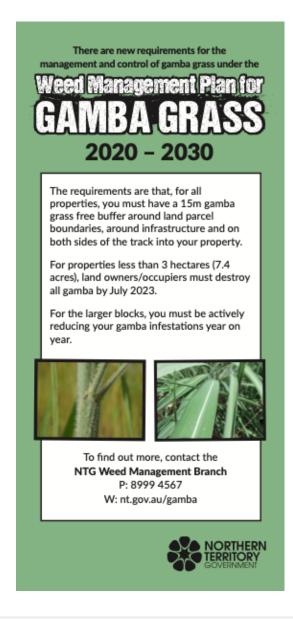


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Should you see this weed and have no means of dealing with it, please contact Council on 8976-0058 to discuss options for treatment.



GAMBA PROTECTION ZONE



COMMUNITY FUNDED CLIMATE PROJECTS



Citizens Own Renewable Energy Network Australia Inc

Community organisations, social enterprises and not for profits are invited to apply for a zerointerest loan to pay for climate-beneficial projects such as installing solar panels, improving energy efficiency, switching away from fossil gas use, or purchasing electric vehicles. CORENA is a nonprofit organisation focussed on helping community organisations deliver projects that achieve immediate reductions in carbon emissions and costs. The public donate the funds and you receive independent advice and a zero-interest ioan to fund your project. Many groups find this much easier than a grant as the process is not competitive and CORENA are able to assist the group to develop a good project. The resultant savings on energy/fuel bills cover the loan repayments into our revolving fund which are re-invested to help other community organisations. This means you can do your part to help tackle the climate emergency without diverting any of your budget away from delivering services to your community. And when your project has 'paid for itself' you'll have lower operating costs, meaning more money available for your core purpose. For more information see corenafund.org.au or contact Sarah McCabe at sarah@corenafund.org.au.

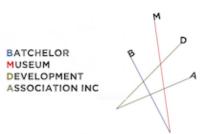
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Adeladie River Community Craft Markets

Adelaide River Market will commence 2022 Markets on the 16th April (Easter Saturday) 8.00am to 12.30pm in Glen Huitson Park. We look forward to seeing you all again this year.

New stallholders more than welcome.





The heavy rainfalls have livened up the Tamarind trees in the grounds, which is really good as they had been affected by the lower rainfall over the past few years. We will provide more nutritive supplement for them and water them in the Dry so hopefully the new growth will flourish.

On Tuesday 8th February several of us tackled the overgrowth in the garden area adjoining the big drain along Tarkarri Road. James sawed the mahogany trees which were already three or four foot high, and the stumps were then poisoned. Gamba grass and many other weeds were removed and we will try to stay ahead of regrowth in the remaining rainy season.

I have been trying to locate an artist from Warrai or Kungarakan people who could paint a mural on the front of the building fronting Mardango Crescent. There are available experienced Aboriginal artists who could assist with this type of presentation if such help was needed.

We do have an opportunity to fund this long-awaited mural so If interested please be in touch as soon as possible to talk about this important presentation. Also it is an opportunity to become involved in the street-art scene.

Lucinda and I are at the Museum Tuesdays until 2pm or so; or leave your contact details with Gaye at the Museum.

We will have a house-keeping exercise before the start of the Tourism season to counter the cobwebs and dust build-up to be ready late March for some pre-booked visitors. We expect tourism will increase from Easter onwards.

As we have new displays I know previous visitors who regularly return, will be pleased.. There are several Rum Jungle people who have indicated they will return in this year-such is their great memories of living in Batchelor and working in that mining era.

Jan Hills



The Coomalie Gardening Group met on Sunday 20th March 2022 at 11 am at Denmar Downs.

There was apologies from Ken Edge who, unfortunately, has found himself in hospital. He was to be the guest speaker with his subject "Air plants"

The group welcomed a new member who brought a plant specimen and, also, grows lovely caladiums.

The second new member is a landscaper and will be our guest speaker next month.

As the group feasted on sausage rolls and sponge cake with cream accompanied by tea, coffee, fruit juice, etc. a "Happy Birthday" was wished to one of our oldest members (in age and membership years), Miss Lyla Wills OAM. who will be 88 on Wednesday 23rd March.

Meeting discussed incorporating Host gardens again, about three times a year. A host will allow the Coomalie gardening group to hold that particular monthly meeting at their place, and members would, then, be able to view their garden and perhaps, be inspired with new ideas, range of plants, cultivation hints etc

Meeting closed around 12.30 pm

The next meeting will also be at Denmar Downs on Sunday 17th April 2022 at 11 am. This falls on EASTER SUNDAY so there will be Easter eggs for all. Chris, the landscaper will be guest speaker. 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. Contact Mary on 89 760 379 to arrange.



BATCHELOR OP SHOP & FOOD FOR LIFE

The Batchelor op-shop is open each second Friday from 10 am to 12 noon with the last date being 28th January this year.

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 transacRons.

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 operarates on will be Friday 11th and 25th March 2022.



Morning Tea

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club When: Friday 29th April 2022 9:30am Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255 for further details

Everyone is welcome and current COVID rules at the time will apply. Come and meet Dheran and discuss your Senior's issues with him.

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: Tuesday 26th April 2022 *Note day change due to public holidays*

Booking essential – Numbers limited due to small bus Contact: Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

POLICE

Adelaide River Police Station Northern Territory Police Batchelor Police Station Northern Territory Police

PO Box 21,

C/- Post Office, Adelaide River 0845 (08) 8976-7042

Officer in Charge -Remote Sergeant Peter Birch 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



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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





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. Registerd 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 <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 19th April 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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