



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

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From The Chambers

From The President



Council is in a busy period of compliance works as the team completes the end of financial year processes and has the annual external audit completed. Council will receive the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2025/26 at the October Ordinary General Meeting for adoption.

Throughout August, I have continued to advocate for the removal of the demountables from Batchelor, including meeting with the Hon. Bill Yan, Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure. This includes the removal of the demountables, but also the reinstatement of Council owned roads and other assets damaged during the emergency response.

At the August OGM, Council resolved to commence the recruitment process for a Chief Executive Officer. I look forward to being able to update the community once the process is complete.

The dry season continues to deliver many great events across the region and I encourage you all to support the remaining events across the Shire before the wet season is upon us again.

Council staff continue to respond to high numbers of notifications for service requests and issues across the Shire and are actively arranging works to be completed as soon as possible. Please continue to report any hazards by phone, email, Council's website or the Snap Send Solve app [Report Local Issues to Councils](#) | [Snap Send Solve](#).

We appreciate the community's understanding and support as officers work to address key concerns across all services.



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Throughout August, Council held multiple meetings to address matters as they arose. Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 15th August 2026, as well as two special meetings during the month. There was also a Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) meeting on 10th August 2026.

The business considered by Council over the month is detailed below:

August OGM Meeting

- Project nominations for Roads to Recovery annual funding allocation, Community Benefit Fund Grant 2026/27
- Grant acquittals required for project in line with Grant Agreements. These included Waste and Resource Management Grants, Community Places for People grants and Regional and Remote Burial Areas grants.
- Planning update for Council's Community Christmas Event 2026 – further details to come soon. Watch this space!
- Requests for support from community residents and other stakeholders regarding several matters including a local history taking project and an NTG Proposed Place Name application.
- Two development applications were considered by Council for comments including proposed changes to the subdivision guidelines.
- Council reviewed properties with rates in arrears and determined to proceed with legislative process of registering Overriding Statutory Charges on properties with arrears older than 6 months.

RMAC Meeting

- Long-term Financial and Sustainability Planning
- Policy reviews to be undertaken by Council in the coming months, including the Risk Management Policy
- Development of Council's Strategic Risk Register
- Risk management considerations relating to the Batchelor Unowned Horse Population

2026/2027 Property Rate Notices

2026/2027 Rates notices have been issued in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*.

1st Instalment due 25th September 2026

2nd Instalment due 27th November 2026

3rd Instalment due 29th January 2027

4th and Final Instalment due 26th March 2027

Any outstanding debts will be accruing interest. If you are unsure if you are up to date, please call the Council Office and we can assist you.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties honouring your property rate obligations, please contact the Council Office and arrange an appointment to discuss financial hardship options. Council's Rates Concession Policy is available on our website.

Please remember it is the ratepayer's responsibility to ensure contact details are kept up to date and penalties can apply in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*. Please submit any request for change of details in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

Free to Residents

Domestic quantities of mulch can be collected from the Batchelor Waste Management Facility.
Commercial quantities are available at \$34 a cubic metre.

Please note that if you require machinery assistance to load the mulch, there is an additional cost to hire. You must also pre-book a collection time to hire equipment to ensure availability, Please contact Council Office to book.

Need to know more?

Visit Council Meeting page on our website www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-meetings to access the very latest information.

Up Next

Council's next meeting will be held on **Saturday 19th September 2026 at 10am** in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council Meetings are open to the public.

Updates to Stop Press Publications

We are updating our newsletter schedule! To better align with council reporting timeframes, we will be transitioning from a monthly publication to a quarterly release.

Please note that articles for the upcoming edition will be due by mid-October, with the newsletter scheduled for release at the end of the month. This change will allow us to provide more comprehensive updates that reflect the latest council developments. Thank you for your continued readership.



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thunderstorms**



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cyclone categories and
warnings](#)

Knowledge centre

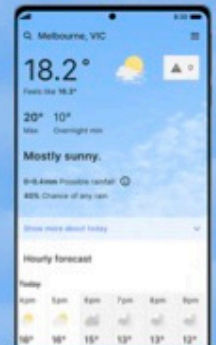
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BOM Weather

Australia's official weather app

**Enable warning
notifications**

**How to access weather
warnings on a map**

**Weather app help
and support**

Know Your Weather. Know Your Risk.

Find out all about severe weather so you can be better prepared when it strikes.

Visit the [Bureau's website here](#) to see a series of articles on Fire, Flood and Tropical Cyclone events and how you can prepare yourself.

Prepare for severe weather

Severe weather can develop quickly and threaten lives and property. You can reduce its impact by taking time to get ready before it happens.

Find out [how to set up BOM Weather app warning notifications](#).

Community Event Calendar

Help Us Build Our New Community Event Calendar!

At the behest of Community Groups within Coomalie, Council is excited to announce the launch of a new, centralised community event calendar, and we need your help to fill it! Whether you are organising a charity fundraiser, a local sports match, a school play, or a neighbourhood meet-up, we want to hear from you.

This new calendar is designed to be a one-stop shop for everything happening in our community, making it easier for residents to discover and support local events. By submitting your events, you can reach a wider audience and help make our community more vibrant and connected.

If you have an upcoming event you would like to feature, please send the details—including the date, time, location, and a brief description—to the council. Let's work together to showcase all the wonderful things our community has to offer!

Coomalie Community Calendar

Stay connected with everything happening in the Coomalie Shire!

The Coomalie Community Calendar is your go-to destination for discovering local events, activities, and gatherings. From council initiatives to local club meetings and special celebrations, find out what's on and how you can get involved in our vibrant community.

August 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	08:00 Adelaide River Craft Market	08:30 Healthy Socialising ~ COTA Coomalie	10:00 String Movers Classes	08:00 Adelaide River Craft Market	08:00 Batchelor Town & Country Market 08:00 Adelaide River Craft Market
10 08:00 Adelaide River	11	12	13	14 10:00 Strong Movers	15	16

The calendar will be updated regularly with events as they are made known to Council staff. Events will be allocated on a first served basis.

To get your event published, send the details to community.calendar@coomalie.nt.gov.au, ensure you include the following information:

- Date & time
- Location
- The organising body
- Contact details for further information



From The Council Services Team

Major works include:

- Necessary road repairs from wet season damage in progress
- Installation of vehicle access to Adelaide River oval for relevant users - scheduled to be finished by end of September.

Minor Works:

- Contractor tree works - scheduled and ongoing

Ongoing works include:

- General road maintenance
- Streetlight audits
- General facility maintenance in both Adelaide River and Batchelor townships
- Mowing of both townships
- Regular work activities at Adelaide River and Batchelor waste facilities
- Tree audit & pruning works in Adelaide River and Batchelor
- Post wet season maintenance including pothole repairs.

MEMORIAL TERRACE ROAD WORKS



Council contractors are undertaking roadworks at the end of Memorial Terrace from **Monday June 1st, 2026**.

Please note there is a change in traffic conditions and to follow all signage and directions of traffic management.

Apologies for the inconvenience while we undertake these works.



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COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Change to Commercial Rubbish Collection Days

Please note that the commercial rubbish collection days are changing.
Current collection days: Tuesday & Friday

New Collection Days Monday & Thursday
Effective from Monday 17 August 2026

Please ensure bins are presented kerbside and easily accessible to the collection truck. This will help ensure an efficient and timely service.

Thank You For Your Cooperation

Contact Us (08) 8976-0058 www.coomalie.nt.gov.au

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Weeds in Coomalie

Grader Grass

Also known as Habana Grass, Kangaroo Grass, Oatgrass

Scientific name: *Themeda quadrivalvis* (L.) Kuntze

Declaration status: [Class A](#)

Quick Facts

- Grader Grass (*Themeda quadrivalvis*) is a robust, but short-lived, tufted grass that grows up to 2 m tall.
- It grows rapidly and produces several upright flowering stems that turn reddish-brown or golden-brown as they mature. In perfect conditions flowers are produced only 5–6 weeks after germination and mature seeds can be set 10 weeks after germination.
- Grader Grass is a common and widespread weed of roadsides, pastures, and native grasslands in the tropical and semi-arid regions of northern Australia.
- It can significantly reduce the productivity of native and sown pastures, and is also an important weed of sugar cane crops.
- Grader Grass can also significantly reduce the biodiversity of native grasslands, savanna woodlands and rangelands. It alters the fire regime in these communities and can transform native savanna woodlands into exotic grasslands.



To find out more, visit [🌐 Grader Grass, Habana Grass, Kangaroo Grass, Oatgrass](#)

From the Ranger

ANNUAL RENEWAL OF DOG REGISTRATIONS

Dog registrations are due for renewal from 1 September 2026.

Please ensure your animal details are up to date and that registrations are renewed annually.

Registration period: **1 September – 31 August.**

*****Township properties are limited to two (2) dogs per property only – unless additional dog licence is approved by Council*****



ANNUAL DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

Registration Period:
1 Sep 2026 - 31 Aug 2027

Registration discounts available:

- 50% discount for concession card holders.
- 50% discount for desexed dogs.
- Only one discount can be applied per registration.
- A valid concession card or desexing certificate must be provided to receive the applicable discount.

Coomalie (Dog Management) By-laws 2002

- Township properties: A maximum of two (2) registered dogs are permitted per property
- An additional dog licence must be applied for and approved by Council if more than two (2) dogs are kept on the property.
- Rural properties: There is no limit on the number of dogs; however, all dogs must be registered.

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ROAMING DOGS:

It is an offence under the *Coomalie (Dog Management) By-Laws 2002* for your dog to be in a public place without being under effective control or appropriately leashed.

If your dog is found roaming or not under effective control, it may be impounded by Council Rangers and fees will apply.

Dog owners are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring their dogs remain safely contained and under effective control at all times.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND ROAD RESERVES

Council will be conducting weekly roadside inspections in both townships. Notices will be issued for overgrown properties and waste on road reserves where required.

Council would like to remind the community of the following responsibilities:

- **Yard Maintenance:** Lawns must be mowed regularly.
- **Vegetation:** Remove overgrown vegetation to maintain safety and presentation.
- **Loose Items:** Secure objects that could become projectiles in strong winds.

Road reserves must NOT be used for: Parking vehicles, storing materials/equipment/trailers or for dumping waste (including green waste).

VET CLINIC OCTOBER 2026 DATES:

****All dogs must be registered with Council to access this program.****

Council is excited to announce the October 2026 Vet Clinic dates for Batchelor and Adelaide River!

Batchelor – Rum Jungle Bowls Club

14 October 2026

Adelaide River – Access Shed, Swannel Street

15 October 2026

Services for **dogs and cats** include:

- ✓ Desexing
- ✓ Vaccinations
- ✓ Health checks
- ✓ Parasite control

Feral Cat Trapping Program

Running during vet clinic week:

- 12-15 October 2026

⚠ Please keep domestic cats indoors during these dates to avoid accidental trapping. ⚠

For more information and bookings, please contact the Council Ranger on 8976 0058 or mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au

Help keep our community pets happy and healthy!

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**VET CLINIC
and
FERAL CAT
TRAPPING PROGRAM**

**DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH
COOMALIE COUNCIL TO ACCESS
THE VET CLINIC SERVICE**

**BATCHELOR
14 OCTOBER 2026**

**ADELAIDE RIVER
15 OCTOBER 2026**

DOG AND CAT SERVICES:

DESEXING VACCINATIONS HEALTH CHECKS PARASITE CONTROL (DOG ONLY)

CONTACT COUNCIL FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS: **PH: 8976 0058**

From Community Services Team

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

The July tour travelled to Kingpin Darwin for a fun and exciting game of ten pin bowling

The Seniors Month event occurred in August with a trip to Territory Wildlife Park was held during August.

The next tour is scheduled for Thursday 10th September, a week early due to holidays! Call COuncil to secure your spot!

Strong Movers

Council's Strong Movers program continues to be held at the Bruce Jones Community Centre every Friday morning.

Participants work through varying exercises that are designed to improve balance, core strength and general health & wellness.

Come along and see for yourself the benefits of exercise on your body & mind!



Coomalie Bush & Beyond Art Show 2027

“Wild hearts. Open skies. Art inspired by nature.”

Set in the heart of **Batchelor**, the *Coomalie Bush & Beyond Art Show* is a joyful celebration of the landscapes, wildlife, and natural beauty that surround our community.

From sweeping savanna skies to the smallest bushland details, this event invites local artists of all ages and skill levels to share their creative take on the environment we call home. Inspired by the wetlands, woodlands, and the vibrant wildlife of the Top End, the exhibition showcases art that reflects the colours, textures, and stories of Country.

This is more than an art show — it's a community gathering. A place where families, visitors, and artists connect through creativity, where children can proudly display their wildlife masterpieces, and where the changing seasons of the Territory come alive through paint, photography, sculpture, and mixed media.

Whether you're an established artist or picking up a brush for the first time, the *Coomalie Bush & Beyond Art Show* celebrates imagination, connection, and our shared love of the wild beauty around us.

Children's Competition

“Little Creatures, Big Imaginations!”

Calling all young artists!

Do you love frogs after the rain? Bright birds in the trees? Wallabies hopping through the bush? Then this competition is for you!

“**Little Creatures, Big Imaginations!**” invites children to create an artwork inspired by the wildlife and landscapes around Batchelor. Draw it, paint it, collage it — let your imagination run wild!

All entries will be proudly displayed at the Batchelor Bush & Beyond Art Show, with fun prizes and lots of community applause.

Big ideas, tiny hands, wild creativity!



NT Youth Week Ambassador Program

The Ambassadors for Northern Territory Youth Week (NTYW) play a huge part in the success of the initiative. Ambassadors:

- are young people aged 15 to 25 years
- receive the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, get involved in community life and have their say on important topics impacting young Territorians
- play a key role in the coordination and promotion of NT Youth Week
- attend the many events occurring during NT Youth Week
- represent the ideas and concerns of young Territorians
- work in collaboration with the Office of Youth Affairs and in an advisory role with stakeholders
- develop skills in media and public speaking, leadership, event coordination and promotion, project management, team building and networking.

Read about [Northern Territory Youth Week](#).

Find out more about the [Office of Youth Affairs](#).

How to apply

Applications to become a 2027 NT Youth Week Ambassador are currently open and close at 11:59pm ACST on Friday 11 September 2026.

To apply, fill in the NT Youth Week Ambassador program application form via any of the below options:

- [NT Youth Week Ambassador program online application](#)
- [NT Youth Week Ambassador program PDF \(1.1 MB\)](#)
- [NT Youth Week Ambassador program DOCX \(4.0 MB\)](#)

For more information or assistance with completing the application form, contact the Office of Youth Affairs on 08 8999 3862 or email dpasc.oya@nt.gov.au.

Who can apply

The NT Youth Week Ambassador program is open to all young people residing in the Northern Territory, passionate about making a difference in their community, and aged between 15 and 25 years.

Ambassadors are representative of the geographic, cultural, and ethnic diversity of the Territory.

Ambassadors are required to be available in the lead up to and during NT Youth Week 2027 (2 – 14 April 2027) and required to attend meetings (face-to-face or online) as part of the learning, planning, and promotion of NT Youth Week.

Selection of ambassadors will consider the skills required for the role and will reflect the diversity of young Territorians, including geographic, age and cultural representation.

To become a NT Youth Week Ambassador, a young person must be:

- between 15 and 25 years
- passionate about getting involved in community life
- willing to use their voice to represent the views and interests of young Territorians

- willing to support the coordination and promotion of NT Youth Week
- interested in building your professional skills
- interested in being the 'public face' of the event for the Northern Territory.



NT Youth Week 2027 Ambassador Program

Apply at youth.nt.gov.au



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From the Community Libraries Team

Our Community Libraries are both air conditioned and a friendly environment, and can act as a safe space for all.

Community Library Opening Hours

Adelaide River

Thursdays 3:00pm to 6:30pm

Fridays 3:00pm 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 these times.

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

OneMusic Media release: August 2026

40% of shoppers walk out over music: New study reveals the hidden revenue lever retailers are missing



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA: The wrong soundtrack is actively driving customers out the door of Australian businesses, according to a new study released by OneMusic.

A new study has revealed a powerful (and often overlooked) driver of retail performance - in-store music. But the good news is, the right soundtrack can increase dwell time, spending and brand loyalty.

Surveying 1,250 consumers across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, the study by Inside Retail revealed that music is far more than background noise. It actively shapes customer behaviour, influencing how long people stay, how much they spend, and whether they return.

The findings are stark:

- 40% of Australian shoppers have left a venue because of the music
- Around 50% have stayed longer when the music felt right
- A quarter of customers downgrade their perception of a brand due to poor music choices

“This isn’t about taste – it’s about business performance,” said **OneMusic Director, Karen Holmes**. “Music is a controllable, low-cost lever that directly impacts customer experience and revenue. In 2026, a business needs to create strong experiences to bring customers in-store. This new research confirms the effectiveness of the music playlist to connect with customers and create a tangible experience.”

Australian Fashion Designer and Boutique Owner Megan Park agrees: “It’s more important now than ever for bricks and mortar retailers to create an experience and keep that fresh. My approach to my stores is the same. I think about the whole process of shopping, senses need to be engaged. Music is vital to the whole sensory experience in retail, as much as the scent of the store, interior design and lighting, and the tactile displays and merchandising need to make a statement.”

Playbook to make the most of the music

The report, commissioned by OneMusic, also points to some simple actions businesses can take:

- Get the volume right

Volume is the #1 factor shaping first impressions, outranking genre and familiarity

- Make customers feel welcome

‘Welcoming’ and ‘calm’ are the most desired atmospheres according to customers.

- Wear your music licence with pride: Compliance is a trust signal

Displaying a OneMusic “Licensed to Play” sticker is viewed positively/neutrally by 94% of AU consumers and 95% of NZ consumers.

- Align your playlist to your business

Customers expect music to align with a brand’s overall identity. Mismatched music makes brands feel ‘disconnected’ or ‘unprofessional’ to over 40% of customers.

Younger consumers are particularly sensitive, with Gen Z and Millennials treating the playlist as part of the overall brand experience. Up to 75% say they can detect generic or “stock” music, associating it with lower quality or authenticity.

Older customers (65 and over) prioritise comfort, with volume being the most noticeable, or a jarring atmosphere.

Importantly, the absence of music is not a safe fallback. Consumers in both Australian and New Zealand markets describe silent retail environments as “awkward” and “unfinished”.

The report makes it clear that retailers who treat music strategically – aligning genre, managing volume, and prioritising authenticity – can unlock a “dwell time dividend” that translates into increased browsing, higher spend, and stronger loyalty.

Hundreds of businesses that are licensed with OneMusic, including retailers, are fitted with an [Audoo Audio Meter](#); which is a small plug-in device that recognises the music you play. It uses state of the art technology to fingerprint songs, and that data is securely sent to APRA AMCOS and PPCA – the music rights organisations behind OneMusic. The data plays a role in helping the creators of the music you play get their royalties paid.

The Audoo data shows that Australian retailers are mostly playing contemporary pop chart toppers.

Australian businesses are invited to complete OneMusic’s [Sound Score Quiz](#). They can check if they are missing an opportunity to win customers over and read the full report for free.

ENDS

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Morning Tea

Please see flyer to the right for a morning tea on 24th September 2026 at Litchfield Resort at 9.30am to 11.00am.

Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

Please ring Jan on 0408 760 257

Agemoves

Where: Old Rum Jungle Tavern, Batchelor

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

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

Combined session for people of Coomalie.

Yoga and Pilates are available on alternative weeks.

All Coomalie people are encouraged to attend both or either sessions.

Grey Panthers in Coomalie Dance Group

Where: Batchelor Tavern

When: Every Wednesday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Contact: Daryl Butler 0428 983 098

**All welcome
Free event with
morning tea**

**You are invited to a
Hearing Health Talk**

Topics include: signs and symptoms of hearing loss, impact of hearing loss on overall health and wellbeing, benefits of early intervention, available support via the Australian Government Hearing Services Program, plus tips for maintaining good hearing health

Complimentary hearing screenings and personalised advice available



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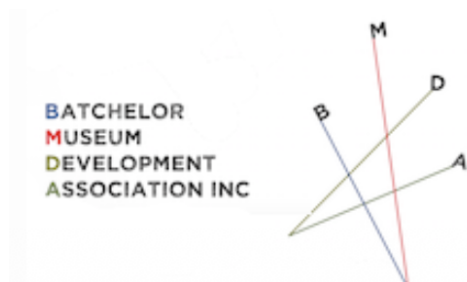
**Litchfield Outback
Resort**
49 Rum Jungle Rd,
Batchelor



Thu 24 Sept 2026
9.30AM — 11AM

Bookings for catering purposes
Jan 0408 760 257

Community Groups



It has been great to welcome more people to the Museum over the past month, some of whom took the opportunity to resume their visit on the following day as they spent more time in our two major areas-- WW2, and the Uranium Mining history.

Many Territory people do not recognise the importance of Batchelor and Adelaide River during WW2. Whilst the Adelaide War Cemetery has high visitation and is a beautifully kept memorial to the many hundreds named there, Adelaide River also became the place to which the several hospitals existing in Darwin at the time of the first bombing were shifted. This was a safer area and the extent of the tents and huts was considerable. It meant too that rail transport could be utilised as needed.

However the Landing ground at Batchelor was built to take the weight of the bomber aircraft belonging to Dutch, American and Australian Air Forces, -which Darwin air strip could not, so the operative personnel were camped at Batchelor. General MacArthur had the landing strip upgraded again after he landed at Batchelor before taking the lead to manage the War happening in New Guinea, Timor and near areas. His command office was set up in Brisbane, and was kept intact post-war; and I visited some years ago.

Lucinda is expanding the display of the Batchelor brochure made by Dutch Airforce men during their stay. We did have the front page on display, but because we now have a complete postcard this artistic and obviously engaging art work will have all pages displayed under glass.

We still have a couple more new panels to place from the latest printing job, but are happily displaying some new small descriptive ones.

We are needing to get trees lopped so if anyone has those contractors coming please advise us as we would appreciate being able to share costs of bringing contractors to site.

Meantime some additional panels are in the pipeline.

Thank you to all our volunteers from Lucinda and I to caretakers, Linda and Richie: Simon, Prue, Marjon, Gaye and Darrel.

For now the Museum will be open all 7 days from 9am to 3pm.

From Jan



Rum Jungle Project Update

The latest newsletter from the Rum Jungle Mine Project can be downloaded from Council's website [here](#) and scroll to the section on Rum Jungle Mine Project Newsletter.

You can also view the latest Quarterly Stakeholder report on our website as well.

Friends of Northern Australia Railway - Working Bee



Friends of North Australian railway invite all to come along and support the Adelaide River Railway Heritage Precinct !

Working Bee down Thursday 10th September 2026 !

We thank our volunteers for the work that they have been achieving, cleaning up buildings, fixing water leaks , pruning , cleaning up along fence lines , cutting back and removing dead trees, pruning and cleaning up pig damaged lawns, picking up rubbish around the precinct and there is so much more that needs to be done ! so any help or assistance is always most appreciated, removing dead trees and dangerous branches.

- whipper snipping long fire hazard long grass and mowing, cleaning up around outside displays.
- cleaning inside buildings and displays a never-ending task!
- There are tasks that will suit, all sizes and ages and abilities so please come along a lend a hand.
- Please bring your own tools and equipment trailers, buckets, chain saws, whipper snippers etc
- Please bring your hat, gloves, water and lots of energy!
- We can provide Hot water and an amazing setting.

Thank you for your ongoing support to FNAR – Chair Peter Poole

Look out for the Notice for our forth coming AGM to be held on Friday the 13th November at 12pm at the Trailer Boat Club in Darwin. ...

Contact Sec; 0429625832

LAKE BENNETT GRAVEL RIDE – MARRAKAI CHASE

Aims

To get as many people having fun on bikes as possible.

Raise awareness and funds for RUOK.

Participant requirements

Recommended minimum age is 13 – you need to be able to ride 40km along rough roads in hot weather and stick with your parent/guardian.

Any valid Auscycling membership is OK - race, ride or day membership.

Date Sunday 13 September 2026

Course overview

The course is a mix of rough rural road, unpaved road and paved rural roads. There are patches of soft ground, corrugations, a small creek crossing and some rougher terrain.

Bikes of any sort can be used provided they are in good working order. Gravel bikes are recommended but mountain bikes would be great too. Road bikes are not recommended.

It will be the build-up and likely hot (up to 37 deg C) and humid (expect 80% humidity).

Format

The ride will be a staggered start in bunches of no more than 30, self-seeded with faster riders at the front.

Times will be allocated as riders cross the finish.

There will be prizes for top finishers (TBC) and spot prizes for best efforts.

Gear

Dress appropriately for heat and sun protection.

Carry your own water, nutrition and spares e.g. tubes, tools etc.. There will be two water stops for refills,

Course support

Key turns will be marked (e.g. directional signage).

The course will be marked at least each kilometre.

Marshalls, water and first aid will be located at key locations as per route outline above.

Course sweeper will leave after start, drive the course in line with intermediate cutoff times and arrive at the finish at the finishing cutoff time. The course sweeper will:

- have basic first aid
 - carry water
 - collect course markings
- Mobile phones work in this area, but coverage is incomplete. UHF radios and star-link will be used where possible as back-up.

All starters must sign off with marshalls at the finish (including any that do not finish/are collected by the course sweeper).

Administration

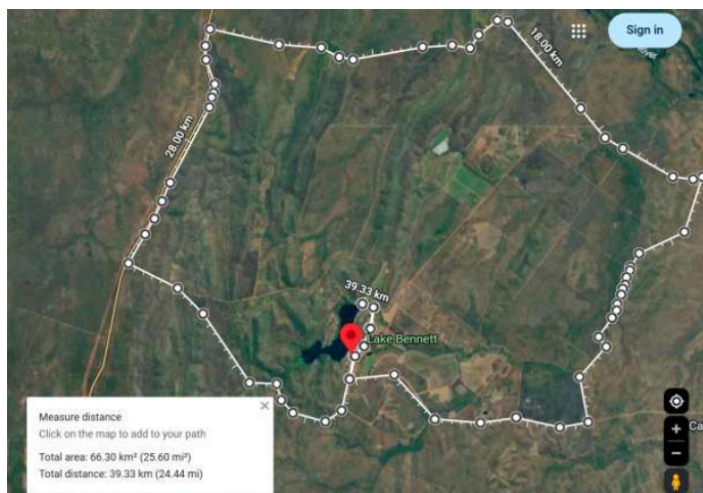
Darwin Cycling Club (DCC) is responsible for overall management of the event
(darwincyclingclub@gmail.com).

Darwin OffRoad Cyclists (DORC) will co-host/support the event.

Ride organiser lead Simon Forsterling (0401 592 295, simmof@hotmail.com).

Recommended to download the course to your Garmin/strava.

Indicative Course Map



MARRAKAI CHASE

40KM GRAVEL RIDE | **OR** | **GRAVEL BIKE OR MTB RECOMMENDED** | **STARTING & FINISHING AT LAKE BENNETT PICNIC AREA**

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

SIGN-ON FROM 6:15AM

SUPPORTED BY: **DORC** (DARWIN OFF ROAD CYCLISTS) | **DARWIN CYCLING CLUB** (EST. 1955) | SUPPORTING: **RUOK?** (A conversation could change a life)

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Community Markets



Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday until Father's Day 6th September 2026.

8am till 12noon.

Mobile: 0459 082 084



SUN 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

8am to 1pm
Town Centre

Come on down and
enjoy:
Unique stalls
Great food
Kids activities
Raffles!

Pet friendly

For more information
please email
[batchelormarketsnt@
gmail.com](mailto:batchelormarketsnt@gmail.com)

Tai Chi in the Park

Find your balance, breathe deeply, and enjoy gentle movement in the fresh air.

Join us at 11:00 am on Market Day for a welcoming Tai Chi session in the park. Suitable for beginners and experienced participants of all ages and fitness levels.

- **When:** Market Day at 11:00 am
- **Where:** In the park
- **What to bring:** Comfortable clothing, water, and sun protection

Come for the market, stay for Tai Chi



RIGHTS ON SHOW ART AWARDS & EXHIBITION

SEE BEYOND LIMITS.
SEE THE TALENT.
SEE THE PERSON.

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*An exhibition that celebrates creativity,
challenges assumptions and recognises the
strengths, talents and humanity in every
individual.*

ENTRIES CLOSE 4th NOV '26

*Open to all ages, abilities, art mediums
and interpretations.*

AWARDS NIGHT

Friday 4th Dec 2026
5:30pm - all welcome
Supreme Court NT

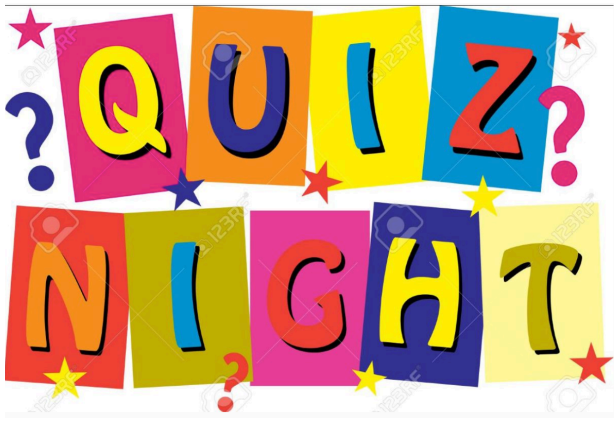
EXHIBITION

7th - 17th Dec 2026
8am - 4pm Weekdays
Supreme Court NT

ENTRY FORM

www.dcls.org.au/ros
or for more info email:
erin@dcls.org.au





Community quiz night at the Litchfield Outback Resort, Batchelor every second Friday evening.

ALL WELCOME!

The next quiz nights will be held Friday 11th & 25th September 2026 from 7.00pm.

Meet 'n Greet Op Shop



The OpShop and Meet 'n' Greet events continue for 2026 and will held on Friday the 11th & 25th September 2026.



St Francis Church

Every Sunday
Mardango Cres, Batchelor
9:00am service start with morning tea at 10:30am



Church of the Resurrection

Memorial Terrace, Adelaide River
2nd & Last Sunday of the month
11am start



Save the Date

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Agemoves	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Tuesdays 10:00am - 11:30am Call Darryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803
Adelaide River Community Craft Market	Glen Huitson Park	Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday until Father's Day 6th September 2026. 8am till 12noon. Mobile: 0459 082 084
Batchelor Market	Batchelor Oval	2 nd Sunday of the month. 13 th August 2026. Dry season only
Batchelor Quiz Night	Litchfield Outback Resort, Batchelor	Every 2 nd Friday of the month 11 th & 25 th September 2026 from 7pm
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Wednesdays 10:00am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Church of the Resurrection	Memorial Terrace, Adelaide River	2 nd & Last Sunday of every month. 9:00am start
Seventh Day Adventist Church	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Saturday 11:00am
St Francis Church	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Sunday 9:00am start, 10:30am Morning Tea
St Francis Op Shop	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2 nd Friday 9:30am - 11:30am 11 th & 25 th September 2026
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church	Bruce Jones Centre, Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor	First Sunday of Every Month 6 th September 2026
Strong Movers	Bruce Jones Community Centre	Fridays during school terms 10:00am for 45 minutes
Tai Chi & Qi Gong	Batchelor Oval	12:30pm following the Batchelor Markets throughout the dry season. 13 th August 2026

From Emergency Services

Adelaide River Police Station
Northern Territory Police

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



Batchelor Police Station
Northern Territory Police

**PO Box 21,
Batchelor NT 0845
(08) 8976-0015**



**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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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 [feedback](#).

You can also fill out one of the two forms on [Council's website](#).

Council Meetings

Council Meetings have moved to the third Saturday of each month and are open to the public but are closed for any confidential sessions.

Next Meeting: 10:00am Saturday 19th September 2026.

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 [1.06 Community Communication Policy](#) before submitting an article.

Previous Newsletters

To see the previous editions of Stop Press please follow this link to [Councils website](#).
