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**OUR TERRITORY**  
**YOUR**

# VOTE

## From The Chambers



Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

At the Ordinary General Meeting, Council considered the following business:

- Approved a trial use of body worn cameras by Council's Authorised Officers for a 6-month period; noting any footage is subject to the same privacy principles and legislative requirements as any other personal information collected by the Council.
- Council will provide feedback and advice to the NT Liquor Commission regarding the proposed Top Half Folk Festival Liquor License for the 1 – 3 August 2025 at Mt Bundy Station.
- Quarterly reports from Council Services, Community Services and Corporate Services were tabled with good reports coming from all departments.
- A confidential discussion regarding the process and update on rates recovery.
- An out of session Community Grant was awarded to Dementia Alliance Darwin Inc. (Batchelor & Adelaide River) for promotional material on services provided.
- Council approved the Fair Work Commission Wage Increase for 2025-26 for non-contracted employees.

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*If you are experiencing financial difficulties honouring your property rates*

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### ***What's in a Name?***

#### **EVA VALLEY**

This locality is named after the property of that name which was situated on Miles Road to the southwest of Batchelor. The area was originally known as Banyan Farm, in the 1950s, when owned by Boyne Litchfield. When purchased by the Childs family, who held the land during the 1960s and 70s, the property was renamed Eva Valley after Eva Childs, wife of Bill Childs who were joint owners. Following the sale of the land by the Childs family and subsequent subdivision, the area has continued to be known as Eva Valley.

**Source: NT Place Names**

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#### ***Free to Residents***

**Domestic quantities of mulch can be collected from the Batchelor Waste Management Facility.**

***Commercial quantities are available at \$33.00/cubic metre.***

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### **Need to know more?**

Visit Council Meetings page on our website, [www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-meetings) to access the very latest information.

Council's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

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**GET READY**  
**FOR THE 2025 LOCAL**  
**GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**  
23 August 2025 | [ntec.nt.gov.au](http://ntec.nt.gov.au)

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## From The Council Services Team

### Major works include:

- Cemetery Precinct carpark, pathways and mains power - IN PROGRESS mains power tender awarded and work has commenced.
- Myrtle Fawcett Park ablution block - IN PROGRESS- plumbing installed, slab completed, building work has commenced.
- Batchelor waste management weighbridge -IN PROGRESS weighbridge on site, civils works have commenced.
- Sargeant Road new seal - PARTIALLY COMPLETED
- Adelaide River oval fence – COMPLETED

### Ongoing works include:

- General road maintenance
- General facility maintenance in both Adelaide River and Batchelor townships
- Mowing of both townships
- Regular activities at Adelaide River and Batchelor waste facilities
- Tree audit & pruning works in Adelaide River and Batchelor
- Dry season maintenance

### Verge Clean Ups

Council staff will begin to undertake necessary road verge tidy up's in Adelaide River and Batchelor townships. This will allow for better access for the verge management including mowing and other services.

To help Council in this clean up - please remove any items off the verge, including trailers and vehicles. Vegetation will be cut back or removed to better improve access.

Please do not put green waste on the verge from inside the properties as this will not be collected.

If you would like to discuss certain plants on your road verge that you would like to remain or care for, please contact the Council office on 8976 0058 or [mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au](mailto:mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au).



### **Waste Collection Service**

Firstly, Council would like to thank commercial operators for the patience and understanding during the waste collection service changes.

Council have been working with our contractors to provide the most practical waste collection service to Coomalie Shire.

After a lot of consultation, we are happy to confirm from the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025, the commercial waste service run will be on a Tuesday and Friday. This will give commercial operators 3 days between each collection.

Please remember, the contractors will only collect the paid number of bins that are assigned to your business, any other bins will not be collected.

Once again, Council would like to thank you for all the relevant feedback we have been receiving for the waste service collection.

### **Weighbridge - Batchelor Waste Management Facility.**

Council is currently installing a weighbridge at Batchelor Waste Management Facility.

Once installed, Council will be charging commercial operators/non-residents a fee for use of the facility. Council will send further correspondence regarding the weighbridge in due course.

Please find the [fees and charges](#) for the Waste Management Facilities through the link.





# CHANGES TO WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES

Clean and Efficient Solutions





**Residential**  
**Monday**  
240Ltr bin



**Commercial**  
**Tuesday**  
240Ltr & 660Ltr bins  
**Friday**  
240Ltr & 660Ltr bins



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## Weeds in Coomalie

### Limnocharis

Scientific name: *Limnocharis flava*

Declaration status: Class C

Also known as yellow burrhead.

The native range of limnocharis extends from Mexico to Bolivia, Paraguay and northern Argentina.

It also has moved into parts of south-east Asia, Africa, the south Pacific and northern Australia.

Limnocharis has been detected in the Northern Territory in 2021.

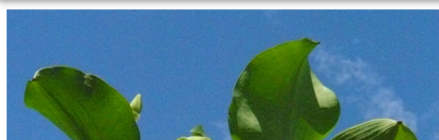
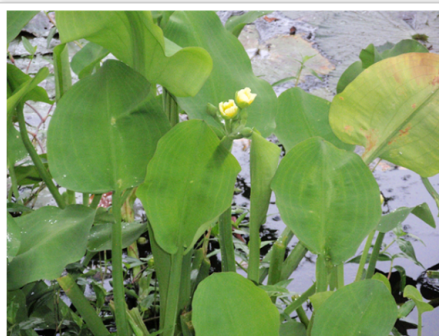
The 2 infestations found were limited to ornamental ponds.

These infestations have been removed and there are presently no known infestations.

However, there are 3 known infestations in natural waterways in Queensland.

The level of threat posed by limnocharis has triggered a call for national eradication.

For more information visit <https://nt.gov.au/environment/weeds/weeds-in-the-nt/A-Z-list-of-weeds-in-the-NT/limnocharis>







## From the Ranger

### **DOG REGISTRATION RENEWAL**

Dog registration for the 2025-2026 year is due for renewal from the 31st August 2025.

2025-2026 dog registrations are due on the 1st September 2025 – 31st August 2026.

50% discount applies to concession card holders.

50% discount applies to desexed animals.

Only one discount can be used at one time.

Desexing certificates or concession cards need to be provided to enable a discount.

### **COOMALIE (DOG MANAGEMENT) BY-LAWS 2002** state:

Township properties have a limit of two (2) dogs per property and must be registered.

Rural properties do not have a limit but must be registered.

### **BARKING DOGS**

Council Rangers are receiving high numbers of dog barking complaints; we would like to remind the community to be courteous of your neighbours.

Taking your dog for daily walks is fundamental in resolving many behaviour problems. Please remember, all animals need to be leashed when in the public realm.

Rangers have the ability and right to impound any dogs at large within the Coomalie Region.

Council Rangers are working extensively with the community to ensure owners are being responsible, this involves conducting daily unscheduled dog patrols and investigating any complaints that come in.

Rangers would like to remind the community of the following:

- Be mindful of your neighbours,
- Ensure dogs are registered

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- Follow the two dog per property limit in townships,
  - Dogs are leashed and under effective control when out of the yard,
  - Ensure your yard is dog proof.

## WASTE ON ROAD RESERVES

Council would like to remind the community to clean up any waste that is left on the road reserve outside your property to avoid an infringement notice.



# REGISTRATIONS DUE

2025-26 dog registrations are now due for the  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – 31 August 2026 year.

50% discount applies to concession card holders.  
50% discount applies to desexed animals.  
Only one discount can be used at a time.

Desexing certificates or concession cards need to  
be provided to enable the discount to be applied.

Should your dog no longer  
reside in Coomalie, please  
contact Council on the  
below details..

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**From Community Services Team**

## Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

The Seniors Mystery Tour for July travelled to Berry Springs Nature Park where most of the attendees had a walk around the grounds. Lunch followed at the Berry Springs Tavern.

There will be no tour for August, due to the Seniors Month activities.

## Seniors Month 2025

Council is putting on 4 active recreation activities for our Seniors this month, with the dates and activities detailed below. Should you wish to book for all, or one activity please call us on 8976-0058 to secure your spot!

Date	Activity	Venue	Time
Wed 6th Aug	Jingili Watergardens	Jingili Watergardens	8:30am - 4:00pm
Thu 14th Aug	Barefoot Bowls, Batchelor	Rum Jungle Bowls Club, Batchelor	10:00am - 2:00pm
Thu 21st Aug	Aqua Aerobics	Batchelor Pool	10:00am - 2:00pm
Fri 29th Aug	Casa de Bisk	Humpty Doo	8:30am - 4:00pm

## Active Remote Sport Program

For term 3 Council has engaged Softball NT to run a 6 week program at Adelaide River and Football NT (Soccer) to run Batchelor's program.

Adelaide River - Thursday from August 14, 2:45pm - 5:00pm

Batchelor - Friday from August 8, 2:45pm - 5:00pm

## Join Our Fun Softball Clinics This Dry Season!



### Learn Softball Skills and Make Friends

Starts: August 14, 2025  
Time: 2:45 PM  
Location: Adelaide River Oval  
Contact: 8976-0058 for details.

Registration forms available at school office or Council website.



## Join Our Fun Football Clinics This Dry Season!



### Learn Football Skills and Make Friends

Starts: August 8, 2025  
2 sessions  
Time: 2:45PM & 4:15PM  
Location: Batchelor Oval  
Contact: 8976-0058 for details.

Registration forms available at school office or Council website.





## **Territory Day**

Territory Day 2025 has come and gone, with approx. 150 attending the fireworks at Batchelor.

Most of the crowd were considerate of the fireworks company, however, in future we must remember the safety of the contractors and NOT let off fireworks prior to the contractor leaving the oval. Measures will be put in place for the 2026 event to ensure the safety of all concerned.

Special thanks to the Batchelor Area Pre-School for putting on the food and cold drinks for all that attended!



## **Art Show**

Coomalie's 4th Annual Art Show is fast approaching on the 12th - 14th September 2025.

Entries are now open, with details and entry form available from Council's website - [www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/art-show](http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/art-show).

The theme for 2025 is "*Urban & Rural Life*".





## From the Community Libraries Team

Our Community Libraries have been very busy places of late with people trying to get away from the cooler weather.

### 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.

**Welcome Back**



We would like to welcome Craig back from a period of leave, he will be working at our Batchelor Community Library, and occasionally at Adelaide River Library. Pop in and welcome him back!

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

## What's On



Celebrate Seniors Month 2025

# ACTIVE AND ENGAGED

Gentle Exercise, Gardening Fun, Barefoot Bowls, Aqua Fitness  
Bookings Essential contact Coomalie Council 8976-0058



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## Morning Tea

### SENIORS MONTH EVENT

Where: Litchfield Outback Resort

When: 9:30am Thursday 28th August 2025

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257

See flyer below - *TRIVIA!!*

## Grey Panthers in Coomalie Dance Group

Where: Batchelor Tavern

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

Contact: Daryl Butler 0428 983 098

## 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/Pilates and Tai Chi are available on alternative weeks.

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



49 Ruffin Rd, Batchelor

**More information**

**\$5 per person (Teams of 6 only)**  
**Bookings are required**  
**Bus pick up available**  
**from Adelaide River only**

**PHONE JAN 0408 760 257**  
 (leave a message if unanswered)

**NORTHERN TERRITORY SENIORS MONTH**

Provided by NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

## Community Groups

### Rosella Festival

2025 Rosella Festival was held at the Adelaide River Show grounds on the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

On behalf of Adelaide River Community Craft Market committee we would like to thank our Major Sponsors -

NT Government, Coomalie Community Government Council, Mr Dheran Young member for Daly and his wonderful staff, Yellow Rose Cleaning Services and Adelaide River Show Society.



This year the kids had a jumping castle, face painting the balloon lady to enjoy plus four free raffles and they had a great day!! A big thank you to our volunteers including Blue, Grav who helped make this event a great success. Also, to all our stallholders a big **thank you** for coming and joining us at the festival hope you all had a fabulous day.

**Overall another well attended & very successful  
Rosella Festival**



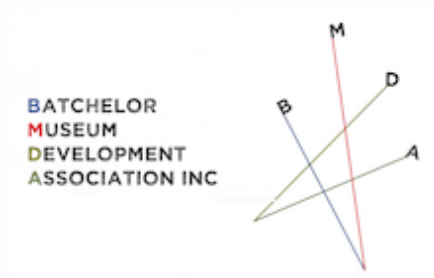




Adelaide River Markets  
New stallholders welcome!







During this last two weeks our volunteer base has expanded to include grey nomads Julie and Terry. Consequently we have been able to resume the extended hours usually offered during the tourist season.

It is important to have that flexibility especially for people with personal ties to the Museum exhibits through wartime or mining connections.

Julie welcomes visitors and has enhanced our OPEN signage with some eye-catching decorations to highlight the message.

Terry has tidied up the grounds by trimming back the long-established hibiscus and crotons; as well as removing some persistent snake weed alongside the drain which runs down Tarkarri road. That weed did have many flower heads ready to multiply the problem.

It is great for us regular helpers to have the Museum presenting well.

Meantime Prue has continued her regular assistance to the Museum through the bookstall at the markets each month over the Dry. Tourists also come to the Museum office to swap or purchase books.

There has been a delay in getting new material into the Museum exhibitions as we have needed to find a new printing firm. The panel for Kathy Mills is just one waiting for production.

Lucinda and I went to talk with Minister Marie Claire Boothby last week, following her words about the importance of military tourism as reported in the NT News the previous Saturday. The Minister was supportive in our interview and said she would take our concerns up with the Minister for Arts, Jinson Charles, with whom we have also asked for an interview.

Both Adelaide River and Batchelor were utilised for very important roles following the bombing of Darwin and that history needs to be recognised.

The signage around Batchelor is severely weathered and needs attention.

Lucinda and I will continue to pursue assistance for the recognition the Coomalie region warrants.

Jan Hills



### **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.





## Meet & Greet Op Shop

The Meet n Greet continues to meet each fortnight, together with the Op shop.

The area where the Meet n Greet takes place is being extended, thanks to a Coomalie Council grant.

Volunteers are doing some of the ground work of clearing the area and removing weeds and other plants etc.

Work will commence soon.

This month there was free fruit given out, e.g apples and bananas.

So if anyone has any excess fruit or vegetables please feel free to bring along to our Meet n Greet.

We offer each fortnight sausage rolls, or similar, cakes and biscuits and tea and coffee and hot chocolate. There is no charge for this service.

The next Meet n Greet will be held at 25 Mardango Crescent, Batchelor, at 10 am on 15th August.

Every fourth week the NILS ( No interest loans) ladies attend our Meet n Greet.

Their next visit will be on August 29th.

The op shop has much to offer including brand new items of clothing.

We have books, shoes, knick knacks, clothes, kitchen utensils, toys etc.

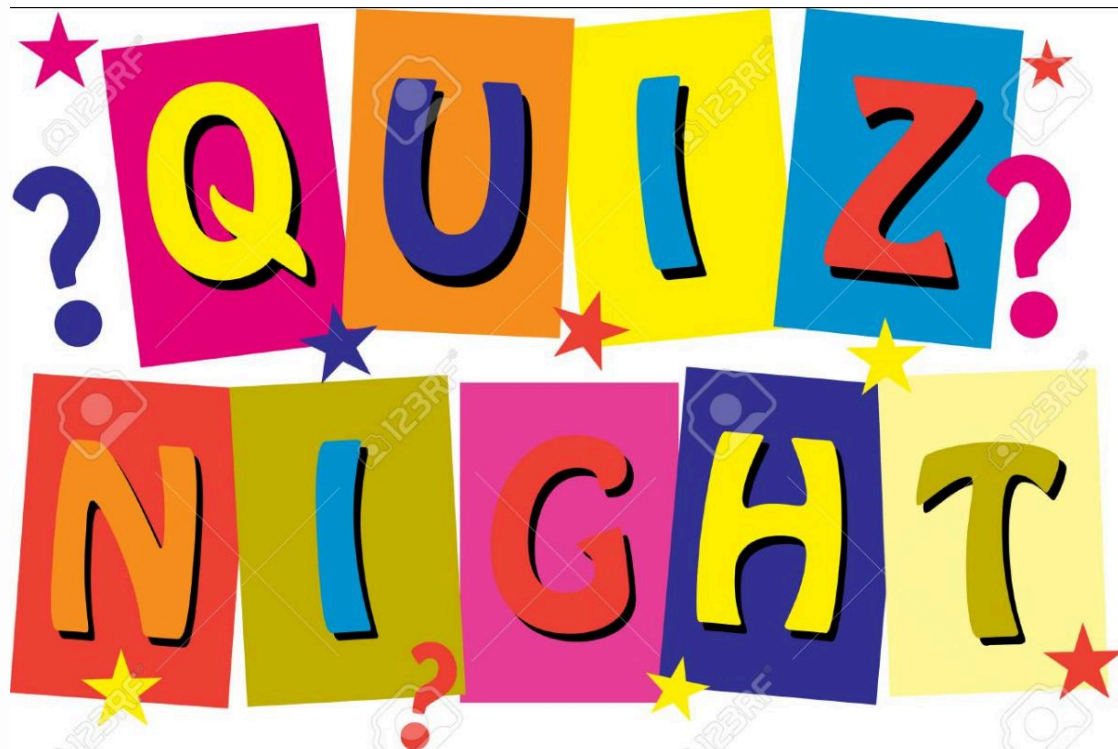
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### St Francis Church

Every Sunday

Mardango Cres, Batchelor

9:00am service start with morning tea at 10:30am



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

ALL WELCOME



ALL WELCOME!

The next quiz nights will be held Friday 1st, 15th & 29th August at 7.00PM.



## REGIONAL TECH HUB CONNECT GRANTS

Up to \$3000 to support local projects that help rural, regional and remote communities build practical knowledge around phone and internet services.

**NOW OPEN!** 

[www.regionaltechhub.org.au](http://www.regionaltechhub.org.au)

## Save The Date





WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
.	.	Tuesdays 10:00am - 11:30am Call Darvi Butler 0428 983

Agemoves	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	098 or Prue King 0427 332 803
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Mondays 2:45pm - 3:45pm During School Terms
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Seventh Day Adventist Church	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Saturday 11:00am
St Francis Church Service	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Sunday 9:00am start 10:30am Morning tea
St Francis Op Shop	St Francis Church Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2nd Friday 9:30am - 11:30am
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church	Bruce Jones Community Centre, Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor	First Sunday of every month

## From Emergency Services

<p><b>Adelaide River Police Station</b> <b>Northern Territory Police</b></p> <p><b>C/- Post Office,</b> <b>Adelaide River 0845</b> <b>(08) 8976-7042</b></p>	<p><b>Batchelor Police Station</b> <b>Northern Territory Police</b></p> <p><b>PO Box 21,</b> <b>Batchelor NT 0845</b> <b>(08) 8976-0015</b></p>
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 <p><b>Adelaide River Health Centre</b></p> <p>Becker St, Adelaide River 0846 (08) 8976-7027</p>	 <p><b>Batchelor Primary Health Care Centre</b></p> <p>27 Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor 0845 (08) 8976-0011</p>
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## The Boring But Necessary Stuff

### 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 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 August 2025**

### Stop Press

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Please ensure you have read Council's policy [1.06 Community Communication Policy](#) before submitting an article.

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