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

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assistance with this,
please call Council offices
on 8976-0058 and we will
be more than happy to
help!

From The Chambers



Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 17th June 2025.

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

The Local Government Act 2019 Review submission report. The
proposed amendments clarify and streamline local government operations,
ensuing local government systems and process are aligned with best practise
across the country.

You can comment on these via the link: https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au

- Development application Land Clearing Permit for Isabella Downs approved to support the clearance of 425ha of native vegetation for Tully Grass, improved pasture grazing.
- The AARNeT Project High speed internet optic fibre cable for parts of the town of Batchelor.
- Approved the Tender for the Electrical Work at the Coomalie Cemetery Precinct.



CONGRATULATIONS

EILEEN OSTWALD FOR BECOMING AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN





LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION



Candidate Information

Council held a Candidate Information Session at 4:30pm on the 26th June 2025. 20 interested people turned up to be informed. NTEC discussed the election schedule and nomination process and LGANT representatives discussed the role of the elected member.

Voting schedule - with LGA

2025 LG Elections (23 Aug 2025) Mobile Team Coomalie

Remote Voting Team Leader: Paul QUINLAN Remote Deputy Voting Team Leader: Christine HART Remote Voting Team Member: Melanie TREVARTHI

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GET READY FOR THE 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

23 August 2025 | ntec.nt.gov.au

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

What's in a Name?

MARDANGO CRESCENT

Named after an Aboriginal word (also Mandongo) meaning 'green'.

Used as a street name in the original survey of the Town (OP1245) in 1954.

Source: NT Place Names

Free to Residents

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

Commercial quantities are available at \$31.50/cubic metre.

Need to know more?

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

Council's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15th July 2025** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

From The Council Services Team

Major works include:

- Cemetery Precinct carpark, pathways and mains power IN PROGRESS
- Myrtle Fawcett Park ablution block IN PROGRESS
- Batchelor waste management weighbridge -IN PROGRESS
- Sargeant Road new seal PARTIALLY COMPLETE
- Adelaide River oval fence IN PROGRESS

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.







Changes to Kerbside Collection Services — Effective Monday 30 June 2025

Council is making important changes to kerbside collection to keep costs down while maintaining reliable waste services for our community. Starting Monday 30

June 2025, you'll notice some adjustments to your regular bin collection days and routines.

Key changes are detailed below:

Residential & Commercial Collections:

Monday for 240 litre bins

Commercial Collections:

Tuesday for 660 & 1100 litre bins
Thursdays 240, 660 & 1100 litre bins



Coomalie Council extends a hearty thank you to the Hon. Jinson Charls, Minister for People, Sport and Culture, and the Northern Territory Government!

Thanks to your generous Community Benefit Grant, we've scored big with brand new AFL goal posts for Adelaide River Oval—helping keep our community active, engaged, and ready to kick goals on and off the field!

Your support truly makes a difference for grassroots sport in the Coomalie Region

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Game on!

PARK SPACE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Council is developing the park space located between Kirra Crescent and Flynn Crescent. (Lot 260, Flynn Crescent) As a result scheduled tree removal works will be occurring. (Stage 1)

Key Details:

- 9th and 10th July 2025
- Park between Kirra and Flynn Crescents
- Reason: Community safety
- Park Closure: The park will be closed during the removal works for safety and to allow the works to proceed without interruption.

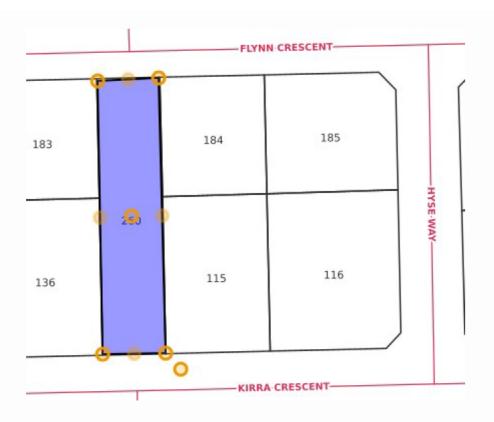
Community Request:

Items from the memorial location be removed prior to these works. Council kindly asks the community to be considerate and respectful during this sensitive time as the tree removal works are carried out.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.







Weeds in Coomalie

Amazon frogbit

Scientific name: Limnobium laevigatum

Declaration status: Class C

Amazon frogbit originates from fresh water habitats of tropical and subtropical central and South America.

Also known as West Indian spongeplant, South American spongeplant and smooth frogbit.

For more information get the <u>amazon frogbit weed identification fact sheet PDF (6.5 MB)</u>.



From the Ranger

Coomalie Community Vet Clinic Day!

Council would like to thank the Coomalie community for their involvement and making our vet clinic days successful.

Council also acknowledges the tireless efforts of our Council Ranger Chloe for coordinating and 'herding the cats' throughout the program.

The program outcomes included:

- 14 Dog desexing
- 7 Cat desexing

- 13 vaccinations
- 12 health checks over the two-day period.

Feral Cat Trapping Program

Along the vet clinic day, Council ran the feral cat trapping program with a total of 19 Feral cats being caught.

Council works hard with other government agencies to improve household health and control our pet population to prevent unwanted litters and illnesses in pets. These strategies have a direct link to improving household health. Council relies on the community to be responsible pet owners to achieve these strategic outcomes.

Council would like to thank the community once again for a successful vet clinic and feral cat trapping program.

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

Talking your dog for daily walks is fundamental in resolving many behaviour problems.

Please remember, all animals need to be leashed when in public areas.

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











DONATION DAY!

We are so proud to be part of such a generous and caring community! Council recently received an amazing number of donations for our friends at Save A Paw NT— everything from dog bowls and cat collars to cozy blankets and comfy beds.

Every single item makes a difference for animals in need, and we are truly grateful to everyone who has stepped up to support those who speak for the voiceless.

All donations have been hand-delivered by Council Rangers directly to Save A Paw.

Thank you all for your kindness and compassion! 🐾 💙









From Community Services Team

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

The Seniors Mystery Tour for May was cancelled due to scheduling issues, the next Seniors Mystery Bus tour will be held a week later than normal on the 17th July, contact Council on 8976-0058 to secure your spot!

The tour for June went to the Monsoon Boardwalk at East Point Reserve. This is a fabulous idea and attraction provided by the City of Darwin!





Community Feedback Sought

Council is seeking feedback on current sport & recreation programs within the shire, and also what your thoughts and wishes are on any proposed programming that we may offer.

To assist it would be appreciated if you could complete this short Survey Monkey, all feedback will be used to drive future programming!

Simply follow this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3792WRP or scan the below QR Code to get started!



Active Remote Sport Program

Currently Council is providing AFL Clinics to both Adelaide River and Batchelor, both of which have restarted last week with 3 weeks of sessions remaining. Should you wish to join in, clinics are run as follows:

Adelaide River - Thursdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm Batchelor - 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Next term 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 July 31, 2:45pm - 5:00pm Batchelor - Friday from August 1, 2:45pm - 5:00pm

Territory Day

Territory Day 2025 is fast approaching with a fireworks spectacle being prepared for Coomalie residents.

As usual the official fireworks will be held at Batchelor Oval with activities kicking off

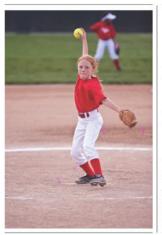
from 4:30pm with a jumping castle for the kids and some other craft and colouring activities.

Official fireworks will start at approx 6:45pm, although this is dependent on dusk!

Once again food and soft drinks/water will be available to purchase, thanks to Miss Vicki and Batchelor Pre-School for running this again!



Join Our Fun Softball Clinics This Dry Season!



Learn Softball Skills and Make Friends

Starts: July 31, 2025 Time: 2:45 PM Location: Adelaide River Oval Contact: 8976-0058 for details.

Registration forms available at school office or Council





Images of the Monsoon Boardwalk

Join Our Fun Football Clinics This Dry Season!



Learn Football Skills and Make Friends

Starts: August 1, 2025 Time: 2:45 PM Location: Batchelor Oval Contact: 8976-0058 for details.

Registration forms available at school office or Council website.







Opening Hours

Lap Swimmi m - 6:00pm 6:30am - 8:30am

Monday 3:00pm - 6:00pm Tuesday Closed

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Friday 3:00pm - 6:00pm 6:30am - 8:30am

Saturday 1:00pm - 6:00pm Sunday 12:00pm - 6:00pm



For more information visit www.coomalie.nt.gov.au

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

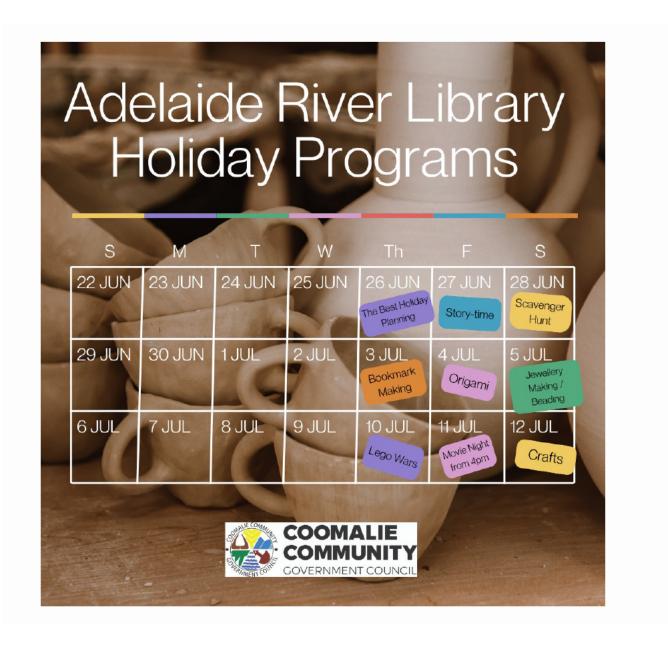
Sundays 1:00pm to 4:30pm

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

School Holiday Activities at your Libraries

We have put together a program of fun activities for the young and young heart to enjoy at our Community Libraries over these school holidays, please see images below of programmed activities!

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







Our next Meet the Author event is happening at our Community Libraries on the **30th July from 6pm**. Bookings for this are required, so we can arrange catering properly!

Come along and listen to Irish author Dervla McTiernan speak about her writing career and in particular her last book "The Unquiet Grave" - should you wish to

listen to this prior to the evening, jump onto BorrowBox and have a listen whilst driving or walking!

What's On





COTA

Morning Tea

Where: Litchfield Outback Resort 9.30 When: 9:30am Thursday 31st July 2025 Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257

Venue & Event details to follow!

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.

Monthly Bus Trip

Currently the Coomalie bus is unavailable for trips.

For further information contact Jan Jewell on 0408 760 257



MEDIA RELEASE 19 June 2025 COTA NT celebrates 10 years of Expo

COTA NT is celebrating the 10th anniversary year of its Darwin Seniors Expo event on Saturday 28 June. This is the premier event curated specifically to focus on the wellbeing and interests of senior Territorians. The growth in exhibitor and attendance numbers from year to year is testament to the success of its winning formula - community, connection, conversation and celebration.

This year's Expo connects thousands of community members with each other and with

service providers, businesses, groups and government departments most relevant to their needs and interests. The Expo is free to enter and includes a free morning tea, live radio broadcast, live music, performances, workshops and over 95 exhibitors including 24 new to Expo and the "Super 8" (exhibitors reaching their 10th Expo anniversary).

"If the last 10 years of Expo have proven anything, it's that people - especially seniors - want to meet people in-person and that need is not going out of fashion anytime soon." says Sue Shearer CEO of COTA NT. "Expo is the best opportunity we can create as an organisation for the NT community to have vital conversations all at one time and in one space on topics such as aged care, health and well-being, finance, concessions, human rights, transport, voting and more.

"Expo delivers exactly what the Northern Territory Government's Major Community Benefit Fund is designed for - major benefit to the community. We are extremely thankful for this support and for the commitment to seniors from event sponsors, Netball NT, Territory FM 104.1 and Air North and exhibitors. Air North is offering Expo attendees the opportunity to win a major prize, a trip for2 to Dili including return flights and 2 nights accommodation at the 5-star Palm Springs Dili Hotel.

"We are delighted to be joined by our patron, His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM for his third Expo and extend a warm welcome to the Hon Lia Finocchiaro Chief Minister of the Northern Territory Government to her first," added Shearer. "We will be celebrating our 10th anniversary with sparkle and cake on the day. It will be big, but not quite big enough for the thousands expected on the day though."

The program for the Darwin Seniors Expo 2025 is published on the COTA NT website now and assists with planning for must-visit exhibitors, must-do activities, transport, parking, personal comfort on the day and more. Doors open at 10am. After the Opening Ceremony, access to Exhibitors will be available.

Media contact: Sue Shearer, CEO COTA NT 08 8941 1004

Darwin Seniors Expo 2025 Program https://www.cotant.org.au/darwin-seniors-expo-2025/

About COTA NT's Expo history https://www.cotant.org.au/about-us/seniors-expo/

Community Groups

Rosella Festival

ADELAIDE RIVER SHOW SOCIETY

(110KMS SOUTH OF DARWIN ON DORAT RD)



"Make a day of it and spend a lazy "family day" at the Festival."

- HANDICRAFT STALLS
- ROSELLA PRODUCTS
- BOOKS
- CAKES AND BISCUITS
- CARDS AND MORE
- QUICKFIRE RAFFLES
- KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
- LIVE MUSIC

MB: 0459082 084 E: Rosellafestival@gmail.com The annual Rosella Festival is just around the corner!

Put it in your diary for this wonderful event held at the Adelaide River Showgrounds again this year!



Adelaide River Markets

New stallholders welcome!





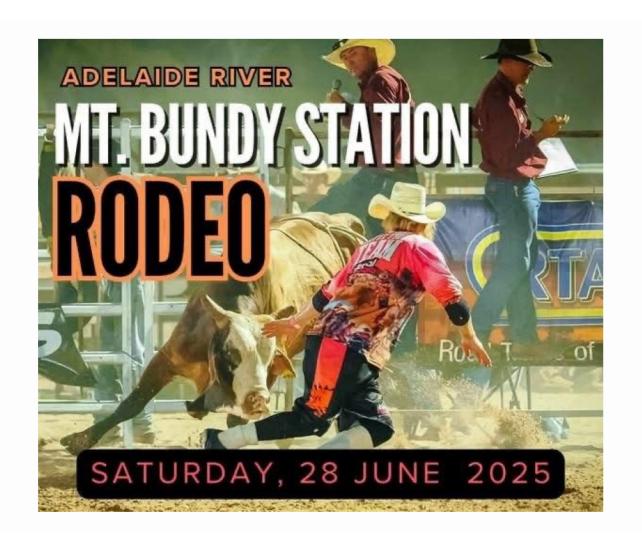
New Play Equipment for Batchelor Town and Country Markets

Coomalie Council is excited to announce a strong partnership with the Batchelor Town and Country Markets as we work together to enhance the community experience at this popular local gathering.

The Markets are eager to replace old play equipment and further develop the market area, creating a more vibrant and family-friendly space for everyone to enjoy. Council has already begun the process by seeking quotes for new play equipment that will not only upgrade the site but also add to the unique Sunday Market atmosphere and complement the beautiful shady avenue at Batchelor Oval.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts between Council and the Markets, a \$2,500 Play Equipment Reserve has been established to date. Council will use these funds as a co-contribution to seek an additional grant, helping to make this important community aspiration a reality.

Stay tuned for updates as we continue to build a more engaging and welcoming environment for all Batchelor residents and visitors!







for supporting your local community

for showing up

for working at voting places

for being part of the voting process



Authorised by the Electoral Commissioner, Canberra.



This program aims to bridge the gap between university students and agribusinesses through facilitation of work-based placement opportunities.

- Professional experience on-site
- · Placement can be volunteer or paid opportunity
- · Students undertaking voluntary work insured under CDU policy



Placement Requirements

Engineering 12 weeks 450 hours 8 weeks 300 hours **Environmental Studies**

3.5 weeks 120 hours

*Work days can be flexible; per agreement between student and employer

For more information, please reach out to Gargee Lad via phone 08 8998 4254 or email Gargee.Lad@cdu.edu.au

BUBSIE

is coming to Batchelor

A 1923 Citreon 5CV will be on display commerating the fistever car to travel around Australia Carprk of the Old General Store 22 Tarkarri Rd Batchelor NT

Thursday 10th July **2025**

10am - 3pm





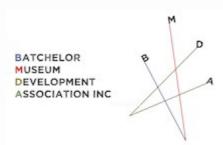
THE INCREDIBLE
JOURNEY IS RETRACING
THIS JOURNEY IN
2025 IN A SIMILAR
1923 CITROËN 5CV

For I To find out more visitwww.

IN 1925, A SMALL CITROËN MADE HISTORY BY BEING THE FIRST CAR TO TRAVEL RIGHT AROUND AUSTRALIA!



Supported by the Batchelor Seventh Day Adventist Church



The month began with the finality of Sean's battle with cancer, as he died May 31. We have lost a friend and a long- standing volunteer for the Museum. Whilst we knew it was imminent it was still a jolt.

Gaye had given much support to Sean and his family over the time, and fortunately his interstate siblings had come to be with him. Then Lucinda, Gaye, Darryl and I joined family members in Batchelor on the following Friday to honour his life.

Meantime we endeavour to open the Museum as often as possible in this busiest time of the year. Over June we were able to open on Fridays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, but we are disappointing people with these very reduced hours.

It will also have a big effect on the revenue for the year which is needed to pay water and sewerage, electricity, insurance, new panels of information to be printed and mounted, and all other expenses which occur.

Aside from the problems, as usual we greet people who are interested to look and read of the interesting history of Batchelor - which is in great contrast to those who see and dismiss this small town as they pass through.

There are new projects in the making though so there will be new material on display shortly.

Other information and updates can be seen on our Facebook page run by Darryl.

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.



The gardening group will continue on Facebook but the meetings will cease from now on.



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 4th July.

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

Their next visit will be on July 18th.

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

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

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!

The next quiz nights will be held Friday 4th & 18th July at 7.00PM.

Save The Date



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN		
		Tuesdays 10:00am -		
		11:30am		
Agemoves	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Call Daryl Butler 0428 983		
		098 or		
		Prue King 0427 332 803		
Council Run		Mondays 2:45pm -		
	Adelaide River School	3:45pm		
After School Sports		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

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





TERRITOR



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

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 15th July 2025

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 <u>1.06 Community Communication Policy</u> before submitting an article.

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