



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

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From The Chambers

From The President



Council hosted an Australian Citizenship Ceremony before its March OGM on Tuesday 17th March 2026 and I would like to again welcome our two newest citizens in the Coomalie Shire.

March presented many challenges for the Coomalie community. With multiple significant weather events across the region, the entire community has experienced the varying impacts from localised flash flooding to major flooding in Adelaide River township. Through the events of this month, I have seen the community come together with strength, resilience and a positive nature. The support shown by the community to each other has been a strong reminder of why the Coomalie Shire is a great place to live. A special thank you to our local emergency management controllers for their efforts in coordinating evacuation and recovery efforts through the Adelaide River flood event.

There has been a lot of activity in the Batchelor township with the NT Government's transition of Daly River and Palumpa evacuees to the town for short-to-medium term accommodation. The evacuees have been welcomed into Batchelor during this period of uncertainty and loss for the communities. The Welfare Group from Department of Children and Families are leading the evacuee centres at the Batchelor Institute and the Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre. A public meeting was convened by NT Government on Tuesday 31st March 2026. Further information from this meeting can be found on the next page.

Council continues to work through an increased work program following the recent weather events requiring additional repairs across Council's entire operations. Please continue to report any hazards by phone, email, Council's website or the Snap Send Solve app.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the Shire over the coming months.

Batchelor Community Meeting 31 March 2026

NT Government representatives met with the Batchelor community on Tuesday, 31 March 2026, to provide updates on the current situation and ongoing support efforts for the evacuees relocated to Batchelor. Approximately 50 residents were in attendance. Representing the NT Government were The Hon Jo Hersey, Minister for Education and Training, and Flood Recovery, The Hon Robyn Cahill OAM, Minister for Children and Families, Mr Brett Warren, Department of Children and Families CEO, Mr James O'Brien, Assistant Police Commissioner, and Mr Ken Davies APM, Director-General of the Flood Recovery program coordinating the relocation.

Officials explained that Batchelor was selected as an evacuation location because it offers suitable accommodation for families, is closer to home than Darwin, and provides a safer location with better facilities. They noted that the arrangement is temporary and that the focus remains on supporting people to return home. It was also noted that Batchelor may benefit from additional funding and local spending while evacuees are in the community.

The general mood of the meeting reflected alarm and concern that such a significant decision for the town was made with no consultation.. Several people requested, and received, apologies for the disregard for the community in the decision-making process.

The Community do appreciate the situation of the evacuees, and the need to provide a safe environment for them. There was robust conversation between the community and NTG representatives with the major concerns relating to public safety, communication, staffing, policing and essential services. Additional priorities included the immediate need for children's programs, particularly with the advent of the school holidays, and the ongoing safety and consideration of the local wildlife.

The long-term plan for the improvements located on the vacant land behind the ambulance and Bushfires site were identified as a community concern to be addressed by NTG.

Concerns from the community remain, but it was generally appreciated that Ministers and senior Government members had made this effort to come to Batchelor and explain what has occurred and what will be done going forward.

Snap Send Solve

Have you found something that needs fixing?



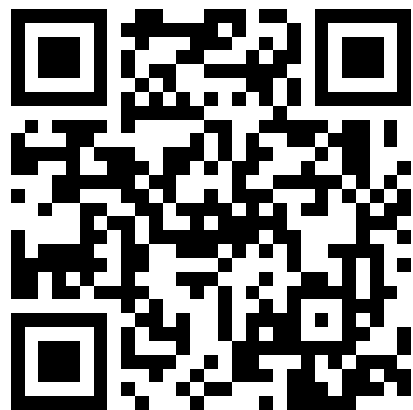
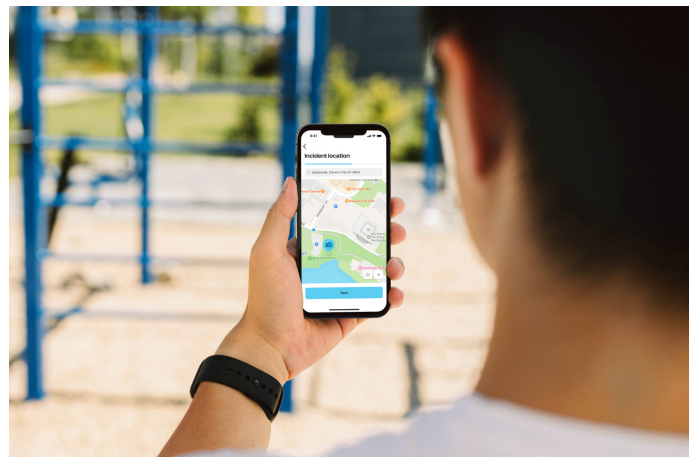
Reporting issues to Council can be done in 3 simple steps. Snap. Send. Solve.

Did you know you can use your smart phone to report local issues? When you're out in the community, you are our eyes and ears.

Even if you have no internet, take a photo and send the report later!

Free to download from the App Store and Google Play, use the Snap Send Solve app to take a photo and make a report in just a few clicks.

Simply scan the QR Code below to get your app, then start snapping!



For more information see Council's website [here](#).



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council held its Ordinary General Meeting on 17th March 2026. The business considered at the meeting is detailed below:

- Acquittals of two grant projects – Community Places for People Grant 2022/23 and the Waste and Resource Management Grant 2023/24.
- LGANT Symposium attendance and Calls for Motions for consideration at the LGANT General Meeting were raised.
- A nomination of an elected member to represent LGANT on the NT Heritage Council was approved.
- Council's road maintenance programs were discussed and forward planning options discussed for future considerations.
- Project proposals for submission to the Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant 2025/26 were approved.

Prior to the Ordinary General Meeting, Council conducted an Australian Citizenship Ceremony. It was great to be able to welcome 2 new citizens to our community!

2025/26 Property Rate Notices

Instalment Dates:

- 1st Instalment - Friday 26th September 2025 - finished
- 2nd Instalment due Friday 28th November 2025 - finished
- 3rd Instalment due Friday 30th January 2026 - finished
- 4th & Final Instalment - Tuesday 7th April 2026

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 the [website](#).

Free to Residents

Domestic quantities of mulch can be collected from the Batchelor Waste Management Facility. Commercial quantities are available at \$33 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. Please contact the Council Office to book.

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 21st April 2026 at 5:00pm** in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

From The Council Services Team

Major works include:

- Batchelor waste management weigh bridge - staff training and systems development in progress.
- *Necessary road repairs from wet season damage*

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
- Wet season maintenance including pothole repairs.

Wet Season Weight Restrictions

Effective from 1st October to 30th April

Restriction Period

Weight restrictions are in effect during the wet season to protect road infrastructure and ensure safety for all users.

Compliance Required

All vehicles must adhere to weight limits during this period to avoid penalties and road damage.

Contact Information

Contact Council on 8976-0058 or mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au for further information



For further information and to download a permit application, please see Council's website www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/forms-and-documents or scan the QR Code below!



**If it's flooded,
forget it.**



Weeds in Coomalie

Rubber vine

Scientific name: *Cryptostegia grandiflora*

Declaration status: [Class A](#)

Rubber vine is a Weed of National Significance. For more information go to the Australian Government's [Department of Environment website](#).

Rubber vine can be confused with ornamental rubber vine (*Cryptostegia madagascariensis*), which is also a Class A weed in the Northern Territory (NT) – to be eradicated.

Rubber vine is native to south-western Madagascar.

It has become weedy in other countries throughout East Africa, South-East Asia, the United States and Central and South America.

Rubber vine is widespread in Queensland. There are currently infestations within 5km of the NT/Queensland border. Read more about the current infestation below.

There are isolated infestations in Western Australia.

For more information get the [rubber vine identification fact sheet PDF \(1.0 MB\)](#).

Identification

You should use this as a guide. There may be other plants or weeds that look similar.

- woody, multi-stemmed vine climbing 30m into tree canopies or 1m to 3m as a shrub if unsupported
- releases a milky sap when broken or cut
- shiny dark green leaves, opposite pairs 6cm to 10cm long and 3cm to 5cm wide
- leaf stalk is purplish
- flowers are white inside and pink to purple outside, 5cm to 6cm long and about 3.5cm wide shaped like a trumpet with five petals
- seeds form in large pods that grow mostly in pairs
- large pods are up to 15cm long and 4cm wide and grow in pairs
- pods can contain more than 300 brown seeds which have long white silky hairs.





WEED WORKSHOP: WHAT IS GROWING ON AND WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Join us for a **free interactive workshop** on weed cycles, management and property weed management planning.

This workshop is for landholders, contractors, producers and anyone managing weeds.

We'll explore what weeds need to thrive, how they spread and grow, and how they respond to fire, grazing and seasonal conditions in the Top End.

Hosted by Territory Natural Resource Management (TNRM), Finniss Reynolds Catchment Group and NT Government Weeds Branch, this workshop focuses on practical approaches to managing weeds on your property.

You'll have the chance to **share experiences with other landholders**, learn from each other, and work through your own property weed management planning with support from TNRM and NTG Weeds Branch.

By the end of the workshop, you'll come away with:

- A property weed management plan
- A better understanding of the weeds on your property
- Practical strategies for managing weeds in our current and changing climate

Bring your weedy questions, or email them in beforehand, and leave with fresh ideas for smarter, more effective weed management.

This event is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DATE 16th April 2026

TIME 9:00am - 1:00pm

WHERE Function Room
Litchfield OutbackResort
49 Rum Jungle Road,
Batchelor NT 0845

COST FREE!

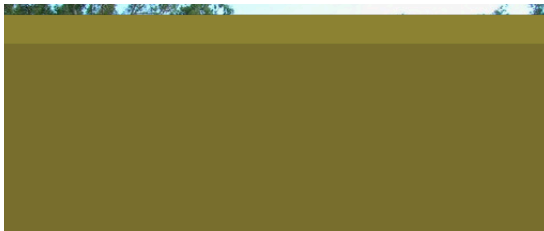
JOIN US Register before 13th April at:
www.territorynrm.org.au/events

Morning tea and lunch provided

For more information, please contact:

Susanne Casanova

susanne.casanova@territorynrm.org.au
0438 765 979



Working together to protect
Climate Smart Agriculture



Australian Government



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Territory
Natural Resource
Management

From the Ranger

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.
- **Gamba Grass:** Manage Gamba Grass in accordance with regulations.
- **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)

GAMBA ACTION PROGRAM

Coomalie Council is a **distribution centre** for the NTG Gamba Action Program (GAP).

This program will be run until supplied herbicide runs out.

- **Program Schedule:** Fridays, **9:00 am – 1:00 pm**
- **Location:** Coomalie Council Office

As part of the program, NTG has also provided a **spray trailer**, which can be hired by community members.

Please contact Council if you are interested in using this equipment.

ANIMAL SAFETY IS A MUST!

Council has seen an increase in cases of ehrlichiosis, heartworm, intestinal worms, and parvovirus within Batchelor township.

These diseases can be fatal. If your pet shows signs of illness, contact your local vet immediately.

Prevention reminders:

- Regular tick treatment
- Monthly heart worm prevention or annual injection
- Annual vaccinations (puppies require 3 vaccinations between 6–16 weeks)
- Regular worming – monthly in the wet, every 3 months in the dry

During the wet season, parasites and diseases have a higher transmission risk. However, they do not disappear outside of the wet season, and the risk of transmission remains.

For further information, please contact your local veterinary practice.

2026 Council Vet Clinic Dates Announced

Council is pleased to advise the community that the 2026 first round Vet Clinic dates have now been confirmed.

Council rangers encourage all pet owners to take advantage of these important community services to help maintain the health and wellbeing of local animals.

Please note that all dogs must be registered with Council to access this program.

Batchelor Vet Clinic

Location: Rum Jungle Bowls Club

- 6 May 2026

Adelaide River Vet Clinic

Location: Access Shed, Swannel Street

- 7 May 2026

Services Available

The clinics provide essential services for **dogs and cats**, including:

- Desexing
- Vaccinations
- General health checks
- Parasite control

Feral Cat Trapping Program

Running alongside each clinic round is Council's Feral Cat Trapping Program, operating during the full week of the clinics:

- 4 May – 7 May 2026

Residents are kindly reminded to keep all domestic cats indoors during these periods to avoid accidental trapping.

Bookings and Enquiries

To make a booking or obtain further information, please contact Council Rangers:

Phone: 8976 0058

Email: mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au

Vet Clinic Dates 2026

AND FERAL CAT TRAPPING PROGRAM

Dogs must be registered to access the Vet Clinic services.



Adelaide River
7 May 2026

Batchelor
6 May 2026

Services:

- Desexing
- Vaccinations
- Parasite control
- Health checks

Contact Council for further
information & bookings.
ph: 8976 0058



From Community Services Team

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

The March tour went to the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT to see 2 art exhibitions, one of which was art work by 2025 year 12 students from the NT. Lunch followed at the nearby Trailer Boat Club.

The next tour is on Thursday 16th April, 2026.

Please contact Council on 8976-0058 to secure your spot!

Active Remote Sport Program

Numbers for the 2025 program were fantastic with lots of people trying out some new sports that Council was able to facilitate with support from NTG Sport & Recreation funding. Schools also benefited with some targeted programming designed around their curriculum.

Sport program for the 2026 year has been finalised and scheduled with some exciting activities/programs scheduled in. Keep an eye on Council's social page for details as they come to hand!

We now turn our hand to programming for the 2027 school year. If you have any thoughts on programs you'd like to bring to the school or community, please drop us a line at recreation@coomalie.nt.gov.au.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Council invites all residents to commemorate the landing at Gallipoli Cove at the Adelaide River War Cemetery on Saturday 25th April 2026 from 5:30am sharp.



Join the Excitement Today!

Mystery Bus Tour Awaits You

Thursday 16th April 2026
Batchelor Pick Up 8:30am
Adelaide River Pick Up 9:00am

Discover hidden gems and surprises!

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The poster features a vibrant orange background with a yellow school bus in the center, decorated with colorful balloons and streamers. The bus is surrounded by a burst of colorful confetti. The text is white and yellow, providing clear information about the tour date and pick-up locations. The Coomalie Community Government Council logo is prominently displayed at the bottom.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Join us at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service as we gather in the quiet of the morning to honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of our veterans. Together, let us reflect, remember, and pay our respects to those who have served and continue to serve our nation.

Saturday 25th April 2026
5:30am sharp start



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MEMORIAL TERRACE TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25th April 2026

The public are advised that due to the ANZAC Day Commemorations, Memorial Terrace in Adelaide River will be restricted to traffic from 4:00am to 8:00am on Saturday 25th April 2026.

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 Council on 8976 0058 by Monday 14th April 2025, to apply for a reserved parking and seating pass.

Council regrets any inconvenience that these arrangements may cause.

Natasha Chapman
Acting Chief Executive Office
Coomalie Community Government Council



Get ready, Coomalie — the coolest, loudest, most action-packed youth adventures are here!

Ice Skating Vibes

Glide, spin, or just try not to fall (we won't judge). Whether you're a first-timer or a future pro, ice skating is all about laughs, balance, and showing off your best moves on the rink. Grab your friends and chill out in the most fun way possible!

Tenpin Bowling Battles

Strike it lucky or cheer on your crew — it's game on! Tenpin bowling is the perfect mix of friendly competition and big energy. Who's got the best aim? Who's just here for the snacks? Either way, good times guaranteed.

Laser Tag Showdown

Lights off. Game faces on. Dive into the ultimate laser tag arena where strategy, speed, and teamwork rule. Dodge, tag, and outplay your opponents — this is where legends are made!

Why join?

- Hang out with mates (and make new ones!)
- Try something new and exciting
- Stay active while having a blast
- Create memories you'll be talking about for ages

Don't miss out — Coomalie Youth Activities are bringing the fun, and you're invited. Let's make it epic!

Download your enrolment form [here](#), complete and return as soon as possible!

From the Community Libraries Team

Our Community Libraries are both air conditioned, and can act as a safe space to cool off during this very humid weather.

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.

We are currently investigating with NT Libraries and BorrowBox as to when the next “Evening with an Author” virtual session is going to be held, watch this space for further details as they come to hand!

Adelaide River Library

SORRY

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED**

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Council will advise when

THE LIBRARY WILL RE-OPEN

 **COOMALIE
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The Adelaide River Community Library will be closed until further notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

We appreciate your understanding during this time and will keep you updated on the reopening of this facility.

Morning Tea

Next morning tea to be advised

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257

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 and Pilates are available on alternative weeks.

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

Tai Chi & Chi Gong

Weekly sessions commencing Friday 17th April 2026 from 9am.

Contact Cherrian Luxton on 0418 776 020 for further details.

MEDIA RELEASE 10 March 2026



Fears for Dementia Care as NT Memory Clinic Faces Cuts

COTA NT is urging the Northern Territory Government to intervene urgently to prevent cuts to a critical dementia support service, with funding changes threatening to significantly reduce capacity at the NT Memory Clinic.

The clinic plays a vital role in diagnosing and supporting people living with dementia and their carers across the Territory. However, changes to Commonwealth dementia program funding from 1 July 2026 are expected to significantly reduce staffing levels.

Under the proposed changes, the clinic's full-time doctor would be reduced to a half-time position, while nursing staff would fall from 1.5 positions to just one, with clerical support also potentially reduced.

Sue Shearer, CEO of COTA NT, said the cuts could have serious consequences for older Territorians and their families. "The NT Memory Clinic provides essential diagnosis, treatment planning and support for people living with dementia," Ms Shearer said.

"People are already waiting around six months after referral to be seen. Cutting specialist staff risks pushing those wait times even further."

The clinic is also one of the few services providing specialist dementia support beyond Darwin. Ms Shearer warned that reducing nursing capacity could mean the clinic can no longer support patients in regional communities such as Katherine and Nhulunbuy, while home-based support programs in Darwin and Palmerston may also be lost.

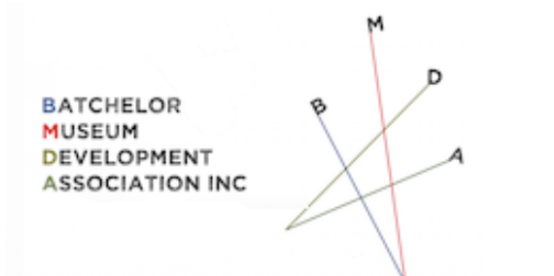
Dementia programs in the Northern Territory, including the clinic, are currently funded by the Commonwealth. Ms Shearer said governments must ensure the service is protected.

"Either the Commonwealth must reconsider these reductions, or the Northern Territory Government must step in through its health budget to ensure Territorians living with dementia are not left without the support they need. Dementia is one of the biggest health challenges facing our ageing population. Territorians deserve timely diagnosis and support — not longer waits and fewer services."

The issue comes as the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly enters its final sitting weeks before the Territory Budget is delivered in May.

Media contact: Sue Shearer, CEO, COTA NT
Email: ceo@cotant.org.au Phone: 08 8941 1004 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 3pm)

Community Groups



Over the past weeks Simon has persisted with mowing and of course, the growth has been continuous so the job persists. It will come under control now as the rain depletes.

Lucinda has been doing cleaning within the Museum as we prepare to open for more people wanting to visit.

Probably not as many people camping out this Easter so we may get extra visitors as people drive out from Darwin and other places.

With all that has been happening around Australia with floods and other challenges we will wait to see how the tourist season plays out.

Meantime we will be arranging new content in the next few weeks.

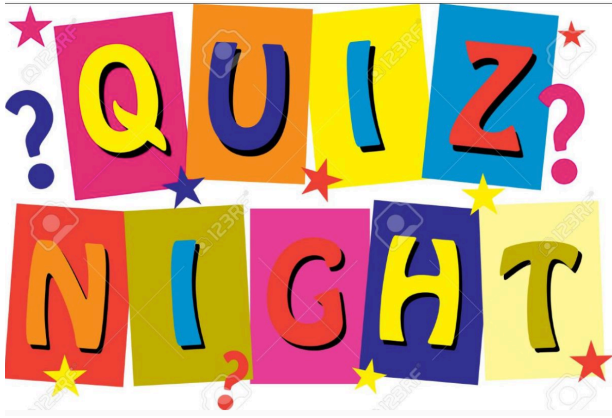
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Rum Jungle Project Update

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.



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

ALL WELCOME!

The next quiz nights will be held Friday 10th & 24th April 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 10th & 24th April 2026.

On 27th February we held the official opening of the new paved area by the President of the Coomalie Community and Government Council. This was in conjunction with our Friday morning Meet 'n' Greet.

Other dignitaries in attendance were the A/CEO Natasha Chapman and local police Remote Sergeant Matthew Ridolfi and Senior Auxiliary Mel Spain.

Mary Ashley baked a cake for the occasion and decorated it with words (see photo below).

The Rev Steve introduced Ross as Council President.

Ross made a lovely speech touching on the long history (since 1957) of St Francis church, Batchelor.

The help, by way of a grant from our local council together with the extraordinary work done by my team of volunteers, Derrick Scanlan and Michael White, has extended our practical social area so we can expand our numbers at our Meet N Greets each second Friday.



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
9am start

St Francis Church Works & Council's Community Grants Program

Recently President McGorman had the pleasure of attending St Francis Anglican Church to officially open the new paved area at the church.

As part of this, President McGorman provided a speech that contained some historical information about the church that was not known to parishioners, detailed below is the speech that was given for those seeking that information.

St Francis Anglican Church in Batchelor is a local Anglican place of worship that forms part of the Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory and operates in conjunction with the Parish of Fred's Pass (Church of the Good Shepherd).

*The church building itself has a unique origin: it was not originally constructed on site but **relocated to Batchelor in about 1957**. The structure was originally a **World War II Sidney Williams hut** used in Darwin as part of the number three hostel and then purchased and transported to Batchelor. Volunteers adapted the hut for church use, lining it internally, updating the exterior, and installing louvres and a concrete floor. A sandstone baptismal font was also added during this process, crafted by tradesmen involved with the Catholic cathedral in Darwin.*

Since then, St Francis Anglican Church has served the Batchelor community as a place for regular Anglican worship — with services typically held on Sunday mornings — and remains an active part of the region's Christian life. It continues to be associated with the wider parish based out of Fred's Pass while providing a local worshipping community in Batchelor.

Over recent times, the church has sought Community Grant funding from Coomalie Council to create & extend the outdoor meeting area with provision of air circulation fans and most recently, the paved area we can all see.



Adelaide River Community

Craft Market

Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday and
Wednesday 8am-12noon

Commencing Saturday 11th April 2026

WEATHER PERMITTING

LOCAL & HANDMADE VENDORS

**SECONDHAND BOOKS CRAFTS BAKED
GOODS**

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Glen Huitson Park Adelaide River

Call: 0459 082084 OR

Email: adelaiderivermarket@gmail.com

With any questions or to apply to be a stallholder

Supporting Mandarin-speaking communities to stay safe from threat scams

Also known as Chinese authority scams, this is a highly targeted form of threat scam that disproportionately affects Mandarin speaking communities in Australia.

Scammers usually contact people by phone, pretending to be officials from Chinese authorities — such as the embassy, police or other government agencies, and sometimes well-known telecommunications providers. Victims are falsely accused of serious crimes and pressured to make urgent payments to “prove” their innocence, often under threats of arrest, legal action or deportation.

In 2025, Scamwatch received 1,294 reports of these scams, a 26.1% increase from 2024. Total losses reached \$12.9 million, representing growth of more than 10% year on year.

Due to various factors that can prevent reporting, these figures may not reflect the full extent of scam activity across Australia.

To help Chinese communities stay informed and safe, this stakeholder kit shares the latest information about this type of threat scam. It includes resources that explain common scammer tactics, including how scammers manipulate victims to avoid talking to other.

Please help spread the word by sharing the resources with your networks in person or on your social media channels.

We also encourage everyone to check in on their Mandarin speaking friends and family if they show signs of fear, secrecy, or mention being “under surveillance” — these may be warning signs of a scam.



**Have you been told
you're under surveillance
by police, the embassy,
or other officials?**

You could be experiencing a threat scam.

[Report it](#)

Become a Mobile Field Representative



Census

- ✓ Travel to help Census teams in your region
- ✓ Distribute and collect Census forms
- ✓ \$39.68 per hour (incl. 25% casual loading) + super

See all opportunities at census.abs.gov.au/jobs



Census

Field Manager and Mobile Field Representative newsletter article

Publish from 9 February 2026.

Join the Census team

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is hiring over 30,000 people for the 2026 Census.

From leading a small team to travelling across the country supporting Census activities, there's a variety of Census jobs that you can apply for this year.

Applications for Field Managers and Mobile Field Representatives are now open in locations all over Australia. These jobs play an important role in preparing communities for the Census and making sure everyone is counted.

Field Managers lead Census work in their local area and manage a team of field staff. They also help places like local hotels, hospitals and caravan parks to prepare for the Census, to make sure everyone is counted. They'll train a staff member there and be their point of contact throughout Census.

Mobile Field Representatives support Field Managers and field teams who need extra help on the ground. They may be required to travel within their home state to visit households, drop off Census forms and promote participation.

Temporary Census jobs are available in areas all over Australia, including our capital cities, regional towns and remote areas. The ABS is looking for a broad range of people to reflect the diversity of Australia.

Visit census.abs.gov.au/jobs to apply and see all opportunities to work for the 2026 Census.

Telstra Upgrade - Adelaide River

Notification



Telstra is proposing to upgrade the existing mobile phone base station on
15.2m Lattice Tower at 6 Dorat Road, ADELAIDE RIVER NT 0846
RFNSA Site Number: 0846002

In summary, this upgrade will comprise of:

- Removing two (2) existing omni antennas;
- Removing redundant Broadcast Australia antennas and equipment;
- Installing three (3) new panel antennas (each 2.69m long) at a height of 15.2m;
- Installing three (3) new 5G panel antennas (each 1.00m long) at a height of 16.0m;
- Ancillary equipment including tower mounted amplifiers, remote radio units, GPS antenna, mounts, cables, etc and works within the equipment shelter.



For more information

Scan the QR Code or visit
www.rfnsa.com.au/0846002

Having your say

We invite you to provide your feedback or request further information by contacting us at:

Contact: Ben Lavery, Planner on behalf of Telstra
Phone: 0497 833 252
Email: Telstra.submissions@servicestream.com.au
Postal address: Service Stream (Wireless)
Level 3 Tower B, Zenith Centre, 821 Pacific Highway,
Chatswood NSW 2067

We will accept submissions until: 5pm Friday 3 April 2026



ServiceStream

This notification is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 7 of the Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code CS64-2025.
Telstra Ltd A.C.N. 086 174 781, Amplitel Pty Ltd A.C.N: 648 133 073,
Service Stream Ltd A.B.N. 46 072 369 870

Electromagnetic energy report

| | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Location | 6 DORAT ROAD, ADELAIDE RIVER NT 0846 | | |
| Date | 12/03/2026 | RFNSA No. | 0846002 |

This report contains **calculated** electromagnetic energy (EME) exposure levels from the wireless technology base station listed above.

EME levels for this site have been **calculated** as a percentage of the limit given by the [Australian Safety Standard](#). This report is produced according to a technical [methodology](#) developed by the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA).

EME levels below 100% comply with the Australian Safety Standard and are safe for the public.

Service operators and technology at the site

| Optus | Telstra | | |
|--------|---------|--|--|
| 3G, 4G | 4G, 5G | | |

For more information on the infrastructure at this site, such as specific wireless technologies, visit <http://www.rfnsa.com.au/0846002>.

Calculated EME levels

| Areas of Interest | Maximum EME level (% of limit) | Safe level (<100%) |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Environmental EME Level (1.5m above ground out to 500m from site) | 4.49% | YES |
| No locations identified | | |

About electromagnetic energy

Many things in our everyday lives produce electromagnetic energy including natural sources like the sun, and artificial sources like broadcast media, electric power, microwave ovens, and wireless technology like Wi-Fi and mobile phones.

The EME that you are exposed to from mobile phone towers is low, and similar to your exposure from broadcast transmissions such as radio and TV.

It is the [assessment of ARPANSA](#) that there is no credible health risk from exposure to the low-level EME associated with telecommunications and wireless technology below the limits set in the Australian Safety Standard.

Further information

ARPANSA (The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency) www.arpansa.gov.au

ACMA (The Australian Communications and Media Authority) www.acma.gov.au/eme-5g-and-you/eme

Issued by: Radnar Consulting, NAD (v1.0.213857 63254)
Environmental EME report (v13 Jan 2025)

Produced with RF-Map 2.2 (Build 1.3)



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 |
| Aqua Fitness | Batchelor Pool | Fridays during school terms 10:00am for 45 minutes |
| 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 10:00am 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 |
| St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church | Bruce Jones Community Centre, Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor | First Sunday of Every Month |
| Tai Chi & Chi Gong | Batchelor Oval | 9:00am Every Friday, Dry season only Call Cherrian 0418 776 020 |

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 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: 5:00pm Tuesday 21st April 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.

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