



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

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From The Chambers

From The President



February has been another busy month for Council as we start to move into the forward planning work that will guide the development of the 2026-27 Annual Shire Plan and budget. The full Council went on a tour of the sites and facilities that are owned and managed by Council at the start of the month. This enabled all Councillors to gain a solid understanding of the status of each asset and will assist Council to make informed planning decisions regarding their priority works into the future. Council hopes to undertake a Shire wide tour throughout the 2026 year.

The 84th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin was recognised with a commemorative service at the Adelaide River Civilian Cemetery on Friday 20th February 2026. The service was well attended by residents, visitors, and service personnel from across the NT.

There are many events scheduled over the next two months for all to be involved in across the Coomalie region.

- Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 1st March with events in Adelaide River and Batchelor planned.
- International Women's Day – Monday 9th March in Batchelor. Bookings are essential for this event.
- Monthly Seniors Mystery Tour – third Thursday of each month. Bookings are essential for this event.
- ANZAC Day Dawn Service – Saturday 25th April at the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

Please see the Community Services section of the Stop Press for further details on the upcoming events across the region.

The continued heavy rainfall across the Shire is contributing to significant road safety concerns and I would like to remind everyone to stay safe, drive to conditions and to please respectfully report any hazards to Council by phone, email or the Snap, Send, Solve app.

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

Snap Send Solve

Have you found something that needs fixing?



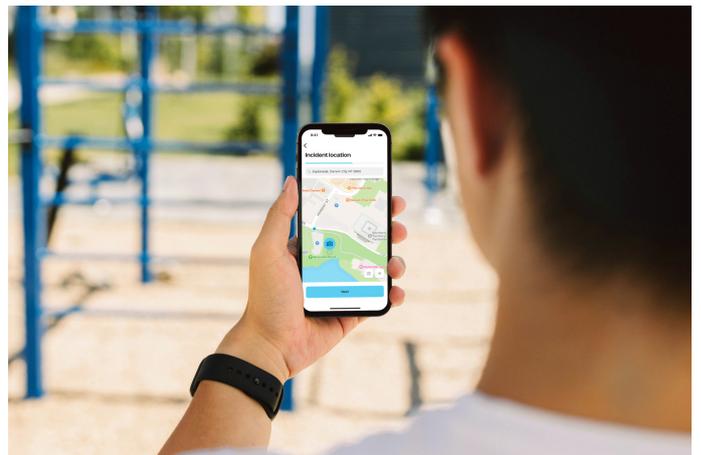
Free to download from the App Store and Google Play, use the Snap Send Solve app to take a photo and make a report in just a few clicks.

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

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!



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

Help Shape the Future of Batchelor — Local Voices First

Batchelor is a special place to live — close to nature, rich in culture, and full of community spirit. As interest in visiting our region grows, we want to make sure tourism develops in a way that supports locals, protects what we value, and creates positive opportunities for the town.

This survey is for **people who live in the Coomalie region**. Your ideas, concerns, and local knowledge will help guide how Batchelor is promoted, what experiences are developed, and how visitor impacts are managed.

We're not just asking how to attract more visitors — we're asking **what kind of tourism is right for Batchelor**.

The survey takes about **5 minutes**, and all responses will help shape future planning.

Thank you for being part of the conversation and helping keep Batchelor a great place to live. 

You can easily complete the survey by clicking the Survey Monkey link below, or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone!

Paper copies will also be available at Council Office, Post Offices and Community Libraries in Adelaide River and Batchelor.





FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

- A second round of Vet Clinic days was approved. The Vet will be coming to Batchelor on 6th May and to Adelaide River on 7th May 2026.
- The Annual Community Grant program 2025-26 was awarded to Skydive Territory Darwin Parachute Club
- The tender for upgrades to the Cemetery Precinct was awarded and works will commence after the 2026 ANZAC Day service.
- The tender was awarded for the supply and delivery of a dual cab utility as part of Council's asset management plans.
- Council considered the 2026 Australia Day event and determined to formalise an assessment methodology for future Australia Day Awards.

Prior to the Ordinary General Meeting, Council received a presentation from Department of Logistics and Infrastructure regarding water improvement projects in Batchelor and Adelaide River, including the new water treatment plant in Batchelor and the increased water supply capacity through the new bore in Adelaide River. An update was also given on Manton Dam Return to Service and the Adelaide River Offstream Water Supply (AROWS) projects.

2025/26 Property Rate Notices

Instalment Dates:

- ~~1st Instalment - Friday 26th September 2025 - finished~~
- ~~2nd Instalment due Friday 28th November 2025~~
- ~~3rd Instalment due Friday 30th January 2026~~
- 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.

Be sure to pre-book a collection time if machinery assistance is required.

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 17th March at 5:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

From The Council Services Team

Major works include:

- Myrtle Fawcett Park future works include landscaping, irrigation, vehicle barriers and footpaths - in progress
- Batchelor waste management weigh bridge - staff training and systems development in progress.
- Necessary road repairs from wet season

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	Compliance Required	Contact Information
Weight restrictions are in effect during the wet season to protect road infrastructure and ensure safety for all users.	All vehicles must adhere to weight limits during this period to avoid penalties and road damage.	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!



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 \(1.0 MB\)](#)



From the Ranger

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND ROAD RESERVES

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).

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

GAMBA ACTION PROGRAM

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

- 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.

The program is nearing the end of 2025/26 season. Once Council has distributed its allocation from NTG, the program will be closed.

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 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, Swannell Street

- 7 May 2026

Services Available

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

- Desexing
- Vaccinations
- General health checks
- Parasite control

VET CLINIC		
Desex Male (Cat/Dog)	Concession Card FREE	\$100
Desex Female (Cat/Dog)	Concession Card FREE	\$200
Consult Checkup	Concession Card FREE	\$65
Vaccination C3		\$65
Vaccination C5		\$100
Flea and Tick prevention		\$20
Wormer	Total Price dependant on weight of dog x unit price	\$6
Vaccination F3 (feline)		\$65

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:

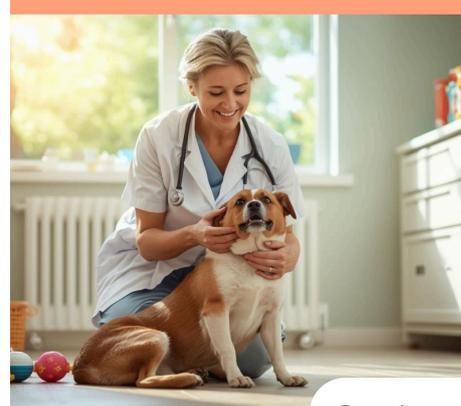
Phone: 8976 0058

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 February tour went to downtown Palmerston for a variety of activities, some people went to the movies, some went shopping whilst others just had coffee! Lunch was had at the Cazaly Club.

The next tour is on Thursday 19th March, 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.

Council has been working hard to finalise a program for the 2026 year. Keep an eye on Council's social page for details as they come to hand!

Bombing of Darwin

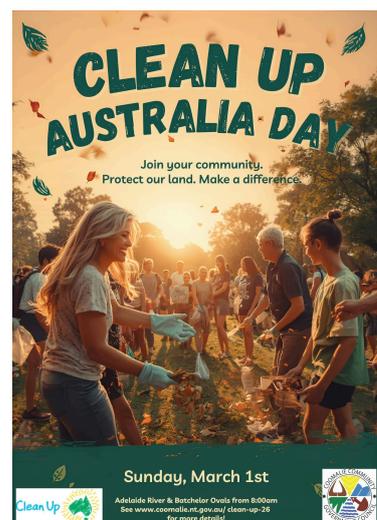
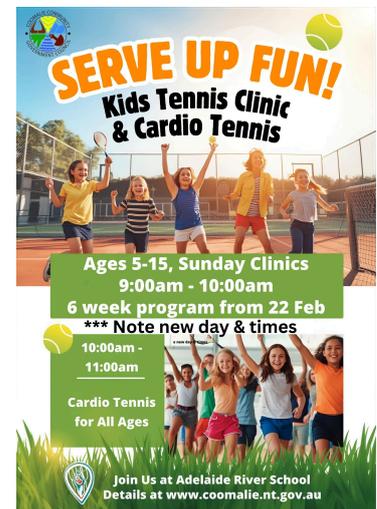
Council held it's annual ecumenical service to commemorate the 84th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin at the Adelaide River War Graves Civilian Section recently.

The event was attended by approx. 120 people who listened to some history in the lead up to and after the day of the first bombing raids.

Clean Up Australia Day

The next activity in Council's Event Calendar is Clean Up Australia Day. These will be held on Sunday 1st March 2026 from 8:00am to 10:00am.

We will be having 2 events again this year. One at Adelaide River, based at Adelaide River Oval and the second at Batchelor, based at Batchelor Oval.



International Women's Day: Celebrating Women in Agriculture

This International Women's Day, we shine a spotlight on the women who grow our food, steward our land, and strengthen rural communities. Across farms, research fields, agribusinesses, and local markets, women are shaping the future of agriculture with innovation, resilience, and leadership.

Recognised globally by the [United Nations](#), International Women's Day is a time to celebrate achievements and advocate for gender equality. In [Australia](#) and beyond, women play a vital yet often under-recognised role in agriculture—from primary production to sustainability, technology, and food security.

Why Women in Agriculture Matter

Innovation & Sustainability: Women are taking the lead on climate-smart farming practices and sustainable land management.

Economic Impact: Female farmers and agribusiness leaders contribute significantly to local and national economies.

Community Strength: Women help build resilient rural communities through leadership, education, and collaboration.

Future Generations: Mentorship and education from women in agriculture inspire the next generation of producers and scientists.

Stories of Impact

Discover inspiring stories from women across the agricultural sector—farmers, researchers, entrepreneurs, and advocates—who are breaking barriers and cultivating change.

Get Involved

- Attend our International Women's Day event
- Share your story or nominate a woman in agriculture
- Support local women-led agricultural initiatives
- Join the conversation on social media

Together, let's celebrate achievements, amplify voices, and create opportunities for women in agriculture to thrive—today and every day.

Some of the guest panellists include:

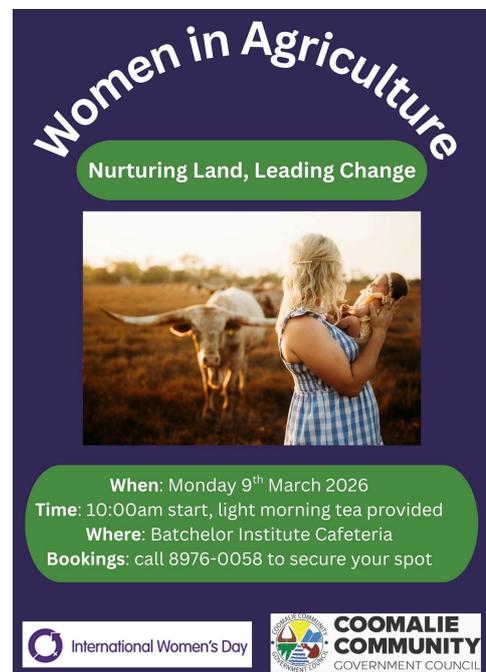
Fiona McBean, one of the driving forces of Eva Valley Meats

Tricia White, the hidden driving force of White's Pastoral Company.

When: Monday 9th March 2026 from 10:00am.

Where: Batchelor Institute Cafeteria

Morning tea & refreshments provided.



Women in Agriculture
Nurturing Land, Leading Change

When: Monday 9th March 2026
Time: 10:00am start, light morning tea provided
Where: Batchelor Institute Cafeteria
Bookings: call 8976-0058 to secure your spot

International Women's Day

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

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!

We thank long serving Library Assistant Miss Linda, for your efforts, you will be missed!

We have had to recruit a new team member, please make Miss Sandra feel welcome when you see her start her training this week. Most of you may know her already as “Nanny”!

IF SOMEONE ASKS 'COULD IT BE SEPSIS?'



LISTEN



LOOK



ACT

Listen, Look and Act to recognise sepsis or rule it out.

 Australian Commission on
Safety and Quality in Health Care

Sepsis
Australia

Symptoms of Pulmonary (Lung) Melioidosis.



Cough.



Shortness of breath.



Chest pain.



Fever.



Loss of appetite.



Headache.



You may also have extreme tiredness,
abdominal pain, joint pain or disorientation.

Morning Tea

Date & time 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.

COTA Coomalie has finalised the clean up of the
Community Shed

And its has been handed back to PFES via Batchelor
Police.

The Chair thanks everyone that turned up for this final
clean up.

3 Loads of rubbish was removed to the dump.

Tai Chi & Chi Gong

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

Contact Cherrian Luxton on 0418 776 020 for further
details.



Arafura Music Collective — the NT's own vibrant chamber music ensemble, bringing music to the heart of our communities — presents Simple Gifts — Music for Renewal and Joy.

This radiant program revels in birdsong, the beauty of our changing NT seasons, and the small pleasures that knit our communities together. Join us for an uplifting, communal afternoon of music that renews the spirit and celebrates the splendours of the earth.

Saturday 7 March 2026 at Palmerston Gray
Community Hall

Afternoon tea is on us at 3.30pm, followed by music at 4pm — a family-friendly celebration of community, conversation and connection. The concert goes for about an hour.

Tickets can be found at [TryBooking Australia](https://www.trybooking.com/australia).



Early Insights for More Resilient Communities

What we're doing

The resilience of rural, regional and remote communities can change rapidly during and after events such as drought, bushfire, flood and damaging storms. Community leaders and organisations need to know how the resilience of their community is changing, so they can identify what actions/interventions may be needed. However, often there's a lack of up-to-date evidence – and leaders have to rely on word of mouth.

The Early Insights for More Resilient Communities (Early Insights) project aims to improve availability of data so rural, regional and remote communities can track how their resilience is changing over time and see early signs of change.

An online dashboard of resilience indicators provides data at local government scale that can be updated annually to provide an ongoing picture of how resilience is changing as communities experience different events – whether drought, floods, bushfire, storms, pandemic or economic downturn.

Regional workshops

In each region, in-person and online workshops will be held in a range of locations in 2025 and early 2026 to identify the signs of changing resilience in different places. Workshop participants will include representatives of local organisations who work in the community in both challenging times and

good times, farmers and farming organisations, natural resource management organisations, local government, and a wide range of others who have different knowledge and insights.

In workshops, participants will discuss:

- Signs of changing resilience

What are the signs you see in your local community, or amongst the groups of people you work with, when their capacity to cope with challenges is changing – both for the better, or for the worse?

- How relevant are different resilience indicators for you?

Current resilience indicators used by different organisations will be presented (showing available local, regional or state/territory data where it is available). Participants will be asked to comment on how useful and relevant different indicators are for them, and how existing indicators could be made more useful.

- Priority data

What are the most important types of data that should be focused on to ensure you have data available that you can use?

The workshops will be used to shape what indicators are included in data dashboards for each region.

Find out more about the project

- Head to the project web page: www.csu.edu.au/research/southern-nsw-drought-resilience-hub/projects/early-insights-for-more-resilient-communities
- Access the current version of the dashboard: www.communityresilienceinsights.org.au
- Email us: regionalwellbeing@canberra.edu.au

Delivering Tendering Workshops throughout the NT!

KEY CONCEPTS CONSULTING THE TENDER KEY Building Winning Bid

Key Concepts Consulting has developed a workshop, THE TENDER KEY, that is ideal for small to medium-sized enterprises new to tendering or existing tenderers looking to win more bids, sharpen their skills, and grow their expertise. It's a practical, hands-on session designed to boost confidence and tendering success.

FREE Training workshops in Darwin and Palmerston will be delivered in early 2026.

To find out more about the workshops click on the booking links below.

Workshop dates (in-person):

Palmerston - 27 February - 9am - 1pm

Darwin - 5 March - 9am to 1pm

Register here: [The Tender Key | Key Concepts Consulting](#)

United Nations Association of Australia – NT Division along with co-hosts, the Office of Gender Equity and Diversity (OGED), are excited to advise that there is a new venue for the International Women's Day Walk and Celebration (IWD).

Venue: Charles Darwin University Danala Campus (54 Cavanagh Street, Darwin)

Date: Saturday 7 March 2026

Time: Walk commences from 8:30am

Visit [Facebook](#) to view the flyer.

If your community group is interested in hosting a stall at the completion of the event, you can submit an **Expression of Interest (EOI) form** by **COB Monday, 16 February**.

For further enquiries, please email nt@unaa.org.au.

Stalls that align with the spirit of International Women's Day are welcomed, including community organisations, health and wellbeing services, local businesses and advocacy groups.

The Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission (NTADC) is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from disability-led organisations, advocates, and individuals with lived experience of disability to partner with them on a new Disability Discrimination Awareness Training Project.

Seeking a co-design and delivery partner to work alongside NTADC to develop and deliver accessible, rights-based training that reflects lived experience and promotes understanding of disability rights.

This project is grounded in genuine co-design, with an Expert Advisory Group, made up primarily of people with lived experience of disability, supporting the design, pilot, evaluation, and rollout of the training.

NTADC strongly encourages EOIs from people and organisations with intersectional lived experience and those with strong connections to the disability community, including regional and remote contexts.

The Expression of Interest is now open and closes on **Friday, 27 February 2026**.

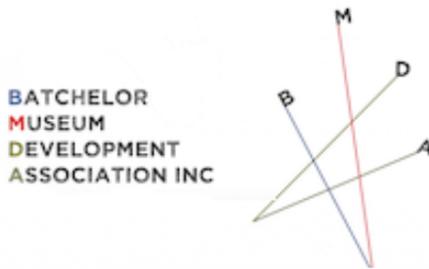
The Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission (NTADC)

Phone: 1800 813 846 (Freecall) or (08) 8999 1444

Email antidiscrimination@nt.gov.au

If you know of individuals or organisations who may be interested, please share this opportunity through your networks.

Community Groups



The Museum has been in caretaker mode for the past couple of months. Whilst Lucinda and I have resumed our work times there the Museum will not regularly open for now.

We are grateful for the caretaker support over the past few months.

On Tuesday we were gifted a glass cabinet for use to display items and are so pleased to accept this valued family piece. Lucinda and I later discussed several objects which have been sitting- but for which we now see a chance to enhance within a particular display. Thank you for donating this fine item, Alice.

The Kathy Mills panel is on display, but will need to be re-printed as the current panel is too large for the intended space. This should happen prior to the tourist season.

There are a few items needed to be printed for this coming year, including a side panel of names alongside a panel of the original WW2 display as designed by Bob Alford.

The information has been given by the daughter of one of the men when she visited last year.

Unfortunately about three years ago, when the roadway across the old railway line and up the hill and onwards-Fowler Road?-was bulldozed, there was damage to that particular signed WW2 site. Lucinda and I found the sign amongst the dirt and brought it back to the Museum.

Recently, along with many others, I attended a meeting with the Minister, Marie-Claire-Boothby when she came to Batchelor on Thursday January 29.

I was aware signage of the Batchelor Walk, which text I wrote, was deteriorated for the past few years. I had contacted NT Tourism to no avail. However there is hope now that the signage will be replaced.

The WW2 signage around Batchelor is also in need of replacement. Also Coomalie Creek area -I noted a long time ago.

Deterioration of signage is common and whilst our weather is challenging I would think that there would surely be improved methodology for such a huge requirement for legible signage across the Top End.

Batchelor has a unique story and was of great importance in WW2. It needs to be well recognised, along with the Adelaide River area- so much of important history.

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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 27th February, and 13th & 27th March 2026 from 7.00pm. Meet 'n Greet Op Shop



The first op shop and Meet 'n' Greet event for 2026 will held on Friday 27th February, and 13th & 27th March 2026.



MITE Radio is a not-for-profit online radio station helping Australians stay connected, confident, and tech-safe - with great music and friendly presenters

We broadcast:

- Classic hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s
- Select favourites from the 90s through today's Smooth Hits
- Regular tech snippets for safe, confident digital use
- Positive programs with no commercial advertising

How to Listen

Computer or Mobile

- Go to miteradio.com.au
- Press Play

Smart Phone, Tablet and in the car

- Install TuneIn Radio (App Store / Google Play)
- Open and search "MITE Radio"
- Tap Play

Hey Google **Alexa**

Play M.I.T.E Radio

Stay Connected

- miteradio.com.au
- miteradio.com.au/blog (checkout out past tips and tricks)
- admin@miteradio.com.au
- 0492 906 469



A free community service from The Stairway Project Inc. Helping Australians stay connected through technology and great music.



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

MEDIA RELEASE

Darwin, Australia – 10 February 2026

AANT Invites Territorians to Have Their Say on Risky Roads

AANT has today launched the 2026 Risky Roads Survey, calling on Territorians to identify roads they believe pose the greatest safety risks.

The survey, first conducted in 2021, provides a platform for road users to share their experiences and concerns, with results used to inform discussions with the Government.

AANT CEO Simon Matthias said community feedback plays a critical role in highlighting priority areas for road safety investment.

“Territorians know their roads best. This survey ensures their voices are heard and helps guide future safety improvements,” Mr Matthias said.

AANT acknowledges and congratulates the Northern Territory Government on the road

infrastructure improvements delivered since the first Risky Roads report in 2022. Community feedback has helped drive planning and works at several high-risk locations, particularly where safety concerns have been consistently raised by road users, including the following:

In the Darwin region:

- Stuart Highway (Pinelands and Holtze precincts)
- Kirkland Road and Woodlake Boulevard, Durack
- Rocklands Drive and Florey Avenue (hospital precinct)
- Arnhem Highway and Freds Pass Road, Humpty Doo

In regional and remote areas:

- Stuart Highway near Alice Springs
- Buntine Highway (Kalkarindji)
- Plenty Highway
- Gorrie Dry River Road (Katherine region)

While there is still more work to be done, these examples demonstrate the value of listening to Territorians and investing in targeted, evidence-based safety improvements to deliver safer roads for all.

The Risky Roads Survey uses an interactive map that allows participants to pinpoint specific locations on NT roads and share why they believe those areas are unsafe. This combination of location-based data and local insight helps identify the roads and intersections most frequently nominated as dangerous across the Territory.

Drivers, riders and pedestrians can nominate any road and/or intersection for safety concerns such as poor surface condition, unsafe design or layout, including lack of walking or cycling infrastructure.

“AANT has a long-standing role as a road safety advocate, and listening to Territorians is central to that responsibility,” said Ben Haythorpe, AANT Senior Manager Advocacy and Community Engagement.

“By capturing real experiences from road users, we can provide government with meaningful insights to help inform safer road planning across the Territory.”

Once collated, the results will be analysed and presented to the NT Government later in the year.

All Territorians can nominate roads and/or intersections until 31 March 2026.

The survey is available at <https://www.aant.com.au/risky-roads>

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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
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Mondays 2:45pm - 3:45pm during school terms
Active Remote Sport Program Term 1, 2026	Adelaide River School	Sundays 9:00am - 11:00am
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 17th March 2026.

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