



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

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From The Chambers

From The President



Council held its Risk and Audit Committee Meeting this month, chaired for the first time by our newly appointed Chairperson, Robert Annis-Brown. Robert brings extensive experience in local government and strong financial management expertise, and Council is pleased to welcome him to the team.

Sincere thanks are extended to outgoing Chair, Ian Swan, for his leadership and commitment to Coomalie over the past three years; his time, guidance and wise advice have been greatly appreciated. We also farewell our independent committee member, Maxie Smith, who has moved to the Tiwi Islands. Council will consider the appointment of a new independent member at the December Council Meeting.

The Risk Management and Audit Committee was followed by a Special Meeting of Council to receive the 2024–2025 Annual Report and independently audited Financial Statements. The Auditor advised both the Committee and Council that Council is in a sound financial position and issued an unqualified audit opinion.

The scheduling of Council's Ordinary General Meeting was disrupted due to the emergency management arrangements in place as Cyclone Fina approached the Top End. Fortunately, Coomalie residents remained safe and largely unaffected, with only some localised flooding and a small number of downed trees. The Ordinary General Meeting has been rescheduled to 27 November 2005, and community members are warmly invited to attend in the gallery.

I look forward to seeing you at Council or out and about in the community. Please stay safe and drive to the conditions.



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council held several meetings in November 2025.

Risk Management and Audit Committee held on 10th of November

- Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2024-2025

Special Council Meeting held on 12th November 2025

- Approve the Annual Report and Audited financial Statements for Release.
- Council's Independent Auditor – Nexia, presented the audited financial statements to the full Council
- Annual Report and Audited Financial statements were approved with minor amendments and were released to the Minister for Local Government on the 14th of November 2025.

November Ordinary General Meeting held on Thursday 27th of November 2025

- CCGC Strategic Plan 2023-2027 Biannual Update Report.
- Nominations for LGANT representative on the NTG Place Names Committee, Nil nominations.
- Nominations for the NT Water Safety Advisory Council, Clr. Greg Strettles
- Coomalie Community Grants – First Round released.
- Approved the reviewed Delegations Policy as amended.

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 2025

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.

What's in a Name?

ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY

Named as it contains the remains of servicemen and women who died in the Top End during World War II and commemorates service personnel lost in Timor and other northern regions but who have no known grave.

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 \$33 a 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 16th December** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

Coomalie Landcare Program

Council is commencing a Landcare program with replacement of trees at the Adelaide River Oval and the park between Kirra & Flynn Crescents Batchelor.

See the flyers below for dates & times!

ADELAIDE RIVER LANDCARE DAY



JOIN US IN PROMOTING HEALTHY LANDCARE FOR THRIVING ENVIRONMENTS AND COMMUNITIES.

Together, we can make a difference for a sustainable future, enhancing our communities green spaces and ecosystems.

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING AT ADELAIDE RIVER OVAL, MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025

Get involved at

www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/coomalie-landcare

Part of the Active Regional & Remote Program proudly sponsored by the Northern Territory Government



BATCHELOR LANDCARE DAY



JOIN US IN PROMOTING HEALTHY LANDCARE FOR THRIVING ENVIRONMENTS AND COMMUNITIES.

Together, we can make a difference for a sustainable future, enhancing our communities green spaces and ecosystems.

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING AT KIRRA CRES PARK BATCHELOR, TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025

Get involved at

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Annual Community Grants Program

Council's Annual Community Grants Program is again open for applications for the 2025-26 financial year.

See Council's [website](#) for details of the guidelines for the program and to get your copy of the application form.



Previous recipients of the Community Grant program are:

Recipient	Funding Request	Funding
St Francis Church	Extension of “Meet & Greet” area	\$1,500
Community Members	Sponsorship for the Tassel Trophy Challenge	\$1,500
Skydive Territory	Equipment for Training Room	\$500
Dementia Alliance Darwin	Promotional materials for start up of Dementia Alliance group	\$1,450

Christmas Facility Closures



Office

Wednesday 24th December 2025 12:00pm until Monday 5th January 2026

Waste Facilities

Thursday 25th December 2025

Libraries

Monday 22nd December 2025 until Monday 5th January 2026

Pool

Thursday 25th December 2025

Batchelor CPA

Thursday 25th until Friday 26th December 2025



From The Council Services Team

Major works include:

- Myrtle Fawcett Park ablution block – Completed. Future works include landscaping, irrigation, vehicle barriers and footpaths- in planning
- Batchelor waste management weigh bridge - in progress, weigh bridge on site, civil works completed; weigh bridge installed; staff training and systems development in progress.

Ongoing works include:

- General road maintenance
- Grade, Water, Roll in progress
- 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

Wet Season Weight Restrictions

With the official start of the wet season now upon us, weight restrictions are now in force on all Council roads.

Restrictions are:

- 20 tonne on sealed roads
- 10 tonne unsealed roads.

To move a vehicle that is outside these restrictions, you must first seek approval from Council. The application form for this can be downloaded from Council's [website here](#)



ARE YOU READY FOR THE WET?

Should the matter be life threatening call '000' or '112' from your mobile in the first instance!

If the urgent matter relates to Council roads or infrastructure please call Council's Emergency Response number below

0499 166 855

All non-urgent matters, please see Council's website www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/contact-us for details on how to report an issue.


 Business Hours: (08) 8976-0058 

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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

Gamba Grass

Scientific name: *Andropogon gayanus*

Declaration status: [class A](#) except in areas where it's classified as class B

Gamba grass is a Weed of National Significance. For more information on weeds in Australia, go to the [Weeds Australia website](#).

Impact

Gamba is a highly invasive weed that creates high fuel loads. It can cause uncontrollable, hot and intense fires that affect people, properties and communities. Read about gamba's [origin](#), [habitat and distribution](#).

Legal Requirements

If you're a landholder with gamba grass on your land, find out your legal [responsibilities](#). For annual reporting against the plan, go to the [Department of Lands, Planning and Environment website](#).

Identification

Use the below characteristics as a guide to help you identify gamba grass. There may be other plants or weeds that look similar. Tussocks can grow to 4m high and up to 70cm in diameter. Stem and branches are robust and covered in dense, soft white hairs.

Leaves are broad and can grow up to 1m, have a distinctive white midrib and fine soft hairs, stay green after native annual grasses have died off.

Seed heads are v-shaped and fluffy, develop above the leaves on thick stems.

To find out more, read the [guide to identifying gamba grass and other Top End tussock grasses PDF \(2.1 MB\)](#) and the gamba grass fact sheet on the [Territory Stories website](#).



Gamba Action Program

Council's Gamba Action Program starts Friday 28th November 2025.

See [Council's website](#) for full details of this years program!


JOIN THE GAMBA GRASS FIGHT

Gamba Action Program

Help us control invasive species while receiving **free herbicide** to manage Gamba grass.

A spray trailer is available to hire!


COME SEE US AT COUNCIL!



Program starts
Friday
28/11/2025

PROGRAM RUNS EVERY FRIDAY
9AM – 1PM

COLLECT FROM 22 CAMERON ROAD
BATCHELOR



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From the Ranger

ANIMAL SAFETY IS A MUST!

Keeping all animals safe, from cats to dogs, cattle to goats and everything in between is Council Rangers number one priority.

We work closely with Animal Welfare and the Police to ensure all animals within the Coomalie region are cared for, safe and loved.

As the weather changes, from heat waves to storms, Rangers would like to remind the community of some key responsibilities:

- Animals need to be protected from all-weather types by having plenty of shade and secure shelters,
- Have access to plenty of clean fresh water,
- Animals need to be fed daily and as we approach wet season, please ensure you have plenty of animal feed available at home in case of a power outage or flooding,
- Identification- all animals need to have identification tags on them, this will ensure that if they get lost, they can be returned to the owner in a timely manner once found,
- Appropriate fencing – to reduce your animals fleeing in the wet season storms, please ensure your yards are secure or your animals are caged.

During the wet season, this is when parasites and viruses are most active and your animals are most prone to them, Council sees a high volume of Parvovirus, Itchy Skin and Ehrlichiosis within our community, to reduce these numbers; owners need to ensure the following :

- Animals are up to date on their vaccinations
- Flea and Tick collars to be worn and replaced once expired
- Medicated washes on itchy skin
- Worming dogs to be done monthly during the wet and every 3 months during the dry.

If you have any worries or concern regarding your animal's health, please contact your local vet practice.



ANIMAL BY-LAW BREACHES

Council is receiving a high number of dog complaints; we work within our Coomalie (Dog Management) By-laws 2002.

Animal owners may receive a breach of by-law notice, and dogs may be impounded if found to be guilty of breaching the by-laws.

The by-laws are found on Council's website.

WET SEASON REMINDERS

As the wet season approaches, Council would like to remind the community of the following:

- Yards need to be frequently mowed,
- Overgrown vegetation needs to be removed,
- Gamba Grass needs to be dealt with accordingly,
- Projectile objects need to be secure,
- Do NOT Park vehicles on Councils grassed road verges.

Council will be doing weekly inspections of both Townships and overgrown property and waste on road reserve notices will be issued accordingly.

DOG REGISTRATIONS

If you have not renewed your dog/s registrations since 1st September 2025, your dog will currently be unregistered with Council, please ensure all registrations are up to date.

50% discount applies to concession card holders.

50% discount applies to desexed animals.

Only one discount can be used at one time.

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

If your dog is caught roaming in the public realm including being unleashed while walking, Council Rangers have the right to impound your animal.



REGISTRATIONS DUE

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

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

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

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

COOMALIE (DOG MANAGEMENT) BY-LAWS 2002 state:
Township properties have a limit of two (2) dogs per
property and must be registered.
Rural properties do not have a limit but must be registered.

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mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au 

From Community Services Team

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

October's Mystery Tour participated in a friendly, yet competitive, game of mini golf at The Gardens Golf Links course. Lunch followed at Eva's cafe in the Botanic Gardens.

The next Seniors Mystery Tour will be held on Thursday November 20th. Pickups are available in Adelaide River, Batchelor and the Lake Bennett bus stop.

The November tour is a pre-planned and booked activity, please ensure you register your interest early!

Active Remote Sport Program

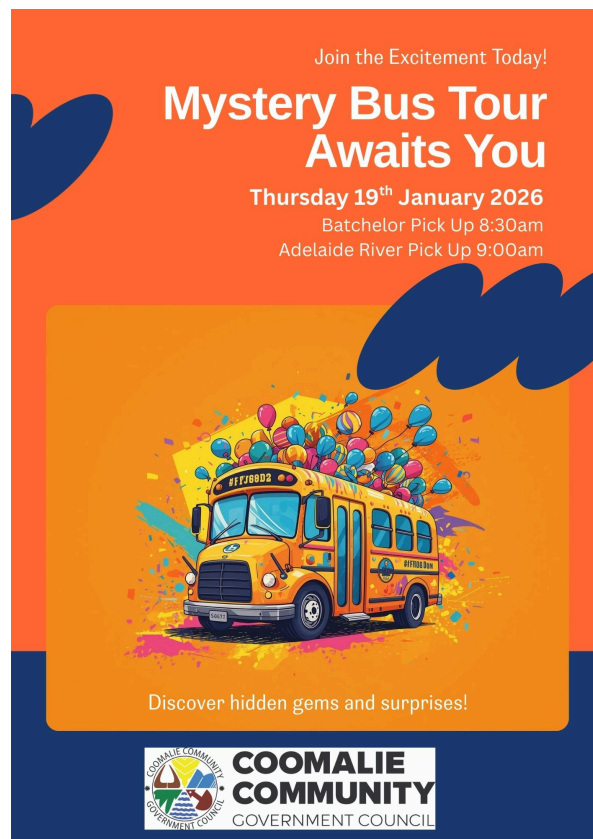
This program has finalised for the 2025 school year, please look out for further information for term 1, 2026!

Adelaide River Landcare Day

A special tree planting day will occur at the Adelaide River Oval on Monday 15th December 2025 from 9:00am.

This will be followed by a gaming day at the Adelaide River Library.

Cold water and a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for those that attend!



Australia Day Awards

Council has opened it's Annual Australia Day Awards for people to nominate worthy recipients for the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year (30-60 years old),
- Senior Citizen of the Year (over 60 years),
- Young Citizen of the Year (16-30 year olds), and
- Community Event of the Year

To nominate a worthy recipient, please visit Council's website www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/nominations to download a paper based form, or you can complete the online form that asks 5 simple questions!

Awards close on Monday December 1st, 2025.

Seniors Christmas Party

Invitations have now been issued for the Annual Seniors Christmas Party, details of the event are below.

When: Friday 5th December 2025

Time: 11:30am - 2:00pm

Where: Litchfield Outback Resort, Batchelor

Should you have missed a place at a table, Council staff will place you onto a waiting list for anyone that pulls out.

Should you have already put your name down for the event, but can no longer attend, please let Council know asap so we can allocate your seat to someone else.



Nominate Your Citizen or Event of the Year!

Recognize extraordinary individuals in our community

Categories include:
Citizen of the Year
Senior Citizen of the Year
Youth Citizen of the Year
Community Event of the Year

Nominations close December 1st, 2025

Scan the QR Code below or visit www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/nominations



Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Get ready to jingle and mingle!

SENIORS Christmas PARTY

Join us for an afternoon filled with festive cheer, dazzling decorations, and merry moments.

Let's celebrate the magic of the season together!

5TH DECEMBER, 2025
from 11:30am to 2:30pm

The
LITCHFIELD OUTBACK RESORT
Rum Jungle Road, Batchelor

RSVP before 28th November
(08) 8976-0058

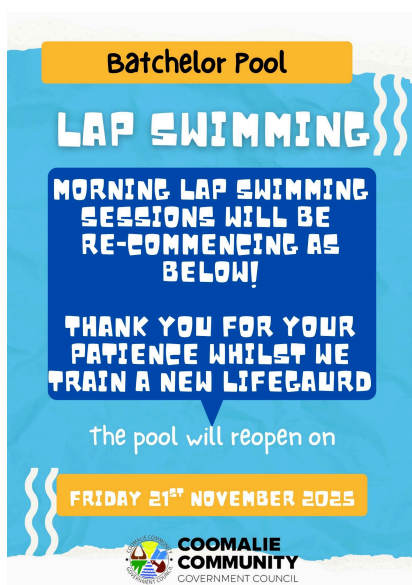


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January School Holiday Program has just been released. See your local Community Library, School Office or Council's website to get your enrolment form.

Forms need to be back by Monday 6th January 2026.



Lap swimming has recommenced at Batchelor Pool, after a short break.

Council would like to thank everyone for their patience whilst we recruited and trained a replacement Pool Lifeguard!



One session of Aqua Aerobics has occurred at Batchelor Pool with 8 people in attendance, including some faces that have not attended a Council event before!

The next sessions will be on Friday 12th & 19th December from 10:00am at Batchelor Pool!

Come along and enjoy this low impact fitness activity, suitable for all ages!

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 the times above.

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!

Library Christmas Closures

Monday 22nd December 2025 until Monday 5th January 2026

Morning Tea

No morning tea will be held in December or January.

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

The Coomalie Grey Panthers will perform two of their own dances in a section of a Tracks dance show called "Amazing Greys" in Darwin on Sunday November 23rd. We will also dance these two dances at the Coomalie Seniors lunch.

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.

Will Continue through December & January!

COTA Coomalie Christmas Dinner Party

Saturday 13th December 2025 at 7.00pm

Litchfield Outback Resort.

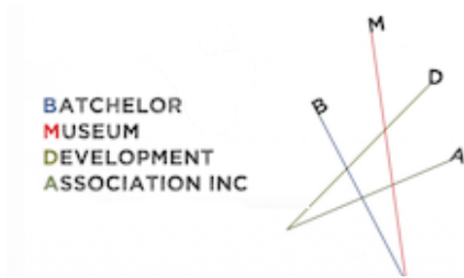


COTA Members - \$50

Non-COTA Members - \$57

Bookings essential prior to 6th December, ring Jan on 0409 760 257!

Community Groups



It is certainly a quiet time at the Museum as people in the Top End dealt with Cyclone issues as they evolved. Fortunately Batchelor did not have the big winds expected, but it did receive a swag of rain.

Lucinda and I are finalising some work situations as we need to post the annual return with the Northern Territory Government and the Charities Commission (ACNC).

We will hold the Annual General Meeting next week, Monday December 1, as we have been waiting for the accounts report to be finalised. Our volunteers will be in attendance, and interested persons are invited to attend at 10am.

Meantime, as the organising members, Lucinda and I very much acknowledge and thank the people who have contributed to the Museum being open -Gaye, Carol, Prue, Marjan and caretakers, Julie and Terry, and Mark. Also much appreciation to Darryl who keeps our presence on the Museum Facebook page as well as the local Batchelor Facebook site.

More news next year and do contact one of us if you would like to be involved.

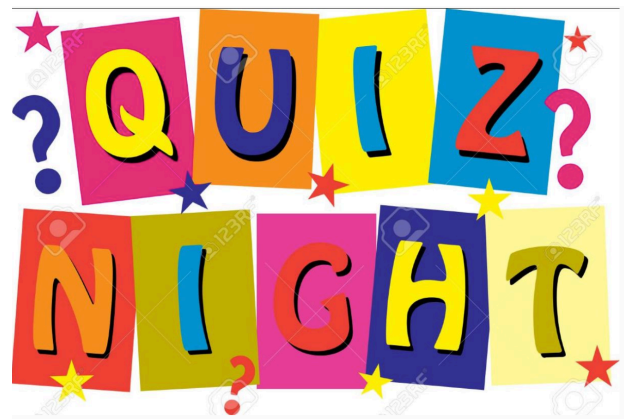
Jan Hills



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.



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

ALL WELCOME!

The next quiz nights will be held Friday 28th November, 5th & 19th December at 7.00PM.



Meet 'n Greet Op Shop

The last op shop and Meet 'n' Greet event was held on Friday 21st November 2025 this will be in hiatus until February 2026.



St Francis Church

Every Sunday

Mardango Cres, Batchelor

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

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 4, 2025	Adelaide River School Batchelor School	Thursdays 3:00pm - 5:30pm Wednesdays 3:00pm - 4:00pm
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	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

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

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 16th November 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 [1.06 Community Communication Policy](#) before submitting an article.

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