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From The Chambers





PRESIDENTS SPEECH 21st October 2025

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to our Council Chambers. It's wonderful to see so many of you here today.

Before we begin today's business, I want to take a few moments to speak about why I accepted the nomination for President—and where I believe this Council is heading. The last Council was dismissed by the Minister, and that was a challenging time for our community. Each of us who stood for election did so for different personal reasons, but with one shared goal: to move forward and to rebuild public confidence in this Council. My vision is to lead a team that restores that confidence—not by looking backward at discord, but by looking forward to cooperation and achievement. A strong, united Council is the best guarantee we have against any external interference or suggestion of amalgamation.

I also want to take a moment to warmly welcome everyone in the gallery. Your presence today is a sign of healthy public interest in local government—something I deeply value. Please enjoy being part of our meetings, but remember: these sessions are for observation, not participation. Respectful silence ensures we can conduct business efficiently and fairly.

Unfortunately, after our September meeting, there were reports of inappropriate comments and even threatening behaviour outside the chamber. That is not only unacceptable—it's illegal. Let me be very clear: if anyone disrupts a meeting, they will be asked to leave. Continued aggressive or threatening behaviour could result in being trespassed from Council premises. I hope it doesn't come to that, because respectful engagement benefits everyone. Please understand that your right to attend these meetings comes with a responsibility.

We are a largely new Council, still learning, still growing. We're guided by our Strategic Plan 2022–2027, our Shire Plan, and our budget—all shaped by public feedback. These documents provide the foundation that directs our policies and actions.

I also want to acknowledge and respect the important balance between our elected

representatives and the administrative arm of the Coomalie Council. Each has a crucial role, and that separation of powers ensures effective, accountable governance.

By early next year, we'll have completed our training, finished touring Council assets, and familiarised ourselves with the works program. That will put us in a strong position not only to maintain existing projects but to introduce new ideas and priorities that serve this community's needs.

Transparency and accountability are central to everything we do. Every Councillor here wants to rebuild trust in this institution. I've been impressed by how much information is available to the public—the Council website, monthly agendas and minutes, newsletters like STOP Press, and community updates on notice boards and social media. And of course, you'll see your Councillors out in the community, listening and engaging directly.

We also welcome your feedback—through phone calls, emails, the website, or the Snap Send Solve app.

I would also remind the gallery and Councillors that whilst we are elected from different wards, we are at all times representing all the residents and working for the advancement of the entire Coomalie Shire.

As your President, I'm committed to building a positive, forward-focused work environment for both the elected Council and our administrative team. We will not be drawn back into old grievances. Instead, we will focus on what unites us: our shared commitment to a stronger, better Coomalie.

Thank you, and let's get started.

Ross McGorman
President



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

At the meeting Council considered the following business:

- Appointing members to the Risk Management and Audit Committee - Deputy

- Activating Myrtle Fawcett Park project update.
- Release EOI for removal of the old waste oil facility on Coach Road, Adelaide River.
- LGANT Annual General Meeting and Conference attendance.
- Motion for the LGANT Annual General Meeting from Wagait Shire Council, Road Infrastructure.
- Nominations for the Batchelor Region Development Consent Authority - President Ross McGorman, Deputy President Chris Whately, Cllr Mae Mae Morrison and Andrew Turner as a community representative.
- NT Remuneration Tribunal Determination of Elected Members allowances.
- Christmas Council Office closure from 2pm on December 24th, reopening 5th January 2026.
- Nominations for the NTG Ministerial Advisory Council for Senior Territorians.
- Annual Report and External Audit 2024-25.
- Asset Management and Project Management workshops for new Elected Members.

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MEDIA RELEASE
26th October 2025

**Thessally ships first magnesite
from Darwin in 30 years**

Thessally Resources Pty Ltd has dispatched the Northern Territory's first shipment of magnesite in three decades, with approximately 14,000 tonnes leaving Darwin Port for Japan this week.

The ore extracted from Thessally's Huandot Magnesium Project near Batchelor, 80km south of Darwin was mined from a trial open pit. The bulk sample will be travelled by a major steel refiner in Japan.

Magnesite (MgCO₃) is the primary ore for production of magnesia (MgO) and magnesium (Mg) metal. In its natural form it is used as a flux in steelmaking. With processing to magnesium oxide it serves as a feedstock across industrial, construction, agricultural and environmental markets to manufacture a wide variety of products e.g. furnace linings, building materials, pharmaceuticals, fertilisers, animal feeds, water treatments, etc.

Magnesium's lightweight, high strength properties make it a critical input for modern transport, defence and renewable energy technologies—supporting efficiency gains and emissions reductions.

Thessally plans to develop Huandot in stages to meet growing demand and strengthen global supply chains for critical materials: initially via direct shipping ore (DSO), then adding a kiln for downstream processing to magnesium oxide, and ultimately hopes to see magnesium metal refined in the Northern Territory.

Jeff Elliott, Chairman, Thessally Resources: *"Huandot is a large and high purity magnesite deposit which is amenable to low-cost open-pit mining and simple processing to create a wide variety of products. Its high-grade and proximity to port, gas and solar infrastructure bode well for unlocking its enormous value."*

"Securing a major Japanese steel producer for industrial scale process trials is a crucial step, and with government and community support, we look forward to progressing development of this strategically important critical mineral project."

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2025/26 Property Rates Notices

~~1st Instalment – Friday 26th September 2025 - finished~~

2nd Instalment – Friday 28th November 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?

HUNDRED OF PLAYFORD

The Hundred of Playford is situated northwest of Adelaide River and was probably named after E. Copley Playford, an ex-Administrator of the Northern Territory in 1922. Playford had been prominent as a surveyor and in the mining districts of the Territory. One of two Hundreds added in post war years, Playford was gazetted in December 1953, together with the Hundred of Gregory.

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 \$33.00/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 **Monday 17th November 2025** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

From The Council Services Team

Major works include:

- Driveway to the Columbarium and footpath through the memorial garden is complete.

- Myrtle Fawcett Park future works include landscaping, irrigation, vehicle barriers and footpaths.
- Batchelor waste management weighbridge - in progress, weighbridge on site, civils works completed; weighbridge installed; staff training and systems development in progress..
- Sargeant Road new seal - Completed.
- Cemetery Precinct carpark procurement in progress.

Ongoing works include:

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

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](#)

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





Weeds in Coomalie

Cabomba

Scientific name: *Cabomba caroliniana*

Declaration status: Class A

Cabomba is a Weed of National Significance. For more information, go to the [Weeds Australia website](#).

Cabomba is native to the Americas, but has been used extensively in the aquarium industry.

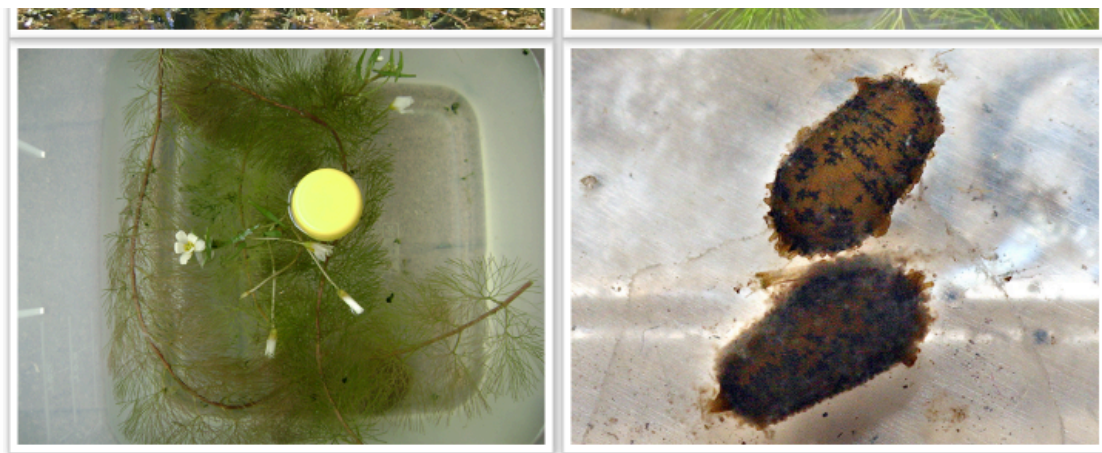
Discarded aquarium contents were probably the cause of the only two infestations in the Northern Territory (NT), found in 1996 at Marlow Lagoon (eradicated) and in 2004 at Darwin River (persisting).

Cabomba likes to grow in slow moving or stagnant water bodies with silty soil.

This means that billabongs and floodplain areas would be highly susceptible to cabomba if it were to establish more widely in the NT.

Watch the cabomba eradication program video on [YouTube](#).





To find out more, get the cabomba weed note on the [Department of Lands, Planning and Environment website](#).

If you are unsure, contact the [Weed Management Branch](#).

From the Ranger

ANIMAL SAFETY IS A MUST!

Keeping all animals 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 have 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 coming wet season storms, please ensure your yards or your animals are caged correctly.

During the wet season, this is when parasites and viruses are most active and your animals are most prone to them, Council see's a high volume of Parvovirus, Itchy Skin 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 concerns regarding your animals, please contact your local vet practice.

2nd ROUND VET CLINIC DAY

What a great community we live in, the involvement of the community has made our second-round vet clinic day a great success.

We have had a total of 11 Caine desexing, 1 Feline desexing, 13 Vaccinations and 4 Health checks including worming/flea and tick treatments at the 2nd round Batchelor Clinic.

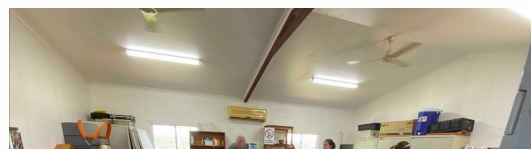
Council Rangers work tirelessly with the community to encourage ownership responsibility, having a high number of desexed and vaccinated animals reduces the numbers of unwanted litters and sickness in animals such as Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis, Lepto and Heart worm.

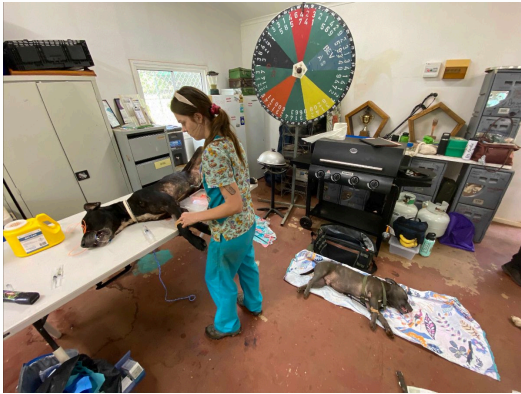
Alongside the vet clinic day, Council ran the feral cat trapping program with a total of 6 feral cats caught.

Overall, for the 2025 Vet clinics we have a great outcome with 25 Canine desexing, 8 Feline desexing, 26 Vaccinations, 16 Health checks including worming/flea and tick treatments.

Feral cat trapping program had a total of 25 feral cats caught for the year.

Council would like to give a huge thank you to the people who make these clinics run smoothly, The Ark Animal Hospital!





DOG REGISTRATIONS

Dog registrations are due for renewal for the 2025-2026 year. If you have not renewed your dog/s registrations since 1st September 2025, your dog will currently be unregistered with Council.

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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GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

(08) 8976-0058 
mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au 

PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP

We would like to thank the community for their involvement in the pre cyclone clean up, removing these hazards decrease projectile objects and hazards throughout the wet season.

Please remember:

- *Any rubbish placed out after the collection dates will not be collected from Council and you may face having a breach of By-Law notice.*
- *Council will not be collecting any green waste placed on the road reserves, if you have placed green waste out this may result in a breach of by-law notice.*

GAMBA GRASS EDUCATION DAY

Council is partnering with NT Weeds branch for the upcoming Gamba Action Program (GAP).

A Gamba Grass education session will take place on Saturday 1st November 2025 at the Bruce Jones Centre, Batchelor.

8am – 12pm

This is open to all of the community; we would love to see you there.

The education session will include:

- Spraying lesson with a backpack spraying and a spraying unit,
- Herbicide education,
- Herbicide application demonstration,

- Gamba identification,
- Gamba education,
- A BBQ will also be held!!

Herbicide will be distributed at the Education Day.

WET SEASON APPROACHING

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.

From Community Services Team

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

October's Mystery Tour undertook and freindly, 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!

Mystery Bus Tour Pass

<p>Departure Adelaide River Batchelor</p> <p>Seat Number 16B</p>	<p>Destination Unknown</p> <p>Bus Number A-12345</p>	<p>Items Needed Good time</p> <p>Activity/Lunch at own cost</p>
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Departure Time **8:30 AM**

Date **November 20, 2025**



Contact Council to
book your seat.
8976 0058



No Ticket

Active Remote Sport Program

For term 4 Council has engaged Football NT (Soccer) to run a 6 week program at Adelaide River and Netball NT to run Batchelor's program.

Adelaide River - Thursday from October 23, 3:00pm - 5:30pm

Batchelor - Wednesdays from October 22, 3:00pm - 4:00pm



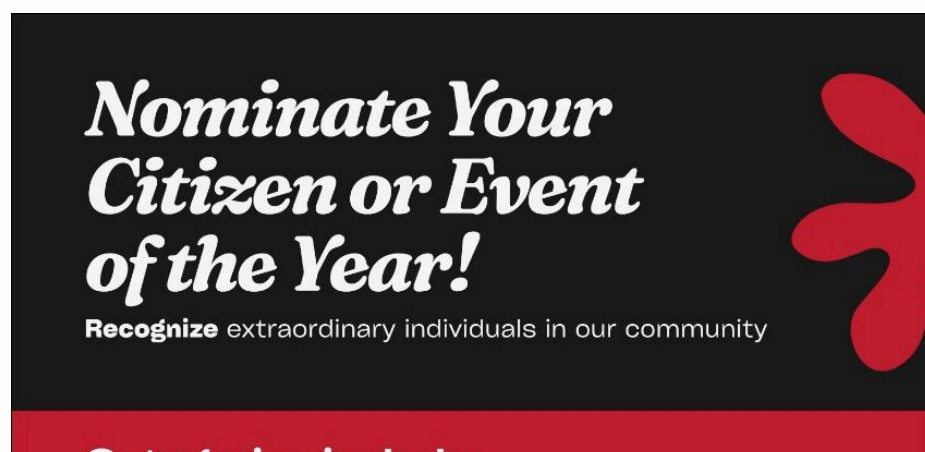
Australia Day Awards

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

- Citizen of the Year (over 30 years),
- Senior Citizen of the Year (over 60 years),
- Youth Citizen of the Year (16-30 year old), 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!





Seniors Christmas Party

Invitations will soon be 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

Please do not call up prior to receiving your invitation, as the list will not be opened until after invitations have been sent!

As this is a highly competitive ticket to get a hold of, please respect staff if you miss the cut and are placed onto the wait list. We will endeavour to progress through the wait list as people pull out of the event.

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

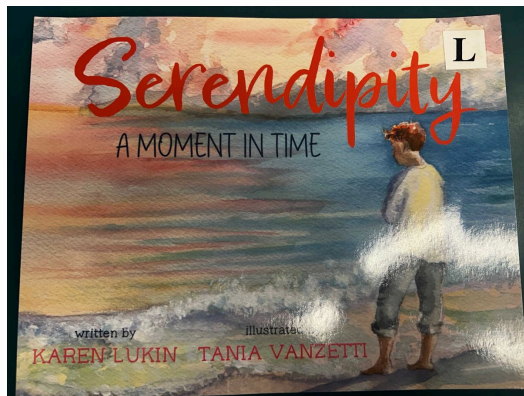
Batchelor

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.



Recently, Librarian Deb, had the opportunity to meet the author of '*Serendipity - A Moment in Time*' at Adelaide River Library. After a bit of a chat, Karen Lukin signed and dedicated the book to our little library!

Thank you Karen for the wonderful gesture!

COTA

Morning Tea

No morning tea will be held in November.

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.

COTA Coomalie Christmas Dinner Party

Saturday 13th December 2025 at 7.00pm

Litchfield Outback Resort.

Price and menu to be advised.

Coomalie Shire Residents

**Meet your new President
Mr Ross McGorman**

OPEN TO ALL

- Meet newly elected President, Mr Ross McGorman in person
- Raise your concerns



- Discuss local issues
- This meeting is free to attend



DATE Friday 7 November 2025

TIME 10am

VENUE Litchfield Outback Resort
Batchelor

RSVP Not required. Refreshments can be purchased on-site

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NT Seniors Recognition Scheme



The NT Seniors Recognition Scheme recognises the valuable contribution senior Territorians make to our community through a \$550 prepaid card issued each financial year.

Territorians aged 65 years and older may be eligible to register for the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme if you are:

- A current NT resident, living in the NT for 183 days of the financial year; and
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident; or
- A temporary visa holder with a valid Medicare card registered in the NT.

To apply for the scheme:

ntconcessions.nt.gov.au

Visit a NT Concessions and Recognition Service Centre

1800 777 704



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PEOPLE, SPORT
AND CULTURE

Where can I shop?

The NT Seniors Recognition Card can be used to buy a large range of products including:



groceries



travel



clothing



white goods



power and water



bills



driver licence



postage



car registration



coffee



fuel



veterinary services

Use the card by 30 June each year, any remaining funds on the card will be cleared at the end of the financial year. Funds do not accrue.

The NT Seniors Recognition Scheme card is issued by Heritage Bank Limited ABN 32 087 652 024 AFSL 240984, ACL 240984. Please visit ntconcessions.nt.gov.au/activate to check the card expiry and the card balance.

NT Concession Scheme



You could be eligible for discounts on a range of essential goods and services to help with living expenses.

You may be eligible if you are a:

- Current NT resident, Australian citizen or permanent resident living in the NT for at least 6 months of the financial year
- Receiving an eligible government support payment.

Essential goods and services you can receive a concession on include council rates and garbage services, electricity, water and sewerage, NT driver licence and vehicle registration and spectacles. Caps and household limits may apply.

To apply for the scheme:

ntconcessions.nt.gov.au

What can I receive concessions on?

The NT Concession Scheme provides concessions on a range of essential goods and services including:



electricity



council rates



garbage services



water



sewerage



spectacles



driver licence



car registration

visit a NT Concessions and Recognition Service Centre
1800 777 704

NT CONCESSION
NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
Department of PEOPLE, SPORT AND CULTURE

All concessions under the Northern Territory (NT) Concession Scheme are capped. You can get free renewal on your driver licence and up to: \$1,200 per annum for electricity (8000kW)*, \$800 per annum for water (471kL)*, \$486.12 per annum for sewerage (based on fixed daily concession of \$1.332)*, \$200 per annum for council rates*, \$150 per annum for garbage (varies between regions)*, \$354 per annum for vehicle registration (\$77 for 6 months), \$502.20 every two years for you and your registered dependents for spectacles (the value of concession depends on the spectacle combination).

Are you renting in the NT?
Feeling the heat?

Tell us about it...

Scan here to complete our survey

Tenants' Advice Service

Did you know?
The NT does not have minimum rental standards.

There are no specific standards beyond the general requirement to ensure the property is "habitable" and meets "health and safety requirements".

Many other jurisdictions already have some form of minimum rental standards.

Do you think the NT should have minimum rental standards?
Have your say in our survey!

Tenants' Advice Service

Community Groups

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STALLS | MUCH MORE

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CALL - 0467 026 120 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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\$40 FOR 5 GAMES **\$10 FOR 1 GAME**

FANTASTIC PRIZES LOTS OF FUN

Looking for an exciting way to spend your evening? Join us for Bingo Night at the ARSS Club!
Enjoy the thrill of winning fantastic prizes while sharing laughs and good times with friends and family.

★ Don't miss out on a night full of fun and excitement! ★

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1ST NOVEMBER
DEPARTS
6.00 PM
OLD Batchelor Store

BOOK A SEAT
TEXT: 0467 026 120
INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS



 **COOMALIE COMMUNITY**
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

1ST NOVEMBER
DEPARTS
6.45 PM
SHELL Service Station
Adelaide River

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 **Arafura Music Collective**

Hearing DOUBLE

THE ART OF MUSICAL DIALOGUE
FEATURING GUEST ARTIST ADRIAN WALTER (GUITAR)

Vivaldi Concertos with Double Trumpets and Double Cellos, and Sculthorpe's *Darwin Calypso* performed by Two Guitars

SAT 8 NOV
Palmerston
Gray Community Hall
Cuppa at 3.30pm, Music at 4pm

SUN 9 NOV
Darwin
Supreme Court
Bar opens at 4.15pm, Music at 5pm




Celebrate connection through music!

Arafura Music Collective invites you to enjoy a relaxed afternoon with friends, family and neighbours.

Hearing Double: The Art of Musical Dialogue brings musicians together in playful duets — from the sparkle of Vivaldi's double trumpets to the passion of his famous double cello concerto.

Guest guitarist Adrian Walter joins local artists for Carulli's intimate double guitar serenades and Peter Sculthorpe's Top End - inspired Calypso, a work that reflects our community's resilience and cultural diversity.



2026 Imparja Cup Dates Confirmed

The 33rd Annual Imparja Cup powered by DXC Technology will be held from Friday 20 to Tuesday 24 February in Mparntwe (Alice Springs).

The Imparja Cup has grown from a family game between Tennant Creek and Alice Springs into Australia's largest Indigenous cricket carnival. Held on Arrernte land, the event has become a national celebration, each year drawing hundreds of Indigenous cricketers, coaches, match officials and volunteers from across the Territory and Australia to celebrate cricket, culture and community.

Across five days, teams will compete in the Major Centres, Men's Community, Women's Community and Schools Divisions, while the Schools Gala Day will again aim to create a new generation of young Indigenous cricketers who love and play the game.

Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill:

"We're delighted to welcome the 33rd Annual Imparja Cup to Mparntwe. This festival of cricket brings people of all ages and backgrounds together on Arrernte Country to celebrate sport, culture and community pride. It's a chance to connect, to cheer each other on, and to enjoy the spirit of cricket in the heart of Australia. Alice Springs Town Council is proud to sponsor such an iconic and meaningful event."

NT Cricket Head of Cricket Nick Winter:

“The Imparja Cup means a lot to so many people across the Territory and beyond. It’s a time for communities, family and friends to come together, to play, connect and share stories through cricket. As Australia’s largest Indigenous cricket event, our goal is to see it continue to grow and inspire the next generation.”

Register Your Team

The 2026 Imparja Cup Registration is free and now open to new and past teams from the Northern Territory and around Australia.

Teams wishing to nominate to play in the Imparja Cup are asked to complete the online form available through the link below:

👉 [\[Register your team here\]](#)

👉 [\[Follow this link for a detailed explainer on team eligibility\]](#)

👉 [\[Eligibility exemption form here\]](#)

Match Officials

Umpires interested in officiating at the 2026 Imparja Cup are encouraged to submit an expression of interest via the Match Officials form below.

👉 [\[Register as a match official\]](#)

IMPARJA CUP HISTORY

The Imparja Cup is Australia’s biggest Indigenous cricket festival, originally founded by custodians, Shane Franey and Ross Williams, as a family match between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek in 1994.

The name Imparja comes from the Arrernte word Impatye, meaning tracks or footprints, honouring those who came before and creating pathways for the next generation.

The Imparja Cup has made a significant contribution to the history and story of indigenous cricket in Australia and was the event and foundation on which Cricket Australia created the National Indigenous Cricket Championships in 2016.

UPCOMING INDIGENOUS CRICKET CARNIVALS

- Barra Cup (Borroloola): 7–9 November 2025
- Nitmiluk Cup (Katherine): 28–30 November 2025
- Rossy Williams Shield (Tennant Creek): 6–8 February 2026
- Imparja Cup (Alice Springs): 20–24 February 2026

For further information contact:

Max Ellis

Communications & Marketing Manager

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IMPARJA CUP

MPARNTWE - ALICE SPRINGS
FRI 20TH-24TH FEB

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST INDIGENOUS CRICKET CARNIVAL

NORTHERN TERRITORY
INDIGENOUS
CRICKET

TEAM DIVISIONS

- MAJOR CENTRES
- MEN'S COMMUNITY
- WOMEN'S COMMUNITY
- SCHOOLS DIVISION

REGISTER NOW!

TO REGISTER YOUR TEAMS CONTACT NICK
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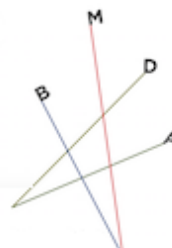
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Whilst the Museum is not opening on a regular basis at this time we do have a Caretaker, Mark, who will open on request for visitors. As usual Gaye is our local back-up thank you, Gaye.

Last week Gaye and Lucinda organised a lunch catch-up for our volunteers, Carol, Prue, Marjan, and Darryl-our Facebook person. Unfortunately I missed it as I was not well so did not travel down. I was sorry to miss it, but the others enjoyed the get-together very much.

Another person who missed out, was Pete-our volunteer from last year. Peter and Barb stayed for most of last year and one of Pete's voluntary work tasks was to purchase and instal the bird water baths in the grounds.

We wish Pete a good recovery and safe trip home to Victoria.

We will do a clean-up of our spacious verandah area ready for a visit from members of the University of the third age-U3A- next week. Whilst they are coming to view the Museum there will be some ready for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit after the trip down from Darwin.

U3A has visited previously so there will be some people who have seen through ther Museum and will be looking for additions-and there are some.

We have decided to make it easier for people to walk across to the start of the Museum display from the office entrance so Lucinda and I are planning some concreting. May be we will be able to enlist some additional aid but either way it will happen!

An update next month, cheers

Jan Hills





Rum Jungle Project Update

The latest newsletter from the Rum Jungle Mine Project can be downloaded from Council's website [here](#) and scroll to the section on Rum Jungle Mine Project Newsletter.

You can also view the latest Quarterly Stakeholder report on our website as well.



Meet 'n Greet Op Shop

The op shop and Meet 'n' Greet event will be held tomorrow, Friday 7th & 21st November 2025 commencing at 10am and closing at 11.30 am.

Op shop has many bargains and delights. Come and browse.

Tea, coffee etc together with sausage rolls and biscuits etc will be served at no charge.

Both the NILS ladies and safety officers will be in attendance on the 21st November. Everyone is welcome.

Come on over to 25 Mardango Cres, Batchelor and bring a friend.

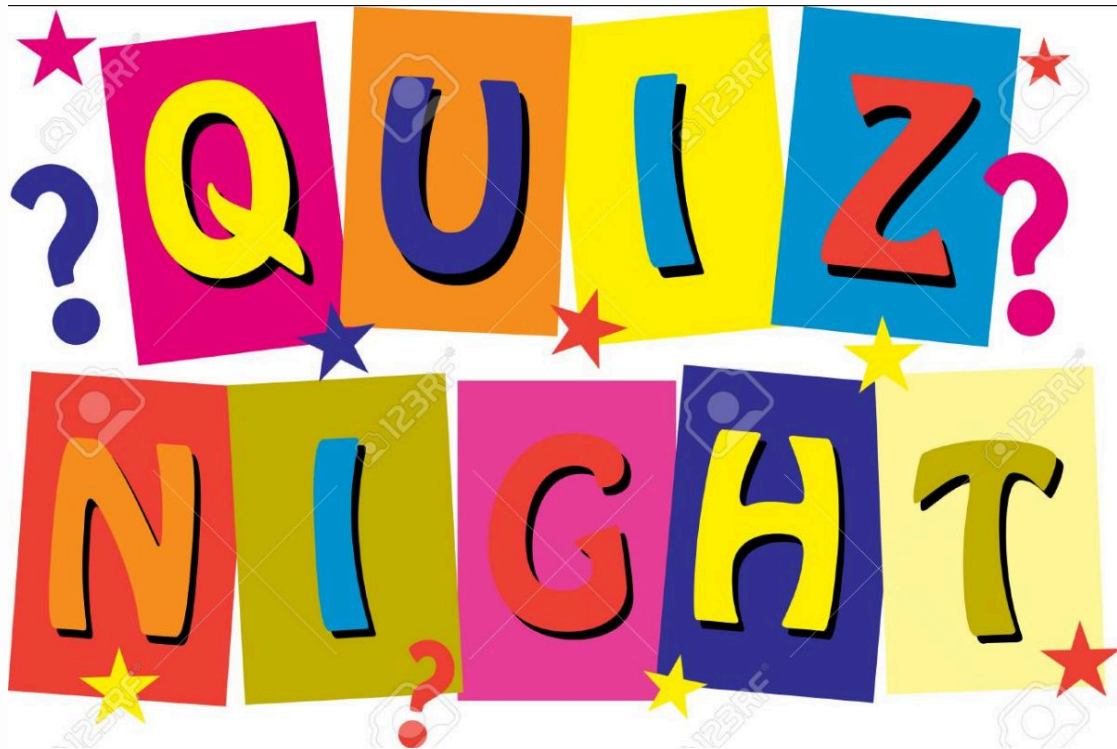
See you there!

St Francis Church

Every Sunday

Mardango Cres, Batchelor

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



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

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The next quiz nights will be held Friday 7th & 21st November at 7.00PM.

Save The Date



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Agemoves	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Tuesdays 10:00am - 11:30am Call Daryl 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
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Seventh Day Adventist Church	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Saturday 11:00am
St Francis Church Service	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Sunday 9:00am start 10:30am Morning tea
St Francis Op Shop	St Francis Church Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2nd Friday 9:30am - 11:30am
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church	Bruce Jones Community Centre, Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor	First Sunday of every month

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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 Monday 17th November 2025

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

Previous Newsletters

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